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Only One Appeal Registered Against 280 Assessments

Only one appeal was filed in Markham Township against the supplementary assessment being completed by Assessor Archie Fleming on which 1950 taxes will be paid. It was filed by W. G. Hobb against a \$600 assessment on an unfinished house in Thornhill area. Court of Revision sustained the assessment as made by Mr. Fleming.

The supplementary assessment comes under what is legally termed 57a of the Act, whereby municipalities are obliged to make an assessment on buildings under construction. A proposed house with only the basement constructed might carry a \$200 assessment, another property might have the frame work up and this would carry some sort of assessment. The new clause 57a has given endless trouble to assessment boards because people feel they are being pounced on too quickly when they undertake to build a home or building of any description.

However, the law is very specific and assessors now undertake to collect taxes on partly finished buildings. With the appeal of Mr. Hobb's it was felt it arose largely from a misunderstanding of the workings of the Act, the court of appeal decided. However the assessor pointed out that he felt the special or 57a assessment was accepted with little trouble because there were 280 assessments under the section in Markham township with only this single appeal.

Pheasant Shooting Dates, Nov. 4-5

An open season Nov. 11 and 12 all over Ontario on black, gray and fox squirrels, except in the County of Bruce, has been declared. The bag limit is five squirrels a day, it was announced at Queen's Park.

A closed season on rabbits has been established in Essex County until Nov. 4, which is the opening date of the pheasant season on the Essex County mainland, is announced. The period of closure includes the Pelee Island pheasant shoot, during which no rabbits may be shot.

The closed season on martens throughout the province established last year, has been continued for another year. In addition there is a closed season on fisher this year in the area north and west of the French and Mattawa Rivers.

On the mainland of southern Ontario (which affects Whitechurch, Pickering and Markham Townships) the pheasant shoot will take place Nov. 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. E.S.T., with a bag limit of three cock pheasants per day. The area includes the counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Middlesex, Elgin, Norfolk, Oxford, Brant, Haldimand, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, Halton, Peel and York; and additional regulated townships in the counties of Huron, Waterloo, Wellington, Simcoe, Ontario and Durham.

Daylight saving time will be continued in Stouffville and Markham villages through the month of November, in order to be in line with Toronto, the council of the respective villages decided this week.

Buttonville School Sanitary Conditions Labelled Bad

A resident of Buttonville school section in Markham Township wrote Markham Council asking a rebate of school tax on the ground that the parents were forced to send their children to a city school because of the inadequate sanitary arrangements maintained in this section right in the heart of the township.

Council was told that rearrangement of school taxes where children were transferred from one section to another was the responsibility of the school inspector. It was also said that sanitary arrangements had been the subject of debate in the section but nothing had been done.

Reeve Griffin pressed to have the communication brought to the attention of the Department of education and council decided to follow this suggestion.

Mr. Griffin thought the inspector knew about the condition, and a notice to Queens Park might help solve the issue more promptly. Of course, it was known by all councillors that the council had no jurisdiction in transferring school taxes or in regulating sanitary conditions in the school.

George Jobbit's Body Recovered from Noronic, Local Undertakers Assist

L. E. O'Neill and James Austin, two local undertakers from the parlors of L. E. O'Neill, gave unstinted assistance in laying out the bodies from the ill-fated Noronic last Sunday and Monday. Mr. Jack Low, Uxbridge undertaker, also gave assistance.

Two persons recovered among the dead were Mr. and Mrs. George Jobbit of Detroit. Mr. Jobbit was a former Stouffville and Uxbridge boy, son of William Jobbit who lived in Stouffville many years ago or shortly after the railway came through. Wm. Jobbit was baggage man or freight man at the station here in those days, and is remembered by numerous townspeople.

George Jobbit who spent part of his boyhood in Stouffville, was 63, and both he and his wife were so badly burned they could not be recognized by their two sons who came from the family home in Detroit after the disaster Friday night which took the lives of 140 persons and with 54 others still missing and probably drowned, although it is said some may have escaped and gone back to their homes in the States without reporting.

The two Jobbit sons, James and George, carefully looked through the jewellery which had been set aside in a room, carefully guarded. Finally they located the masonic ring which belonged to their father, George Jobbit. But there was nothing which might identify Mrs. Jobbit.

"She wore an old fashioned gold ring," son George stated, as he placed his father's ring on his own finger. "I would have known it anywhere."

Mrs. Jobbit was later identified. The local undertakers worked at the exhibition grounds where the bodies were laid out in long rows, awaiting identification as relatives came from the U.S.

William Stewart, former Toronto mayor but an undertaker by profession warmly thanked those who came from the surrounding area to aid in the gigantic task along with doctors and nurses. Mr. Stewart organized the work of the undertakers.

Bride To Be



Corinne King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert King, Ringwood, and Theodore Croxall, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Croxall, Uxbridge, will be married Sept. 24, in Stouffville United Church.

Stouffville Institute
The monthly meeting of the Stouffville Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Turner on Thursday with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Ridout, was in charge, assisted by the secretary, Mrs. Kellington. Roll Call was answered by two statements about "My Favorite Bird." The motto was given by Mrs. Fairles. A splendid paper on current events was read by Mrs. Williamson, and a short quiz was conducted by Mrs. Woodcock and Mrs. Middleton.

Births

HAMILTON—Mr. and Mrs. Belfry Hamilton, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of a son at York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Sept. 6, 1949.
NOBLE—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Noble, Uxbridge, are happy to announce the birth of a son on Sunday, September 18, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.
HEATON—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heaton, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Going! Going! Gone! High-priced Dinner Gong

At the recent public auction on the farm of Mr. Stanley Mitchell at Ringwood an old dinner bell sold for \$7 after some snappy bidding. Mr. Mitchell was shocked. "Why," said the retiring farmer, "I contemplated throwing the old bell on the scrap heap, but I'm glad I didn't."

Auctioneer Farmer rang the last cent out of the active bidders who coveted the old bell because of its sentimental value or perhaps as a relic of other days. Few dinner bells are used on the farm today, but those who were accustomed to hearing one will never forget its welcome sound noon and night as they worked in the hot field or during the harvesting period.

Auctioneer farmer said there were not many bells around nowadays and certainly there were none he knew of that could be bought.

Late W. H. Eby Buried Here

A highly esteemed resident of Stouffville for some years William H. Eby died in Toronto East General Hospital on Saturday in his 85th year. Despite his great age Mr. Eby was active until the very end.

Until the death of his wife Alberta Vanzant in Stouffville last spring Mr. Eby journeyed daily to the city to attend his business there. During his wife's final illness he was her nurse and constant attendant. Mr. Eby was born in the United States and right after his wife's death at their late home on Tenth Street, he went to California to spend a couple of months with his brother there. There is no family and the funeral to Stouffville cemetery on Tuesday followed the service at O'Neill's Funeral Chapel.

Rev. E. Morton's Wife Bereaved by Death By Brother

The death occurred suddenly at his home in East Whitby Township on Thursday, September 15, of John T. Newton in his 81st year.

Born at Columbus, the deceased was a son of the late James and Martha Newton. A lifelong resident of the area he was an adherent of Kedron United Church.

Mr. Newton is survived by three sisters, Mrs. A. Amshary, Base Line; Mrs. Fred Blow, Willoughby, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary Morton of Stouffville.

Rev. F. J. Whiteley, minister of Centre Street United Church conducted the funeral at the Luke-McIntosh Funeral Home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 17. Interment will be in the Union Cemetery.

Flower Show Prize List

- Friday, Sept. 23
United Church Basement
- Exhibits to be placed from 4-7 P.M. all classes, arrangement to count.
- 1—Basket of Zinnias.
 - 2—Basket of any other variety flower
 - 3—Basket of mixed flowers, not more than 2 feet high.
 - 4—Bowl or vase of flowers suitable for living room table.
 - 5—Dining table centre arrangement.
 - 6—Bouquet for sick room.
 - 7—Novel floral arrangement.
 - 8—Miniature bouquet not to exceed 4 inches.
 - 9—Arrangement of white flowers in a white container.
 - 10—Basket of mixed perennials.
 - 11—Vegetable, arrangement not more than 4 sq. feet.

Engagements

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis R. Pipher, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Isabel, to John Emerson Hallman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harve S. Hallman, Blair, Ontario. The marriage will take place Saturday, October 15, at 3 o'clock in Banfield Memorial Church, Toronto.

Mrs. A. V. Nolan left on Monday to attend the annual sessions of the Eastern Star being held this week in Ottawa. Mrs. Lud Hoover went up by bus on Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ogden motored to the Capital with friends from Ingersol to be in attendance.

Rain Marred Military Service On Sunday

With pipe band from Earlscourt and colors flying for various branches of the armed services the Sunday afternoon parade under auspices of the Stouffville Legion had their plans greatly altered because of rain. Scheduled for a drum head service in Memorial Park, the service at the last minute was changed to Veterans Memorial Hall, which was officially declared opened on this occasion by Col. Fitzgerald. Rev. D. Davis just back from England took part, and military dignitaries from various branches of the armed services participated in the drum head service. Brig. O. Martin spoke, while Col. Sidney Lambert scheduled to give the sermon reduced his speech to a few minutes because the men had to stand in the hall, there being no seats. He said he refused to preach to a standing group under these circumstances, and made a short pointed address instead. Collection for the hall fund was \$60, less than a quarter of the collection received last year when the weather permitted the service to be held outside.

Free Chest X-Rays Here This Week

Within the next few days every citizen of Stouffville and district will be offered a free health service. The local Lions Club has made arrangements with the National Sanitarium Association to provide all persons twelve years of age and over in this area with a free chest examination without cost or obligation whatsoever.

The campaign is part of the National Sanitarium Association's plan to find unsuspected tuberculosis and so reduce the incidence of this disease.

That prevention is better than cure, all will agree. In the prevention of tuberculosis, mass X-ray surveys have been found to be among the most effective measures. It is hoped, therefore, that every one will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to protect their own health, the health of their family and their community.

The actual days when the service will be given here are Thursday and Friday, Sept. 22 and 23 and Monday, Sept. 26. The test will be held on the United Church grounds, Church Street, Stouffville. Ladies should attend in the afternoon, if possible, evenings are then left for day workers and people coming from the country.

It is two years since Stouffville held a survey, and people should have chest X-ray every two years, authorities point out, especially those 40 or under.

Credit is due to Stouffville Lions Club for undertaking this survey, and to the Unionville Lions Club

Markham Bldg. Permits Reach Record Number

With the single exception of one month the building permits issued for the Township of Markham during August were the highest on record, totalling \$183,800. In the applications permits for houses predominated with 48, including a residence for Elmore Barkey on the townline west of Stouffville on the George Foote farm. P.W. Haley has a permit for his new home going up at Dickson Hill.

This formation was placed before Markham Township Council in session on Monday. Council decided to investigate the procedure to be followed in event a water main was laid along Yonge Street servicing Thornhill and neighborhood. Reeve Griffin pointed out that the fast growth of the district and the dire need for water would sooner or later bring the matter to a conclusion, and while it is a local matter to be looked for in the territory served, the residents, he said, would look for leadership from this council. A delegation was present asking to look into the water needs of the district mentioned.

It was announced that George Scott of New Toronto, long schooled as an assessor, would cost the township \$12 per day if he undertook to set up a new assessment system. The council thought the rate was high, for they had offered Mr. Scott \$8 and he rejected the suggestion, but offered to take on the job on a two year arrangement based on \$12 a day to complete the work

Duck Menace Faces Western Farmers



Due to emergency which has arisen in local farms around The Pas, Manitoba, over heavy destruction of crops by one of largest duck migrations in years, farmers have been

authorized, by minister of mines and resources at Ottawa, to shoot ducks off their fields. R.C.M.P. have been ordered to issue individual permits, under which farmers could recruit up to six helpers to fight menace.

Fretz Public Auction Yielded \$11,000 Turnover

Perhaps the largest farm auction here that one will see this sale season was the Sam Fretz sale last week just east of Stouffville where this well known and esteemed farmer was selling out with a view to retiring in town. It was one of those old-time sales where everything was passed over the auction block from the threshing machine to the kitchen broom. Opening at 12.30 Auctioneer Farmer warned that he must move fast, everything would be sold to the highest bidders and nothing reserved. When the sales were tallied shortly after six o'clock they amounted to \$11,000.

Nine weeks old pigs ranged from \$9 to \$14 and sows from \$60 to \$70. Sow and litter \$140 while another sow and litter tipped off at \$181, quite a fancy price said one farmer to another.

The cattle was a fine Ayrshire herd of registered and grade animals. The high cow topped \$180 and the best price for a grade cow was \$175 indicating that a good grade animal is viewed about as valuable as a registered one in the

eyes of practical farmers. The heifers went as high as \$112 and low to \$85. Sale of cattle didn't start until nearly five o'clock but the auctioneer whipped them off fast with brisk bidding.

The farm tractor sold for \$1240 and the threshing machine \$800 which were the high lights in a long list of good implements. A mow of hay estimated at about 10 tons fetched \$185 and baled straw sold at 65c a bale. Oats brought 59c a bushel.

The auctioneer recalled that when he was quite a youth, 27 years ago, he sold a sale on this same farm with the late Fred Silversides for one Levi Grove. At that time the auction totalled \$5,000 and was regarded as a bumper hog sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fretz intend to move into Stouffville where they acquired the former Dowswell residence next the east end store. Sons Norman and Levi are taking over the farm, and were among the bidders at Dad's sale but frequently they dropped out of the running when prices ran ahead of their idea of values.

Three Hundred Acres Planted to New Trees

One of the biggest tree-planting years in recent time went on record at the Vivian forest this past season when some 300,000 trees were started in the sapling stage. According to records now completed there were some 300 acres of land planted to trees, mostly in Whitechurch township on lands purchased over the past four or five years.

Average planting was around 1200 trees to the acre, and the varieties were mostly pines with some hardwood.

So far this year there have been no new lands acquired by the county, although some deals are pending which may be completed before the November session of council when the official sanction is given to proposed purchases.

Public Skating Hours Announced By Arena Company

Public skating nights will commence just as soon as ice is available the Directors of the Stouffville Arena Co. announced this week. The evenings for skating will be Wednesday and Saturday, and admission charges have been set at 35c for adults and 20c for children. Skating for school children and practice time for local minor hockey teams will be made available several times a week, hours to be announced later.

It is hoped that the work of laying the piping for the ice surface will be completed this week. Given a couple of more weeks, the Linde Co. who is installing the refrigeration plant, expect it to be near completion.

This issue is filled with well displayed and interesting advertising. It pays to read the ads.