

Council Orders Police to Patrol Whitchurch Roads Against Cattle Rustlers

Taking advantage of record high beef prices, gangs of cattle rustlers, using fast trucks, have been swooping down on farmers' back pastures, stealing high grade animals and swiftly disposing of them at big profits through irregular channels, rural police report.

With nine rustling cases outstanding on their books, Whitchurch Township police have had to start a nightly "cow patrol" on concessions east of Aurora. Police officers comb back roads all night, every night, stopping and checking every truck they spot.

Friday night, this paid off in two arrests, though not rustling cases. John Colling, 35, and David Green, 34, both of Wilcox Lake, were charged with theft of lumber. Chief Ronald Watt and Chief W. Mulholland say they spotted the two loading lumber on to a truck at Taylor's sawmill, just north of Wilcox Lake.

The nightly patrol in Whitchurch was started when farmers demanded protection. Nine steers, worth more than \$400 each to farmers in sales through regular channels, have been stolen in the past few weeks. Many more cases over the past six months haven't

been reported, police think.

Many Whitchurch farmers are keeping nightly guard with shotguns over their herds or bringing them from back pastures to enclosed areas at night. All the cattle stolen have been from pastures close to main roads, so the thieves would be sure of a quick getaway.

In Peel County, Toronto Township police were informed Saturday of theft of a valuable Short-horn steer apparently loaded into a truck in a pasture at the north end of the township, just after dark. On the opposite side of the city, in Pickering Township, Police Chief Lockhart Trinnell was called to impound a herd of seven Shorthorns which had strayed into the garden of Mrs. A. Corry of Pickering's fourth concession.

No owner has claimed the animals yet. They may have been stampeded by rustlers attempting to round them up into trucks and strayed said the chief.

Cattle thefts have also been reported in the Beaverton and Barrie area. Sellers at the Ontario stockyards in West Toronto are getting from 28 to 32¢ cents per pound for live cattle this week, the stockyards report.

Horticultural Society Wins First Prize At Exhibition

In a class of 6 entries—basket of mixed flowers—Stouffville Horticultural Society was successful in carrying off the first prize at the Canadian National Exhibition. Those responsible for the work involved in this project which incidentally reflects credit on the entire village, deserve hearty congratulations on their achievement.

Former Stouffville Girl Dies in New Mexico

Announcement has reached here of the death in New Mexico of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hockaday. The late Mr. Hockaday died in April, while his wife who was the former Reta Lehman of Stouffville, passed away last month. The late Mrs. Hockaday was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Lehman, residents in the east end of Stouffville sixty years ago. Mr. Lehman will be recalled by our elder residents as a millwright.

More than fifty years ago, Reta Lehman travelled to Colorado to visit friends, and here she met Charles Hockaday whom she later returned to marry.

The deceased couple who were both over eighty have been living with a daughter in New Mexico for several years.

Call in Legal Advisers Over Contentious Building Controls in Markham Twp.

Markham Township Council reconvened on Monday evening to bring final settlement to the contentious question of whether or not a Mr. Brown of the Doncrest subdivision on the west side of the township should be allowed to proceed with a new dwelling.

Present for the hearing was the township solicitor and solicitor for York County, J. D. Lucas, and two solicitors representing Mr. Brown, and the other, a dozen or more ratepayers in the subdivision who are opposed to the new house.

Mr. Brown's solicitor contended that his client, a veteran of the last war had had a permit (later revoked), and that he was entitled to a permit under the local building bylaw, and called for its immediate reinstatement.

Mr. Estane, solicitor for the opposing ratepayers, stated that there were no personalities involved in the argument. He contended that Mr. Brown's house was being erected at the rear of another house which was contrary to the township bylaw, and that there was danger of polluting the creek and water supply if the new owner was allowed to build a septic tank nearby.

Mr. Lucas summed up the situation briefly, to the effect that he could not see any township bylaw which would prevent Mr. Brown from building on his present site, Pt. of lot 12, Doncrest Sub-Div.

He pointed out that the clause banning the erection of one house to the rear of another, as appearing in the Markham Building By-law, was "worthless," since this clause had nothing to do with building, but belonged in the Land Restrictions By-law. However, Mr. Brown had commenced building prior to the Municipal Board's approval of the Land Restrictions By-law, and therefore prior to its becoming law.

"You cannot grant and revoke permits without lawful reason," Mr. Lucas informed council.

While the Land Restrictions By-law as now in force would bar Mr. Brown's house, you cannot make it retroactive to land already built upon.

"My opinion is that the grounds put forth by the opposing solicitor Mr. Estane for the cancelling of this permit, are not lawful grounds," stated Mr. Lucas.

"This lot was already on a registered plan, and you don't need to come to council if you wish to split a lot on a registered plan," he stated.

84-Year-Old Lady Plans Day at Ex To Celebrate

Monday, Aug. 28th was the birthday of Mrs. Joseph Hoover of Rupert Avenue, marking 84 years of energetic living. Mrs. Hoover told us she planned to spend the day at the Exhibition with her daughter, Mrs. Percy Steckley of Toronto. Afterwards she plans to go to Vineland to visit relatives. On Monday also, the Steckleys celebrated the birthday by giving a dinner, at which Mrs. Hoover's sister, Mrs. Ada Dawson, and her husband, were present.

Mrs. Hoover was the former Frances (Fanny) Reaman, whose parents were Samuel Reaman and Frances Grove Reaman. Her father was a blacksmith; and they lived half a mile south of Ringwood on the 8th of Markham. When she married Joseph Hoover, she moved two miles farther south on the 8th of Markham, and 37 years ago she and Mr. Hoover moved to Stouffville. Mr. Hoover passed on six years ago this month. Mrs. Hoover has three sisters living, Mrs. Elizabeth Shank, a patient in Brierbush Hospital; Mrs. Franklin Hoover of Stouffville, and Mrs. Ada Dawson of Scarborough Junction.

Mrs. Hoover capably takes care of her own household, likes to travel, visits Brierbush Hospital once a week—on Fridays—and busies herself as usual with neighbourly acts. Miss Ada Grove makes her home with Mrs. Hoover.

Truck and Grader Collide on 10th Line

A gravel truck owned by Lageer Bros. of Stouffville, and driven by Jack Hill, was in collision on Saturday morning, with a heavy Dept. of Highways maintainer on the Highway (10th con.) just north of Stouffville near the C.N.R. crossing.

While only injury suffered was a bruised knee by the grader driver, both the truck and the maintainer were badly smashed. The truck was proceeding north to the pit at the time of the accident, while the maintainer was enroute to the DeHaviland plant, Toronto.

The heavy blade was torn off the road machine, while the front truck wheels were driven all the way to the rear axle by the force of the impact.

PRIZE WINNERS AT C.N.E.

Robt. Lewis of Markham carried off top honors for mangolds at the C.N.E. this week, while Davidson Bros., Agincourt, were prize winners in the potato class.

Markham Girl Wins Provincial Scholarship

Christine Robb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robb, 8th concession of Markham, has won a Provincial scholarship for her success in her graduating year at Markham High School. Christine obtained seven firsts and two thirds in her Senior Matriculation. The scholarship, one of eighteen given in York County, carries a value of \$400.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Barkey announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice Victoria, to Howard Delbert Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Baker. The marriage will take place on Thursday, September 14, at 3 o'clock in the Dickson's Hill Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Reesor announce the engagement of their daughter Eva Alvina to Paul Herbert Burkholder, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Burkholder. The marriage will take place Thursday, Sept. 7, at 2:30 o'clock in the Wideman Mennonite Church, Markham.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy J. Wideman of Markham announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Marian Jean, to Franklin Lorne Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carter of Locust Hill. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, September 20, at 3 o'clock, in St. Andrew's United Church, Markham.

Whitchurch Sanctions New Half Million Dollar School for Aurora

At the mid-month meeting of Whitchurch Township Council on Thursday evening, approval was given for the new half million dollar High School in Aurora. Finley McLachlin Construction Co. of Toronto were the successful tenderers for the project, and the price was \$503,396.71. Four firms placed bids for the job, the highest tender being \$577,000.00.

Of the contract price Whitchurch Township will pay sixteen per cent, Aurora will shoulder 29 per cent and King Township 55 per cent.

Instructions were given for the township police to patrol roads in the western section of the municipality where it is believed an attempt was made last week to rustle a farmer's cattle. A rope was found about the neck of a cow on the farm of J. A. Montgomery, on the 3rd concession.

It is recalled that last year, John Crawford and H. Smith lost animals in a similar manner.

Alex Zarko, resident of lot 27, concession 8, applied to the township for a permit to operate a meat processing plant.

A grant of \$25 was extended to the Toronto Humane Society, and the Society was instructed to pick up more stray animals in the Wilcox Lake area.

Miss A. B. Clark of Toronto, and Mrs. Jas. Turner, Miss Nettie Rae, and Mrs. Chas. Ward returned from a week's holiday at Windemere House, Lake Rosseau, Muskoka.

Local Horse Shoe Pitchers Compete At The C.N.E.

A team from the Stouffville Horse Shoe Pitchers' Club competed in the annual matches at the C.N.E. on Friday evening. The local quintette which included two gentlemen from Brown's Corners, members of the Stouffville Club, comprised Messrs. Dave Stouffer, Harve Clendening and Wm. Grove.

The home entry collected \$8, fifth prize money, Galt taking first.

Incidentally, the Stouffville Horse Shoe Pitching Club now boasts thirty members. Wm. Grove is president of the organization, and Ralph Burkholder secretary.

Farmer Helplessly Sees Fire Destroy Life Work

Fruits of years of hard toil for Fred Hamilton, Pickering Township farmer, were wiped out by a \$30,000 barn fire near Brougham early Saturday.

In a few agonizing minutes the helpless farmer watched as practically all his possessions except his house went up in flames.

Mr. Hamilton said he was awakened by the blaze shortly after 2 a.m. on Saturday.

"I woke and heard the crackling of the flames. We called the fire department but there was nothing they could do. It was too far gone," he said.

He said he had no idea what had caused the blaze. "We were always very careful of fire. Insurance will only cover a very small part of the loss," he said.

The blaze was so fierce when discovered by Mr. Hamilton that nothing could be done to save anything in the barn.

Lost were 35 hogs, a bull, calf, threshing machine, large tractor, car, hay and grain crop, 125 chickens, chicken house, implement shed and farm equipment.

A few cattle in pasture for the night escaped.

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Prouse of Brampton have been holidaying with their respective families in Stouffville and Clarendon.

Junior Farmers Camp At Lake Simcoe

The third District Camp for the Junior Farmers of the central counties got away to a fine start at Camp Ahshunyoong on Lake Simcoe on Monday with 50 girls and boys registered from the counties of Simcoe, York, Ontario, Victoria, Halton, Durham, Northumberland, Brant and Oxford. There are 8 campers from the Unionville, Sharon, Schomberg and Vellore Junior Farmer clubs in York County.

These young people will have a full week of camping with most interesting program of instruction on athletics including swimming, recreational programs, music, dramatics, public speaking with a chaplain and nurse on the staff as well. Camp supervisor and business manager is Jim McCullough, Assistant Agricultural Representative for York while the director of the program and physical instruction is Bill Mitchell of the staff of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Local members of the staff include Mrs. Dorothy Bowman, Newmarket, on dramatics and public speaking, Miss Margaret Watson, Kleinburg, on music and Rev. H. Hovey of Aurora.

There will not be a dull moment from reveille at 7 till lights out at 11, a.m. and p.m. respectively of course. Next week York County will be represented at the Provincial Camp at Geneva Park by Anna Orr of the Vellore Club and Bob Hamilton of the Schomberg Club.

BRIGADE PROTECTS COTTAGES FROM CAR FIRE

Stouffville Fire Brigade was called to Musselman's Lake about 6 o'clock on Friday morning where a car which had been parked between two cottages, was ablaze, and it was feared the flames might reach the frame buildings.

While the machine was a total wreck, the brigade was on hand in a few minutes and prevented any further outbreak.

Mrs. S. W. Hastings has returned from a ten-day visit with her sisters, Mrs. Davis and Miss Harvey, at Footh Bay. Mrs. Hastings was also holidaying at Parry Sound and Burgess Island, Lake Joseph, Muskoka.

Local Ice-Cream Bricks Up to 35c

A five-cent increase in the price of brick ice cream and a small rise in the bulk product went into effect this week in Stouffville as in many other centres.

Dairymen report the increase is not due to the rail strike, but to increased costs of butter fat and sugar, plus the fact that although the sales tax of eight cents a gallon to the customer had been removed recently, manufacturers are now waxed on the ingredients.

Five-cent cones are still being sold, but it is left to the discretion of the dealer whether or not they are smaller cones.

Premier To Speak At Whitchurch Centennial

The Hon. Leslie Frost, Premier of Ontario, will be the feature speaker at the Centennial Celebration of Whitchurch Township being held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16th and 17th. The Saturday program will include a giant motor cavalcade, commencing at 10 a.m. in Newmarket and proceeding through Aurora, Stouffville and thence to Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake.

At the lakeside there'll be sports of all kinds, addresses by the Premier, members of Parliament, and County officials.

A mass church service is being arranged for the Newmarket Arena on Sunday, Sept. 17th, under the chairmanship of Rev. Norman Rowan. Guest speaker on this occasion will be Rev. Levi Atkinson of Uxbridge, and a former Whitchurch Township son.

Replay Tri-County League Playoff This Friday Night

Sunderland will make a second trip to Stouffville this Friday evening, Sept. 1st, for the all-important fifth game in the current Intermediate baseball semi-final. Monday's game was thrown out when the specially appointed league umpires failed to arrive.

2,000 Attend Arena Service, Despite Heat

Like rain falling on parched and thirsty land, the Evangelistic Campaign being held in the Stouffville Arena, and sponsored by the Ministerial Committee of the Churches of Stouffville Area, is revitalizing the inner life of the entire community. There is a gratifying unity existing among the ministers and the churches co-operating. Each evening a number of ministers representing the various denominations are on the platform. Total attendance for the first week is estimated at eight thousand.

A choir of some 70 voices is present to make their splendid contribution to each service. Last Sunday evening they sang from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Thursday evening the Kinsmen's Quartette will sing. Flowers for the platform are supplied under the direction of the Horticultural Society.

Sunday evening well over 2,000 were in attendance, and friends from Oshawa, Toronto, Newmarket, Uxbridge and Clarendon were present. Tuesday evening 25 young people attended from Rev. Turner's Goodwood circuit.

Last Friday afternoon's meeting for children was attended by 800 people. Eight cars filled with children came from Clarendon, under the direction of Rev. Mr. Lackey. The Lemonville store-keeper, Mr. D. Greer, brought 25 in his delivery truck. Those present were impressed by the gospel truths so strikingly presented by Rev. John Linton, the evangelist. Everyone is looking forward to the meeting this Friday afternoon in the Arena at 3 p.m., which is a continuation of last week's "Gospel Magic," for children 6 years of age and over, as well as adults.

Mr. Linton is a man of gripping

sincerity, as well as an outstanding evangelist. He understands people, has spiritual insight; and he loves God.

His sermons are logical, persuasive, and full of divine compulsion. He preaches from the Bible, and is firing the ministers as well as congregations with new zeal and inspiration. Scores of people have spoken to Mr. Linton of the spiritual blessings they have received, and of the change wrought in their lives.

This weekend will see the close of the campaign, and meetings are being held every evening this week, including Saturday. There will be another interesting children's meeting on Friday afternoon, and the Youth for Christ Choir will provide special musical numbers on Saturday night.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

Lush Canadian Pastures Mean Lower Meat Prices



U.S. supplies of beef cattle will soon be more than sufficient to cover all needs and this will weaken prices here, experts claim. Canadian prices follow the U.S. lead, because of our large export trade, and by fall customers will be paying less for meat. Canadian cattle nourished on the best pastures in years will weaken prices also, authorities say.