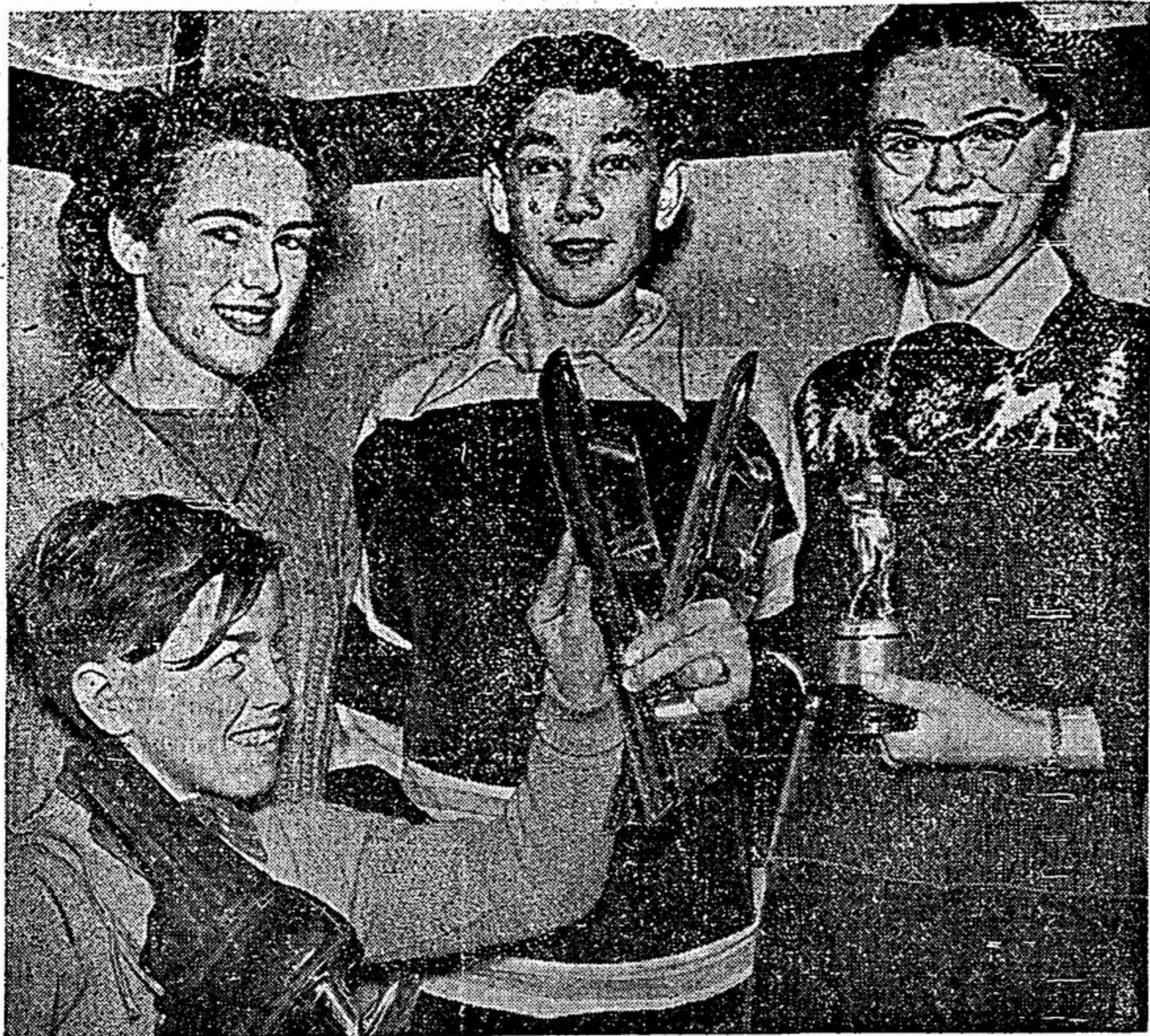


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Brought Skating Laurels To Stouffville



Stouffville skaters carried off a flock of honors at the recent Silver Skates Derby in Toronto. Some of the happy local winners are pictured here. Ross Madill is examining the silver skates won by Clarence Fockler. Marion Atkinson, far right, girl's silver skates winner, holds the trophy that goes with them. Helen Snowball, also shown won two events.

Uxbridge and Pickering Big Winners at Seed Fair

Preservation of a rich topsoil is the greatest need in farming today. Professor F. W. Morwick of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, told a group of Ontario County farmers at the annual seed fair held in Brooklin Saturday. The fair was sponsored by the Ontario County Crop Improvement Association.

The meeting was opened by the president and chairman, Heber Down of Brooklin, Warden Rae Ferguson of Uxbridge extended a welcome on behalf of the county and noted with approval the growing interest in production of good seed by local farmers. He said that the Seed Fair will greatly assist in maintaining a high standard of quality of seed.

The judges for the day were Kenneth Fallis, Toronto and W. T. Brennan, Dominion Department of Agriculture. Their remarks were significant for local agriculture. They said that the samples as a whole showed that some good seed is grown in the county. One outstanding example shown was of Rockston oats which, although a little green was plump and excellent. In the small seed class, there was an excellent example of red clover. Other classes were not competed for.

Prize List
Registered oats, late — W. H. Westney, Pickering.

Registered Barley—W. H. Westney, 1 and 2.

Fall wheat—Howard Malcolm, Locust Hill; Bruce Boyington, Uxbridge.

Late oats, any variety—H. Malcolm, Wilmott Crossall, Uxbridge; Heber Down, Brooklin; John Batty, Brooklin; Everson Norton, Locust Hill.

Early oats, any variety—Frank Wonnacott, Pickering; E. Norton; H. Malcolm; F. M. Chapman; Russell Morrison, Beaverton; I. Norton. Barley, 6-rowed—H. Malcolm, I. Norton, H. Down.

Spring Wheat—H. Malcolm. Rye—I. Norton, H. Norton. Soybeans—Tom Seeley, Uxbridge; W. H. Westney.

Field Peas—H. Malcolm.

Buckwheat—H. Malcolm.

Red Clover—H. Malcolm, E. Norton.

Timothy—H. Malcolm.

Alfalfa—Harvey Roberts, Whitby; William Ross, Beaverton; H. Malcolm.

Table Potatoes—I. Norton, H. Norton, H. M. Harper, Goodwood.

F. A. Early Potatoes—H. R. Norton.

Late Potatoes—I. Norton, H. R. Norton, H. M. Harper.

Oats, early, any variety—F. Wonnacott, D. Norton, H. Roberts, I. Norton.

Oats, late, any variety—B. Boyington, D. Norton.

Barley, any variety—I. Norton.

Potatoes, late or early—I. Norton.

Special, 50 bushel Winter Wheat Club—George McLaughlin, Oshawa; Heber Down; J. Batty.

New Game Preserve Soon To Be Declared

The long awaited announcement that the Vivian forest property belonging to the County of York, is to be a Game Preserve within the meaning of the Act, may be made very shortly, according to information sent out by W. J. K. Harkness of the Fish and Wildlife Division.

Three years ago, York County Council set in motion the machinery for this setup, when the council on recommendation of the Reforestation Committee requested the forest to be declared a game preserve. Pressure of other work, according to Mr. Harkness, has delayed the matter being attended to, but he now reports that steps are proceeding and within a few weeks perhaps the forest will be under this type of restriction for hunters. No firearms may be carried on the property, and wild animals may not be killed therein, unless an open hunt is announced by the Department.

That situation would occur in case certain animals became too plentiful. Another feature of the preserve is that the Department of Game and Fisheries will start new life in the forest both animal and bird species.

Markham Plans 100th Anniversary

On Monday evening at Unionville a public meeting undertook to appoint committees to handle the promised celebration of 100 years for the Township of Markham.

Reeve Win Timbers urged that responsible machinery be set up in order to make the event one of lasting remembrance.

In addition to various working committees who will gather information for a historical record, program and other committees were named. The reeves of Richmond Hill, Markham and Stouffville villages together with Reeve Timbers will form the reception committee. When Markham Township was incorporated in 1850, all of Markham Village, and parts of the two other villages were in the township.

The 100th anniversary will be celebrated on Dominion Day, Saturday, July 1st, in the fair grounds at Markham, with a mammoth church service held in Unionville on Sunday, July 2.

CO-OP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Stouffville Co-Operative Association will be held on Monday, March 27th, at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Hall. Mr. A. Musgrove will be the guest speaker. Refreshments will be served.

ONCE GOOD WALKER SUFFERS LEG AMPUTATION

Eighty years of age this month, Mrs. Dan Wideman, Mount Joy, is waging a successful fight for her life down at Toronto East General Hospital, where, despite her great age one leg has been amputated, yet the patient is recovering. The surgical operation became necessary because of gangrene.

Mrs. Wideman is widely known about Mount Joy and Dickson Hill district. It was her custom over the years, and indeed until recently, to walk from her home in the former place to attend divine worship at Wideman Church every Sunday.

This being Mrs. Wideman's birthday month, one and all her friends will consider it a good omen for her safe return after her serious illness.

Whitchurch Saves Over \$4,000 on 1950 County Levy

Whitchurch Township Council in session last Saturday with Reeve Ed Logan presiding, decided against giving approval for a dearth in the municipality this year. "I wouldn't like to see it, and I don't think the farmers want it," said Reeve Logan, and Councillor Timbers said, "I feel the same." Councillor Richard Bayeroff said he hadn't heard any complaint about deer doing damage, and wouldn't approve a hunt. Deputy Reeve Ivan McLaughlin was of the same opinion. Councillor Sid Legge was absent from the meeting.

"I guess there are not so many crazy people in the township," whimsically commented Clerk Crawford, when he announced the receipt of \$46.25 Railway Tax distribution. Usually this refund is consumed for care of township patients in mental institutions. Mr. Crawford said most townships never receive any refund for this reason, and this is the first rebate he can recall since he had been clerk. The report gave the township population as 3,254.

Another bit of favorable news was the announcement that the county tax rate had dropped from \$18.893.11 in 1949 to \$14,092 for 1950, a saving of \$4,801.01.

Acknowledgment that the road subsidy for last year would be paid at \$25,329.33, on a basis of 50% of the amount of over \$50,000 spent on roads and machinery. Advance payment has been received, and balance will be forthcoming shortly. This is close to the amount hoped for.

W. J. Buchanan, Downsview, requested a grant for the Federation of Agriculture. Last year \$250 were given, and Mr. Buchanan said he hoped the township would make an assessment on the farmers instead of a grant. Council promised favorable consideration in some form.

There will be an Old Time Box Social, Euchre, and Old Time Dance in the Veterans Memorial Hall on Friday, March 24th at 8 p.m.

Failure to Form P.S. Area Means Loss of \$3,600 in Whitchurch Tp.

Under the payment of public school grants by the Dept. of Education the Township of Whitchurch stands to lose \$3,600 because it continues to adhere to the smaller school section system, rather than form into a Township School Area. Last year the provincial grant averaged \$150 per section, and this year they will receive the same. However, if the township adopted the township school area plan they would receive \$3,600 in public school grants this year, or equal to \$300 per section. The loss is equal to more than a mill on the tax rate.

Mrs. A. H. VanNostrand, secretary of Vandorf section, declares that the trustees just do not understand, otherwise they would never stick out against the area system, which would place the whole twelve schools in Whitchurch (excluding the union schools) under one board of trustees who would be responsible for the operation and conduct the whole dozen schools in the municipality. "I think that when they study the new grants, and how they are paid out, many trustees and other ratepayers will see the wisdom of a township board," Mrs. VanNostrand said.

Mrs. NanNostrand, a most capable secretary, has it worked out to show that for a farmer with a \$5,000 assessment the saving if the township had an area board would be \$8.85, on a \$10,000 assessment the saving is \$17.77.

Not very long ago the Township Council petitioned the ratepayers through the school trustees for a show of opinion on a township area board, and so many were skeptical, feared it was a step like high school area boards, hence, they nearly all voted it down, with two or three sections only voting for the area scheme.

However, the new system of grants just announced make it more attractive to be one large area. Some of those interested have promised to approach surrounding school trustees and explain the advantage of larger areas in getting Departmental grants. Many areas are formed now over the province, and all will be, fore very long, said one township authority. It just remains, how long can trustees boards hold off before they are forced in. If too long, they will have lost a lot of money through grants.

Whitchurch Township Council through Reeve Ed Logan has declared that just as soon as sufficient sections show their willingness to form a township area, then council will take action. In the meantime, they await that request from at least a majority of the sections.

It is pointed out that the twelve sections in the township pay a school mill rate of 80.1 mills, and this divided by twelve equals 6.675 mills per section. The government grant to each section amounts to only 1.777 mills. Under the new grants, and only providing the township became a school area the government grant would be 4.888 mills.

Members of township council indicate they would not be surprised if more sections appealed for a township school board right away, since it is so clear that this is soon to be forced on the few remaining townships standing outside the new setup. At present over 70 per cent of the townships across Ontario have adopted the township area system.

A request from York County Hospital at Newmarket for a grant to assist in wiping out a deficit on operating costs, was refused. The council felt that they had contributed through the county grant. Five patients as indigents from Whitchurch had been treated with 140 hospital days, and the request claimed the government per day charge was not enough. That it totalled \$315 and the cost was \$823. Hospital charges are amazing, the rate of \$8 per day being reckoned as necessary for indigent patients.

Aurora School area costs are advancing, due partly to county assessment being unfavorable for this year. Total cost this year will be close to \$100,000. The increase in costs over the area of Whitchurch, Aurora and King township will be \$30,000. Whitchurch does not bear nearly anything like the cost to Aurora and King with larger assessment in the area.

Council decided to ask East Gwillimbury to approve of engaging the firm of Margison & Babcock, engineers, to give estimate on cost of building the road on the road townline between cons. 7-8.

A letter of complaint against the Choice Cut-up Chicken plant on Yonge Street charged the firm with polluting a stream indicated that the nuisance must be abated. The

communication was sent on to the Board of Health, since it came from the Dept of Health at Queens Park, following certain disclosures which forced the Department to investigate the matter.

Council approved a resolution sent from Long Branch asking the provincial and federal governments to assume total cost of relief.

A letter from Mrs. Troyer enclosed two petitions, one asking for a township school area, and if this is not approved, then a second petition asked that a section around Wilcox Lake be made a separate section from the present union of Whitchurch and King.

Markham Champion County Bacon Show

Over 400 farmers attended the annual seed fair and bacon show at Newmarket on Tuesday, and witnessed some of the finest exhibits ever assembled. Markham Township with its Leitchcroft exhibit of Wiltshire bacon sides carried off first honors, Richard Frisby of the same township came second and Clark Young stood third. Last year Whitchurch Township farmers held this first position.

While the grain exhibits were down from last year due to the poor crop harvested last fall, there were still 66 entries from 33 exhibitors, eight of whom had never competed before.

Perhaps the largest class was late oats with 13 entries and the winner was Eldred King of Markham, while Frank Marrott, county weed inspector, carried off first for registered oats grown on his farm. There were ten entries in corn and Rae Ingleton of Agincourt was top winner.

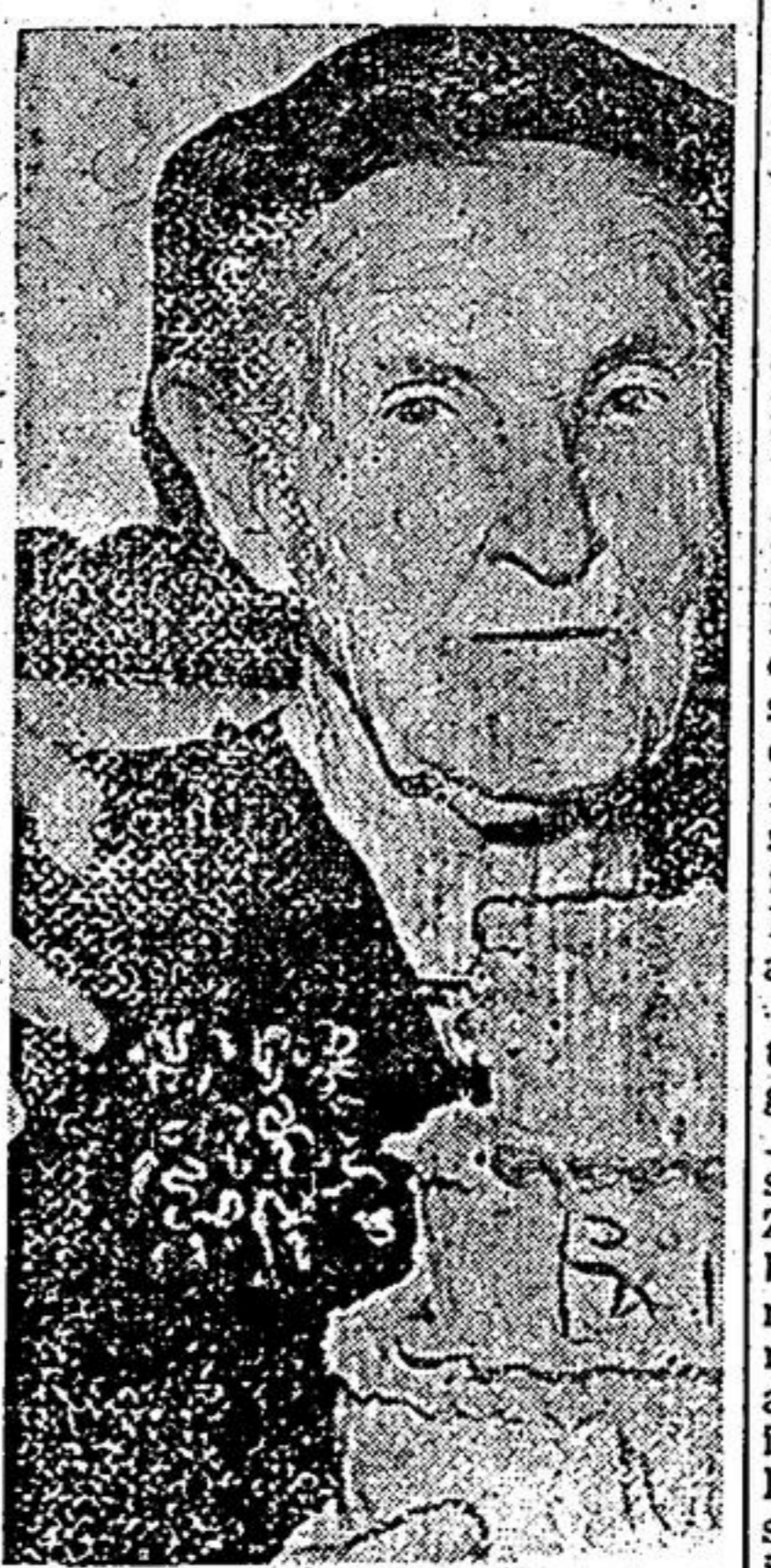
Prize registered barley sold \$3 a bushel.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA

Mrs. Wright will read your tea cup at a St. Patrick's Day Tea Party on Wednesday, March 22nd, between 3 and 5 p.m. at the Mayfair Restaurant. Your hostesses will be members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Stouffville.

Celebrated Her 106th Birthday on Tuesday

Mrs. Andrew Miller of Brown Hill, six miles north of Mount Albert celebrated her 106th birthday on Tuesday, March 14th. Queen Victoria was just in the eighth year of her reign when Mrs. Miller was born in Pickering.



All she recalls about her father is that he died when she was very young when he went to the gold fields "somewhere" and died of the fever scourge. "I had a good step-father though," said Mrs. Miller, and when a slip of a girl she worked out in Markham township for the Burkholders, Barkeys, and other prominent families. "Since my eldest son, John, died I have lived here with his wife and their married son, and his children," she explained. She confessed to wearing felt boots, but observed they are clumsy, and she insisted on changing them before her picture was taken.

Her husband, the late Andrew Miller, was a brother of the late Dan Miller of Stouffville, who lived to a great age, occupying his own home on the school hill, and still well remembered by many of our readers. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller farmed in Markham Township. Mrs. Miller said, "perhaps folks will remember my brother Henry, 'Hank,' they called him and my sister Hattie.

The centenarian lady doesn't like the new way of life, especially for girls. She dislikes them smoking. At the tender age of three years she was taken by a family around Zephyr. They wanted to adopt her, but when her step-father and mother visited the home, they were not satisfied with conditions there, and took her home. "My mother insisted on that," said the elderly lady, who is looking forward to spring and an opportunity of visiting Stouffville this summer.

With a sense of humor Mrs. Miller said once that she had an offer of marriage when she was 90, but she wasn't interested. The young whippersnapper 70 years of age was a drinker, and she couldn't tolerate that even though he was a good man otherwise.

One of her look-for visitors around birthday time is Dan Gibner of Stouffville. "Little Danny" she calls him, because she recalls him as such when a very small undersized lad, and a distant relative of Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller baked bread, and buns up until she was over 100, or to be exact when she was 103.

Sunday Train Service Has Been Resumed

Users of the Canadian National Railway's Sunday night train to Toronto running through Stouffville from Lindsay may consider themselves in luck again. Last Sunday the passenger train resumed service, and while at Stouffville few knew about its return, it was patronized farther north very well especially out of Lindsay where formal announcement had been made early in the week that the train would be resumed in this service. It was suspended during the coal shortage, or during the period that John L. Lewis took to demonstrate to the United States government who was boss over there.

Station Master Mowat announces that all suspended services on C.N.R. lines are being resumed at once.

Goodwood Committee Promised Improved Highway

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve of Uxbridge Township along with a goody delegation from Goodwood waited on Hon. Arthur Welsh at his home in Sunderland last Saturday, in an effort to get some relief from the bad road condition which exists between Goodwood and Stouffville, our Goodwood correspondent informed The Tribune.

The committee was assured that something would be done this year without fail to improve this stretch of road known as No. 47 highway. At present the road is rough and because of sharp grades is dangerous. Ever increasing traffic is adding to the danger and the bad condition generally.

Hon. Mr. Welsh left no doubt in the minds of the visitors, "that he would put his shoulder to the wheel," right away, in putting pressure on the Dept. of Highways.

Public skating at the Arena on Saturday night—Sr. hockey Friday.