

14 Municipalities In York County May Vote on Seat

Location of the new seat of government for York County may be decided by a vote of the 14 rural municipalities remaining in the county, it was learned last week.

Transfer of the 12 urban municipalities to Metropolitan Toronto has reduced York County from the sixth to the ninth largest legislative body in Canada.

Mentioned as sites for the new county seat, now situated on Adelaide St. E. in the city, are the towns of Newmarket and Aurora.

The mid-year session of the York County Council will begin May 26, at which time, Warden Asa Cook has indicated, the northern municipalities could vote on the new location of the county seat.

Local Girl Is Toronto Bible College Graduate

Fifty-nine years successfully devoted to the training of young people on an inter-denominational basis in the knowledge and use of the English Bible, will be climaxed on Thursday, April 30th, with Toronto Bible College Graduation Exercises in Varsity Arena, Toronto. Among the fifty-six graduates will be Miss Audrey Baker, B.A., of Claremont R.R.3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baker.

The practical training which the college offers has attracted, this year, young men and women from seven provinces of Canada and from eight other countries, including the United States, the West Indies, Holland, Germany and Estonia.

The graduates of this Canadian College find their way into many spheres of service and into many lands. A total of 950 are engaged in full-time Christian service. Three hundred and thirty are ministers and pastors in Canada and the United States. Two hundred and eighty are serving their missionary societies in forty-one countries. The remainder are engaged as missionaries or in diversified forms of service in the homeland.

Before the evening ends the Class of '53 will have joined the College's worldwide Alumni fellowship, having received their diplomas from the hands of the College President, Mr. William Inrig, and the Principal, Dr. J. B. Rhodes.

Of 14,000,000 Canadians, 5,100,000 are insured against hospital expenses.

Mysterious Musk-Ox Increase in Arctic

The mysterious, shaggy musk-ox, once believed to be the missing link between the sheep and domestic ox, appears to have made a comeback in Canada's barren Arctic.

About 25 years ago the sheep-ox, so named by early biologists, seemed headed for extinction. At that time it was estimated that 500 musk-ox, protected by the government, roamed the Northwest Territories. However, a recent survey by the Resources Department indicates there are several large herds totalling 1,000 or more.

May Have Overlooked Officials say that the figures don't necessarily mean that the population has doubled. A great many may have been overlooked 25 years ago. Few have been known to



live in captivity. The United States government tried to raise some in Alaska but found the experiment impractical. Scientists confess they don't know much about the husky 1,000-pound beast. However, the Canadian wildlife service plans to learn more about its history, habit and range.

They think, but are not sure, that the musk-ox is found only in Canada's Arctic wastes.

Live in Sanctuary The musk-ox was practically overlooked since 1927 when it was thought there were 500. At that time a herd of 250 lived in the Thelon game sanctuary, a 15,000-square-mile reserve northeast of Great Slave Lake.

Two years ago 334 were counted. And two months ago officials were startled when 92 were spotted 300 miles northwest, near Great Bear Lake, where the animal had never been seen previously. Herds also have been located on Ellesmere Island, 1,000 miles south of the north pole.

An official said an accurate estimate of the population is impossible. "It's like trying to figure out the population of a town by counting the number of people in the main street."

Revels in Cold The musk-ox is a stocky, long-haired animal that revels in cold weather. It closely resembles the domestic ox, but its curved horns and woolly underfur suggest relationship to the wild sheep. The animal emits a musky odor when excited or annoyed. The scent is produced by numerous small glands distributed about the body.

A non-meat eater, the musk-ox plods slowly over the rocky hillocks and tractless muskegs searching for the dwarf arctic plants. When snow covers the vegetation in the valleys, he must either paw away the frozen crust or move to the bare wind-swept hillsides.

During the ice age the ancestors of the existing musk-ox ranged over northern Europe, northern Asia and North America—from Alaska south to Iowa, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Kansas. As the ice receded the beast moved to colder climates.

Rounds Up Harem The musk-ox mate in the summer with each bull rounding up as many cows as possible for his harem. Competition is keen and rival males often engage in a battle to the death.

The cows drop a single calf, rarely twins, in April or May. The baby musk-ox weighs about 20 pounds at birth and is less than two feet high at the shoulder. At three or four years of age he may stand five feet at the shoulder and weigh 1,000 pounds. Nobody seems to know how long they live.

Liberals Plan Rally in Oshawa

The executive of the Ontario Riding Liberal Association met last week at the Pickering home of J. L. Lay the party's candidate in the next federal election.

Plans were held for a gala mass meeting in Oshawa early in May. It is expected that party workers will attend in large numbers from all parts of the riding. Plans are for a crowd of at least 1,000 representatives.

Every municipality in Ontario Riding will be represented on the platform and one of the senior members of the federal cabinet will be guest speaker.

Why not take your lawn-mower over to your neighbor right now—and let him have it sharpened?



For Parents Only

LET ME HELP!

By Nancy Cleaver

"Let me help." What happens in your home when your small son or daughter asks to join in some grown-up job? A child watches mother or dad engaged in a task with great interest. His eagerness to be of assistance is a precious thing. If a small child's offer of assistance is refused or postponed to some other day he will be less likely to want to help another time. Children don't like to be rebuffed any more than adults!

It does take time and patience to include a little boy or girl in performing some job. Dad can bring in the wood and light the stove faster all by himself than if he waits for Junior to collect his pile of sticks. Mother can mix muffins much more quickly if she does not stop to delegate the beating of the egg or the greasing of the tins to Mary—but how much Junior and Mary will miss not only in training to be contributing members in the work of a home, but in the sense of comradeship and in the pride of achievement which a father-and-son or a mother-and-daughter completed job brings with it!

When a child wants to help, if at all possible put the youngster to work then and there. See that daughter is properly clothed for the job—an apron on for baking. Make sure that your child has the right work tools—such as a mixing bowl and beater to beat an egg. Then work alongside the child at your part of the job. If you must give more instructions or criticize the way the child is working, do it in a constructive, kindly way. If a task is a little too difficult for a child or he is taking too long to do it, help him finish it. Don't take over the job and do it yourself!

The next time the child is

helping, delegate more responsibility and cut down on directions. If the child is old enough and keen about that particular task, work toward the time when the son or daughter can complete the task all by himself or herself. Use encouragement and show a child how to avoid making the same mistake twice. Be generous in your praise of a job well done.

Sometimes in a home where there are older boys and girls at school, the youngsters have become more and more preoccupied with their school work, their friends and their own interests and activities. They rarely ask, "Let Me Help!" Often mother, in a mistaken idea that she is being "good to the children," asks little or nothing from them in assistance in the work of the home. She may not realize it, but a house where mother does the children's beds tidies up and picks up after them, is an excellent training ground for her son and daughter to become a self-reliant husband or a helpmeet wife in a few years' time.

In the fair division of the work of the home, father, because he is away so much and can look on things with a more impartial view, should give some direction. Everyone, even a small child, should have some work to do. A family council when father reviews all the work mother does each week is a good idea. In some homes each child is allowed to choose at the end of the week some job he likes to do which he will carry out the next week. The tasks that no one is likely to pick such as washing the dishes, are written out on slips and rotated around so that each one has a turn.

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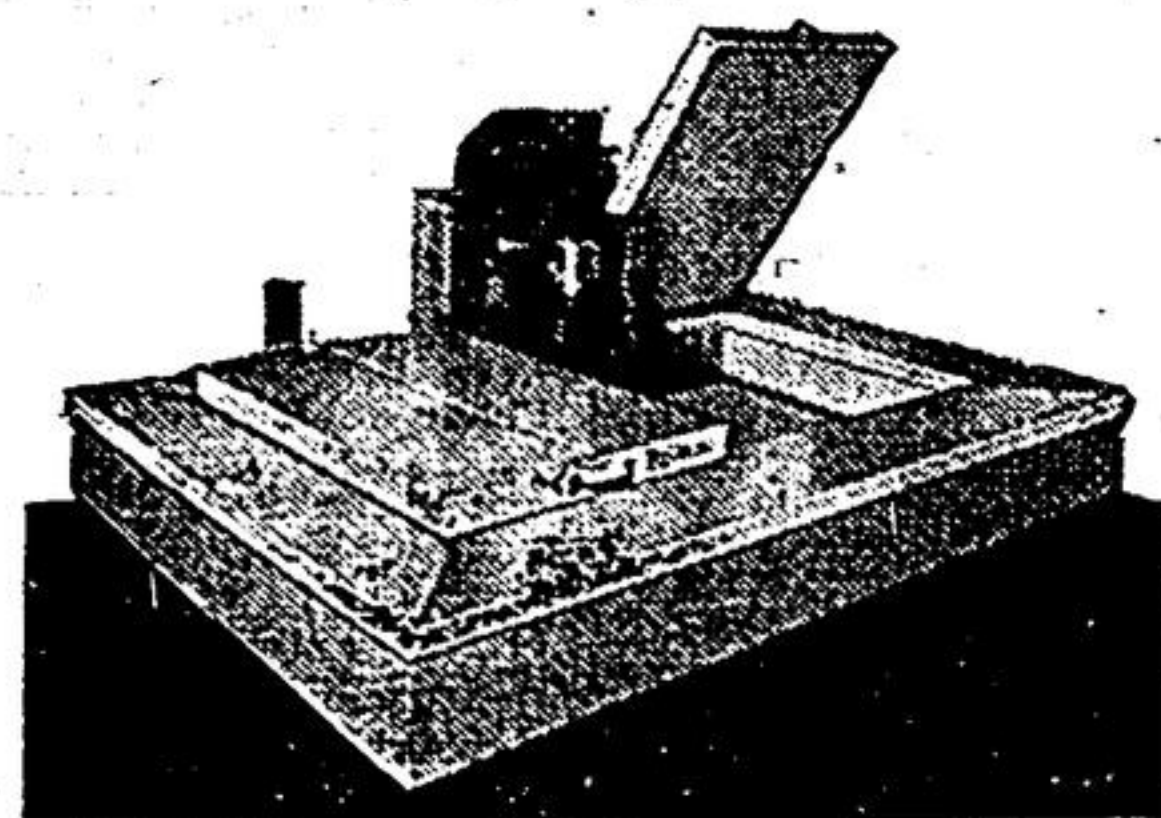
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