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THIS HOUSE WAS A TOTAL LOSS



Photo taken as flames quickly enveloped entire house near Altona

About 43 Miles of County Road to Become Queen's Highway in York County

In a pronouncement last week Minister Geo. Doucet of the Ontario Department of Highways revealed that approximately 43 miles of county road still to remain in York County, will become Queen's Highway when the amalgamation with Toronto is completed. This mileage includes the road from the C.N.R. crossing in Stouffville to Markham, as announced in this newspaper last week.

The exact county roadway to be taken into the provincial system is as follows:

The Markham Road (suburban) from Armadale to Sutton, 32.65 miles; the Sutton Line (suburban) from Sutton to the Ontario County boundary, 8.36 miles; the portion of County Road No. 14 from Ringwood to Stouffville, 1.81 miles; making a total of 42.82 miles. This is in addition to the portion of the Markham Road (3.75 miles) within the Metropolitan area already mentioned. This means that both the separated municipalities and the remaining county will be relieved entirely of any cost in the construction and maintenance of these roads.

The Bill provides that for the purposes of Part III of the Highway Improvement Act the Metropolitan Corporation shall be deemed to be the corporation of a city situated within the County of York but separated therefrom for municipal purposes. This means that the Metropolitan Corporation

will contribute 25 per cent of the cost of all suburban roads in the remaining county.

The Bill also provides that all county roads in the remaining county will automatically become suburban roads on January 1st, 1954. This means that the cost of the entire county roads system in the remaining county will be born 50 per cent by the Metropolitan Corporation and 25 per cent by the remaining county and in the case of a bridge or culvert the cost will be born 80 per cent by the Province, 19 per cent by the Metropolitan Corporation and 10 per cent by the remaining county. Provision is also made for appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board for subsequent adjustment should it be required.

The Bill provides for the separation of the twelve suburban municipalities from the County of York. Of the present system of county and suburban roads 40% of the mileage lies in the municipalities which will be separated from the county and 60% lies in the remaining part of the county. Thus the remaining county will be left with the problem of financing 60% of the road mileage out of only 13.5% of the assessment which was formerly available to the County of York, the balance of 86.5% having been transferred to the Metropolitan Corporation.

Head of Prominent Baking Family Dies in 60th Year

Head of the Stouffville Bakery, and one of the most well-known families in town, Ambrose Stover passed away in hospital in Toronto on Saturday, March 7th. Although only in his 60th year, Ambrose Stover had been in ailing health for some time and a week ago his condition worsened to the extent that he was removed to hospital where he died.

The late Albert Ambrose Stover was a son of Elias Stover and Sarah Wideman, and was born on the 8th con. of Markham. He had been associated with the bakery business for nearly forty years. About thirty years ago he combined with his late brother, Percy Stover, to take over the Stouffville Bakery from Frank Rowbotham. Shortly after Mr. Percy Stover withdrew from the partnership and Ambrose Stover and his family have carried on since that time.

Under Ambrose Stover and more recently his son Harry, the Stouffville Bakery has grown and prospered. A fine retail bakery store was added to the establishment and the plant boasts some of the most modern equipment to be found in any bakery outside the large centres.

In 1911 the deceased married Lovina Raymer who predeceased him in 1930. During their lifetime in Stouffville the couple raised a family of two sons and four daughters. They

were prominent in the life of the United Missionary Church where Mr. Stover was a member and has been a Steward for many years. Mr. Stover also served several terms on the Stouffville Public School Board and was connected with the Ontario Bakers' Association for a long period.

Surviving are two sons, Harry in Stouffville and Bruce in Calgary; four daughters, Velma (Mrs. Jack Spang), Gladys (Mrs. Howard Ratcliff), Norma (Mrs. Don Brown), and Margaret (Mrs. Delos Brown); there are also three brothers, Herbert and Wilmot here and Archie of Milverton, also a sister Mrs. Harvey Reesor of Milverton; a brother Percy passed away several years ago. There are also ten grandchildren.

The funeral on Tuesday of this week was conducted by Rev. F. Huson from the United Missionary Church. Pallbearers were, Carl Wideman, Lewis Wells, Paul Bowdway, Jos. Gayman, Harvey Schell and Reg. Stouffer. Interment was made in Stouffville Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pollard of Sandford, Ontario, will be at home to their friends and neighbors on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th, from 2 to 5 o'clock, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Geo. Coppins Gets Warble Fly Job

Mr. Geo. Coppins, a resident on the 4th concession of Uxbridge was the successful tender for the position of Warble Fly Inspector for the Township of Uxbridge. His salary will be \$1.00 per hour and 10c per mile. John Sheehy will be employed as the assistant operator also at a salary of \$1.00 per hour. The Inspector will be responsible for the transportation of the employees. Lynch and Co. received the appointment as auditors for the Township and Public School Area Board. They will replace the late Fred Johnson. The auditors will receive a salary of \$225 for the current year.

Constable Rusnell Completes 11 Years Police Duty

In May, 1942, Mr. Ira Rusnell commenced his duties as constable in the Village of Stouffville following 5½ years service in the town council and since his appointment over a decade ago. Mr. Rusnell has driven over 100,000 miles on police work. During his term of office he has never been involved in any serious robberies or gun battles although he has traced a number of minor break-ins in town. The largest robbery to occur within recent years was the theft of two tool kits valued at \$1200 from Murphy Motors. The kits were later discovered in a Toronto pawn shop. Four years ago Mr. Rus-



nell co-operated with the Provincial Police in Whitechurch to aid in the breaking up of a number of gangs which were inhabiting the Musselman's Lake district at that time. Besides enforcing the law he was also in charge of collecting the dog tax which will probably hit an all-time high in 1953. In June of last year, Mr. and Mrs. Rusnell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Rusnell recently tendered his resignation following nearly eleven years and 100,000 miles of police service in the Village of Stouffville. Two Provincial Police officers will commence duties here on April 1st.

Mrs. Geo. Miller, Church St., is leaving this week for a few weeks' vacation in Florida. She will travel by TCA and will return by car with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. McColl of Toronto who have been in Florida for the winter.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Lehman's Shoe Store will remain open for business during alterations to the front section of the premises.

Tribune Has A New Look

The Stouffville Tribune this week presents a new style makeup in an effort to cope with the increased advertising and news coverage which the paper is being called on to handle. For the past seventeen years The Tribune has been using a six-column makeup page and this week has changed to a seven-column sheet with slightly narrower column. The column width being used is similar to that recently changed to by the Toronto Daily Star.

In addition a new linotype face has been added for use in single column heading to bring these in a similar type family with that used for double column headings. The new face is known as Erbar and while quite condensed is bold enough to be very readable.

Four Declared In Field for P.C. Nomination

Four persons announced they would seek nomination as Progressive Conservative candidates for North York in the coming Dominion elections at a meeting of the North York Progressive Conservative Association last week.

The four are Col. Richard Blue, Aurora farmer; C. A. Cathers, Newmarket; Charles Hooper, Buttonville farmer and Markham Township Councillor; and Arthur Walwyn, Maple. A fifth possible contestant is Earl Toole, Newmarket who was a former contestant for the seat. Both Chas. Hooper and Earl Toole are ex-Wardens of York County.

"I presume you are on a fishing expedition Mr. Little," said Mr. Toole "I can assure you people that I am as strong a member of the party as any Conservative, but cannot consider at this time being a candidate. Mr. Toole made a fervent plea for harmony at the coming convention. "Let us not lose an election simply to gain a convention," he said. "We know that this riding has been carved to order," said Mr. Arthur Walwyn, Progressive Conservative candidate in the last Federal election for North York. "We have a fight on our hands," he said. C. A. Cathers was the next to speak. "I think the future looks bright and agree with Mr. Walwyn that we should get our man in the field as soon as possible," he said.

Mr. Charles Hooper, in paying tribute to Major Lex Mackenzie, member for North York in the Provincial House, said the party should be proud to have men like the Major representing the party. "I have several reasons for running, one of them being that I think the present Federal government has been disloyal to the people of Canada. I wouldn't allow my name to stand if I didn't feel I could lick anyone in the field," Mr. Hooper said his hat was very definitely in the ring.

Following is a list of officers elected to the executive of the Provincial Association. President, Floyd Corner; 1st Vice President, Ken Tomlin; Vice Presidents at large, Reg Soward, Mrs. M. R. Gillan and Miss Peggy Jones; Chairman of Organization and Membership, Wallace Donnell; Chairman of Publicity and Public Relations, Fred Bartrum; Secretary, Richard Edmond and Treasurer, Mr. Frank Reeves.

Real Estate Changes Here

The sale is announced this week of the house and lot at Altona belonging to H. McIntosh, to Mr. Cameron Jaynes of Toronto. Possession will be given early in May and Ken Campbell for the W. J. Warren Real Estate Agency negotiated the transaction. Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh will move to Stouffville where they purchased a home some time ago.

The 50-acre farm of Harry Stevens at lot 7, con. 3, Uxbridge Twp. has also been sold to a West Hill man. Mr. Stevens has occupied the place for the past seven years and has recently purchased a 100-acre farm near Omemece. Lot 3, con. 7, is familiarly known as the former Rodanz place.

Mrs. Wellington Wideman was admitted to the Stouffville Brierbush Hospital on Tuesday afternoon suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Margaret Hobbs was a visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hobbs of Ringwood for a few days last week; also recent visitors were Mr. Wm. Hobbs and Mr. and Mrs. John Scott and family.

Farming in Markham Probably Impossible Suggests LeMasurier

"Farming in Markham Twp. may be virtually impossible under the new York County setup," declared Deputy Reeve Alf. LeMasurier in a prepared statement made to Markham Township Council. Mr. LeMasurier referred to the steady influx of city dwellers to this rural district.

The deputy-reeve suggested that Markham Township should investigate the possibility of purchasing water from the municipalities of Richmond Hill, Markham and Stouffville and prepare areas adjacent to these centres for industry.

"Our Planning Board has not done anything about getting industry," he said.

Reeve Timbers stated that the Planning Board was preparing a zoning program for the township. He agreed that the present rate of school building could not be kept up without some industrial assessment.

"We can't force water on any of these areas you speak of unless they ask for it," declared Councillor Lennie.

"Well there's nothing wrong with council trying to get water," commented the reeve. Councillor Clark inquired as to how far the planning board had advanced with the zoning bylaw.

"We're now next to the city of Toronto and we've got to do something to offset these great school costs," declared Deputy-reeve LeMasurier. "Well it seems too bad," the Reeve commented, "that we are continually blocked and plagued with petitions against industry—it's always the dirt, or the dust of what-have-you, every time some industry tries to start here."

Councillor Chas. Hooper who took little part in the discussion declared that the Deputy-reeve's prepared statement was out-of-order. "It shouldn't be handed out here for the press before we've had a chance to discuss it," he said.

Deputy-reeve LeMasurier asked that his brief be tabled for future reference.

Lack of Water Hampers Local Firemen as Blaze Destroys Altona Home

Lack of sufficient water severely hampered the efforts of the Stouffville Fire Brigade on Friday afternoon as the frame home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Altona, went up in flames. Mr. Wallace was expected to return home on Friday from a trip to Scotland and his wife had taken the car to meet him at the station. Mrs. Wallace later learned that the plane had been delayed and her husband would not be home until the following day. It was during her absence that fire broke out and although the hired man attempted to rescue numerous items from the doomed building he was driven back by the intense smoke. Everything in the house was lost.

Max Vague, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vague of Altona, was returning home from school when he noticed smoke pouring from the roof. Quickly he notified Mrs. Fred Pilkey who turned in the alarm.

Within minutes after the alarm sounded the Stouffville volunteer brigade arrived at the scene. They quickly emptied the contents of the tank and when no more water was available to allow the building to burn to the ground. The flames were fanned by strong north-west winds. The farm is owned by Mr. Will Reesor, a resident of Church Street in Stouffville. The Wallaces are now residing at the home of Mr. Bob Lewis, Altona.

Last month Mr. Albert Hoover of Ringwood celebrated his 87th birthday. In spite of his age, Mr. Hoover continues to work his own garden and drive his 1929 Chev. He claims his health is just as good as when he was a boy. Mr. Hoover is an expert at digging drains and building wire fences.

Clippers vs. Orillia In O.H.A. New Challenge Series

Stouffville Clippers who were eliminated in the current O.H.A. Senior hockey series, have entered in the O.H.A. Senior Challenge Series, for which a new consolation trophy has been established this year by the O.H.A. The series is for all Ontario Senior 'B' hockey teams who are eliminated in their group playoffs. The series are all operated by elimination which means that a club must win each round as it comes up or drop out. The O.H.A. designates the teams to meet. The winner of this Challenge Series will have the opportunity to challenge the O.H.A. Sr. 'B' winners if they so desire.

Presently engaged in this consolation schedule are Peterboro vs Port Hope; Grimsby vs Burlington; and the Kingston-Bellefleur loser will meet the winner of Peterboro-Port Hope.

The O.H.A. has named Stouffville to go against Orillia with dates for the games to be announced this week. The O.H.A. office also informed Manager O'Neill that the winner of this Stouffville-Orillia series will go against one of the winning clubs from western Ontario. Teams playing in this Challenge Series can go as far in competition as the Senior 'B' winners.

The Series has been set up by the O.H.A. to benefit the large number of clubs knocked out of the running early in the season, with expensive artificial ice surfaces still to maintain.

Growing Orchids is Interesting Hobby

By Janet G. Brodie

Orchids have always been considered fragile flowers, especially grown in greenhouses for the well-to-do. But now, in the matter of the last few months, orchids are coming into their own. The man or woman of ordinary means can grow some varieties in his own house with a moderate amount of care.

When I was 11, the head of the girls' school in which I was resident in Toronto, chanced to overhear my enthusiastic comments to a girl from Jamaica on the coloured pictures of orchids in the Encyclopedia in the school library; and promptly reported to my parents (on the quiet) that I had described the flowers as "thrilling." Orchids still thrill me.

Years later our family found a boggy swamp humming with mosquitoes, where one risked life and limb and rubber boots; but where I forgot the dunkings and other discomforts on finding the beautiful pink and white orchids or lady slippers, thriving in the company of the insect-devouring pitcher plant.

One evening last October I came across an advertisement of orchid plants which could be grown in any home; and right then I decided I must have some. Mrs. Milt Storey didn't think she had any room

for them; but before I ordered, she decided she'd make room.

On Armistice Day the plants arrived, packed with extreme care. We received no instructions with them, so we were on our own. We haven't learned much about their care, but we will. In the meantime we want to pass on to other amateur growers the little we have learned.

Mrs. Storey's pot of orchids bore 5 blooms, two on one stalk and three on the other. The remainder of the plant had apparently bloomed before; so presumably will not again. As we do not think it is the variety ordered, from pictures we have concluded it is "Bow Bells." The flowers are white with a faint pink blush, with a rich gold apricot lip; and give off a pleasing fragrance. Flowers of this variety are reputed to last 3 weeks when cut, if given the proper care. We haven't found out yet what the proper care is.

The temperature of Mrs. Storey's house is 68 degrees night and day. I lower mine almost to 60 degrees for night; and keep my plant in a cool place in the day to stay within the prescribed 60-65 degree limit. Mine appear as if they will ultimately bloom—but not for some time. It should not be the same variety as Mrs. Storey's; but both are Cattleyas.

Up from the broad main leaf of the orchid grows a blade of

lighter green, in which the shadow of the flower bud appears. In a few weeks it bursts through the blade and into bloom. The bud shadow appeared in Mrs. Storey's plant around Christmas; and the blooms opened the beginning of the last week in February.

The December 1951 Readers' Digest carried an interesting article by Philip Wylie, condensed from "The Saturday Evening Post," "Anyone Can Raise Orchids."

Bob Collins contributed a story in the January issue of Canadian Homes and Gardens this year on Fred Padfield of Thornhill and his orchids. Padfield grows between 800 and 900 plants in the greenhouse he built; and grew the orchids Princess Elizabeth carried on the drive through Riverdale Park "a cluster of seven white Cattleyas." Eight years ago Padfield did not know one orchid from another. He is a builder with orchids as his hobby.

A Toronto chemist, Kenneth McAlpine, has been growing orchids for more than 14 years. He pollinates bloom, and germinates the seed in a jar of nutrient jelly. Two years after germination, the tiny orchid plant has 3 leaves; so growing your own seedlings requires patience. It apparently takes about ten years to produce a first-class bloom continued on page 6



Mrs. Milt. Storey Displays Fine Bloom.