

Monday Nomination Day for Whitchurch

The Township of Whitchurch nominations for reeve and councillors for 1950 will take place at the Vandorf Hall on Monday next, Dec. 26. Some do not like the day chosen because it is like Christmas day, but legally it is not and there is no provision in the statutes for changing it. Clerk John Crawford points out.

Nominations will be received from one o'clock, and speeches may be expected as is the custom, and privilege of the ratepayers.

PLENTY OF HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT HERE

No one should go short on entertainment on the holiday here, Dec. 26th. The Stanley Theatre is presenting a stand-out performance in "The Great Dan Patch," while the Stouffville Arena is providing free public skating in the afternoon, and there's an OHA Senior hockey game at night with Collingwood Shipbuilders.

The Men of Blake Street

While the health of Stouffville citizens is generally good, here and there in the village there are patches of sickness. It seems to develop in one part of the neighbourhood more than another. Of course it's nothing catching, unless perhaps the weight of years, which catches up on all of us sooner or later. Checking up the voters' last week contenders for office found they could count on little support from Blake Street residents, since it was discovered that almost every house was nursing someone ill. Blake Street, be it known, is that one-sided street running south off Main and parallel with the east side of the C.N.R. tracks south of the station.

At the extreme end of the street lives a long established citizen Fred Cockerill. Mr. Cockerill is ill and unable to be about for some time. Then his neighbor Richard O. Ward is also ill. Dick is probably the first man in these parts to ever lift the hood off a car to attempt a repair job, way back at the turn of the century. Living north of Mr. Ward is the former Squire Hall of Lemonville whose under-carriage is not just what he would like it to be. But it takes more than weak limbs to keep this citizen down for any length of time, so we hope to see Mr. Hall down town again shortly. It just isn't looking right around the post office at mail time when Squire Dan isn't sitting outside smoking his pipe.

Only other male resident on Blake Street is Hugh Anderson who survived many years of hockey when it was rough and tumble on a smaller sheet of ice than we know today, hence the bumps were harder and came more often. Yes, and you played the whole sixty minutes in Hugh's day without subs.

Only Hugh Anderson was able to vote on the municipal election from Blake Street, but what we meant to say at the outset is that Blake Street held the record for casualties on that day when men seeking public office were scouring about for votes.

GORMLEY HERD SELLS UP TO \$260

Best cow in the herd on the Schelke farm at Gormley sold at auction for \$260, while the herd averaged \$200, and young calves sold for \$40. Auctioneer A. S. Farmer reports.

Clippers Down Midland Flyers 6-4 in Fast Sr. Game

Stouffville Clippers notched their first OHA Senior triumph on Tuesday night, downing Midland Flyers 6-4 in a fast-stepping contest. The Clippers led throughout the contest, although the Flyers evened the count 4-4 in the second period, and held out until midway through the final frame when Hochberg scored unassisted to break the deadlock. Gord Lewis scored on a pass from Baker a minute later to put the game on ice.

Penalties were a big factor, and four goals were tallied with men in the box, three against Stouffville, and one against Midland.

Gord Lewis had a big night for the Clippers scoring three goals, two in the first period and one in the last. Jackie Thomas also featured, scoring the second tally and assisting on Lewis' first goal. Herb Rose and Ross Hochberg were the other marksmen. St. Amant scored a pair for Midland, O'Hearn and Adams getting the other two.

Stouffville led 4-2 at the close of the first period, and still looked like

Spent 24 Years in West China

Rev. A. J. Brace Dead

Leader in YMCA work in West China for many years, Rev. Dr. Albert James Brace, 72, died suddenly from a heart attack Friday evening at Preston where he was spending a few months. He resided at 71 Sheldrake Blvd., Toronto.

Although he retired officially two years ago, Dr. Brace continued to lecture throughout Canada and the United States. Born in England, he came to Toronto as a child and attended Dufferin Public School and Markham High School.

He interrupted his course at Victoria College to enlist in the South African War. On his return to Canada he gave a series of lectures on the war. He served as a chaplain in World War I.

Graduating from Victoria College, he was ordained a minister in the Methodist Church and held pastorates in British Columbia.

He entered YMCA work in Victoria and six years later was appointed to service in China. Y.M.C.A. secretary in West China from 1912 to 1936, he was lent to the International Y.M.C.A. by the Methodist and later the United Church of Canada.

Following his retirement he returned to Canada and for seven years was associated with the International Y.M.C.A. committee on world service. During the Second World War he was with the Y.M.C.A. service department and travelled throughout the North American continent.

Dr. Brace made a noted contribution to science through research work in China in country bordering Tibet. His exploration trips, study and writing on the tribes and country won for him the FRGS.

Prominent in the Masonic Order, he organized the first Masonic Lodge in West China. The University of British Columbia conferred upon him the honorary degree of doctor of divinity. He was a member of Eglinton United Church.

He was the son of the late Rev. Adam H. Brace, Baptist minister, and a brother of the late Rev. A. P. Brace, United Church minister, who was for many years prominent in temperance work in Ontario, and at one time minister at Lemonville.

He leaves his wife, Blanche O'Brien, a daughter of the late James O'Brien of Stouffville. She was an accomplished musician, and when the family was small they lived in Stouffville and attended school here. The sons are Carman, Wilford, Brockman and Julian. The two older sons were born in China. Dr. Brace is also survived by three brothers, Dr. Will Brace of Delisle, Sask.; E. G. Brace of Seattle, and H. Lincoln Brace of Hamilton, and one sister, Mrs. Arthur Black of Chatham.

WEATHER COMPARISON

Everybody was talking about the unusual spring-like weather we were enjoying the first part of this week at least. Then along comes E. R. Good to tell us that exactly five years Tuesday this week, they served Christmas dinner at his home because one of his sons had to leave for his military post immediately, and he had to go that night, despite the fact it was extremely cold—five below zero. The weather five years ago this week was certainly not so congenial for the average person as it is this year.

TRIPLET GIRLS FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT



Happy mother and triplets are Mrs. Lloyd Harvey Gormley, and from left in order of birth, Brenda, Barbara and Bonnie. The combined weight of the three little girls was 14 pounds, four ounces when they arrived at York County Memorial Hospital last week. The girls are "the very best Christmas present ever," their proud parents declare.

Ontario County Holstein Men Elect Officers

About 40 breeders were in attendance at the annual meeting of the Ontario County Holstein Club held in Manchester, on Dec. 19th. The president, Armour McMillan, was chairman.

Mr. Joe Darlington gave a report on his year's activities as salesman for the club. He reported a total sale of 179 head of Holsteins at an average of \$322.04 per head. This is slightly down from last year's average price of \$347.00. Mr. Darlington pointed out that Pennsylvania was still our best market, and that everyone should do everything possible to hold this market.

In his report, Mr. George McLaughlin, Director of the Holstein Friesian Association of Canada, stated that the National Association had enjoyed a successful year. There had been a slight drop in transfers, but to offset this, there had been an increase in registrations, as well as an increase in memberships. He also pointed out that all the Black and White shows across the province had showed increases in the number of entries and in the number of exhibitors.

Roy Ormiston, fieldman, reviewed the survey that was conducted early in 1949. At the conclusion of his talk, production certificates were awarded to Major General Gunn, "Dunrobin Farm," Beaver-ton, and to George McLaughlin, "Elmercroft Farms," Oshawa.

It was decided that if possible, a bus trip should be organized so that Holstein breeders as a group, would have the opportunity of visiting other outstanding Holstein herds. It was also decided to carry on the twilight meeting and the annual Holstein picnic during the coming year.

The Black and White day will again be held at Port Perry fair in 1950. Mr. Joe Darlington was re-engaged as sales agent for the coming year. The election of directors resulted as follows: Armour McMillan, R.R.2 Seagrave; Gerald Ballentyne, Wilfrid; Orvan Chambers, Wilfrid; Harold Honey, R.R.2 Seagrave; Bob Walker, R.R.4 Port Perry; Hugh Ormiston, Brooklin; Lloyd Smith, R.R.2 Port Perry; Bob Flett, R.R.2 Oshawa; Byron Holtby, R.R. Port Perry; Vernon Powell, R.R.1 Oshawa; Ken Holliday, R.R.1 Brooklin; National Director, George McLaughlin, R.R.1 Oshawa.

County May Contribute \$100 Thousand to Sick Children's

The special hospitalization committee of the County of York last Saturday decided to ask the county council at its January session to make a grant of \$100,000 to the building program of the Sick Children's Hospital. Over 25 per cent of the children treated at this hospital are residents in the county, and the grant will add up to one mill on the equalized assessment. It would appear that the county has a direct obligation to discharge and the committee felt that the proposed grant is a just claim on our resources. The reeve of Stouffville is a member of the special committee charged with making recommendations for capital grants to Toronto hospitals which will amount to about three quarters of a million dollars over a period of five years, and he states that it is cheaper to contribute to the expansion program of the city

Save 74 Horses But \$25,000 Home Burns at Maple

Rain and a breeze saved barns valued at \$100,000 and 74 head of horses on Tuesday night when the farm home of Charles Hemstead, Ontario horseman, was destroyed by fire at Maple, west of Yonge St. Shortage of water because of a nearly-dry well prevented fire brigade from Maple, Humber Summit and Richmond Hill from saving the home, valued at \$25,000. A faulty chimney or an overheated furnace is believed responsible for the outbreak. The home was built in 1908 and contained 12 rooms. Some furniture was saved. The whole area is suffering from lack of water and many wells are dry. Chief Allen of the Maple brigade said:

hospitals than to construct large expensive buildings outside the city, a question the committee went into thoroughly three years ago.

Harness Horses Big Attraction Here Tuesday

While the crowd was not large, there was keen interest in Tuesday's horse show staged on Main Street for the benefit of the farming district. Prizes are contributed by the merchants, and were very liberal. The winners:

- Belgian and Percheron in harness—Chas. Teasdale, Aurora; John Riddle, King; Roy Hall, Brooklin; Harvey Schell, Stouffville; Gordon Wagg, Stouffville.
- 4-Horse Team—Heber Down; Vincent Baker; Teasdale & Riddle; H. Down.
- Single Wagon Team—Roy Hall; Harvey Schell; Roy Hall; Gordon Wagg.
- Pony in Harness—first and second Leonard Blight.
- Best Percheron or Belgian—Chas. Teasdale; 1st and 2nd; Roy Hall, John Riddle.
- Heavy Draught Team—Wilson Lumber Co., Cannington, 1st and 3rd; Vincent Baker, 2nd; Heber Down, 4th.
- Light Draught—Heber Down; Vincent Baker; Harvey Schell.
- Amateur class—J. Riddle, H. Schell, Gordon Wagg.
- Best Clyde mare or gelding—Wilson Lumber Co., 1st and 3rd; Vincent Baker, 2nd; H. Down 4th.

IS THIS YOUR TURKEY

On Friday evening of this week, Dec. 23, the lucky program holder will be presented with a Christmas turkey. Be sure and see the Midland team in action here that evening against the local lineup, and of course buy yourself a 10c program which will put you in line for this lovely big Christmas fowl.

FIRST FREAK EGG

Pullet's egg shown The Tribune this week measured 7x7 3/4 inches. When Mrs. Norman Feasby was about to crack what she believed a double-yoked pullet egg, the Uxbridge Township lady discovered she had two eggs in hand. The smaller egg fully formed and shelled was inside the larger egg which had no yolk in it. This is the first pullet egg of the winter to enter—the freak class.

County Constable Aubrey Fleury and Chief Constable Clarence Wideman of Markham, were in town Tuesday assisting with the traffic problem during the hours of the horse show on Main Street.

Markham Township Assessor Upsets Council's Decision

Markham Township Council sitting as a Court of Revision last fall on the 1950 roll, saw fit to reduce two assessments entered for appeal on the ground of being assessed too high. The council shaved \$100 off one assessment in Thornhill by reducing a building valuation of \$700 made by the assessor to \$600. Likewise a property in Unionville assessed for \$900 was reduced to \$800 by the court.

Assessor Archie Fleming appealed the decision of the local court to a higher tribunal, and the appeal was heard by Judge Forsyth in county court last week. The assessor was rewarded for his effort by having his original assessments replaced.

His Honor in commenting on the judgment of the court wanted to know why the council or court of appeal had reduced the two properties at all. Assessor Fleming said he could not answer.

Man Killed When Car Crashes Local Truck

Returning from a trip to the north country last Friday night Bert Paisley narrowly escaped being injured when his truck was side-swiped by a touring car travelling in the opposite direction and loaded with students from the University of Toronto who were returning to their homes in the north for Christmas holidays. The accident happened near Burks Falls.

Police said that the Paisley truck was travelling on the right side of the road while the touring car was on the wrong side. The car was badly wrecked, and one of the passengers died within an hour. The truck driver was not held.

Dogs Cause Further Damage to Sheep Flocks

Whitchurch Township has been bothered with mutton-eating dogs again, since bills were paid for losses suffered by farmers in the west side of the municipality last council meeting. At Thursday's final meeting of the 1949 council claims totalling \$178, were paid for losses entailed by W. H. Anderson, Wilmot Brown and A. M. Vernon, and Joe Jones and Wilmot Brown received \$115 for six killed and flock damage while the others who suffered minor losses received ranging from \$5 to \$40.

Lambert Wilson was named as Township representative on the Holland Conservation Board.

Sandy Davis, road superintendent, presented a report indicating that his department would wind up the year within the budget amount set earlier in the year. He also stated that council would be prepared to handle the snow situation well, since there are two maintainers and an extra plow on the truck available for duty.

Trucker Catches Fox Bare Handed

Bringing his truck to a stop just south of the town of Uxbridge on Tuesday morning when he saw a big yellow fox moving in a clump of cedars, Allen Taylor, driver on one of the Hoover milk trucks, soon bagged the animal although he didn't have any shooting weapons along.

"I just got down from the cab and ran back carrying the hammer which happened to be on the seat beside me. I picked up a stone and let go. This struck the fox on the back, perhaps stunned it. Anyway, I ran up and struck it dead with the hammer." Such was the humiliating death that came to Old Reynard this Christmas week morning. Allen Taylor with his young wife resides in Goodwood.

RATCLIFF GROCERY DONATED TURKEY TO GOOD GUESSER

Miss Bertha Stouffer received the lovely turkey donated by Ratcliff & Co. to the person guessing the nearest to the number of gum drops in the big jar on display in the window the past week. Miss Stouffer's guess was 1925, while the actual number of gum drops in the jar was 1923. There were two other guesses close to the mark, but as we say, "a miss is as bad as a mile," and so Miss Stouffer will cook the turkey no doubt in their comfortable home on Mill Street where with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ab Stouffer, they took up residence on retiring from the farm last year.