

## Uxbridge Man A Real Winner



Ensil Beverley of Uxbridge who won \$629.50 daily double recently at the Thorncliffe race track, and held an additional \$277.30 straight ticket on the

winner. Only four tickets were sold on Daniel, the long-shot winner, driven by Harold McKinley, the trotter that brought fortune to Mr. Beverley.

## Charles Gostick Purchases Monkhouse Property on Church St.

A large crowd attended the auction sale of household furniture and equipment belonging to the estate of the late John Monkhouse on Church Street north on Saturday. Auctioneer Farmer was in charge, with Lloyd Turner as clerk. At 3 o'clock the 7-room brick dwelling was offered for sale, and was knocked down to Charles Gostick of Mount Joy for \$6,500.

A few articles brought high prices, but on the whole, prices were rather low, with some ridiculously low. An antique cherrywood bedroom suite with bedsprings brought only \$5, a spring-filled mattress in good condition only \$6, and a DeForest Crosley Cabinet Radio only \$4.50.

On the other hand, bidding was keen on some of the smaller, rarer articles. A glass decanter brought \$4.25, and a pair of square glass bottles for the dressing table brought \$8. A pair of small oval picture frames with raised design went for \$2.75. Candle snuffers and brass tray brought \$5, and a pair of snuffers alone \$2.50, while a pickle cruet and tongs went for \$1.75. Mounted plovers in a case were purchased for \$4.25, and a loon for \$3.50. The walnut grandfather clock was knocked down for \$57.50. Perhaps the children enjoying themselves in the swing hammock with mattress had something to do with bringing a \$13-bid for it.

An antique carved-back sofa was sold for \$11, while the modern solid dark oak dining suite brought \$110. A full-length mirror on stand was popular and went to the \$20 bid, and an antique chest of drawers to a \$16 offer. There was a large assortment of rocking and other chairs, linens, blankets and dishes. A pair of pillow cases with hand-made lace edging brought \$5, and a china setting hen, the base of which was mended, \$2. A small swing mirror frame of metal (without mirror) sold for \$7.50.

## William Smith Laid To Rest in 87th Year

Funeral services for the late William Smith, who passed away at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Smith on Wednesday evening, July 5th, were held on Saturday afternoon from O'Neill's Parlours. Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the service at the Chapel, followed by interment in the family plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at which service Rev. Fred Gould officiated.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Walter Brillinger, William Ford, Bruce Harper, L. C. Murphy, Bert Cook of Richmond Hill, and Robert Leckie of Toronto.

The late Mr. Smith had been in failing health for two months, but had only been bedfast for three days, since he suffered a stroke on Monday morning. He was a man of amiable disposition and a hard worker, and was a familiar figure walking through the greenhouses with the family dog "Butch."

He was born 86 years ago in Lancashire, England, the son of John and Rebecca Smith. Sixty-three years ago he was married to Christina Elizabeth Matheson, who passed away four years ago on June 29th. Together they farmed on what is now the site of the North York Market on Yonge St., then on Yonge St. opposite Lawrence Park where the Catholic Church stands, and at Leaside. The deceased was for years an elder in the Eglinton Methodist Church on Yonge St. He was a member of the Market Gardeners Association, and of the Woodmen of the World.

In 1936 Mr. Smith, accompanied by his wife, came to make his home with his son Milton in Stouffville, proprietor of the Stouffville Floral Co. Ltd. Surviving are six sons, Milton and George of Stouffville, and William, Jack, Frank and Fred of Toronto. A son Robert predeceased his father some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Filyer, formerly of Ringwood, have disposed of their general store near Trenton. The couple have not made immediate plans for the future.

## Ira Boyer Dies In 95th Year

The death of Ira Boyer, patient in the Brierbush Hospital for the past seven weeks, occurred on Saturday morning, July 8th. Since the first of the year, Mr. Boyer had been in failing health, having reached the age of 94 years.

The deceased was a son of the late David and Maude Leaney Boyer of the 7th concession of Pickering Township. He was a bachelor, and lived in Claremont most of his life. Always a great lover of flowers, he had a good garden when he made Claremont his home. He was a member of the Claremont Bowling Club and was a member of the Church of the Disciples of Christ. For many years Mr. Boyer taught piano lessons over a wide territory, having studied in Warren, Ohio, and being a gifted pianist.

A brother, the late Joe Boyer of St. Louis and Detroit, became a millionaire through his inventions, which included the pneumatic hammer, and car coupler. He also assisted in the invention of the Burroughes Adding Machine.

The late Mr. Boyer is survived by three nieces in Canada, Mrs. George Lee of Stouffville, Mrs. Lily Comba of Toronto, and Miss Maud McKay of Toronto, as well as several in the United States.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Davidson of Claremont Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Douglas Davis of Stouffville United Church, on Monday afternoon, July 10th, in O'Neill's Funeral Chapel, and proceeded to Claremont Union Cemetery for interment.

Pallbearers were Fred Madill, Glenn Ratcliff, Allan and Glenn Manderson of Balsam, Clarke Bunker and Geo. Lee.

## Ladies Hold Opening Tournament

Stouffville Ladies' Bowling Club held their first tournament of the season Friday evening with 16 sets of mixed doubles, resulting as follows: high for 3 wins, Mr. Hillson and Mrs. Haig, Agincourt; 2nd high for 3 wins, Ed. Wurm and Mrs. Geo. Lee, Stouffville; high for 2 wins, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Watts, Stouffville; high for 1 win, Gordon Lemon and Mrs. Fred Crossen.

## Father of Mrs. S. Bodendistel Passes Following Accident

Falling from a beam while hauling in hay on his farm near Woodville last Thursday, July 6th, and not regaining consciousness, James Dixon passed away in Lindsay Hospital Saturday evening, July 8th. Examination revealed no broken bones but Mr. Dixon suffered an injury to the jaw and possibly a fractured skull.

The deceased was in his 84th year, and was raised in the immediate district of Woodville. He had lived on the same farm since his marriage to Lottie Foster over 50 years ago, and she survives to mourn his loss. Also surviving are three daughters, Mrs. S. Bodendistel (Mary) of Stouffville, Mrs. W. Hooper (Jean) of Toronto, and Mrs. M. Fisher (Minnie) of Caesarea, and two sons, Harvey of Woodville, and Wilton who conducts a funeral home in Markham. A sister, Mrs. W. McEachern, lives at Beaverton. Service was conducted Tuesday afternoon at the late Mr. Dixon's home, with interment being made in Woodville Cemetery.

## Births - Deaths Two to One in First Six Months

Births recorded at the local municipal office for the first six months of 1950, outnumbered deaths by almost two to one. There have been 58 births registered which is two more than for the same period last year. Deaths during the same period totalled 33, as against 30 a year ago.

Mr. Fred Gould, pastor at the Stouffville Congregational Christian Church will preach his farewell sermon here this coming Sunday, July 16th. Mr. Gould will spend the summer in Muskoka engaged in Bible Conference work.

Misses Marion Atkinson, Shirley Bone and Doreen Ogden are assisting this week at Camp Ahshunyong, Lake Simcoe as Junior Counsellors for the Junior Girls' Camp. Five local girls enjoying the camp outing, are Joan Lintner, Shirley Harmon, Marilyn Bone, Margaret Curtis and Karen Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Schwenke (nee Myrtle Crossen) of Livingston, N.J., made a hurried call in town a few days ago.

# Whitchurch Township Protests "Unfair" Assessment Method

Whitchurch Township Council has joined four other municipalities, Markham Township, Vaughan, King and Scarborough in protesting the method used of equalizing the assessment in 1950 in the County of York, and passed a by-law at their regular meeting on Saturday, entering an appeal. At the recent sitting of County Council, the above-mentioned municipalities voted against the assessment committee's report, but lost out and this report was adopted, upon which will be based the 1951 tax levy.

Whitchurch Council claims that the assessment basis is unfair because it was based on 1940 value. Since then urban values, they contend, have soared but farm values have remained the same.

A report was read by Clerk Crawford at the sitting of Whitchurch Council to substantiate council's claim that farms in the township were assessed very much nearer to their actual selling value than residences.

While the township county rate, even under the present setup, was down this year 1.6, council felt that the principal use in determining the value was wrong.

Instances were cited where farms had changed hands in the \$10,000 bracket several times in the last couple of years, and the assessment value placed on these properties by county assessors was approximately \$9,000. On the other hand residential property selling between \$10,000 and \$15,000 was shown to be assessed less than thirty percent.

## Councillor Fred Timbers Family President

At the annual Timbers reunion held in Ratcliff's Park on Saturday, Gordon Timbers of Aurora stepped down from the presidency and the position was taken by Councillor Fred Timbers of Whitchurch.

There were 101 members of the clan present and while none came from a great distance, letters were read from several points in the United States.

President Fred Timbers will team up with his better half, Mrs. Fred Timbers as secretary-treasurer, a position she has held for some years.

Baseball and other sports occupied the afternoon, which was topped by a grand supper.

The Timbers family has been holding this pleasant annual get-together for more than twenty years.

## Officers Installed At Richardson Lodge

Officers for Richardson Masonic Lodge were recently installed with Rt. Wor. Bro. H. C. Tugwell of Georgina Lodge, Toronto, acting as installing officer. The veteran officer who has performed this work for more than 25 years without a break for the local lodge, was assisted by members of Georgina Lodge.

- The officers installed:
- W.M. - Dean Wagg
  - I.P.M. - Reuben Pearse
  - S.W. - Norman Wagg
  - J.W. - Henry Ogden
  - Chaplain - Wor. Bro. J. F. Reid
  - Treas. - Wor. Bro. Neil Smith
  - Sec'y. - Wor. Bro. A. E. Weldon
  - S.D. - Bro. Walt. Todd
  - J.D. - Bro. Ken Wagg
  - D. of C. - Wor. Bro. L.C. Murphy
  - Historian - Wor. Bro. O. Madill
  - I.G. - Bro. Bruce McLean
  - S.S. - Bro. Elwood Baston
  - J.S. - Bro. J. Epworth
  - Tyler - Wor. Bro. Harvey Moyer
  - Ass. Tyler - Bro. Ted Cadieux

Markham Township Council will hold their regular mid-month meeting this Thursday evening, July 13th.

## Will Call Meeting to Plan for Township Centennial

A communication was received at the regular meeting of Whitchurch municipal council on Saturday from the local Conservation Committee suggesting that some recognition be taken of the fact that 1950 marked the centenary of municipal government in Whitchurch Township.

Council agreed that some form of celebration should be held by the municipal clerk where representatives of all township organizations, and municipalities linked

## Dalton-Robson Reunion at Stouffville

The 14th annual reunion of the Dalton-Robson families was held at the Stouffville Memorial Park on Saturday, July 8th. The day was perfect for the occasion, and all enjoyed the pleasant surroundings in the park.

The president, Mr. Chas. Feasby of Goodwood, presided. Mr. George Tran, Atha, and Mrs. Prescilla Sollitt of Peterborough won prizes for the oldest man and woman present. Mrs. Sollitt also won the prize for coming the farthest. Little Yvette Malloy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Malloy, won the prize for the youngest one present. Mrs. Gordham Tran of Markham won the prize for the lucky spot.

In the election of officers Mr. Chas. Feasby was again chosen president, vice-president, Mr. George Dalton, Gormley and secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Howard St. John.

Races and contest for all ages were taken care of by the convener Mr. Chas. Dalton.

It was decided to hold another reunion next year the second Saturday in July at the same park.

## Thought Caller Could Be Crumback Girl

A dark-haired girl recently called at the home of Mrs. William Beach, Ballantrae, whom this lady thought might possibly be the missing Mabel Crumback from suburban Toronto. The girl asked if she might come in the house since she was "scared" of some men with a car and trailer who were out on the road and had offered her a ride.

Mrs. Beach let the girl inside, and later she was joined by a taller girl with fair hair and two young men. The four in the Beach home were determined to remain inside until the car and trailer out on the road had moved on, and after a time, the car turned around and headed south down the 8th concession.

Mrs. Beach, after seeing a picture of Mabel Crumback believed there was a striking similarity. She notified Whitchurch police, and Constable Mulholland investigated. Mrs. Beach told this reporter she has heard nothing further.

## New Haying Methods Gain in Popularity

Drive several miles in any direction out of Stouffville and you will see fields of hay cut and in bales, square shaped or conical. This new method of harvesting hay has come in fast in the last couple of years, and hay balers and loaders for bales are a fast seller in the local implement trade.

It is estimated that there are more than 150 balers and 50 to 100 harvesters at work this year in York County.

New steel silos for storing hay, chopped hay are becoming ever more popular. Leitchcroft Farms and Col. Phillips near Oriole were two prominent farms to pioneer in this new storage method. An electric motor in the bottom of the silo draws air through the perforations, through the hay and expels in through a central elevator shaft.

To date we have not heard of anyone practicing the mill drying process for hay as used in the States. There milling companies buy up the alfalfa and haul it to a plant where it is dried and ground. Field drying in wet weather is thus eliminated. U.S. farmers last year received \$17 a dry ton for alfalfa which average two to three tons per acre.

## Two New Constables For Pickering Township

Pickering Township Council has appointed two new constables. They are Walter Higgins and Gordon Channing. Selected from a sizeable list of applicants, both officers are veterans of World War I.

Constable Fred White was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. This brings the force to four including the chief, Lockhart Trinnell, a former Toronto detective.

The growth of the township necessitates the larger force.

## Pine Orchard School Trustees Protest Any Easing of Powers

A brief was tabled at the regular meeting of Whitchurch Council on Saturday, signed by trustees of School Section No. 4, Pine Orchard, opposing any lessening of powers of public school trustees to control own expenditures. A proposal was put forward at the recent session of County Council designed to give municipal councils some control over the expenditures of local school trustees, which it was stated had soared to unheard of levels. The proposal would have established the right of appeal to possibly the Municipal Board, against trustees' levies.

In the brief presented by Pine Orchard trustees, they cite the claim that they, like the municipal council, are responsible to the ratepayers. Trustees, the brief stated, are non-paid, and thus non-political and their only interests of education as they apply to children and teachers. The diverse problems of modern education are uppermost in public administration and require specialized consideration.

The resolution stated that this Board opposed any retrograde step undertaken to weaken the present organization and the authority of the public school boards.

A request for a wrecking license received from Stanley Hall on the Aurora Road, was rejected by council. Council contended that such a permit would only create one more junk heap.

The road supt. was instructed to erect Stop signs at Bethesda, where the side roads enter the through concession.

Road Supt. Davis revealed to council that the Whitchurch police had been checking trucks coming from the Gravel Hill pit for overloading infractions. The Supt. stated that it was impossible to keep some of the roads in condition while truckers continued to overload their trucks. Three truckers were summoned to court from checkups at the corner of the 9th con. and Stouffville recently. However, Mr. Davis stated that when drivers became aware that they were being checked, they continued on across the side roads at Bloomington and avoided meeting up with the police.

The amount of \$10 was ordered paid to George Sproston, lot 25, con. 4, for one sheep injured by dogs.

Approximately 29 miles of township road has received weed spray on both sides, the Road Supt. told council. This is about the same amount of spraying as was done in the municipality last year.

Road accounts for the month totalled \$4,040.63, which included about \$1,000 for work on the north townline.

The matter of improvement for the grounds about the township hall and office came in for considerable discussion. A communication was received from the Township Conservation Club asking if something couldn't be done to make the municipal grounds a little more presentable.

It was revealed that a board of management was established for the hall and grounds more than fifteen years ago, but the statement was made that the group had not met fifteen times in all those years. Just how improvements of this nature should be financed will be looked into by Clerk John Crawford, who told council that it was only by the kindness of the road supt. that one was able to look out of the township office windows, the grass had grown so high. The municipal mower had finally come to the rescue and cut the heavy growth, but a week later, ball players were still knee deep in hay, and no more league games would be allowed at Vandorf until the "mess" was cleaned up.

# Township Tax Rate Slightly Lower for 1950

"It's our wish to keep the tax rate on a par with last year, or a little down, if possible," stated Reeve Edw. Logan, as Whitchurch Council launched into the sixth hour of council proceedings at Saturday afternoon's meeting.

Treasurer John Crawford stated that a 17 mill rate for the township would make a small surplus to handle any eventualities which might arise. The 17 mill rate as set on Saturday is made up of 16.6 mills for township general purposes and .4 for relief. This is an increase of two-tenths of a mill for relief but an overall decrease of two-tenths of a mill from last year's figure. Added to this rate will be 4.6 mills for County purposes.

The levy required for general township purposes is \$65,968. The total assessment for the township as stated in the taxing bylaw is \$3,070,863.33.

The general township school rate

is down five tenths of a mill which added to the general rate reduction will give the ratepayers an overall reduction of seven tenths of a mill.

Of the three High School Areas in which Whitchurch Township is involved, Stouffville, Aurora and Newmarket, Stouffville is the only one to show a decrease, the rate for 1950 being 1.7, to cover an appropriation of \$2,545.26.

Now all the secondary students are conducted to school by bus, and it all adds to the tax bill. One of the main bumps in the care of outgoing patients from certain hospitals called T.B. aftercare. Every day it is costing dollars for hospitalization and aftercare that the municipalities are forced to meet.

This year the entire secondary school taxes are collected through the high school rate and the county does not enter into the picture at all.