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Power Break Serious

Once more a break on the hydro system on Wednesday interrupted the cooking of dinners in Stouffville. A line broke near the Mansion House at 11:30 and it was around 12:15 before any help could be obtained. The Council of Stouffville should do something about ensuring constant vigilance of manpower so that when trouble occurs much serious loss would be reduced to a minimum. The power break lasted over two hours, and seriously hampered business.

O'Brien Avenue Home Sold

Mr. Joseph Borinsky has just sold his spacious residence on O'Brien avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Wetsloff of Toronto, who will move here shortly with their family. Mr. and Mrs. Borinsky and Irvie will move to their new city home, but the men folk will be on hand daily since they are among the leading business people conducting the Stouffville Creamery. Our new resident Mr. Wetsloff is a traveller for a milling company. Attention is called to the safe columns for a list of high-class furniture which Mr. and Mrs. Borinsky are offering for private sale at this time.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP RESIDENT, MISS BLAIR BURIED TUESDAY

Funeral service for the late Emma Blair, younger daughter of the late John and Magdelene Blair was held from the home of her sister, Mrs. Russel Johnson on the 9th concession of Markham, Tuesday afternoon. Miss Blair had been in ill health for some time. She was a member of First Markham Baptist Church for long years, and the funeral service was held in the church, following which interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

One Copy of Tribune Does Four Homes

While the weekly issue of The Tribune in round figures is 3,000 copies, that is not its actual circulation by a long way. One copy is often read by three families, and according to word just received from Katharine Sauder at least one copy reaching British Columbia travels the round of four homes weekly. Says our informant: "It may be of interest to you that one single copy of the Stouffville Tribune is read by four families in Vernon, B.C. It is received each week by Mrs. W. H. Madill, then sent on to Mrs. W. E. Tyter, (the former Annie Storry who was born in Stouffville) and she forwards it to me (Miss Katharine Sauder), and I hope to give it to Mr. and Mrs. W. Campbell."

Kin Founder Of Buttonville

Grandson of Major John Button, founder of Buttonville, the 6th of Markham, William A. Elliott, 71, died on Monday at the family home, built by his ancestors 120 years ago.

Well versed in local history, Mr. Elliott often proudly recalled that men of the Elliott and Button families had served in the War of 1812, the Rebellion of '37 and the Fenian raids.

One of his treasured possessions was a sabre which had belonged to Major John Button who, in 1809, organized a troop of the York Cavalry which was engaged in the War of 1812.

Mr. Elliott was a farmer and a member of the United Church. He and his wife, the former Janet White, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in March, 1948. His wife survives.

Graduate



Mr. Howard E. Feasby, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Feasby of Goodwood, has been successful in passing his final year in Applied Science in Civil Engineering, and is working at the City Hall, Toronto.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



Elizabeth R. Workman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Workman of Ballantrae, who graduated in occupational therapy on Friday at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, now at Fairville Hospital, St. John, New Brunswick.

Dickson Farm in Family a Century, Has Been Sold

It was just about 72 years ago when one Henry Dickson took over what was known as the McKennell farm in the east end of Stouffville. Dickson was a young man and son-in-law of David McKennell who had died and left a daughter (Mrs. Dickson) one share in the property, which no doubt had much to do with inducing Mr. Dickson to buy out other shares and become sole owner. He was a blacksmith and established his shop there, a business that old-timers in Stouffville will readily recall. The property contained about 25 acres at that time. It had been sold down to 17 acres since.

The Dickson farm as it became known then has remained in the family until last week, when it was sold to William Miller of Stouffville, who had recently operated a farm at Mongolia. Mr. Miller is now erecting a six-roomed house on the property alongside the Dickson brick residence which was not included in the sale of the farm.

Following the death of the late Henry Dickson, a son Walter, operated the farm and his well cultivated acres were a source of just pride to Walter and all his friends. When Walter became ill five or six years ago, the property was leased. As he did not recover and died two years ago, the remaining members of the family decided on a sale. There are four sons living of the late Henry Dickson, John of Long Branch, Roy of Toronto, David in Summerland, B.C. and George of Edmonton. Their two sisters, Misses Nellie and Bessie, resided on the farm and will still remain in their home which, as stated, was reserved from the sale.

The Dickson farm had been in the family almost a hundred years, since it was nearly that long ago when Grandfather McKennell acquired the place. When his son-in-law, Henry Dickson took over the big issue of the day, was the incorporation of the village of Stouffville which came about in 1877, or seventy-two years ago. Stouffville at that time had six blacksmith shops, as against none today. The Dickson shop closed 25 years ago, since none of the sons took up the trade and only Walter followed his father as a farmer. Lying only a few hundred feet east of the school building, its frontage on Main street is becoming the only vacant property left in the village with the exception of a few small lots not yet built on between the 9th and 10th concessions.

The front of this farm was one of the locations looked at for the new artificial ice arena, but the Dickson family decided that it would be unwise to divide the farm lands in this way by selling off the frontage, and in any event a more suitable location for the rink was found-adjacent to the park.

Tax Collector Says Salary Away Behind

Tax Collector, Ross E. Ratcliff told Whitchurch Council that in order to bring his pay into line his salary must be doubled. He has been receiving \$500 per annum with the privilege of mailing out the tax notices instead of delivering them as was once the custom in the township.

Mr. Ratcliff asked for \$1,000, which he maintained would be little enough for his services. He became collector in 1934 when the tax roll totalled \$54,000, and in 1948 the total taxes amounted to \$88,000. In 1934 the assessor received \$300 per annum, and now he receives \$500. There has been no increase made in the salary of the collector.

The council on Saturday tabled the request for discussion at a later meeting.

Whitchurch Tp. Reeve Demands Councillor's Apology, Township Police Chief is Demoted

Constable Ron Watts, chief of police in Whitchurch, has been demoted to the position of ordinary constable, working under Chief Wm. Mulholland who on Friday was engaged to replace Constable Watts, charged with drinking while on duty, or coming on duty while drinking. Decision of the township was unanimous to demote the officer whom members privately admired, but notwithstanding, his conduct could not be condoned and public opinion at Musselman's Lake was demanding action, they said.

Under the new arrangement Chief Mulholland will receive \$2250 per annum and mileage at seven cents, and Constable Watts will receive \$2100 and mileage.

Much was said about a recent incident at Musselman's Lake on a Saturday night at which Constable Watts was charged with coming on duty while under the influence of liquor. Rumbblings of similar incidents were heard, but no action was attempted by council to discipline the officer until the Saturday occurrence.

Councillor Sid. Legge started a bit of "fireworks" when he took the floor and said that as chairman of the police committee of council he made it his duty to get around and see just what was going on. He told of visiting the lake on the night in question, but he denied that Watts was drunk, while admitting the officer may have had a drink. Said Councillor Legge: "I viewed the so-called riot at Musselman's personally. There was no such thing as a riot, such as described in the Toronto evening papers. I stayed there until 2 in the morning, and I enquired from others after who had stayed later and they said there was no riot. I think the township is too big for one officer, and we only have one man on call 24 hours. The thing is a little more serious than some people think. Our officer has never been called before the committee before for misconduct. Are we going to let one incident cost him his job? At the same time I will not tolerate any man using liquor on this job."

Reeve Logan heatedly told Councillor Legge that he had changed his mind since coming to his home (the reeve's) quite excited after the lake incident and wanting something done, some action. "You were up in arms then," declared the reeve to the councillor. Continuing the reeve said, "You say this is the first offence, you know different." Mr. Legge retaliated: "I said first time before the committee."

Speaking again Councillor Legge went on, "When you say I changed my mind, let me tell you. I landed at that lake at 4:00 in the afternoon and was back again at 9, and after seeing what went on I was determined to call the committee. We met Tuesday night. Before that I went down to the reeve's place and saw him at his home. I never took so much abuse before. The reeve said, 'Why do you snoop around?' I am prepared to give our constable a chance. We can demote him, and appoint Mulholland at the head. I know our constable has travelled in deep waters, but give him a chance."

At this point Reeve Logan jumped to the attack, "You owe me an apology for saying I used or gave you abuse. You have already apologized to one of our officers for things you said, but all this is away from the question. What we want to know now, is this council prepared to engage Mr. Mulholland as chief."

Deputy Reeve Ivan McLaughlin said the question called for a yes answer from him. He didn't like to demote Watts on first offense, but possibly there were others not reported, he suggested. I favor the appointment of Mulholland.

Councillor Fred Timbers agreed, as did Councillor Legge who said "I spoke before. I will express myself again." Reeve Logan broke in, "I am asking you a straight question, are you or are you not in favor of appointment of Mulholland? Legge—"You can't appoint a new man when the present officer is in office." "We can fix that when the bylaw is brought down. I want to know are you in favor or not?" "I am in favor of the change," said Mr. Legge.

At this point, the reeve turned to Mulholland who stood by and asked him about the salary. The officer called attention to the fact

that York County are paying their men \$2600 a year, and he said, "I would like the same." However, he explained that if two officers were employed his pay would be \$2250, plus mileage.

Later in the afternoon when Road Superintendent Sandy Davis reached the hall, Reeve Logan reopened his demand on Councillor Legge again. The reeve said that he still hadn't received any apology from Mr. Legge for stating he had given him abuse when he called at the reeve's home to discuss the police issue. Mr. Davis was with Legge on the visit, and Reeve Logan demanded that Davis state what he heard. However, the superintendent hadn't a good memory couldn't recall the discussion very well. He did say, "I don't think there was any abusive language or anything. I remember the reeve asked Legge if he had any proof that Watts and Wells were drunk."

The whole matter dropped at this point. One ratepayer said "after the smoke of battle" had passed away, "Well, the township gets two officers out of the row, whereas before they only had one, and Mr. Watts gets an easier job at little less pay."

To all who react to the situation this way, the reeve told the press later that a too drastic cut in pay would mean the loss of the officer, and two men are really needed. He said he hoped the incident would serve as a warning, and that Constable Watts would prove himself, since he is a well liked officer and has a good chance to make a "come back."

A request came in the correspondence from Constable Watts for increased pay, and this was tabled after his case had been dealt with. There was some discussion about the pay he should receive, with Reeve Logan standing out for some reduction.

Councillor Timbers said he felt that when Watts was relieved of the book keeping and other duties demanded of a chief, there should be some reduction in salary, but not too much. The deputy reeve said he was agreeable to paying \$2,000, Councillor Legge said \$2100 or \$2200, and Councillor R. C. Baycroft warned members should keep in mind that \$2000 is being paid school teachers, putting in only five and six hours a day. The motion carried unanimously for \$2100 and mileage.

Perce Hewlett Buys No. 7 Property

Perce Hewlett, formerly of Stouffville and Whitby has purchased three acres of land fronting on No. 7 highway just east of Brougham, from Mr. Lloyd Johnston, Township of Pickering clerk. Mr. Hewlett anticipates erecting an \$8,000 home on the property shortly.

Approximately eighteen acres to the rear of the newly acquired Hewlett property has also been disposed of by Mr. Johnston, to Mr. Neilson of Neilson Chocolates Ltd., Toronto. This property fronts on the sideroad near the site of the former Levi Hopkins farm.

ERECTION OF NEW ARENA BIG ATTRACTION

The erection of the big new Stouffville Arena is proving a big attraction, and will be no doubt until fall. Work is steadily going ahead with the foundations. Excavations for the 60 ft. basement will commence shortly.

Strawberry Crop Dried Up; Hay Crop Down Sixty Per Cent

Fearful that young fruit trees are dying, the strawberry crop is almost a failure, and hay is so short as to be almost not worth cutting, over hundreds of acres, was the situation your reporter looked over early Monday in the district about Stouffville. Hundreds of thousands of tomato plants put out just at the beginning of the drought have never had a drop of water, and unless rain comes soon, they will never survive at all. Their survival to the present is due to the absence of any scorching sun, although some were lost because of frost two weeks ago.

Potatoes seem to be standing green, but they must have rain before many days too, and all other crops withstanding the drought better than most districts over central Ontario, will be lost or almost lost if rain does not come within a week. Grain is heading out, but standing not much higher than stubble in the field, and pasture lands have been ruined for the present. Farmers are looking for additional feed on some acreages because of the lack of grass.

The sweet cherry crop which gave promise of a bumper yield will still give a 50 per cent return, reports from Vineland fruit area indicate.

The dry spell is making its effect felt in other ways, such as on the labor end. Farmers who were seeking extra laborers are cancelling their requirements, for they will not have the crop they anticipated to harvest.

Plumber Injured in Accident North Of Goodwood

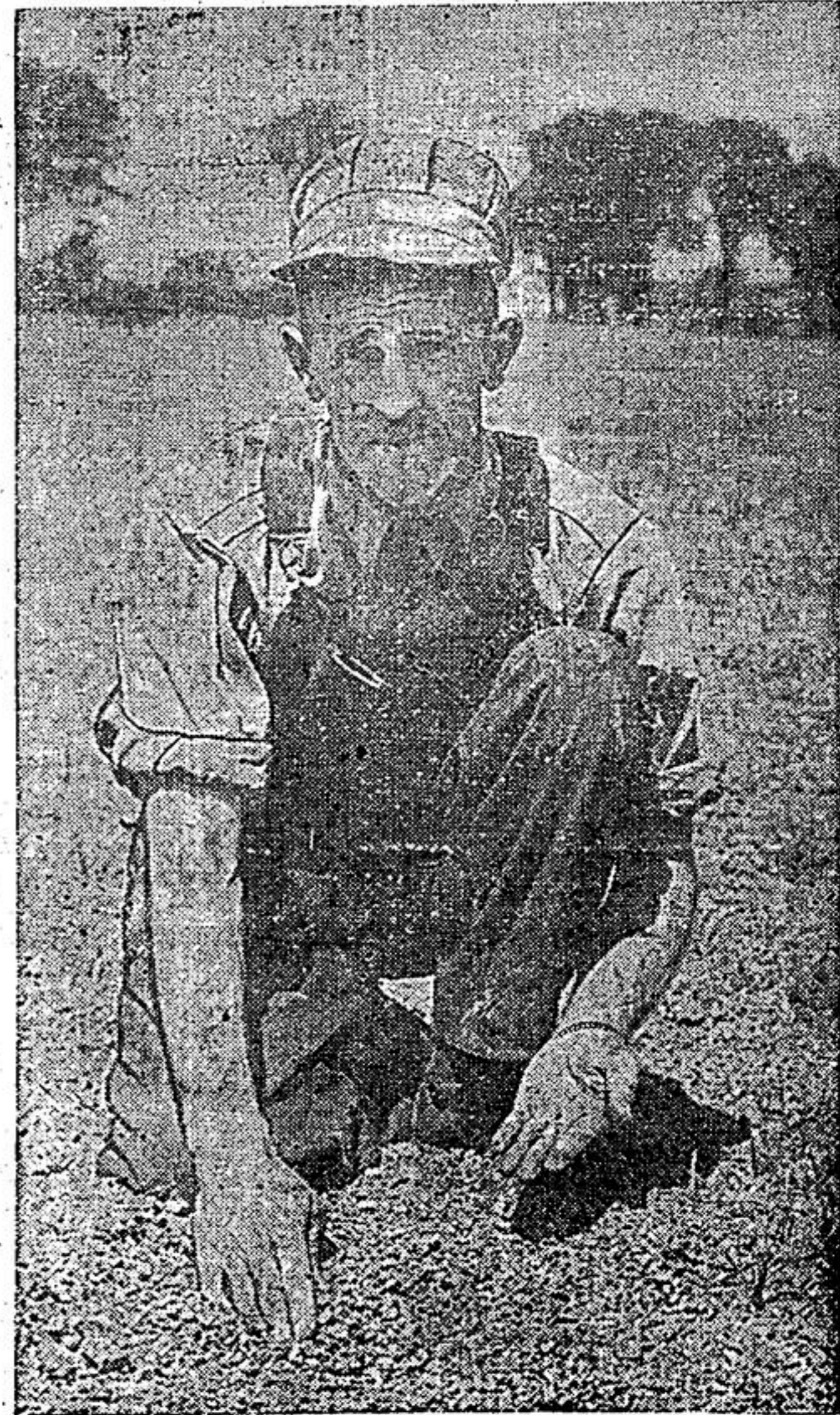
When Ted Isles, Uxbridge farmer, living two miles north of Goodwood, heard a crash near his farm on Sunday evening, he rushed out to the highway and found Elsworth McGrattan, 71-year-old tinsmith lying in a helpless condition and his truck overturned in the ditch. The unfortunate man was rushed to the Brierbush Hospital at Stouffville, where Dr. St. John of Uxbridge had the patient x-rayed. Later he was taken home, found not to be seriously injured. He suffered from shock, and numerous cuts and bruises.

The accident happened almost opposite the former Rev. William Kendal farm. According to Mr. McGrattan, the truck struck heavy sand, and in the flash of an eye tumbled upside down in the ditch. "I'll be all right," said McGrattan to The Tribune when the reporter saw him at the hospital. At one time Mr. McGrattan conducted a tinsmithing and plumbing business in Stouffville, and recalling the short time he was here, this veteran lumber said he wished many a time that he had remained in Stouffville where he enjoyed a year or two of busy life.

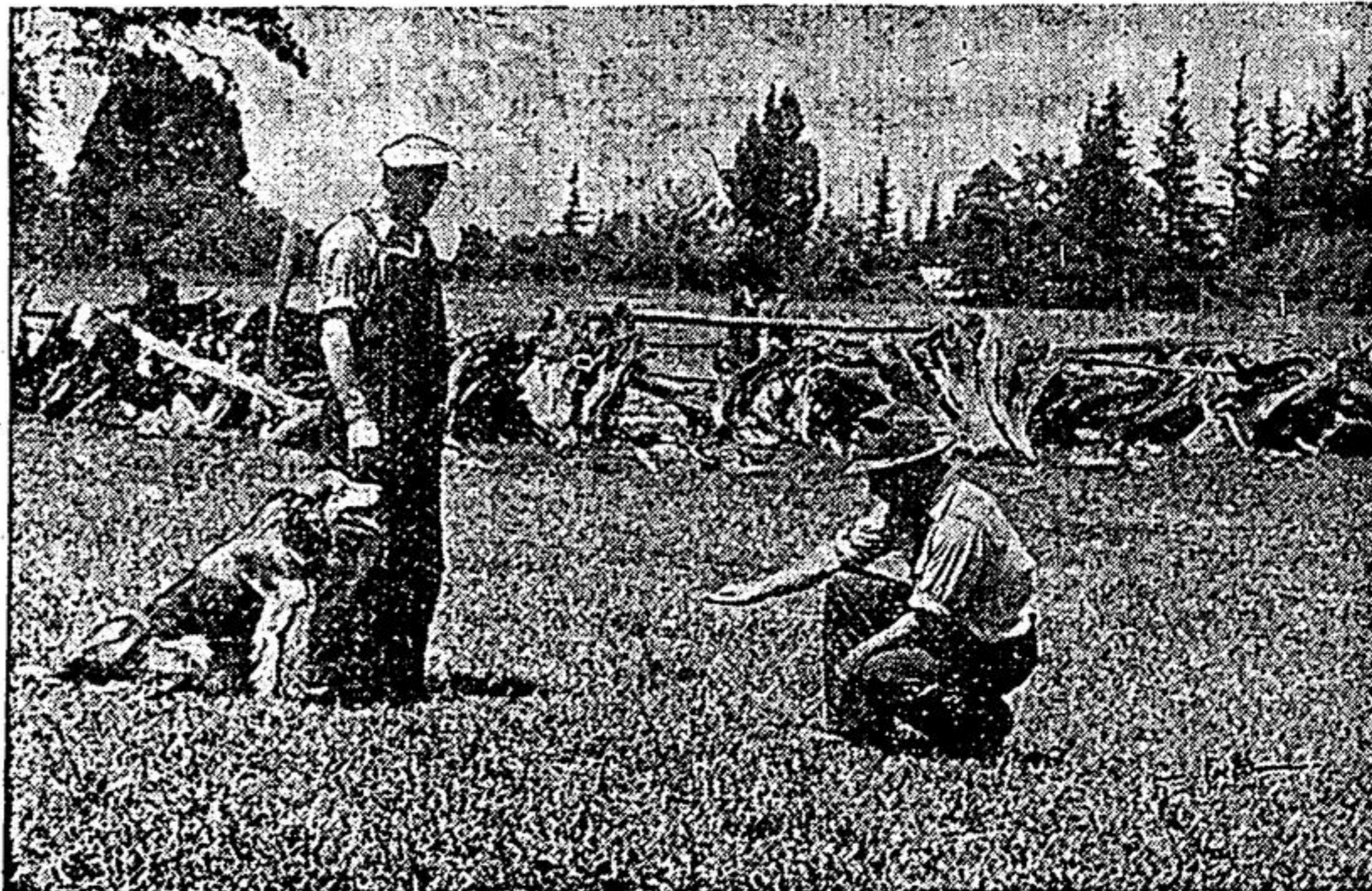
REPORT OF ARENA SALE UNTRUE

A report circulating in town that the Arena owned by Mr. Clayt. Baker has been sold, is untrue, and Mr. Baker desires that this fact be made known to the public.

Local Crops Seared by Drought



John Snider of Victoria Square holds up a sample of unrooted oat seeds. His fields are dry and dusty.



Pasture too, has failed. Hugh Allen of Buttonville watches his employer Chas. Hooper, compare pasture growth as it is with what it should be at this time of year. No cattle have been in the pasture for three weeks.