

SEVENTEEN CANDIDATES FOR TOWN SLATE

Wheat Crown Won Again By Albertan



World Wheat King of 1953, Ronald Robert Leonhardt thinks the long hours he spent growing his championship Marquis Wheat were worth it, for who else got a kiss from pretty Carolyn Armstrong? Besides this welcome attention, the 19-year-old farmer from Drumheller, Alta.,

received a \$100 cheque for winning the competition at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto. His coronation indicated that, for the third time in a row, the young farmers of Western Canada have shown they can grow wheat like no one else—in-cluding the oldsters.

Reeve Jos. Fry Acclaimed in Markham

Reeve Jos. Fry was given an acclamation in the annual nominations in Markham Village last week. However, there is a contest for council seats, six in the field. Chas. Reesor, E. A. Roffey and

Nick Schouten, all members of the 1952 council are standing for re-election and are being opposed by Edward Reeve, Chas. Bundy and Mrs. Alma Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Winterstein visited in Hamilton on Sunday with Mrs. Jas. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. MacKinley.

Acclamation in Whitchurch Tp. Delos Graham New Councillor

A full acclamation was accorded the municipal council of Whitchurch Township at the annual nomination meeting held on Friday afternoon. There will be one change in the personnel, Delos Graham taking the seat vacated by R. C. Baycroft who declined to accept another term due to the pressure of business.

One of the smallest crowds in years turned out for the annual meeting indicating, as one candidate puts it, either complete apathy or tremendous confidence. The 1953 council will take their seats as follows: reeve, Ivan McLaughlin; deputy-reeve, Fred Timbers; councillors, P. S. Legge, E. L. McCarron and Delos Graham. Reeve elect Ivan McLaughlin told the gathering that while the county levy had increased in Whitchurch about three tenths of a mill he felt the township had received value for the extra money through the county road construction undertaken in the municipality. He stated that \$65,000 had been spent to date by the county for these two roads.

In referring to the new County Home to be erected, he said that the county was indebted to Newmarket for the donation of the land. The township of Whitchurch has eleven inmates in the Home at present.

The reeve touched briefly on the matter of measured assessment and stated that it was a most important problem facing future councils. The local population has doubled in four years while the assessment has risen only about \$200,000.

Deputy Reeve Fred Timbers dwelt on the county forest at some length and told the ratepayers that the agreement governing the county forest had been ratified for another 3-year term. Additional properties amounting to about 165 acres had been added this year. He felt that the county road expenditures had been fairly distributed and declared his conviction would be an asset in the future, although it was realized that it might bring on more appeals.

He reviewed the work of the Planning Board on which he was council representative and declared that the entire municipality would benefit from the good planning being accomplished. He believed that sub-division should be kept to a minimum in order to

keep schools from being taxed beyond capacity.

R. C. Baycroft told the ratepayers that he could not continue to be a candidate because of lack of time in which to do justice to the position. He cited the fact that outstanding tax arrears had been reduced from \$65,000 to some \$30,000 and this had been accomplished to a large degree through the engaging of added office help.

Mr. Baycroft also favoured a re-assessment to protect the school sections. Industry with its housing developments could bring added school problems.

P. S. Legge told the gathering that the road committee has spent \$75,000 this year, the largest budget in history, but were not more than keeping abreast of the work required. He reviewed the various road problems which had arisen during the year. A total of \$7,637 had been spent in culverts, 8 miles of roadway had been ditched, 13,300 yds. of gravel had been placed on the roads, 65 tons of calcium and 28,938 gals of oil. In addition 65 mills of road side spraying had been accomplished.

Councillor E. L. McCarron said that the local Planning Board was considered to be the best in the county. He pointed out that a district had been instituted for taxes which was a great saving in bank interest. The agreement for policing by the O.P.P. he believed was the best in the province. Council he said had saved money by not entering the County Health Unit continuing to operate their own Board of Health.

Mr. McCarron spoke of the increased office help and cited the increased receipts and disbursements and the encroachments of government departments as the reason for this increase.

"If we're going to have subdivisions we must have industry, or we'll be stuck with the bills," he said.

Mr. McCarron declared his disappointment at the lack of interest in the meeting as shown by the small turnout. The County, the provincial and the federal government are gradually taking over because of lack of interest by the ratepayers in their own local government, he contended.

Delos Graham, the newly elected member, extended his appreciation for the opportunity to serve.

Late Samuel Ramer Rode First Train Through Markham

Would Have Reached 91st Birthday in January

On Wednesday, Nov. 19th, Mr. Samuel Ramer passed away at the home of his son in Markham. Born in the village, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Ramer, the deceased led a most active life and in spite of his age he continued to live alone on his farm until shortly before his death. Mr. Ramer could boast of riding the first train to pass through Markham, a thrill which has been experienced by few living persons today. For some thirty years Mr. Ramer delivered milk in the village of Markham and was highly respected by his many friends who had come to know him through the years. His wife, the former Emma Reesor, predeceased him in Feb., 1915. Mr. Ramer contacted pneumonia and although it appeared he was successfully recovering from this attack his heart weakened under the strain and he failed to rally from the attack. He would have attained his 91st birthday in January. A member of the Wideman Mennonite Church, the deceased was also a trustee on the Mount Joy Public School Board for fifteen years.

The late Mr. Ramer leaves to mourn his passing one daughter Susanna (Mrs. Leslie Wideman) of Stouffville and one son Ora of Markham. A son Eli and daughter Annie predeceased him several years ago.

Funeral service was held in the Wideman Mennonite Church on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. F. Schmucker of Markham assisted by Mr. A. Grove and Mr. E. Burkholder with interment in the Wideman cemetery. The pallbearers were five grandsons, Mr. Lloyd Wideman, Mr. Carl Wideman, Mr. Grant Wideman, Mr. Stewart Wideman and Mr. Douglas Ramer, and Mr. Archie Neil.

Fifteen Candidates Seeking Office in Pickering Township

Keen Contest Likely for Reeve, Deputy-reeve

Nineteen candidates will be in the running for positions of reeve, deputy-reeve, council and school board for Pickering Twp. This is believed to be a record number of nominees in the history of the township.

The positions of reeve and deputy-reeve are expected to be hotly contested with Geo. Todd the present reeve, being opposed by Mr. Stephen Stephenson, a professional engineer from Rosebank. In the field for deputy-reeve is Mr. Clare Balsdon who had previously served on the council. Mr. Balsdon will be opposed by Mr. Robert G. Frame of Brougham.

Eleven candidates will seek council seats including one lady Mrs. Jean McPherson, a housewife from R.R. 2 Pickering. The others are Wm. Newman, Hugh Mitchell, Wm. Lawson, Albert Bannock, Kenneth Roberts, Kenneth Taylor, Gordon Cross, Charles Armour, Edw. Austin and John Skidmore. Four candidates are in the running for school trustee in public school area No. 1. They are Mrs. C. Lee, Wm. Winter, Harold Hemenway and Jack Moss.

The community hall at Brougham was well filled for the nomination meeting and while many believed that sparks would fly between the contestants the entire affair was carried out in an orderly manner.

Reeve George Todd in his remarks touched on both county and township affairs. Mr. Todd informed his listeners that the county mill rate had been reduced by three-tenths of a mill with only a slight change being registered in the assessment. A big improvement had been made in both the Brock and Ajax Roads during the past year. Mr. Todd mentioned numerous accomplishments of the council: the encouragement of industry, the revision of township bylaws, the improvement

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SURROUNDED BY FORTY-SIX CANDIDATES

The Tribune this week is issuing one of the largest numbers of the year, a twenty-page, two section newspaper. Chief reason for the enlarged edition is the candidates in four constituencies, and numbering a total of forty-six, have been contracting for advertising space in connection with the forthcoming municipal elections.

Two Hundred Gather For Annual Horticultural Meeting

On Nov. 18th, about 200 Horticulturalists sat down to the Annual Pot Luck Supper in the United Church basement. Rev. D. Davis was the chairman for the evening.

The usual reports were given, the treasurer's showing a bank balance of \$206.74. The directors' report of the year's work was given by Mrs. Harry Stouffer. Music for entertainment was provided by a Hawaiian Guitar Orchestra from Ajax, Mrs. J. Oldham, soloist, and Mr. Clarion Baker, pianist. Prizes were awarded the two exhibitors winning the most points in the Flower Section during this year. Col. Reeve of Eaton's presented the T. Eaton Co. trophy to Miss M. Mertens, and Mr. J. Tiffin presented the Robt. Simpson Co. prize to Mrs. Win. Timbers.

The nominating committee's report was given by Mrs. H. Dixon, and Mr. Tiffin, the District Director, took charge of the nominations which resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. W. Timbers; 1st Vice, Mrs. H. Dixon; 2nd Vice, Mr. A. Lamb sec'y., Miss M. Mertens; Treas., Mrs. H. O. Klink; Directors for 1952-53, Mrs. N. O'Boyle, Miss Anne Lehman, Mr. Eugene Baker, Mrs. Harry Stouffer, Mr. E. R. Good; Directors for 1953-54, Mrs. S. Byer, Mrs. J. Sider, Mr. Reg. McKay, Mrs. R. Davis, Mrs. L. Forsyth; Associate Directors, Mrs. A. E. Miller, Mr. H. O. Klink, Mrs. Bert Tait, Mrs. Ed. Cadioux, Mrs. Geo. Allison, Mrs. Eugene Baker.

Mr. Ted Cadioux showed pictures taken by Mrs. Win Timbers and Mr. Lloyd Weldon.

Local Hallowe'en Police Arrested in Robbery Attempt

Constables Garth Chappelle and Constable Knowles, two county officers who were on duty in Stouffville on Hallowe'en night and were commended by town officials for their excellent work on that occasion, were arrested this week after an attempt to hold up a super market in Toronto. The pair were remanded without bail.

Chappelle is a fingerprint expert and Knowles is a probation officer in the juvenile and domestic court. Both men have been described by their superiors as good officers.

The charges have set off a full investigation into the county force by the police commission.

Conny Smythe Ltd. Appeals Assessment

Conny Smythe Ltd. operated by Conny Smythe, well-known hockey bigwig, has appealed against the judgment of the Markham Township Revision Court in connection with the assessment on his gravel and sand business property in the township. The appeal will be heard before a County Judge.

Donations Growing To Santa Claus Parade

Further donations have been received to the Santa Claus Parade Fund sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce, and the following donors have been added to last week's list:

Houston's Drug Store, Agnew's Hardware, Shine's Tobacco Store, Anonymous, O'Boyle's Butcher Shop, Golden's Clothing Store, Stedman's 5c-\$1.00 Store, Mr. Harry Sanders, Mayfair Restaurant, Frank Rae, Dan Gibner, Cy Bellman, Klink's Grocery, Tim O'Neil, Harmon Hoover, Stanley Theatre, Fred Pugh, Dr. Button, Bob Snowball, Mr. Campbell, Three Sisters Shop, Stouffville Bakery, Grand Grill, A. E. Weldon & Son, Schell's Meat Market, McCullough & Button, Riches Hardware, Storey's Drug Store, Stouffville Machine & Tool Works, Jean Sanderson, Reg. McKay, Stouffville Nursing Home, Harold Forsyth, Eugene Leavens, E. R. Good, Henry Ogden, Stouffville Creamery, Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone, Bell & Son, C. Lintner, Veterans' Construction Co., Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Schell, Rev. Rowan, Miss Mae Urquhart, Mrs. Geo. Lee, Mrs. Elgin Wagg, Mr. Dave Smales, Mrs. L. H. Hoover. Total to Nov. 25, is \$459.00.

It is reported that the Murison house on Church Street was sold this week to Mr. McDonald of Toronto. Harvey Moyer, agent for J. A. Willoughby Real Estate, has been handling this.

Overflow Crowd Turned Out To Nominate Record Slate For Local Municipal Election

Stouffville Municipal Hall was crowded to capacity on Friday night and a number were turned away for the annual nomination meeting of the local municipality. A total of seventeen candidates are seeking office, a record number. Reeve Henry Ogden will meet his first opposition since taking over the reeve's chair two years ago when Councillor Harold Murphy will contest the reeve-ship. Six candidates, only one of them a member of the 1952 council will contest the four council vacancies — they are Councillor Glenn Ratcliff, Elmer Daniels, Delbert Booth, Mrs. Malcolm, Milton Burk and L.W.J. Buckland.

For the newly established Public Utilities Commission, four candidates are seeking office, former councillor Reg Stouffer, former reeve A. E. Weldon, Horace (Pete) Walsh, and Reg MacKay. Three seats on the Public School Board are being sought by five candidates, two of them, Mrs. Mary Smith and Len Wilkes, former members and three new aspirants to office, Mrs. Viola McCreight, Wm. Malloy and Wm. Sanders. L. E. O'Neill was returned as Cemetery Commissioner by acclamation.

Reeve Ogden in addressing the ratepayers stated that he had only missed one council meeting in five years of council work. He pointed to the increasing problems of municipal government. Mr. Ogden stated that he was in favour of proceeding with a survey for a sewerage system in 1953, and though he realized the cost would be heavy, he believed the job should get underway. The Reeve discussed the problem of policing and stated that while no definite contract had been signed, council felt that two officers including one provincial constable, was the answer to the increased protection needed. Reeve Ogden in his mention of county affairs told the gathering that he had been elected this year as a Commissioner of the County Home for the Aged and had also been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the erection of the new million dollar home at Newmarket.

Councillor Glenn Ratcliff stated that the waterworks department was running close to the line financially and cited this as one of

Lady Driver in Ringwood Crackup

On Friday afternoon of last week, Miss Beverley Scott of Toronto, an investigator for the Children's Aid Society, was returning to her home when the car in which she was driving went out of control near Ringwood and turned over four times in the ditch. The door of the vehicle came open and Miss Scott was thrown clear. Dr. S. S. Ball of Stouffville administered first aid and admitted the girl to Stouffville Brierbush Hospital. She was suffering from concussion and shock.

Pearl Feasby Death Recalls Former Stouffville Family

Pearl Paisley Feasby died at her home, 112 Bedford Road, Toronto, after a long illness, on Nov. 19. She was born and brought up on her father's farm north of Ballantrae. Her parents were William Paisley and Isabella Grose. She attended Ballantrae school and was active in the life of Ballantrae Methodist Church until the time of her marriage in 1908, when she went to live in Listowel, Ontario. Her husband, William James Feasby, taught there and was later principal of the Collegiate Institute in Collingwood. The family moved to Toronto in 1919 where her husband taught at Jarvis, Parkdale and Bloor Collegiate until his retirement in 1946. She was interested in the work of Humbercrest United Church, and was a member of the Victoria College Women's Association and the Women's Canadian Club. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Dr. William R. Feasby, a physician in Toronto, and Doctor Robert E. Feasby, a dentist in Simcoe, Ontario. Many Stouffville people will recall her parents as highly respected residents on O'Brien Avenue some years ago.

The Stouffville Lions Club will hold a banquet for the local girls softball team on Monday evening, Dec. 8th.

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Keen Election in Markham, Three Running for Reeveship

Markham Township promises to provide one of the most interesting and the keenest election campaigns in years. Reeve Win Timbers is being opposed by an ex-councillor Dalton Rumney and a newcomer to the municipal field, Ronald Fenn. For deputy-reeve, Alf. James, this year's incumbent of that office, is being opposed by the much-publicized Councillor LeMasurier. Five candidates will seek council seats including one woman; they are, Mrs. Kathleen James, Arthur Lennie, Robt. Rae, Chas. Hooper and W. L. Clark. This will be the first woman candidate that the township has had in more than one hundred years history.

The Unionville hall was packed for the annual nomination meeting on Friday, as was to be expected, but the "fireworks" which many predicted would transpire, failed to materialize. Speakers were limited to five minutes. Reeve Win Timbers in his address to the electorate touched briefly on county matters. He reiterated a statement published in a letter of last week's issue in which he referred to 1952 as a most unpleasant year in Markham council. Despite the unsavory publicity which the township had incurred however, the reeve stated that he was quite proud of the position of Markham.

Deputy Reeve James termed this year's council business as "organized confusion." Mr. James who was chairman of the roads and bridges department outlined some of the problems encountered in his work and of council's effort to maintain good roads with limited

equipment. The dust laying budget he said had been exceeded because of public demand. Markham Township, he stated, had been made to look ridiculous through press.

Councillor LeMasurier outlined the various resolutions which he had opposed during the year, the contentious question of the auditor's report, and the procedure bylaw which was adopted, but which, he claimed, was later ignored. Taxes, Mr. LeMasurier stated, were going up, and would continue to do so.

Councillor Arthur Lennie called for the candidates to discuss the issues, not personalities. He praised the work and efficiency of the local police force, and stated that the township should complete the year with a surplus.

Councillor Hooper also touched on police matters. He said that Markham had had the largest budget in history, and had placed 24,000 tons of gravel on the roads. In addition the township had laid down its first stretch of hardtop roadway.

Mrs. James, a new nominee, said that she wished to represent the unfortunate taxpayer.

Dalton Rumney who is opposing Reeve Timbers, pointed to his eight years council experience and referred to last year's nomination meeting as the beginning of trouble for Markham.

W. L. Clark said there had been too much "name-calling" at council which was all unwarranted.

Ronald Fenn who is also seeking the reeve's position, told the gathering he was abhorred at the inefficiency of the council.