

## No Opposition to Plan Ajax Improvement Area

The status of Ajax as an improvement district township was virtually assured Thursday afternoon following a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board. Although they did not officially make a decision the members of the board indicated that they were in favour of giving the Crown-owned land the limited form of self government the improvement district provides. The recreation hall at Ajax was scene of the hearing. An official decision will be forthcoming in two weeks during which time representatives of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Township of Pickering and the County of Ontario will confer and try to arrive at an agreement upon a number of provisions to be incorporated in the Board's decision.

Assuming that the community is given the status of an improvement district township it will be governed by a Board of Trustees which will consist of three men appointed by the Ontario government in order-in-council. The selection of this Board will finally depend upon the Department of

Municipal Affairs but it is likely that it will consist of one representative of Central Mortgage and Housing, one from Ajax industry and one other. The make-up of the Board was one of the principal subjects of controversy at Thursday's hearing up to the point where the members of the Municipal Board pointed out that they were not primarily concerned in that phase of the subject and forbade further discussion.

There was no one present at the hearing who was opposed to the institution of an improvement district except one person and before the afternoon was over he came around to the belief that it would be best for the community. However, Pickering Township and County of Ontario councils were represented and, while they favoured establishment of the district, they wanted to be sure that certain conditions were included. It was to clarify these conditions that the Board is allowing an interval of a fortnight before giving an official decision, which undoubtedly will be in favour of establishing the district.

## Universal Motors Operates on Both 25 and 60 Cycle

Domestic appliances with universal motors operate either on 60-cycle or 25-cycle power. In making this announcement, Hydro Chairman Robert H. Saunders stated that if the motor is working well before the power supply is changed over, it should function efficiently when the switch to 60-cycle has been made. A typical example is the average electric sewing machine which has a universal motor. The sewing machine motor may have a slightly different sound when running on 60-cycle than on 25-cycle power, but the operation of the machine will be much the same as before, the Hydro Chairman said.

Proof that these electric sewing machine motors work well on 60-cycle or 25-cycle power is seen in the fact that the identical machine model with the same universal motor is sold by manufacturers and dealers in both 60-cycle and 25-cycle areas. Such sewing machines have been working efficiently on either cycle current for many years.

## Sunday Sport Vote Beaten at Chatham

Electors of Chatham last week voted against Sunday sport by a majority of 374. In a tight vote, 2,400 opposed Sunday sport, with 2,026 in favor. Only 37.8 per cent of the eligible voters cast their ballots.

City Council sent the question to the electorate after the Ministerial Association had protested against Sunday afternoon skating at the arena which they claimed interfered with Sunday school attendance.

Ministers and laymen campaigned strongly against the bylaw which they interpreted as meaning a question as to whether the city favored commercialized sport. There was no organized campaign for the bylaw.

The latest boy wonder: How long before school is out? Stenographers may be careless about their spelling but they seldom are about their figures.

Last year Canadians paid \$238,000,000 in employer and employee contributions to social security and pension funds.

## Markham Lady in Distinguished Class



Mrs. M. E. McDonald, wife of the late Doctor McDonald, well-known Markham physician, is shown here with E. Creighton and R. D. Hume examining a plaque in Hart House during the recent reunion of the University of Toronto, Class of 1900. Twenty-three members attended a dinner in honour of the occasion.

# MARKHAM TOWNSHIP CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1850 - 1950

Saturday and Sunday - July 1 & 2

*A Day You Will Long Remember!*

Be sure to come to Markham on Saturday and join your neighbors in celebrating the Township's 100th Birthday. Meet all your old friends and make new ones. A rousing time is promised. Bands, parades, the best time you have had for years. WE'LL be seeing you.

## Saturday's Program

in **MARKHAM VILLAGE** at 1.30 p.m.

### MAMMOTH PARADE

Three Bands in Attendance - Colorful Floats - Oxen - Six Horse Teams - Stage Coach - Farm Machinery new & old - School Children - Girl Guides - Boy Scouts  
Decorated Bicycles and Doll Carriages

SPORTS: BASEBALL, RACING, FOLK DANCING, FERRIS WHEEL, MERRY-GO-ROUND, FISH PONDS, TUG-O-WAR, BINGO, ETC.

Guest Speaker: HON. GEO. S. HENRY Public Schools' Speaking Contest

## Sunday's Program

DIVINE SERVICE IN CROSBY MEMORIAL ARENA

at **UNIONVILLE**, 2.30 p.m.

Service Conducted by Rev. Norman Rowan, supported by all Ministers of the Township

MASSED CHOIR accompanied by the QUEEN'S YORK RANGERS' BAND

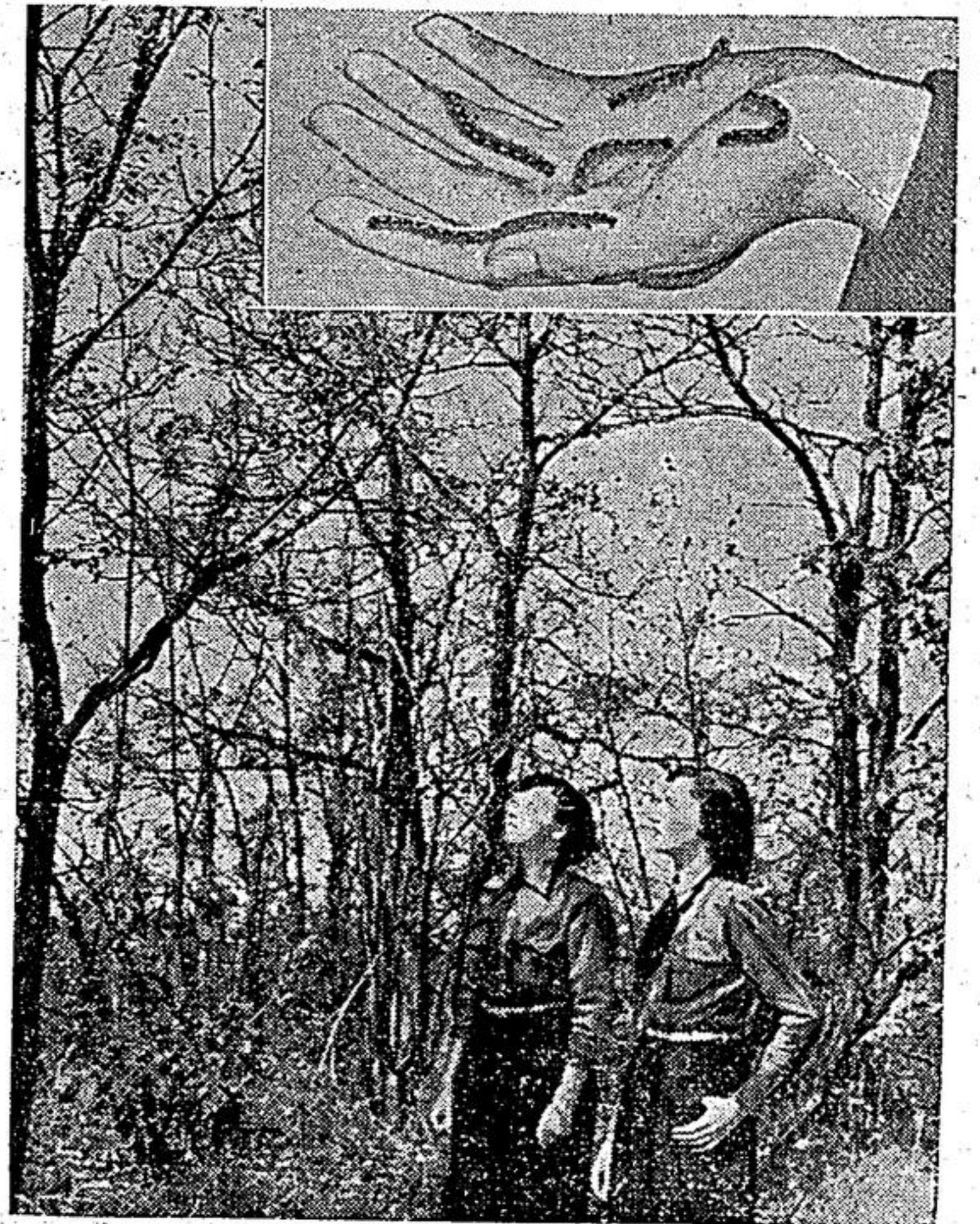
### VETERAN'S PARADE

CHAS. HOOPER  
Chairman Program Committee

REEVE WIN. TIMBERS  
Chairman Centennial Committee

CHAS. HOOVER  
Secretary Centennial Committee

## Muskoka Trees Plagued by Caterpillars



It's like fall in some sections of Muskoka, Ont., where a great plague of tent caterpillars has stripped the foliage from the trees. Joyce Genpe and Audrey Deyette stand beside ruined trees, at left. Close-up shows pests. When caterpillars attack a tree they strip foliage in a few minutes and they have control of almost 3,000,000 acres.

## Butter Winning Back Ground Lost to Margarine



Butter is beginning to reclaim some of the favor lost to its 18-month-old opponent, margarine. Although official figures show margarine production well ahead of last year and butter down slightly, a survey of manufacturers and retail outlets reveals that butter is back in the running. "Margarine has had little effect in the last few months," commented a spokesman for Dominion Stores. Another retailer traced the change to the sharp drop in butter prices. Fay Burnside, above, selects margarine for her weekly grocery supply.

When Newfoundland entered Confederation the maximum number of Senators was increased from 96 to 102. In 1949 Canadians paid by indirect taxes to federal, provincial and municipal governments \$1,857,000,000.