

Reviewing the Headlines of 1949

JANUARY

Undertaker, Hearse, Corpse and Holiday Travellers Form Strange Party Stranded in Storm Here on New Year's Eve — Whitchurch Township Elects New Reeve and Deputy- Reeve — Twp. of Markham May Adopt Collection of Taxes by Instalment Plan — Foxes Halt Chicken Raising Near Cashel — Farmer Pinned Under Tractor for Nearly an Hour in Storm — Town Benefactor Elizabeth Percy to be Buried Here — Brierbush Hospital Records 142 Births — Town Spending Kept Within Budget, Taxes Over \$28,000 — Plowmen Sail for British Isles This Week — Pickering Reeve New Warden of County — Sight Wildcat in Whitchurch, Frightens Children — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Lee Honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary — John McPherson Still Missing from Whitevale — Dr. Albert Sangster Last of Local Family, Died in Michigan — Uxbridge Twp. Farmer Stands on Attempted Murder Charge — Old Age Pension Boards are Disbanded — Goodwood's Dr. Darling Died on Monday — Pickering Ask for Police Survey — Markham Twp. Sunday School Convention Opposes Open Sunday.

FEBRUARY

Whitchurch Township Office Robbed — Earl Hopkins Found Guilty on Charge of Wounding Brother — Local United Church Sunday School Facing Expansion — Explosion Blows Fingers from Marlin Grove — Fred Schelke Passes, was Noted Horseman — Temperance Rally Planned for Stouffville — Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gower Receive King's Congratulations on 50th Wedding Day — Double Robbery in Town Believed to be Work of Local Person — Library Circulation Nearly 9,000 Annual Report Shows — Two Wolves Shot in Markham Twp. — Local Council Makes Annual Appointments — \$30,000 for West Townline Improvement — Will License Taxi Cabs and Drivers in Markham Twp. — Thief Confesses to Robberies Committed Here and in Markham — Whitchurch Asks Dismissal of M.O.H. on Non-Performance of his Duties — Arthur Harding, Native Son, Buried Here on Sunday — Thieves Again Strike at Stouffville and Markham on Same Night — Poor Sap Run is Forecast — Tarr Farm on 9th of Markham, Sold Again — Mrs. Harvey Moyer Passes — Lifelong Farmer on Townline, Ernest Ratcliff Dead.

MARCH

Township of Markham Engages Harold Cowie as Road Supt. — Loot 50c, Thugs Leave It, Markham's Fourth Breakin, Local Creamery Visited — Clippers Even Playoff Series with Markham — Brooder House of Ezra Brownsberger Burned — Small Loss as Thieves Raid Claremont Premises — Local Council Vote Themselves Modest Pay — Attempted Robbery at Post Office is Foiled — Local Business Man, Jos. Borinsky, Builds in Forest Hill — Farmers' Mutual Hand Back to Policy Holders \$27,000 Surprise Gift — New Church Envisioned at Dickson's Hill — Record Sheep Claim of \$500 Presented to Whitchurch Twp. Council — Fatal Crossing Accident Grieves Markham Homes — Big Real Estate Deal at Claremont When White Farm Sold for Rest Home — Present Awards and Certificates at Claremont Commencement — Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Goudie Sixty Years Married — More Tarvia Top for Streets This Year — Byer & Son Sell Local Business to St. Catharines Man — Stouffville Co-Op Report Business Turnover Exceeds \$300,000 — Fire at Musselman's Lake Shows Need for Ready Water Supply — Amalgamated Poultry Industries Mean Expansion at Booth Poultry Plant — Claremont Has First Baby Bonus Bride.

APRIL

\$50,000 Campaign for Artificial Ice — Farmers' Meeting Favors Gas to Rid Township of Foxes and Skunks — Local Syrup Supply Now Quite Plentiful — Bert Bell Heads Athletic Club for Another Term — Rotten Garbage and Rotten Collection Whitchurch Twp. is Told — More Than \$32,000 Subscribed for Artificial Ice Campaign, Objective Seems Certain — High School Entertains Parents — John R. Barkey Passes — Over 500 Attend Lecture on Temperance — Province Will Not Approve Dismissal of N. Gwillimbury Road Boss — 60 Contestants Compete in Local Musical Show — Decomposed Body of Baby Found Near Brougham — Expect to Reach \$50,000 Ice Objective in Week, Urge Speed in Letting Contract — Car Hits Train at Unionville — Pickering Council Says Stories of Bad Roads in Lakefront Exaggerated — Historic Unionville Church Seeks New Ownership — Miss Nora Stapleton 48-Year Record on Same Church Organ — Three Fires on Church Street Within Week — Claremont Institute to Contribute to Memorial Chimes.

MAY

Shareholders will Form Arena Stock Company This Wednesday Night, May 4th — Liberal Convention for North York Riding Scheduled for Saturday — Five Cottages Go Up in Flames at Musselman's Lake — Combined Age of Six Morgasons Close to 500 Years — Goods Stolen from Whitchurch Twp. Office Recovered — 26 Emmanuel College Grads Get Diplomas — Pickering Building Nearly Half Million in Four Months — Jack Smith Unopposed as Liberal Candidate for North York — Stouffville Arena Company Formed, Shareholders Vote to Erect New Building — Residents Protest Foul-Smelling Creek — Lions Begin Eye Survey for Pupils in Both Schools — Pickering Hoists Police Pay and Retains Present Officers — Whitchurch Twp. Council Opposed to Forming a Public Health Unit — Contract for New Arena Ready for Signature of Permanent Directors — Athletic Club Plan Big Day Here on May 24th — Farm Family Escape in Night Attire as Home Burns — Farmer Encounters Wild Cat Near Vivian — Hoodlums Not Tolerated at Musselman's Lake — Fred Campbell Honored with Deputy District Governorship by Lions.

JUNE

Pastor Rev. F. H. Muir May Receive Call to China Church — Break Sod for New Arena Next Week, T. A. Wilson Gets Contract — Claremont Shocked by Death of C. A. Overland — Stanley Martin, Student Fatally Shot — Mennonites Gather at Kitchener, Many from Markham — First Eviction Seen Here as Family of Six Ousted from Humble Dwelling — Local Water Supply Resisting Drought — Less Than 1,000 Attend 13 Whitchurch Sunday Schools — Whitchurch Twp. Reeve Demands Councillor's Apology, Township Police Chief is Demoted — Dickson Farm on Main St., in Family for Century, is Sold — Tax Rate Down Sixteen Mills in Claremont — Five Vacancies on Local High School Staff Filled — Local Theatre Under New Management — Boy Drowns in Mill Pond at Unionville — World Lacks Spiritual and Moral Leadership Says Local Pastor at Masonic Service — Gun Club for Whitchurch Township — High Taxes and Housing Issues in North York Election — Ringwood Teacher Treats Class to Picnic, Called by Death Next Day — Local Masonic Order Makes Historical Record — Strong Vote Here without Coersion — Jack Smith Wins North York for Second Time — L. C. Murphy New President of Lions Club.

JULY

Local Brigade Called Out to Fight Two Grass Fires on Sunday Afternoon — Considering Public Health Unit Here Again — High School Examination Results Announced — Member of Pioneer Family, Blake Sanders Dead — Bank Manager Here Retires — Pickering Engages Assistant Clerk — Bertha Reesor at Journey's End, 82 Years on Same Farm — Over 300 at Cober Reunion, Ten Persons Over Eighty — New Arena Closed In, Miles of Pipe Expected Shortly — 200 Chickens Stolen at Lincolnville — Treasurer Appointed Tax Collector, R. E. Ratcliff Relieved of Position — Uxbridge Twp. Tax Rate Soars Five Mills — \$20,000 Fire at Victoria Square — Local Constable Patrols Streets but Misses Gunman — Local Honey Crop Looks Like Failure — Town Tax Rate Set at 39 Mills — Linde Canadian Ice Co. Gets Arena Contract — New Pastor Called to Christian Church.

AUGUST

Trampled by Pony, Markham Girl Taken to Hospital — Muir Family Bound for China — Employees' Pension Plan Discussed for Pickering, Would Benefit Fourteen — Thieves Scram from Local Creamery When Burglar Alarm Sounds — Heat-Stricken Girl Hikes 25 Miles Home, Collapses — Rabbi Presides at Locust Hill Funeral for E. David — Stouffville High School Makes Record Standing — High Costs Close Claremont Cannery for a Season — Polio Case Found Near Brooklin — Fatal Accident on Sunday, When Cars Crash on No. 7 Highway Near Greenwood — Pay for Services Illegal So Planning Board Resigns in Markham — Hall Packed with Blooms for Annual Horticultural Show — Pickering Twp. Engages New Public Health Nurse — Hydro Will Erect New Sub Station at Westend — 40 Turkeys Stolen Near Unionville — Ballantrae Man Shot by Brother-in-law — Mrs. Tran of Markham Injured in Motor Crash.

SEPTEMBER

Boy Falls Only 30 Inches from Tractor Seat, But is Almost Instantly Killed — Markham Spring Dry First Time in Hundred Years — Many Motorists Bagged Speeding Through Victoria Square — Main St. Business Block Sold — Sutton Lady Winner of Athletic Club Car — High School Enrolment Reaches All-Time High — Eugene Baker Touched Rim of Arctic Circle on 10,000 Mile Trip — Markham Engages Architect to Plot Out Township's World of Tomorrow — Ringwood Accident Case Heard in Division Court — Whitchurch Twp. Council Moves to Regulate Sale of Land Under Ten Acres — George Jobbit's Body Recovered from Noronic, Local Undertakers Assist — Fretz Public Auction Yielded Over \$11,000 — Rain Marred Military Service on Sunday — Markham Twp. Building Permits Record High — Buttonville School Sanitary Conditions Labeled Bad — Only One Appeal Registered Against 280 Assessments — Half Million Dollar High School for Pickering — Claremont Co-Op Drives to Wipe Off Mortgage — The Ninety and Nine Provides Strange Assessment Record — Coal Jumps \$1.50 a Ton, Further Increase Pending — Early Turnips Attacked by Parasites, Fields Left Bare — Fall Flower Show Winners Announced — Stover's Bakery Installs Modern Oil-Heat Bakery Oven — Gormley Gets New Minister.

OCTOBER

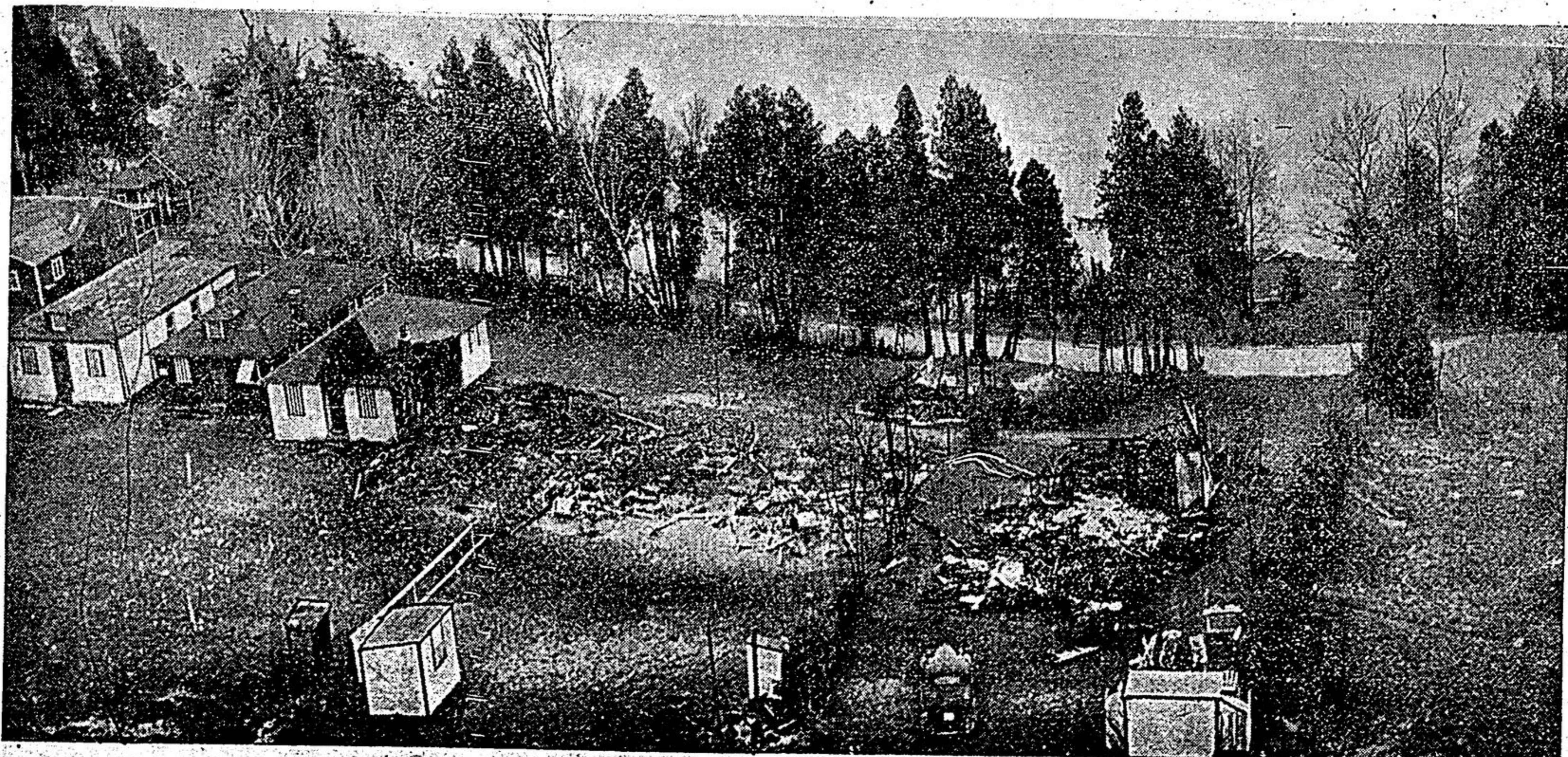
Sneaks Make Off with Farmer's \$300 at Markham Fair Sideshow — Gormley Pastor and Wife Sail for Africa — Former Mennonite Moderator, Rev. L. Burkholder Dead — Pensions for Markham Twp. Employees May Be Live Issue — Will Install Speed Trap in Town Unless Motorists Slow Down — Claims No Authority Over New Cemetery in Whitchurch — Whitchurch Approves Half Million Dollar School Without Discussion — Griffin Authorized to Fight for Assessment Enforcement in Markham Township — Many Familiar Names at International Plowing Match — From Stouffville to Australia with Cliff Salmon — Popular Ballantrae Merchant Dies in Prime of Life — Doors of New Arena Swing Open for Skating and Hockey — Ballantrae Child Saved by Girl of 13 Years — New York Man, Edward Stouffer Brought Here for Burial — Two World Record Holsteins at Markham Fair — Shoot Five Dogs in Sheep Attack — Too Much Hush Hush Over New School Area, Charged at Claremont Meeting.

NOVEMBER

Many Thrilled with Arena Opening — Unwanted Customers Visit Carload Groceries — Twelve Assessment Appeals in Whitchurch — Turner Holsteins Attract Buyers from South America, and Mexico — Undertaker Dies While in Funeral Procession — New Clothing Store to Open in Grubin Block — Chas. Reesor Retiring as Markham Reeve — Governor-General's Horse Guard Band Attended Sunday Service Here — Standing Timber for Fire Wood Not Bringing Fancy Prices of a Few Years Ago — Premier Frost Here for Arena Opening — 1949 Directors Report for Horticultural Society — Griffin and Timbers Fight for Markham Twp. Reeveship — Firemen Called to Aircraft Fire at Buttonville — Legion Lucky Draw Car Goes to Goodwood — Hundreds of Pheasant Hunters Cause No Trouble — Plumbers Must Pass Test Before Operating in Markham.

DECEMBER

Full Election Slate for Stouffville Ratepayers — New Resident Found Dead in Motor Car — Death Claims Main St. Businessman, Ormsby Lehman — 63 Students Receive Certificates at High School Commencement — Timbers Wins Markham Election — Sudden Death of O. W. Zeller, Saturday — Attempted Robbery at Riches Hardware — Ballantrae Postoffice Closed After Fifty Years — Senior Hockey Schedule Beginning — A. V. Nolan Majority for Reeveship Nearly Four to One — Girl Triplets All Well, Born to Gormley Couple — Harness Horses Big Attraction Here Tuesday — Spent 24 Years in West China, Rev. A. J. Brace Dead — Native of 9th Concession Russel Nesbitt Killed Near Malton — Ed. Logan Acclaimed in Whitchurch — Pickering Farmers Buy Water by Tank Loads — Pickering Assessor Goes to Wentworth County.



Fire Levels Five Cottages at Musselman's Lake