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J. A. Clarke Gets Warble Fly Appointment in the Township of Whitchurch

Mr. J. A. Clarke has been appointed Warble Fly Inspector in Whitchurch Township for the forthcoming drive against this cattle disease. Mr. Clarke will receive \$1 an hour for his services and 8c per mile car allowance. The position was recently advertised for tender.

Stuart Starr was engaged for the second position in the campaign and will provide a tractor to move the warble fly spray equipment and one helper to assist. His rate will be \$1.75 an hour.

Mr. E. Harrison of Mt. Albert was the successful tenderer to provide the necessary insecticide for the spraying job at a price of \$6.60 per 15-lb. bag and 25c per 1/2 lb. bag. Whitchurch will require 115 half pound bags and one hundred 15-lb. bags. The small containers will be used by those farmers doing their own work by brushing the cattle. Four tenders were received for the spray powder. Cost of the powder and the inspector is subsidized fifty per cent by the government.

A communication was read at the regular meeting of Whitchurch Council on Thursday evening from the Ontario Government Censorship Dept. requesting an appointment to discuss the matter of a drive

in theatre on the 4th concession. However, Clerk Crawford replied in writing that the council had voted to sustain their Land Use Bylaw which forbids the erection of such theatres.

Clerk Crawford was asked to instruct Solicitor J. D. Lucas to draw up a bylaw setting forth hours of work for township employees, sick leave or vacation with pay.

Hold Up Approval
A communication was received from Union School Section No. 1, Oak Ridges enclosing a copy of a letter from the local inspector giving tentative approval for the proposed addition to the Oak Ridges Public School. The communication asked Whitchurch to seek tentative approval from the Municipal Board for an expenditure of approximately \$100,000 for this addition. Council agreed to hold up action pending legal advice on the approval from the township solicitor.

Purchase New Truck
By resolution council agreed to purchase a new Chevrolet half ton truck from G. M. Byer & Son of Newmarket at a price of \$1,853.15 being the best offer received in recent tender call. The township will be allowed \$1025.15 for their 1948 model leaving a balance cost of \$828.00.

SHY LITTLE BLADES



Caroline Tindall and Gail Hallman, two shy little Misses, are snapped here by The Tribune photographer during a practice session for the big Ice Revue being staged April 10th by the Stouffville Skating Club.

OPP Commence Duties Here

Ontario Provincial Police took over the police duties in Stouffville on Wednesday of this week. Constables Hilliard and VanDerKooi are established in their new police office recently completed (upstairs) in the local municipal building.

The O.P.P. will provide full-time service and the telephone number of the new office is Stouffville 237. Constable Hilliard comes to town from the Whitby detachment and Constable VanDerKooi from the Newmarket headquarters.

Former Brougham Girl Involved in Fatal Accident

Gladys Gannon, former Brougham girl where her parents operated the local store and post office, was involved in a fatal accident this week when a 15-year-old delivery truck driver John Burian suffered a fractured skull in a collision with a car driven by Miss Gannon.

The accident occurred at the corner of Rusholme Rd. and Dewson St. Both vehicles were forced to the sidewalk and Burian's truck went over a lawn.

Miss Gannon is a nurse at St. Michael's Hospital and she was accompanied by Ella McCausland. Miss Gannon who is 35, suffered a cut forehead and her companion a possible fractured shoulder. Both were removed to hospital.

The Gannon family who are well known in the Brougham and Markham district, moved to Minden some time ago.

A quiet wedding was solemnized in the United Church parsonage on Tuesday afternoon, March 31st, when Margaret Arvella Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Carnegie, was united in marriage with Harry Edward Phoenix of Greenbank. Rev. Douglas Davis performed the ceremony. They are travelling to New York for their wedding trip, and on their return they will reside in Greenbank where Mr. Phoenix is in business. She was formerly on the staff of the Brierbush Hospital.

The Stouffville softball club is planning an organization meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, April 7th, in the Municipal Hall. All young men interested are asked to attend.

Assessor, Tax Collector Distin McDonald has Served Uxbridge Twp. for 43 years

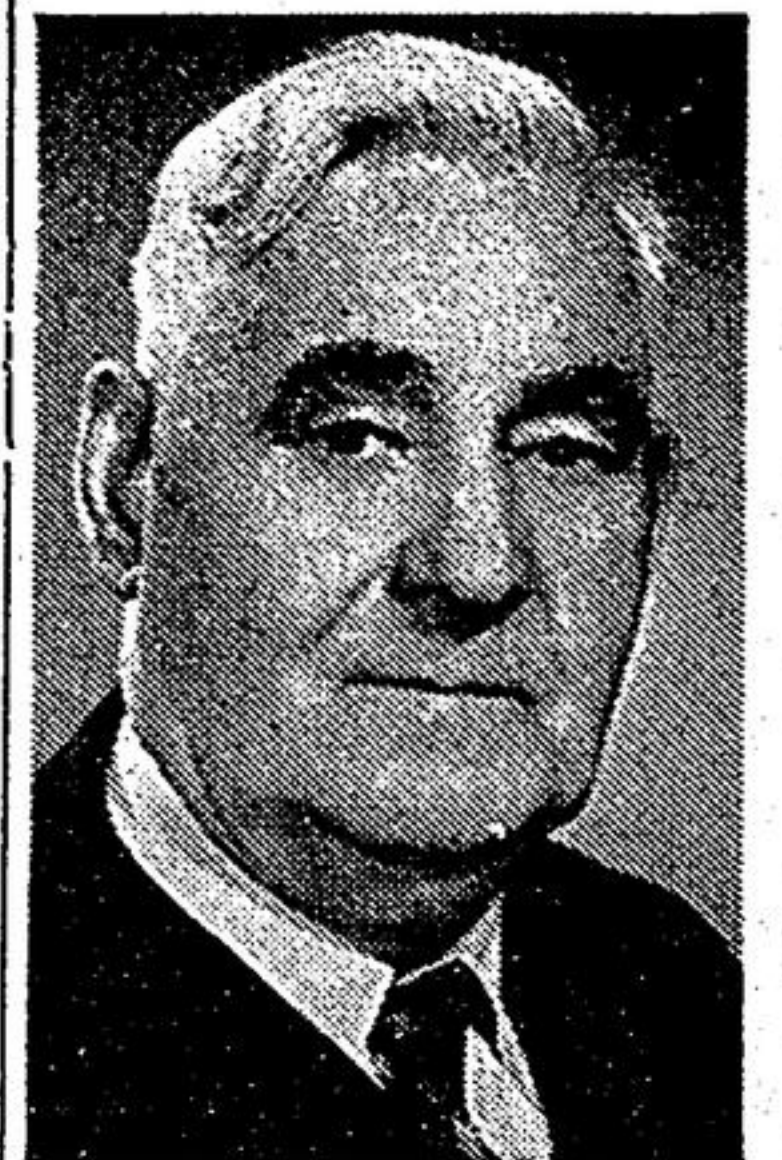
Mr. Distin McDonald, probably one of the best known and most highly respected residents of Uxbridge Township, has been involved in the municipal business for the past forty-three years and continues to carry out his duties as Assessor and Tax Collector.

Born at Lambton Mills, a suburb of West Toronto 75 years ago, Mr. McDonald moved to Whitby and later to Glasgow where he resided for seven years. In 1893 he settled down in Goodwood and has remained there ever since. He received his public school education at Glasgow and Goodwood, later taking a business course in Toronto. While attending Goodwood Public School he received his training on the three R's from teacher, Miss Mable Dickinson. Some of his schoolmates at that time were Mr. Wesley Whittleton on the 3rd concession, Mr. Cecil Lee, east of Goodwood, and Mr. Walter Davey now living in Toronto. According to Mr. McDonald the attendance at the school in those days was on a par with that of today.

Mr. McDonald first entered the position of Uxbridge Township Assessor in the year 1910. During those days the transportation facilities were by no means modern and Mr. McDonald did practically the entire assessment job on foot. He would gage his distance in order to arrive at the home of a friend at nightfall where a hot meal and warm bed was always waiting. Because of the increased number of residences in the Township it now takes some eight weeks to cover the area that was previously covered in five weeks some forty years ago.

When Mr. McDonald first took over the assessment roll in 1910, Mr. Jos. Millard of Altona was clerk of the municipality. Mr. John Ashenbush and Mr. Ralph Faulkner have been the recent assessors before Mr. McDonald once again took over the position in 1952.

Mr. McDonald has been the tax collector in Uxbridge Township since 1918 a total of thirty-five years. He succeeded the late James Howett who held the job sixteen years and Mr. Thomas Dowsell who retained the position for an eight year term. During that span of years he has had a very limited number of taxpayers with the majority of ratepayers being most co-opera-



tive. He was also the secretary-treasurer of the Goodwood Public School for fifteen years and still serves on the Goodwood Cemetery Board. Over the years Mr. McDonald has seen the reeve's chair filled by such men as Jack Rae, Dave Watson, Stuart Ball, and Isaac Wagg. Isaac Catherwood holds this important office at the present time. This familiar Goodwood resident is the last surviving member on the building committee which drew up the plans for the Goodwood United Church erected in 1914. Mr. McDonald built himself a modern brick home in 1932 and has no intentions of ever vacating his childhood haven.

Mr. McDonald has yet another position in which to occupy his time, that of Sec'y-Treas. of Richardson Masonic Lodge. He has been a member since 1912 and rose to the office of Master in 1932. His father, Mr. John McDonald had previously held the honor in 1889.

He has one sister, Mrs. Alfred Fugh of Toronto, and one brother Alfred who lives with Mr. and Mrs. McDonald in Goodwood.

Down through the years, Mr. Distin McDonald continues to carry more than his share of the municipal burdens but in spite of his work he still has a few minutes to share with the many residents that have come to know him as a true friend.

Horticultural Notes

The anniversary meeting of the Horticultural Society is to be held in the Veterans' Hall on Wednesday, April 15th.

Among the outstanding features of this annual meeting will be the presentation by Mr. Glenn Ratcliff of the pictures taken on his recent Mexican tour.

Miss Ruth Banks, leader of Junior Horticultural activities in the Thornhill area, will lead a discussion on this important branch of horticultural works.

Time is eight o'clock.

Unionville Girl To Study in Europe

Miss Rebecca Sisler, 20 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Sisler of Unionville will embark this summer on a two year trip to Europe in order to increase her knowledge in the field of classical sculpturing. Miss Sisler intends to spend one year in Denmark with the remaining twelve months to be spent in Italy and other European art centres. She will be accompanied by her mother who is also quite skilled along such lines being the Art Director for the York County Home and School Association. The Sisler family are former residents of Mount Albert having lived at Unionville for the past two years.

Miss Sisler is a student at the Ontario College of Arts and last year she received a scholarship for her high standing. Mrs. Sisler and her daughter expect to sail from New York in the later part of July and plan to make their first major stopover at Copenhagen, Denmark. They will return to their home in Unionville at the end of the two year term.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Riches of Stouffville announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion Elizabeth Weldon, to Doctor William Dennis Blastorah, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blastorah, formerly of Harwood, Ont. The marriage will take place on May 2nd, at 10.30 o'clock, in Newman Chapel, Toronto.

Sudden Stroke Took Mrs. Lehman

On Wednesday, March 25th, Mrs. Eli Lehman passed away suddenly at her home on Burkholder St., Stouffville, in her 67th year. Mrs. Lehman lived practically all her life at Atha until 1951 when she moved into her new residence here. The deceased had been enjoying reasonably good health until Saturday of last week. She suffered a stroke and never recovered. The late Mrs. Lehman was a faithful worker in the Altona Christian Church where she supervised a Sunday School class for a number of years. She also held office in the Women's Institute. Her husband predeceased her two years ago.

Mrs. Lehman, the former Ethel Spears, is survived by one daughter, Grace of Stouffville. Funeral service was held at the Altona Christian Church on Saturday afternoon at 2.30

Two Missing Boys Turn Up at Home

Two 12 year-old boys from Musselman's Lake, missing for 24 hours, turned up at their homes one night, having hitchhiked to Kitchener and back. One had nine cents in his pocket, the other, one cent.

The two boys, Frank McKibben and Douglas Grenstead were supposedly on their way to school at Ballantrae the previous day but when it was discovered they were not at school during the day, their parents started a search. They were warmly clad and only hungry when they returned to their homes.

p.m. conducted by Rev. G. Brown, assisted by Rev. H. G. Huson, with interment in the Stouffville Cemetery. The pallbearers were Frank Lehman, Murray Dunkeld, Levi Smith, Jos. Nighswander, Jake Smith and Frank Burkholder.

NOTHING LIKE THIS IN THE CITY



Children of Vivian Public School, yesterday showed Gertie Brink, 7, in Canada less than a year from

the Netherlands, how maple syrup is made in Robert Ratcliff's bush. Over-eager to taste sap, he

spilled some on Lloyd Graves who was waiting for the drip anyway.

Markham Council Awards Annual Gravel Contract

Markham Township Council in special session on Monday evening awarded contracts for approximately 25,000 yards of gravel to be placed on township roads this summer. Four bids were received for the work and F. H. Roberts was awarded the contract for sections one, three and four of the township with Stouffville Sand & Gravel being given the contract for section two. The township is about equally divided into four sections for purposes of gravelling.

Mr. Roberts price was 95c a ton delivered in two of the sections and 75c in the other. He also gave a price of 50c a ton at the bin. The price of the Stouffville firm on their contract is \$1.40 a ton delivered.

Former Goodwood Pastor Awarded MBE in Korea

An Ontario chaplain and student pastor at Goodwood six years ago, has received the award of a Member of the Order of the British Empire, for services in front lines of Korea, the army announced this week.

Capt. James Alexander Filshie, a native of Mount Forest, served as Protestant chaplain to the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and remained behind to become chaplain of the 1st Battalion when the 2nd was retreating home.

"Every phase of the regiment's life was his concern," Capt. Filshie's citation declared. "When casualties occurred or patrols had gone forward, his self-appointed post of duty was at the side of the regimental medical officer where his presence brought comfort to the wounded."

His services, held both in rear positions and in front lines attracted large and regular attendance, reflecting his ability in leading soldiers in worship and making the sacred things of life real to them, the citation said.

Capt. Filshie was educated at Victoria College and the University of Toronto and is now at Prairie Command headquarters at Winnipeg.

Births

FEARN—Mr. and Mrs. Ian Fearn, Stouffville R.R.2, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Friday, March 27, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

WOOD—Ray and Grace Wood, R.R.1 Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Friday, March 27, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a brother for Anne.

SCRIVER—Mr. and Mrs. John Scriver, Claremont, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Sunday, March 22, 1953, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a sister for Rosemary and Sylvia.

BROWN—Dent and Carley Brown (nee Grove) are happy to announce the arrival of their son, David Edmund, on Thursday, Mar. 26th, 1953, at the Markham Nursing Home.

SHANTZ—To Rev. H. L. and Mrs. Shantz at Petrolia on March 23rd, 1953, the gift of a daughter, Gwen Elizabeth.

Public skating here this Saturday night.