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HERE IS RECORD AGE ASSOCIATION



There is over 100 years difference in ages between three-day-old Hannah Joy Hisey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hisey of

Bethesda, and Mrs. Jane Ralston, formerly of Queensville, and now a patient in the Brierbush

Hospital. Mrs. Ralston will be 101 in August. The newborn baby is being held by nurse, Miss Ethel Rae.

Ward System Plan Again Before Markham Council

Mr. Frank Brumwell appeared before Markham Township Council on Monday evening representing the Township Federation of Agriculture requesting some steps and investigation be made towards the institution of a Ward System for Markham Township.

Reeve Timbers stated that the matter had been talked over a number of times previously but no definite settlement could ever be reached on boundaries. Mr. Brumwell said that the Federation had discussed the matter and laid out a plan of boundaries for three wards. Heaviest of these would be the west side with 15.6 sq. miles, and 1,656 of a population. The centre ward would have 30 sq. miles with a population of 1,406, and the east ward 67.5 sq. miles with a population of 1,480. He said that these boundaries were optional and could be changed.

"All the municipalities south of us have this system," Councilor Clark reminded council. "Well I'm in favour of it," said Reeve Timbers, "but I won't guarantee it'll bring any lower taxes."

It was pointed out that under the ward system Markham could have a seven man council, a councillor and deputy-reeve from each ward and an over-all Reeve.

"There's great danger of a minority group getting no representation on council if the ward system isn't adopted," said Mr. Brumwell.

"I see no objection to representation by population," said Deputy-reeve LeMasurier.

Councillor Lennie suggested a meeting with ratepayers, groups, and others interested,

on May 11th. A public meeting would follow.

"The matter should be put to a vote of the people," said Councillor Lennie.

"Only if you want a seven-man council," said Councillor Hooper.

Council completed purchase of a new tractor, with Little Bros. of Richmond Hill getting the contract for a new Fordson diesel at \$3350.

A complaint was received from Thornhill concerning the use of tents by the operators of the Farmers' Market while their new building was being erected. The objectors suggested a \$5,000 bond be put up until the building was finished.

"This is only heresy, we've had no request for a permit to erect tents," said Reeve Timbers.

Y.P.U. Organization

On Monday evening, April 20th, the reorganization of the Young People's Society of Mount Joy and Dickson Hill took place. The following officers were elected: President, Will Barkey; Vice President, Mrs. Warren Moyer; Secretary, Treasurer, George Timbers; Assistant, Lois McKuen; Chorister, Howard Doner; Assistant, Lloyd Wideman; Organists, Marion Stouffer, Betty Stover, Executive Committee: Pastor, President; Vice President, Sec.-Treas., Reg Ramer, Ron James, Mrs. Mel Barkey, Carl Grove, Lester Eby and Floyd Doner. Delegate appointed to Young People's Convention, Willard Moyer; alternate, Howard Doner.

Late Joshua Lehman Ardent Bible Reader

Following a period of declining health, death came to Joshua Snider Lehman at Fairview Lodge, Whitby, on Sunday, April 19th. He was in his 90th year. Born in Uxbridge Township, the late Mr. Lehman had spent the greater part of his life in Markham Township. For more than a quarter century he drove a mail route from the Gormley farm, but has made his home with his son Wesley at Claremont for twenty years. His wife, the former Sarah Farmer, predeceased him 22 years ago.

He was identified with the Brethren-in-Christ Church at Heise Hill and was a constant reader of the Bible. During his lifetime, Mr. Lehman had read the scriptures from cover to cover one hundred and fifty-nine times. Although he has been deaf for a number of years, his eyesight remained good despite his great age.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas in Missouri, U.S., and Wesley of Claremont, also a daughter, Violet (Mrs. Jos. Jones) of Gormley; there is one brother, Joseph of Toronto, and a sister, Mrs. Martha Ryer, Stouffville.

The funeral on Tuesday was conducted by Bishop Alvin Winger from the Heise Hill Church, with interment in Heise Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers were, Orla Heise, Levi Steckley, Roy Brillinger, Anthony Nigh, Landon Steckley and Jacob Wideman.

\$50,000 Club House For 9th of Markham

In his March Building Report made to Markham Township Council, Building Inspector Ross Norton stated 18 building permits were issued during the past month, to cover construction with a total estimated value of \$129,400. Total permit fees collected amounted to \$153.00. The largest single item was the issuance of a permit to cover the erection of a \$54,000 club house to be built on lot 6, concession 9. The permit was taken out in the name of the Box Grove Realty Co.

In the realm of residential construction Mr. Maurice Tapscott will erect a \$10,000 home on lot 4, concession 7; while Mr. H. S. Honsberger will construct a \$9,000 house on lots 6, 7 and 8 in concession 1. Permits were also issued to cover the building of four \$8,000 homes.

Arena Bowlers Win Playoffs

Stouffville Arena Bowling team which occupied the cellar position in the local league for practically the entire winter, came through on Tuesday night to win the playoffs nosing out Murphy Motors team by some sixty-five pins. The Arena team counted 6,561 in the six game playoff. The regular schedule was won by Mole Motor Sales. The Arena team is comprised of George Allison, Ken Laushway, L. E. O'Neill, Gar Lehman, Chas. Nolan, Reg Button, and Telf. Rennie (alternate).

Rev. Frank Muir of the Stouffville Christian Church is in hospital this week in Toronto undergoing treatment.

Egg-Grading Station is Wiped Out by Fire

While Mr. and Mrs. John Offen of Cedar Grove were eating supper with their two children, Linda 12 and Dannie 9 on Monday evening, fire broke out in a shed at the rear of the egg-grading station and despite valiant efforts on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Offen the flames spread to the upstairs living quarters. The Markham Fire Brigade was summoned but they refused to answer the call because according to the clerk no agreement with the township concerning outside fire protection has yet been reached. The Unionville Fire Brigade responded quickly but the blaze had reached out-of-control proportions by the time they arrived. Water was pumped through 1000 feet of hose from a nearby creek and they succeeded in saving the frame home of Mrs. A. G. Offen who resides next door.

Mr. and Mrs. Offen and their children evacuated their home and were able to save only a radio, table and a few other miscellaneous effects. A pet dog and kitten were lost in the fire. Following their escape Mrs. Offen remembered that there was a quantity of money and bonds in the upstairs apartment and dis-regarding her own safety she rushed back into the smoke and flames in an effort to reclaim some of their savings. In doing so, she became lost in the dense smoke and narrowly escaped suffocation.

A truck owned by Mr. Harold Lapp and loaded with fertilizer was consumed in the raging inferno. Harold had driven the truck into the rear garage to keep it out of the rain during the night. Neighbors tied a rope around a 100 gallon gasoline tank and tried desperately to drag it out of the fire's path but the rope broke and they were driven back by the heat. Neither the gasoline tank nor another oil barrel exploded although the paint was completely burned off the outside.

"If it had been later at night we would never have escaped," exclaimed Mrs. Offen. The family will remain at the home of Mrs. A. G. Offen until future building plans can be completed. The house and egg-grading station was built some six years ago. Mr. Offen had just recently sold the business to a Toronto buyer. It was eight years ago that the Cedar Grove store belonging to a brother, Mr. Geo. Offen, was destroyed by fire. Although the exact cause of the blaze is not known it is believed that children playing with fire crackers were responsible.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sibley, 14 Torrens Ave., Toronto, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Geraldine, to Ross LeRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger, Gormley. The marriage will take place in Brethren-in-Christ Church, 150 Gamble Ave., Toronto, on June 20, 1953.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Stouffville Tennis Club will be held in the municipal offices on Wednesday night, April 29th, at 8 p.m. All those interested are requested to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt. Burk spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson, Greenbank.

Two New Teachers Engaged for Local High School Staff

Stouffville High School District Board has engaged two new high school teachers to fill vacancies on the staff caused by the resignations of Mr. Davis and Mrs. Laushway, the latter had been filling in on a temporary basis since Christmas. Mr. Davis will go to Paris, Ontario, which is close to his home.

John K. Marshall whose home is in Brampton and who has been teaching in Markham has been engaged while Miss Joan Lanthier who has been teaching in Quebec is the second new teacher joining the staff.

Winter Activities Over at Arena

Stouffville arena closed its doors to all winter activities on Wednesday night following the Brougham-Port Perry hockey game. Ice has been in the arena for the past seven months. The ice is being removed from the building a couple of weeks earlier than in the past two winters. In 1951 hockey activity ceased on the second week in May while last year it stopped during the first week of May. Before another season of wrestling, bingo, dancing and other forms of entertainment gets underway the new marble top floor will be planned to insure the finest degree of smoothness possible.

Tax Revelations in Press Start Furor in Tp. Council

Markham Township Council meeting was thrown into an uproar on Monday evening when Councillor Lennie strenuously objected to the appearance of certain information on this year's tax rate which was published last week in the Richmond Hill Liberal and The Stouffville Tribune.

"I'd like to know how this information got out, when we held a closed meeting, and I ask Mr. Reeve that this council be polled to see who gave these figures to the press," said Mr. Lennie.

"You're out of order," said Deputy-reeve LeMasurier. "The press should be at all our meetings, and this is just a good example of what can happen, the whole press should be invited," commented Councillor Chas. Hooper.

Councillor Lennie said he had no objection to the press being present but he believed when the meeting was closed, councillors should respect the secrecy of the discussion.

"It's a violation of a democratic principal and I would move this meeting adjourn," said Councillor Lennie. "I would like to put every councillor under oath."

All members of council denied any knowledge of how the press gained the tax information.

"Well I certainly have never told the press to stay away from any of our meetings, I've got nothing to hide," said Reeve Win. Timbers.

Former Deputy-reeve Alf. James who was present at the meeting as an onlooker asked if he could be given an explanation of what was done with the \$24,000 surplus which the council finished up with last year, and if this information had been given to the press.

Both Councillors Lennie and Hooper spoke up with explanations amid interruptions by Deputy-reeve LeMasurier and Councillor Clark. Councillor Lennie asked that council take the auditor's figures which showed \$24,045 surplus.

"That's not right, there's only approximately \$5,500, and if the culverts were paid for, we wouldn't have that," declared

Deputy-reeve LeMasurier. "You're talking a lot of nonsense," replied Councillor Lennie.

At this juncture Councillor Lennie began to leave the meeting but was prevailed on to remain.

"We've got the \$24,000 surplus alright but what I'd like to know is who gave the auditor authority to transfer this money from one account to another; he's only a paid employee and should come to council for anything like that," continued Councillor Hooper.

"Who gave permission to have culverts ordered and billed for in 1953?" asked Deputy-reeve LeMasurier.

"You did," replied Councillor Hooper.

"I did not," retorted the Deputy-reeve.

"You were a member of this council that agreed to order these culverts because the traveller said he didn't know how the steel supply would be and we better order ahead," said Councillor Hooper.

"Last year's road committee was accused of over-spending and I was accused of lying at a public meeting," broke in Councillor Lennie.

Councillor Clark asked permission to read a letter received several months previous from the auditor. Councillor Clark said that 1952 had finished with about a \$5,000 surplus.

"That's a lie, these falsehoods have been told before," shouted Councillor Lennie.

"I have never entered into this argument only on the road budget."

The argument on the true amount of the township surplus, what had been done with it, and how certain of last year's expenditure's came about continued for some time without definite conclusion.

However, Reeve Timbers summed the matter up in this way, "I can't see any point in all this argument, we've hired an auditor to show us how we stand, and the township is definitely in good financial shape, that's the main thing, as far as I can see," said the Reeve.

Interesting Open Evening Planned At High School

An interesting evening is being planned at the Stouffville High School next Tuesday evening, April 28th, from 8 until 10 p.m. The "Open Night" is the occasion for an exhibition of work by the Night School Hobby Classes.

Included in the work will be sixty oil paintings, work of the evening art group under the direction of Arnold Hodgkins. Also on display will be projects in woodworking and sheet metal, etc. Displays by vocational guidance department, science experiments and others, will interest the visitors.

A special invitation is extended to Grade 8 pupils and their parents to visit the school on this occasion.

Motor Collision Cases Heard In Local Court

Damage actions in connection with two motor collisions were heard before Judge Denton in division court in Stouffville on Thursday morning.

L. M. Newall, trucker of Toronto brought action against D. C. Brown of Ringwood, claiming \$140.00 compensation for time lost following an accident which occurred several months ago. Mr. Newall was represented by Haynes, Thompson and Rogers, solicitors, and Mr. Brown by McCullough & Button. In giving judgment Judge Denton reduced the number of days for which Newall claimed loss of time and the per day rate. He allowed the plaintiff \$65 and costs. Cost of the damages to the trucks was settled following the accident.

In the case of Harold Dean vs. Leslie James of Stouffville, action was dismissed without costs. Mr. Dean claimed \$96.64 damages to his car in connection with a collision which occurred in November last year. McCullough & Button represented Mr. James and Mr. Chappell of Toronto the plaintiff. In dismissing the case Judge Denton commented that the case was very difficult to decide and there was little evidence to support the claim.

March Police Report in Markham

In his monthly report to Markham Township Council Police Chief Clarence Wideman stated his department investigated six accidents during the month. Police issued 142 summonses; nine of which were for overloading. Only one case of breaking entry, and theft, and just one case of obtaining money by false pretenses was reported to police. Other calls handled by the police included one fire call, two auction sales, four hockey games and three complaints of dumping of garbage. A total of 201 miscellaneous calls and investigations was handled.

Chief Wideman reports his department is receiving complaints of earth being taken off a sidewalk in the vicinity of the Gamble sidewalk and Bayview Avenue. Residents in the area have requested that prohibitive signs be placed in this district.

Thieves Get \$25,000 Loot from Markham Township Estate

Some time between the interval of 3 and 10 p.m. on Saturday, thieves broke into the home on the estate of Mr. J. T. Cannon, Bayview Avenue North in Markham Township, and escaped with jewels and furs valued at \$25,000. The burglars gained entry to the residence through an upstairs window. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon were absent at the time of the break-in and the theft was not discovered until the owners returned home on Saturday evening. Watches, mink coats, jewelry and rings were among the valuables taken. Constables Clarence Wideman and George Clayton are investigating.

As we go to press the Tribune has been informed by Chief Constable Clarence Wideman that the loot has been discovered in a vacant field on Henderson Avenue in the Doncaster sub-division south of Thornhill. Constable Geo. Clayton has been working on the case since the robbery was reported on Saturday night.

WARBLE-FLY SPRAYING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY



Uxbridge and Whitchurch Townships are operating an extensive warble fly control campaign this month and according to all reports the scheme is proving highly successful.

Pictured above is sprayer operator, Mr. Duncan McTavish soaking the young cattle belonging to Mr. Russel Dowdell on the Geo. Alsop farm, 3rd concession Uxbridge. In the

foreground is Mr. Jack Sheehy, assistant operator. Mr. McTavish informed The Tribune that in one day over 400 cattle were treated.

COOKING SCHOOL WINNER



Shown here standing beside the new Frigidaire refrigerator which she won as a grand prize at the Cooking School last week, is the lucky winner, Mrs. Harry Holden. Along with Mrs. Holden is Mr. Lou Raxlin of Raxlin Furniture & Appliances, the local dealer who co-operated in putting the school on. The

affair was sponsored by the Stouffville Women's Business & Professional Club. Actually the winning ticket carried the name of Mr. Holden making the win all the more unique since only a few weeks before Mr. Holden won a new Pontiac car given away by the local Lions Club.