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## Trusteeship Contested, Uxbridge Twp. Council Elected by Acclamation

Reeve Isaac Catherwood and Deputy Reeve Berton Tindall were re-elected by acclamation at the nomination meeting for Uxbridge Township held in the hall at Goodwood on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22nd. The other members of the 1951 council will be Luther Booth, John A. Ball and Bruce Beach.

Eight candidates nominated for the office of school trustee will go to the polls on Monday, Jan. 1st, to contest the five seats on the School Board. Polling hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stewart Ball was nominated for reeve, but withdrew his name at the meeting in favour of Reeve Catherwood. Other names nominated for Councillors were Ralph Faulkner, Wendell Alcock, Horace Johnston, Walter T. Beach and Stewart Ball, who failed to qualify.

For the office of Trustees for the Twp. School Area, the following qualified: William Hewlett, Henry Slack, Lemuel Pickett, Kenneth Minard, Wilbert Byam, Walter Beach, Eldred Catherwood and Norman Hall. Earl Tindall and Edgar Johnston were nominated, but were disqualified because of absence.

## Farmed in Markham Dies at Age of 93

David Gillham who farmed the greater part of his lifetime in Markham Township, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 24th, at the home of his son Milton in Leaskdale, at the age of 93. He was twice married, his first wife being Amanda Ash, who predeceased him forty-four years ago. He is survived by his widow, Alberta Hisey. There are also three sons, George, Allison, Milton, Leaskdale, and John, Toronto; also a brother, Louis, King, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Johnson, Lemonville.

The funeral on Wednesday of this week was conducted from the Dixon Funeral Home, Markham, with interment in the Dickson's Hill Cemetery.

Christmas dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Winterstein included Mrs. Robert Winterstein and Miss Nora Macklem, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Winterstein and Jean and Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Storey were in Hamilton at the Loney home for Christmas.



MAY WE TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION OF YOUR PATRONAGE DURING THE YEAR NOW COMING TO A CLOSE. WE TRUST THAT THIS YULETIDE SEASON HAS BROUGHT YOU AN ABUNDANCE OF THOSE THINGS YOU HOLD DEAR TO YOUR HEART. MAY THE NEW YEAR BE A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS ONE IN WHICH GOOD FELLOWSHIP SHALL SET THE PATTERN OF THE DAYS AHEAD.

## Building Bylaw Mooted For Uxbridge Township

Speaking at the annual Uxbridge Township nominations at Goodwood hall last Friday afternoon, Ralph Faulkner, member of last year's council and re-nominated stated, Uxbridge Twp. is 100 years old.

Council meetings took place in several buildings. "One was the Buffalo House," he stated, "but I haven't been able to find out where that was located." Mr. Faulkner added that if the old council remained in office, they would pass a Building By-law to regulate building according to specifications.

Reeve Catherwood called attention to the fact there would be a lady member attending County Council in 1951, as Mrs. Mackenzie was elected Reeve of Beaverton. He referred to the expenditure by the County of Ontario of \$350,000 on a new home being built for the Aged, with the City of Oshawa paying some 33% of building cost, as well as a share of the upkeep.

He stated the Government is agitating this Twp. School Area, to which the council agreed. A grant of \$300 is made for each section, which amounts to \$3600 for the 12 school sections. Reeve Catherwood stated he had discussed the school area problem with representatives of Ontario and Simcoe. "They find it more economical to operate under the new set-up. The rate of the school that didn't come in is higher," the Reeve added, and continued, "We have decided to form a Public School area in the Township of Uxbridge and see how it pans out. If the people are dissatisfied we can and may change it. We're not trying to put anything over you."

Deputy Reeve Berton Tindall spoke about the new township truck, which he declared was "costing us about \$5500."

A voice inquired: "Are they turning in the old truck, Bert?"

"No," the Deputy Reeve replied, "they're giving us 10% off without trade-in, which they wouldn't have given otherwise. That amounted to

about the same as the old truck—we'd have been practically giving it away. That's the reason we kept it."

Clerk Treasurer Ashenhurst clarified the Deputy Reeve's statement "costing us about \$5500" with the explanation "the price of the truck is \$11,000 and the Government pays 50%."

Mr. Tindall also referred to the fact \$1800 had been cut off the highway appropriation this year by the Dept. of Highways, which curtailed council's plans for road improvement. He stated they had been forced to spend a lot of money on repairing the maintainer and hiring equipment for snow plowing as the township's was useless.

Councillor Alcock regretted he had missed many important meetings during the year, owing to ill health.

Snow removal cost the township \$3,576 last year, Councillor Faulkner stated, with a total of \$18,512.70 spent on roads, 50% of which is recoverable from the government. "We all know taxes are high. We all have cars. We have to have roads," Councillor Booth declared. He hoped the purchase of the new truck would save considerably on maintenance costs. Mr. Booth stated it was his first year on council.

Four bulldozers were used to open roads last winter, the Reeve reported, at a cost of \$10 to \$12 an hour.

Reeve Baxter of Scott Township was present, and voiced this complaint regarding County Roads, "we do not get efficient expenditure for the money we spend on township roads. I advocate turning all roads back on the municipality. I think our whole county system needs rebuilding. I don't like to waste public money." Reeve Baxter brought greetings from Scott Township.

Stewart Ball stated he didn't agree with Reeve Baxter that county roads should be passed (continued on back page)

## Born at Bethesda Eighty-Four Years Ago

Following an attack of pneumonia and a brief illness of scarcely a week Mrs. Sarah Meed passed away at her residence at Peaches Corners, 7th con., Markham, on Dec. 22nd. The late Mrs. Meed was born at Bethesda 84 years ago but moved to Markham where she has resided for the last 23 years.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Shaffer, she was married to Robt. Meed in March, 1904. Her maiden name was Sarah Ann Shaffer.

Mrs. Meed was a regular attendant at Wideman Church where she taught a Sunday School class for many years.

Besides her husband the late Mrs. Meed is survived by one brother Abraham of Bethesda and a sister, Mrs. Peter Brillinger (Adeleine), living in Gormley.

The funeral service was held from her late residence on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, thence to Wideman Mennonite Church for public service at 2.30. The service was conducted by Messrs. A. D. Grove and Oscar Burkholder of Breslau. Interment was made at Wideman Cemetery, Markham. The pallbearers were Carl Reesor, Gordon Reid, George Hoover, Allan Lewis, Russell Grove and Edwin Byer.

## Public Hearing on Bylaw Next Week

A public hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board on the new Land Restrictions Bylaw in Whitchurch Township, is scheduled for the Vandorf Hall next Wednesday, Jan. 3rd, at 10.30 a.m.

A copy of the bylaw has been mailed to each ratepayer in the township, and any clauses which are objectionable will be aired at next Wednesday's meeting.

Whitchurch already has a Building Bylaw in force governing the erection of buildings. The new law, when approved, will govern the cutting up of lots, number of dwellings which may be placed on a given area, etc.

## New Schedule of Telephone Rates

A new schedule of rates effecting those telephone exchanges of the Woodbridge & Vaughan Co. recently taken over by the Bell System will become effective on Jan. 1st. While there is no increase in the local B & S. Telephone rates, the local company has published the new Bell rates in the interests of local customers who have occasion to use the former Woodbridge & Vaughan exchanges. The new schedule appears on page 6 of this issue.

Mrs. Glenna Abell of Toronto, Private Charles Davis and wife of Camp Borden spent their Christmas holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Klinck of Otterville spent Christmas at H.O. Klinck's.

## Large Christmas Gatherings in Markham Homes

Two of the largest family gatherings this Christmas were in Markham homes. At Edwin Byer's on the 8th concession, thirty-three guests sat down to dinner on Christmas Day, and twenty-four gathered around the same table for the evening meal. Three turkeys were required to satisfy the yuletide appetites. This is the largest family get-together at this well-known home in some years. Mr. Earl Strong of Brantford came the furthest distance on the holiday.

A little farther south at the home of Mrs. A. Ferrier in Mt. Joy, a family gathering of twenty-five enjoyed the holiday feast, and consumed a twenty-two pound bird. Mrs. Ferrier had six children, ten grandsons and two granddaughters with her for Christmas.

## Five Candidates Seeking Election in Whitchurch Tp.

Ivan McLaughlin received the reeveship of Whitchurch Township and Fred Timbers, the deputy-reeveship, by acclamation at the annual nomination meeting held in the Vandorf Hall on Friday afternoon. The move up the municipal ladder by these two council members was prompted by the retirement of Reeve Edw. Logan who has served Whitchurch for eleven years.

The remaining three council seats are being contested by five candidates, Sid Legge and R. C. Baycroft, members of council last year, and three new aspirants to office, Delos Graham, J. A. Clarke and E. L. McCarron.

Mr. Graham and Mr. Clarke are well-known township farmers, while Mr. McCarron, while holding an important position in a Toronto concern, is also farming in Whitchurch. The race has stimulated considerable interest and a considerable vote is predicted at the polls next Monday providing the weather is favorable.

RECEIVES ACCLAMATION



Reeve Ivan McLaughlin

## Whitchurch Candidate Stresses Need for More Industrial Expansion

The Vandorf Hall was comfortably filled on Friday afternoon for the annual nomination meeting of Whitchurch Township. Reeve Logan who last week announced his retirement from municipal office, addressed the gathering, and summarized the high points during the century of municipal government celebrated by the township this fall. He called attention to the downward trend of the township's county tax levy, and improvements made and those pending on the county roads within the municipality.

Mr. Logan stated that he would recommend to the incoming council that they look with favor upon the request of the Oak Ridges Lions Club to be permitted to purchase certain tax land within the township for park purposes.

Ivan McLaughlin, deputy-reeve, spoke of his work in connection with his position as a commissioner for the County Home for the Aged. He revealed that forty-five men and thirty-one women are being cared for at this institution.

Mr. McLaughlin pointed out the favorable decision in the recent county equalized assessment case which dropped the Whitchurch assessment by more than a half million dollars. The Deputy-reeve stated that he would support the new Land Restrictions Bylaw, recently passed, and scheduled for a public hearing before the Municipal Board early in January.

Councillor Fred Timbers, in charge of the township's road program in 1950, told the ratepayers that the roads were wearing out faster than they could be built, and noted the fact that three gravel pit companies were operating near the township.

"I would like to see a larger grant from the government to help us with these roads or we may have to resort to collecting business tax to offset the damage done by so many gravel trucks," said Mr. Timbers.

Mr. Timbers told his audience that approximately \$2,000 had been spent in completing a good job on the north townline between the 7th and 8th concession. Nine to 10 miles of road had been oiled this past summer and sixty tons of calcium used. Thirteen to fourteen miles of ditching had been done with the township's own equipment, and 11,000 yards of gravel laid down.

Councillor Sid Legge reviewed the police situation, and added that the incoming council would be faced with engaging another officer, one having resigned in September.

Mr. Legge pointed to the strides made in providing a new up-to-date office building in Whitchurch, something which was long overdue.

Councillor R. C. Baycroft also touched on road matters, and stressed the fact that it might be necessary to raise the \$50,000 road budget even higher, if better roads were continually demanded.

Mr. Delos Graham and Mr. J. A. Clarke, both nominated for the office of council told the ratepayers that they intended to stand for council and would endeavor to give their best if elected.

E. J. McCarron, also nominated for a council seat, told the gathering that Whitchurch would continue to have many problems because of its proximity to Toronto.

"No speaker yet," he said, "has offered to suggest any new avenue of taxation to take care of these mounting costs."

He proposed that industry should be "coaxed" to locate in Whitchurch, to alleviate the tax burden. The tourist trade too was one on which the township was losing out.

"We're meeting 1950 expenditures on an 1850 revenue basis," he added.

Mr. McCarron urged his listeners to get out and vote on Monday. The reason so few people in Europe today haven't the right to vote is because they didn't use the privilege when they did have it.

Farmers, he stated were paying seventy-five per cent of the taxes in Whitchurch.

He advocated seasonal ratepayers meetings so that problems could be talked over with the council.

Earle Toole, newly appointed member of the York County Road Commission, and former township reeve, spoke briefly and paid glowing tribute to the work of John Crawford, Whitchurch clerk, who has held this position for sixteen years.

Subscribers are reminded that The Tribune will be published one day later next week owing to the New Year holiday.