

## Prize of Stouffville Hunt Club



Dawson Hare, well-known member of the Stouffville Hunt Club, and Markham Township farmer is shown here with the 310 pound bear which he shot back north last week. Big bruin was having a nap behind a fallen tree when he was surprised by the local hunter, but five shots were required to put him safely away. The bear was in prime condition, and his fine pelt will

possibly decorate someone's hearth shortly.

There are twelve members in the Stouffville Club and they came home Thursday with four deer and the bear. Members of the party were, Dawson Hare, Stan Thompson, Ken Reesor, Walt Ward, Joe Ward, Geo. Todd, Walt Todd, Lorne Wagg, Fred Nighswander, Bill Armstrong, Will Birkett and Will Reesor.

## SANTA CLAUS COMING TO TOWN

The business men of Stouffville have arranged to receive Santa Claus in town on Saturday, Dec. 17, at one o'clock. He will go directly to the Stanley Theatre parading down Main Street surrounded by floats and comets. Santa will have a gift for every boy and girl which he will distribute in the theatre building. The early start will afford the older people a time for shopping and looking over the tremendous Christmas stocks being displayed.

## "HENRY V" HERE ALL DAY, DEC. 7

Lawrence Olivier in the famous production, "Henry V" will play at the Stanley Theatre here one day only next week, Wed., Dec. 7th. There's a matinee at 1.30 p.m. and continuous showing from 7 p.m.

## LOCAL APPOINTMENT

Jim Austin, Stouffville, was appointed Ontario Minor Hockey Association convener for this district on Wednesday. Mr. Austin is associated with the L. E. O'Neill business establishment here, and the energetic leader in local minor hockey.

## Oldest Local Businessman Retiring After 57 Years

A business which has been associated with Stouffville continuously for 57 years, the tailoring shop of Mr. John Monkhouse, is going into retirement at the end of the present year. Owing to declining health this veteran of the needle and cloth intends to close out the town's oldest business and go into retirement himself as our

oldest active business man. Mr. Monkhouse has passed by the 80 mark and thinks he is entitled to a real rest. John Monkhouse learned his trade in Goodwood with Richard Watson, business man there over 60 years ago, when Goodwood had five general stores, and according to Mr. Monkhouse surpassed Stouffville at that time as a business centre. Young John Monkhouse walked from his father's home in Altona to Goodwood and home again weekly. When he determined to launch

## New Resident Found Dead in Motor Car

Looking forward to the arrival of his son from Ottawa on Friday evening, Charles E. Sisson who recently moved to Stouffville from Toronto to occupy the bungalow on Main Street west purchased from Mr. Cliff Salmon, died suddenly, and was found sitting up in his car with his left foot out the door as though he had expired as he was getting in or out of the car. The car was standing in the garage with the lights on when his son arrived from Ottawa and made the shocking discovery. The son had just reached town, and with his father planned to take in the rugby match in Toronto on Saturday.

Mr. Sisson who was 70 resided in Toronto for many years prior to retirement in Stouffville a year ago. He was an Anglican and a delightful acquaintance. He had made extensive changes in his new home which was built by the late Wm. Cook and was later owned by Harry Brillinger. Only the day before his death a truck load of new furniture arrived which he had chosen in antique pieces. Mr. Sisson was an engineer with the Canadian General Electric Co. for many years. He was a 33 degree Mason.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jane Gillespie, two sons Howard of Calgary, and Everett of Ottawa, and a daughter, Mrs. Don Harwood, Peterboro.

## Death Takes Oldest Bethesda Resident

The death of Mrs. Joseph Curtis at her home in Bethesda, Whitechurch Township on Sunday last, removes probably the oldest living person in the locality from this sphere of life. Mrs. Curtis was in her 87th year, but had been in ill health for several years.

Although born on the present Cliff Burkholder farm at Bethesda, as a girl she lived on her father's farm on the 3rd concession of Markham south of Gormley. Her maiden name was Clarissa Ann Nigh, daughter of Elias Nigh, and the family came from Pennsylvania and settled on their Markham farm 140 years ago. It is now occupied by her daughter, Mrs. Curtis had spent all her long life between Gormley and Bethesda.

Besides her husband there survives a son Frank, and a daughter (Sadie) Mrs. Teanor Canning. She attended the Bethesda church for many years both at the M.B.C. and United services. Following the funeral service at the late home and at Bethesda church, interment was made in the Heise Hill cemetery. Many old friends were in attendance.

## Five Generations On Same Farm Honor Mrs. Tillman Reesor, 90

Five generations remaining on the one farm is perhaps a record for even the settled farms of Markham Township, but the fact was prominent on Saturday when a family gathering was held at lot 26, concession 8, Markham, in honor of the 90th birthday of Mrs. Tillman Reesor. Here on the fine farm, 2 1/2 miles south of Ringwood, the then Mary Barkey was born, and save for three and a half years spent in Scarborough immediately following her marriage in March 1880, she has lived continuously. Mrs. Reesor is the third generation on the place and the present occupant, Lewis Reesor, with whom she shares the big residence, is the fifth generation.

A widow for nearly 17 years Mrs. Reesor is today a bed patient and while lacking physical vitality to get about, her mind is still keen and she enjoys the visits made to her by old friends.

Her two sons are Albert Reesor, former deputy-reeve of Markham Township, Joseph of Vineland, and until recently on the home farm with her, also one daughter (Ida) now Mrs. Joseph Hoover of Dickson Hill. There are eleven grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

The substantial old stone house rang with the voices of her descendants and of friends on Saturday as they gathered to honor the aged lady who after 90 years of life still looks over the same acreage she recalls as a child, but the landscape today is much changed she notes. As a child much of the district was virgin bush, while now all too much of it is barren of trees to grow golden crops of grain.

If you haven't got that winter coat, odd pair of trousers or ready-to-wear suit yet, see F. E. Rae, tailor, Spofford Bk., Stouffville.

Toronto Staffords vs. Markham at the Arena this Friday night.

# Full Election Slate Presented To Stouffville Ratepayers

Both the office of reeve, and four council seats will be contested for at the annual municipal election in Stouffville on Monday, Dec. 12th.

Herman Kidd will oppose Reeve A. V. Nolan, and Harry Ratcliff, well-known local businessman, will seek a seat on the council, and will run for office along with the four present members, Henry Ogden, Clayt. Baker, John Scott, Glenn Ratcliff.

All present members have served for two years, while Reeve Nolan has served in his position for five years, with two years' as councillor.

Stouffville will for the first time have a lady on the Public School Board, Mrs. (Dr.) John Button taking a seat by acclamation. The other two new members on the Board will be Elmer Daniels and Dr. S. T. Bodendistel.

Nominations were as follows: for reeve—A. V. Nolan, Herman Kidd, Henry Ogden, Glen Ratcliff; for council—Henry Ogden, Clayt. Baker, Glenn Ratcliff, John Scott, Hugh Boyd, Elmer Daniels, Harold Spofford, Harry Ratcliff; for school board—Norman Baker, Mrs. John Button, Elmer Daniels, Dr. S. T. Bodendistel; for Cemetery Comm.—H. O. Klinck.

## Death Claims Main Street Business Man

Ill with a heart condition for several years, Ormsby Lehman, shoe merchant in Stouffville, died at the Brierbush Hospital on Thursday, Nov. 24, in his 54th year.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon proceeded from the late home on Church Street to Stouffville cemetery, service being conducted by Rev. D. Davis, his pastor. Masonic service was also conducted by members of Richardson Lodge of which the deceased was a pastmaster. Rt. Wor. Bro. R. Pearce, master of the lodge, conducted this part of the service.

Mr. Lehman succeeded his father in the shoe store back in 1932, and in 1936 Mr. Lehman Sr. passed away. The Lehman shoe store is one of the oldest businesses on Main Street having been started by Amos Lehman in 1896, or 53 years ago. The founder was not only a shoe merchant but made shoes from the soles up. His eldest son Ormsby was a good repair man as well as merchant shoeman.

Ormsby Lehman married Linda Jones 29 years ago, and who survives together with one son Erle and two daughters (Ruth) Mrs. Bruce Winterstein and Helen. Mr. Lehman was a member of Stouffville United Church and sang in the choir for years. He served in the first Great War, and besides the family mentioned there are two sisters Misses Ida and Ann Lehman of Stouffville, and a brother, Arthur Lehman, North Bay.

## CROWDED OUT

Despite this sixteen page issue, columns of news matter and display ads. are crowded out due to lack of space. Remember, display should be ordered by Saturday of the preceding week.

The annual Christmas Horse Show will be held this year on Tuesday, Dec. 20th.

## No Criticism Voiced at Local Nominations

(By C.H.N.)

Despite the opposition of various other functions in town, a fair representation of ratepayers turned out for the annual nomination meeting in Stouffville on Friday night, but there was little or no criticism of the conduct of the present year's municipal council.

Reeve A. V. Nolan in his address covered the work of County Council as it related itself particularly to Stouffville. The reeve stated that he had served on three committees this term, reforestation, agriculture, and a special hospitalization committee.

This special hospitalization committee was destined to spend \$750,000 in a period of five years, as capital grants to Toronto Hospitals. He revealed, as an example, that 41% of the hospital days recorded at the Toronto East General, were for York County patients, and approximately 25% of hospital days at the Sick Children's Hospital were for local county patients.

The latter's new hospital now under construction was going to cost \$14,000,000, rather than the original \$7,000,000 planned, and it was expected that the County Committee would recommend a grant here of \$100,000.

The new health unit planned for the northern municipalities in the County including Stouffville, would cost this town one mill on the taxes, but Reeve Nolan believed the scheme would save off for some time at least, an expensive sewage system here.

The Reeve spoke of the move in County Council under section 57a of the Assessment Act, whereby a partially completed building is assessed, but the municipality at present is not required to turn over any County taxes on revenue collected in this way. Reeve Nolan contended that this move was definitely wrong, but found great favour with the wealthy southern municipalities which collected considerable taxes on uncompleted buildings.

Reeve Nolan revealed that an offer of \$250 per year rent had been received by council for the town lot adjacent to the C.N.R., and believed it was good business to accept.

Mr. Nolan was asked by Councillor John Scott to mention the present road building program. He stated that another mile of hard-top had been completed on town streets this summer. He said that only a small amount remained to be done, and the annual summer road-oiling bill would be cut to a minimum.

Herman Kidd, nominated for the reeveship stated that he didn't wish to step ahead of the present councillors. He pointed out that he had had seventeen years experience in council, work in Whitechurch Twp.

He contended that Reeve Nolan failed to mention the new building the County had erected in the city to cost \$450,000. If the County were divided in future years as was suggested, the building would be a white elephant.

Reeve Nolan in reply stated that

## More People Entitled To Vote Than in Any Previous Election

The largest number of voters ever to be able to go to the polls on a municipal election for the village of Stouffville is recorded in the voters' list to be used in the election that will be held here for reeve and council on Monday, Dec. 12, with over a thousand ratepayers entitled to vote. This is the first time in the history of the village that anything approaching 1000 names appeared for a municipal election.

The exact number appearing on the list is 1009 of which 676 vote on the north side of Main Street. With a full slate for council and a contest for reeveship, one would think that two-thirds of the people enjoying the franchise would make use of it. Many will be sick and unable to vote and others are absent from town, but folks who are able to vote have a duty to perform.

the building was costing much less than the figure Mr. Kidd had stated, but regardless of this, was desperately needed since the County had offices rented here and there in downtown Toronto at a terrific outlay, because of the shortage of space. The old County seat was no more than large enough to handle the Court House needs which would still occupy the old building.

Reeve Nolan contended that Mr. Kidd was the one man in Whitechurch who spoke against the present fire area agreement with the local fire dept.

"I didn't say there was anything wrong with it, only you took in too much territory," said Mr. Kidd. "You criticized it," replied Reeve Nolan. "Whitechurch farmers are delighted with the setup, and so are our firemen," continued the Reeve.

"You won't get your mill subsidy with this setup," said Mr. Kidd.

"I have a letter from the provincial secretary that we will receive our mill subsidy in full," replied Reeve Nolan.

Councillor Ogden nominated for the reeveship and council told the gathering that he wanted more experience before standing for reeveship. Councillor Ogden stated that he had been a prime advocate of the site of the new arena as purchased by the town, rather than having the huge building on the park grounds, as at first suggested. Councillor Ratcliff stated that there had been considerable capital expenditure for new water works extensions, and that some work still remained to be done to complete present plans.

Councillor Baker also touched on the water works dept. and stated that increased revenue would gradually come from the new extensions laid down.

Councillor John Scott told the gathering that there had not been sufficient revenue to do all the gravelling on the streets that his dept. wished. He stated that snow removal was only \$334.00 last year, much lower than usual.

# Sixty-Three Students Receive Academic Certificates at High School Commencement

A total of sixty-three students received academic certificates and diplomas at the annual commencement exercises of Stouffville High School on Friday evening. Another two dozen students were presented with field day awards and St. John's Ambulance certificates.

The honour graduation diplomas were presented by Mr. Don Chadwick, vice chairman of the Area Board. They were received by the following: Betty Black, Louie Bolender, Roy Dowsell, Lloyd Freely, Mary Grove, Mary Harper, Murray Miller, Marion Murphy, Phyllis Pugh, Loreen Talbot, Marion Vaughan, Jack Wallace, Annabel Watson, Luella Wideman.

Graduation diplomas were presented to, Alice Barkey, Margaret Barry, Keith Clarke, Phyllis Clarkson, Margaret Hisey, Erla Holden, Patsy Lehman, Connie Lewis, Murray McMullen, Fay O'Neill, Donna Stouffer, George Timbers, Murray Wagg, Lois Weldon.

Intermediate certificates were presented to, Allan Anderson, Marion Atkinson, Ruth Atkinson, Pauline Barkey, Grace Barry, Roger Black, Arlene Bolender, Robert Bruce, Helen Campbell, Douglas Card, Ernestine Cooper, Barbara Dixon, Floyd Doner, Clifford Dunkeld, Lorne Emmerson, Gerald Heath, James Hewlett, Helen Hisey, Donna Keeping, Isobel Keffler, Isobel McCreight, Douglas McWhirter, Clifton Morris, Doreen Ogden, Helen Paisley, Murray Pipper, Jean Rae, Edna Sanderson, Ronald Smith, Phyllis Spofford, June Steckley, Keith Steckley, Margaret Steckley, Marie Stover, Ronald Walsh.

Principal Murphy presented certificates for the St. John's Ambulance Association to, Paul Barry, Lorne Boadway, John Davis, Norman Fairies, Clarence Fockler, Roy Heise, Charles Hill, Vernon Hoover, Wallace James, Bud Lehman, Barry Mackay, Mur-

ray McMullen, Willard Moyer, Murray Redshaw, Ronald Smith, Murray Wagg, Dean Watson, Allan Winn. Miss Goodyear and Mr. Davis, two staff members, presented the athletic awards to, local field day winners, Junior, Joan Haynes, George Lintner; Intermediate, Shirley Schell, Stewart Wideman; Senior, Phyllis Clarkson, Murray Wagg; Agincourt-Markham-Stouffville Field Day Champion, junior girl, Margaret Reid.

The valedictory address was given by Mary Grove, with Murray Wagg, president of the Literary Society acting as chairman.

A one-act play, "Bird's Eye View of Mabel," highlighted the entertaining program of dances, and gym work. Cast of the play included, Erla Holden, Margaret Hisey, Donna Stouffer, Murray McMullen, Paul Barry, Phyllis Clarkson, Margaret Barry and Carolyn Logan.