

Whitchurch Council May All Appeal for Re-Election to Present Positions

If the farewell remarks at the final council meeting of the 1949 members are any indication, Whitchurch Township Council may be found standing for re-election to their present positions from the reeve down. Each member indicated that he might seek re-election without advancement, although Councillor Sid Legge said he would not commit himself, but certainly would be found seeking some position on the council.

Reeve Ed. Logan said 1949 had been the heaviest year since he first entered council. It was natural for the ratepayers to complain about increased taxes, but they were prone to overlook the fact that everything is higher, and school taxes account for one-third of the total collection, and over this item council had no control.

The road budget of \$50,000 was quite a record, but of this sum \$12,500 went for new machinery, while the usual maintenance costs were about normal.

Deputy-Reeve Ivan McLaughlin declared council had received good value for the large budget, and that he would likely be found seeking re-election for his present position. "Good sound criticism," said Councillor Sid Legge, "is something I

think necessary." He would like to have seen an enlarged office for the clerk and treasurer, which he maintained had to come before long. Business is cramped, and present congestion is ridiculous. "There is not even a drop of water on the premises," said Mr. Legge.

Mr. Legge pointed out that the police were hampered in their duties. When persons come to interview them, they have to be taken to Newmarket usually, and he continued, "I think we are large enough to provide our own accommodation."

"My name will be on the ballot, but just where I haven't decided—probably right where I am now. Councillor Fred Timbers and Councillor R. C. Baycroft are likely to be out for re-election, although Mr. Timbers said he would have to feel better than he had been feeling the past few months. "I do not feel like pressing for advancement, and if I do not feel better in health, you may have a new councillor," he concluded.

Mr. Baycroft noted that while taxes mount higher, better roads are the result and the whole township is improved. If the ratepayers see fit to return me, I will be back next year," he concluded.

Pickering Farmers buy Water by Tank Loads, Dairy Cows Drink 12 Gallons Daily

The shocking situation on numerous farms in the south part of Ontario County in the Brooklin district is the hard fact, facing these farmers this Christmas that wells are dry and water has to be brought by the gallon. Water is one of those things we all take for granted—until a day comes when the well goes dry, then consternation reigns and we probably wake up to the wonderful job nature has been doing in filling the old well or the village reservoirs down through the years.

Over in Pickering Township in the Ajax locality and about Brooklin three truckers are kept busy hauling water, filling wells where nature has refused to no longer do the job. Unless there are torrential rains and open weather, the situation will grow worse as winter depends. Expense of hauling at \$4 and \$5 per tank load is just one item to consider. The inconvenience to stock farmers is tremendous and could ultimately drive some off the land, if nature fails to restore the natural water channels in the areas now dry.

In the past year—and the water shortage has been evident for almost a year, the Whitty Public Utilities Commission which supplies the truckers with water, has sold 2,063,000 gallons. That has meant an income of \$1,444 to the Commission, and if you figure it out on the basis of \$4 a tank and if it is few farmers who pay the

truckers that little, it brings the outlay on the part of the consumers to close to \$20,000. It is fortunate that the Whitty P.U.C. is able to supply this water. It might not be in a position to do so had not expenditures of about \$160,000 been made in the past few years to enlarge filters and pumps and build larger storage tanks. These additions were made in the expectation of industrial expansion but they serve well at the present time when the demand for extra water is so great.

In order to appreciate the plight of a farmer whose well has run dry it must be realized that a dairy cow drinks from ten to 12 gallons of water a day. A man with a herd of 20 or more cattle has to have water—and lots of it. One of the things which cannot be skimped in raising cattle is water and particularly dairy cattle.

In order to keep their herds happy farmers have to have a continuous supply of water and that means having their wells filled regularly. The trucks cannot bring more than about 800 gallons at a time so they have to come quite often.

A good thaw would help the situation somewhat but even that would not keep the farmers supplied with water for very long. At the present time it looks very much as though they are going to have to depend on the truckers until spring.

Roads at Lake Wilcox Present a Problem

Tradesmen who serve the Wilcox Lake summer resort are none too happy about the condition of the road that leads from Yonge Street to the lake. Last week they got a notice in the daily press complaining about the lack of road building on that stretch.

With perhaps fifty families from the city unable to find accommodation in Toronto, remain in the summer cottages, and apparently expect to obtain real service of a public nature. They are serviced with a garbage collection which they pay for, but expensive winter roads and schooling is another matter. The cottages do not bear impressive taxes, and farmers may be asking if they are expected to build roads for this kind of dweller. It appears the answer may be, build the roads and increase the assessment so that it will meet the cost. Seems only fair.

FORMER LOCAL GIRL BEREAVED BY DEATH OF HUSBAND

Funeral services were held on Saturday at Peterboro for R. Melville Moore, manager of the G. L. Crooks catering service at the Woodbine race track, who died suddenly at his home on Millwood Avenue, Toronto.

In his youth Mr. Moore played hockey and won championships, and was known locally in this field of activity. Mr. Ed. Pennock who is a bed patient now but was active in sporting circles forty years ago recalls Mr. Moore as a keen athlete. Deceased married a Stouffville girl Mary Louise Sanders, O'Brien Avenue. Mrs. Moore survives her husband together with one daughter, Charlotte Louise, and three sisters, Mrs. F. H. Kobbitt and Mrs. Bruce Hutchinson, both of Peterboro, and Mrs. D. A. Patterson of Hamilton.

A Christmas Tree

Railed at by jay and jeered by ravenous crow,
Though hailed with joy by wren and chickadee;

Hemmed in where wild plum, brakes and hawthorns grow;
A sturdy little spruce — but lonesome tree.

A passing driver chanced to glance that way,

When cheery smile replaced his weary frown:

He saw, in vision, children; Christmas Day —

To the little tree he said, "You go to town."

So, carefully, 'twas taken from its place,

And scarcely missed amid the tangle there;

But, in his home, was trimmed shaped to grace

A cosy nook hard by the open stair.

And there it stands aglow. The radiant light

Of untitled splendor on its branches borne,

The homely gifts, bring raptures of delight

To childish voices in the early morn.

Oh! Spark of Yule, far from your own terrain,

We pay to you a tribute full and free;

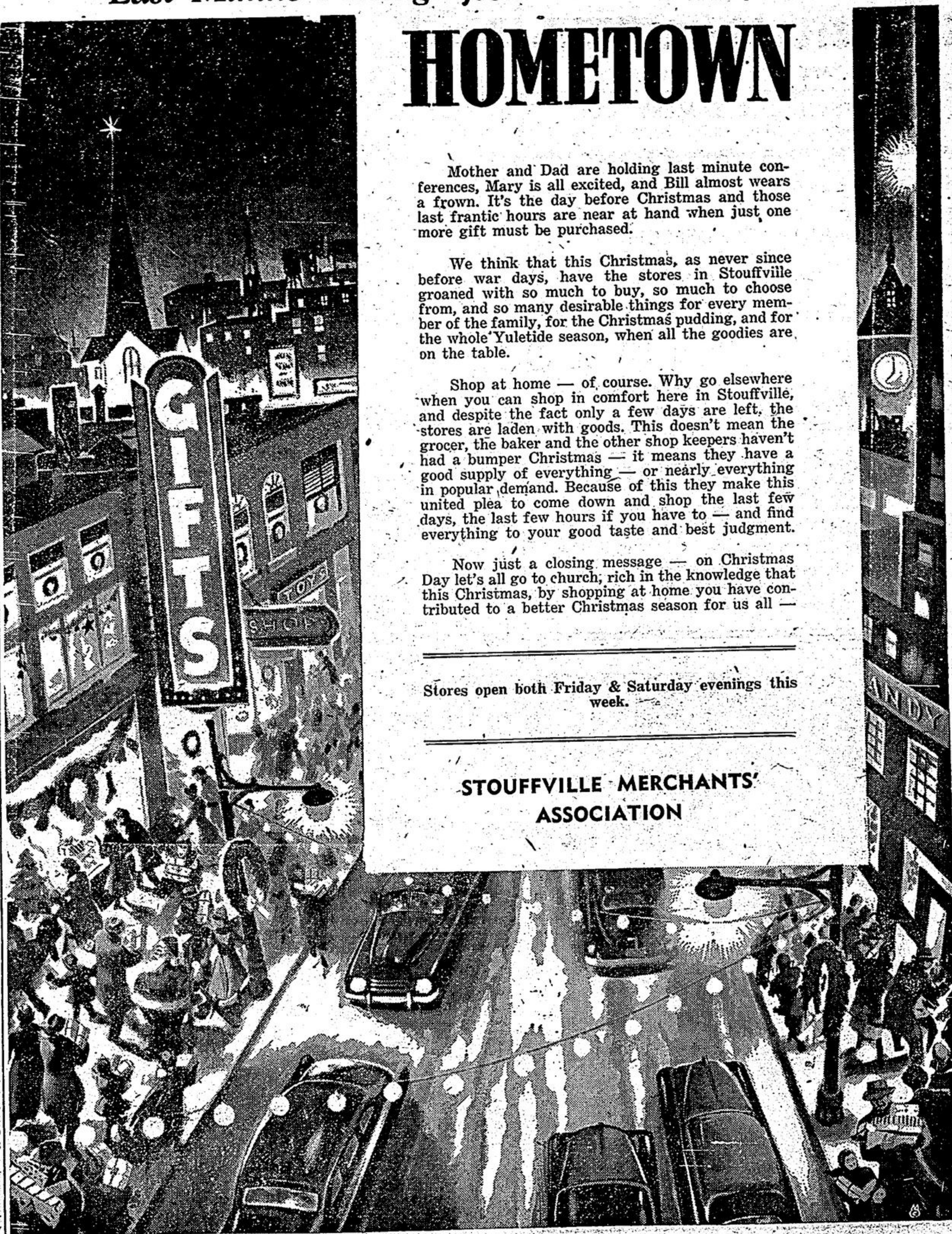
For age and youth are rendered kin again,

In the festive air around a Christmas tree.

F.R.

SHOOTS WOLF AT 'CAYGEON

There's still the odd wolf (four-legged) in the Bobcaygeon area. Proof of this statement comes with a report which tells of the shooting of a wolf on the outskirts of the town. Lawson Fogue is the gentleman who will collect the bounty for its pelt although he may share the spoils with his father and brother who were with him on the hunting expedition.



Last Minute Message from Merchants of Our

HOMETOWN

Mother and Dad are holding last minute conferences, Mary is all excited, and Bill almost wears a frown. It's the day before Christmas and those last frantic hours are near at hand when just one more gift must be purchased.

We think that this Christmas, as never since before war days, have the stores in Stouffville groaned with so much to buy, so much to choose from, and so many desirable things for every member of the family, for the Christmas pudding, and for the whole Yuletide season, when all the goodies are on the table.

Shop at home — of course. Why go elsewhere when you can shop in comfort here in Stouffville, and despite the fact only a few days are left, the stores are laden with goods. This doesn't mean the grocer, the baker and the other shop keepers haven't had a bumper Christmas — it means they have a good supply of everything — or nearly everything in popular demand. Because of this they make this united plea to come down and shop the last few days, the last few hours if you have to — and find everything to your good taste and best judgment.

Now just a closing message — on Christmas Day let's all go to church, rich in the knowledge that this Christmas, by shopping at home you have contributed to a better Christmas season for us all —

Stores open both Friday & Saturday evenings this week.

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For mother! glamour galore — lovely embroidered satin slippers.

\$1.98 up.

For Dad! Warm, handsome wool lined slippers. Fine leather.

\$1.15 up.

For the tots! Fuzzy foot warmers — in gay designs.

\$1.25 up.

LEHMAN'S SHOE STORE

Main Street

Stouffville