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A NICE BUNCH OF KIDS



With three children to raise, tend 35 goats and other farm animals on their 50-acre 8th. con. farm, located in the Township of Markham.

Markham Twp. Goat Herd Sends Milk to Market

While her husband looks after the business of being a ceramic engineer for a refrigeration firm, Mrs. Joan Durrant looks after a herd of 35 goats, 13 of them milking, on their 50-acre farm south of Dickson's Hill on the 8th concession of Markham. The milk is pasteurized by the Maple Leaf Dairy in Stouffville and sold on the North York Market.

When Mrs. Joan Durrant was a little girl living out in Saskatchewan, her mother used to "call her down" regularly for coming home smelling of horses. The fact was, she loved animals and spent many hours around the local stables. When she was 10 years old she was given a pony. Later, she studied animal husbandry at the University of Saskatchewan, and four years ago, when she and her husband built a little house on a two-acre plot in Scarborough, she took the opportunity to have animals of her own.

The idea was to have something that would keep the family in milk. Two acres is not big enough for a cow, so she bought a couple

of goats. The small herd enlarged and prospered until it became necessary to find bigger quarters, and last August the Durrants bought a 52-acre farm on the 8th. "We used to buy cod liver oil in the winter for the children," she says (if you refer to them as "kids" she thinks you are talking about her young goats), "but now we feed all the vitamins to the goats and the children get them in the milk."

They also get it in cheese made from goat-milk whey—the cheese is called Swedish Gjedost, pronounced "yea-toast"—in fudge and ice cream made from the milk, in goat meat and in yogurt made from the milk treated with a culture.

Mrs. Durrant, a wiry woman of 135 pounds who does not look her 29 years, claims that goat's milk is especially good for people with stomach ailments who cannot assimilate cow's milk. It has also been found beneficial for those with certain skin diseases, although she emphasizes that it is

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It's Real Nourishing



No coaxing is required for two-year-old Jackie to drink goat's milk. Its nourishment is quite obvious.

MAGAZINE READERS ON INCREASE AT LOCAL LIBRARY

Increases in several departments were reported at the annual meeting of the Stouffville Library Board.

The magazine circulation has risen steadily from a low of 129 in 1946 to 358 in 1951. The juvenile section has had the benefit of junior literary guild books and also a number of books from the travelling libraries, all of which has stimulated interest in this department with a consequent rise in the circulation. More use was made also of the reference section during the year.

The total circulation for 1951 was 11,194, an over all increase over last year. Two hundred and twenty-four new books were added to the book stock and 130 on loan from the travelling libraries dept. of the Board of Education.

The thanks of the board was expressed to Mrs. Muriel Lane and Mrs. Chill Turner for gifts of books and to Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and Mr. Angus for magazines. The following list of magazines is available at all times for reading or circulation: National Geographic, Ladies' Home Journal, Canadian Homes and Gardens, Life, Saturday Post, Parents, Popular Mechanics, Saturday Review of Literature, Forest and Outdoors, and Playways. Also the Stouffville Tribune. Visitors are always welcome to the library and its facilities. Expressions of appreciation have been given by many newcomers to town at finding such a good library at their disposal and such a good selection of the new books on hand.

The board for 1952 is: Rev. D. G. Davis, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Riches, sec'y-treas.; book committee, Mrs. H. B. Freel, Mrs. W. F. Riches, Rev. D. G. Davis; property committee, Mr. L. C. Murphy, Mr. Ray Fleury, Mr. Clare Bell; Mrs. G.R.W. Thomas, librarian. Library hours are 2 to 5.30, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays.

RECOVER LOOT AFTER SHIFTING TON OF HAY

Provincial Constable Albert Houldsworth, who became a "farmhand for a day" on a hunch, hopes he has brought an end to a break-in epidemic at Musselman's Lake with the arrest of seven juveniles.

The boys, ranging from seven to twelve years of age, were booked on numerous charges of breaking and entering after Constable Houldsworth found his "needle in the haystack."

The needle—stolen articles, valued at between \$50 and \$100—was found buried in a pile of hay in an abandoned barn near the lake. The loot, taken during the last four months, was uncovered after Constable Houldsworth armed with a pitchfork, had moved more than a ton of hay.

Constable Houldsworth questioned numerous youngsters before playing his hunch and searching the barn.

Owing to an exceptionally heavy arrival of country correspondence on Wednesday morning, a number of news budgets had to be carried over until next week.

"Unlimited Imagination, Unlimited Patience," are Prime Requisites for Municipal Planning - Fred Gardiner

Unlimited imagination and unlimited patience are two of the prime requisites for municipal planning, Mr. Fred Gardiner, Q.C., chairman of the Toronto & York Planning Board, told a gathering of municipal representatives in the new Whitechurch municipal building at Vondorf on Friday evening. Boundless patience was required in order to get the rate-payers to accept the suggestions of the planning board, and to come to the point where they were willing to accept financial burden necessary to put these ideas into effect. However, it was Mr. Gardiner's contention that if this patience was forthcoming, the public would ultimately support a planning program far beyond expectations.

Representatives of seven municipalities, including members of their planning boards and councils gathered Friday at the invitation of the Whitechurch Planning Board, to discuss the entire picture of planning in this part of the county, in an effort to devise some method of uniformity in bylaw restrictions. Also present were Dr. Fred Gardiner, chairman of the Toronto & York Planning Board, Tracy LeMay, director and secretary of this board, and Messrs. Keefer and Nash of the Ontario Department of Planning & Development.

Dr. Fred vanNostrand, chairman of the Whitechurch Planning Board, acted as chairman supported by his vice chairman, L. P. Evans. Local representatives from Stouffville were Clerk Garfield Brown, Public Utility Secretary Geo. Storey, and Councillors Reg Stouffer and Harry Rateliff.

Chairman vanNostrand in his opening remarks stated that all were aware that while there had been planning in the area, and in the south, there had also been bad development. He pointed out that only sixty-six feet separated each municipality from the other, and it was folly to have a great variation of bylaws among the various municipalities.

"Legislation has come twenty years too late, and thus the planning boards are faced with continual compromise," stated Dr. vanNostrand. This situation he added was only aggravated by population pressure from the south, and in townships such as Whitechurch, the winterizing of summer homes.

Mr. Evans in his remarks told the gathering that Whitechurch would be favourable to a universal bylaw setting out 15,000 sq. ft. as the minimum sub-division lot. This has been a contentious point in many municipalities. He said that he did not believe Whitechurch was at the stage where a zoning bylaw was required.

Mr. Gardiner spoke of the continuous movement of residents from an area of close restriction to an area of lesser restriction, causing more "headaches" for the councils and planning boards in the northern part of the county.

He favoured maps of the area. "Know your own territory thoroughly," Dr. Gardiner advised strongly.

The advisability of planning in order to control assessment in certain areas to handle the proper educational facilities, was pointed out. Proper planning would avoid the embarrassment of taxpayers who without it might find themselves unable to finance the educational institutions required.

Cautions Industry

"Encouragement to industry should be used with caution, since immediately a municipality outgrows its services such as water and sewerage, it's into trouble," stated Dr. vanNostrand.

Mr. McMurchie of Vaughan Township added to this contention, that industry is a natural development, and that all the municipality can do is provide the proper facilities.

Mr. Miller, building inspector for Vaughan told the gathering that a map of the first concession had been laid out in his township, and it was hoped that some time in the future, the entire municipality could be completed.

Ten Foot Dedication

The wisdom of dedicating a ten-foot strip along the front of properties for road widening purposes caused considerable discussion, with arguments both for and against the practice. Mr. McMurchie stated that if Vaughan Township insisted on this 10 ft. dedication it would certainly cause what he termed, a "big stink." (continued on page 2)

SUGGEST OLD HOME CELEBRATION

At a rather poorly attended meeting in the Municipal Hall on Tuesday evening, it was recommended that rather than mark Stouffville's 75th anniversary this summer, an old home celebration be planned for next year to be held in conjunction with the Coronation holiday.

In the absence of Reeve Henry Ogden, Clerk Garfield Brown acted as chairman of the meeting. While a motion was proposed to proceed with a celebration of the 75th anniversary this summer, an amendment as stated above received a majority vote.

Those present appeared only lukewarm to either proposal and the question as to whether a celebration of any kind will be held either this year or next, is still questionable. It was pointed out that possibly some organization or

THIEVES ENTER LOCAL THEATRE

In the early hours of Sunday morning, thieves forced their way into the Stanley Theatre, Stouffville and literally ransacked the place in a vain search for money. The robbers were, however, unsuccessful in discovering anything of value and had to be content with taking one flashlight which was the only article found missing when the theft was discovered. The thieves broke the lock on the furnace room door with a crowbar, in order to gain entry to the building.

organizations might choose to go ahead on their own to provide a program in honour of the municipal birthday, and this is a possibility. Councillors Reg. Stouffer and Harold Murphy were both present and expressed the opinion that council was not enthusiastic

Born Here Over 80 Yrs. Ago Mark Diamond Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lloyd, well-known farm couple residing just north of town on Highway 47, have established a remarkable record; the couple were both born at Stouffville more than eighty years ago, and on Monday celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lloyd who will be 83 this coming May, was born on the present Wm. Harper farm at the end of O'Brien Ave. She was the former Ada Hoover. Mr. Lloyd who is 85, started life in a house at the east end of Stouffville just opposite the Brierbush Hospital, and now occupied by E. R. Myers. The Tribune visited the couple during their celebration on Monday and found them bright and cheerful, although Mr. Lloyd has been bed-ridden now for a considerable period. Mr. Lloyd recalls when the larger portion of what is now Stouffville was located east of the school building. He has

been a large property owner in town, and in more recent years subdivided what is now known as Lloyd Avenue into one of the finest streets in town. He was active on the local school board for many years and took a keen interest in public affairs. An acquired student, Mr. Lloyd spends much of his bedfast time in reading. The couple attended the Congregational Christian Church when in good health.

There are two sons, Walter and Fred, both on the home-farm, and one daughter, Louis; two sons are predeceased. Mrs. Lloyd has one sister, Mrs. Thos. Bishop of Toronto, and these two are the only remaining members of a family of eight.

A large gathering of friends visited the home on this auspicious occasion to wish them well, and in addition word from more than one hundred was received by card.

Markham Tp. Council Trims Road Budget by \$25,000

Markham Township Council in an effort to keep the 1952 budget within bounds, trimmed their road expenditure estimates by \$25,000 at a meeting on Monday evening. The annual road appropriation bylaw was originally approved by council at \$189,000. This was \$82,000 more than was spent in this department last year.

The final figure of \$164,550 failed to gain a unanimous vote since Councillor Chas. Hooper strenuously opposed certain slashes in the budget on the grounds that the roads were not good now, and could not expect to be improved unless more money was spent on them. An amount of \$27,000 earmarked for a new grader to replace the one burned in the municipal garage fire, was cut to \$7,000.

"It'll be you men who will have to answer when our roads break

up, and we haven't got the money or machinery to fix them," stated Councillor Hooper.

Councillor LeMasurier favored the cut in the estimate for new road machinery, contending that a new \$40,000 building and new grader shouldn't be purchased all in one year.

"I'm under the impression that unless we cut this budget, the department won't pass it," declared Deputy-Reeve James.

The matter of \$40,000 for gravel was contested by Councillor LeMasurier who disapproved of doubling this expenditure over last year.

"We certainly need this gravel, the people are demanding it whether the taxes go up or not," commented Reeve Timbers.

Final approval was given to the road budget with a total of \$164,550.

Residents of Lake Wilcox Seek More Improvements, Already Heavy in Debt

There is a considerable outcry in the Wilcox Lake area of the Township of Whitechurch for more improvements, an addition to the recently built school and a public health nurse. An expensive new roadway is already under construction in the area.

Whitechurch Township does not belong to the York County Health Unit, since it has always been the contention of council that little more service is to be gained than that already had through regular local Board of Health. They believe that the services rendered do not justify the expenditure which would be involved. Leaders of the Wilcox Lake community are now understood to be making application to Queek's Park in an effort to force the township to enter the Health Unit.

Tax Arrears Considerable It has been pointed out to the

Tribune by council members that while this particular area is demanding many costly improvements, no area in the entire township has as great tax arrears, nearly \$10,000. The contention is therefore, that if present taxes cannot be met, heavy additional debt would likewise go unpaid.

Sixty children were said to be absent from school there this week due to mumps and influenza. However, Dr. G. W. Williams, township M.O.H., felt there was nothing to alarm the Wilcox residents. The outbreak of mumps, he explained, would wear itself out in two or three weeks.

There was no use, he said, closing the school to prevent the ailment spreading, because the children would contact the cases anyway. School authorities claim that they stand to lose considerable in grants through this absenteeism.