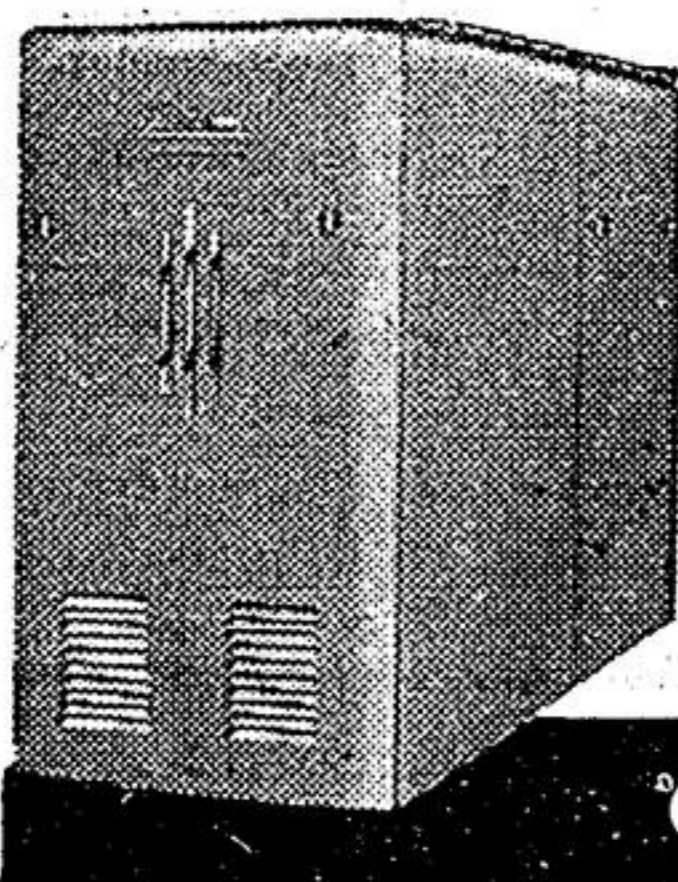


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**Townsmen Visits George Abell**

By George Abell (formerly of Stouffville)

Is Pop right when he says that street car tracks are being laid on Main Street to connect up with the bus lines coming from the North and South? And is it true that Alf Mole wears roller skates to travel between the kitchen and dining room with a plate of soup so it won't cool off during the journey? I have sometimes, in the past had a suspicion that Pop might be guilty of stretching things just the teeniest bit but maybe not.

He'll no doubt tell you that our butler wears his top hat in the house. Don't believe it! The poor fellow had a head cold the day Pop blew in and didn't want to take any chances.

The calendar was duly delivered, Les, and thank you very much. Thought you would have wrapped a nice new Stud-baker in it for old times sake. Please don't be so thoughtless next year.

So, like Caesar, Pop came, he saw and he conquered my kids with candy. May his shadow never grow less. Looks like you'll have to believe him. In case anyone wants proof

of Pop Woodward's story when he gets back from his travels. I raise my right hand and solemnly swear that he had his feet under the Abell table in Epsom one day last week.

We were really pleased to see him and spent an enjoyable few hours setting up to date on everybody in and around that suburb of Ringwood known as Stouffville.

Was surprised to hear that you people think the British are next door to starving. Surely you don't believe what you read in the papers and especially what I write! The table decorations at meal time over here are plentiful now, especially if you have some angle or rustle in the old pocket when you go into a grocery store. I gather from Pop that you need more than a Pepsa.

Gent smile to get the week's groceries in Canada, so I don't imagine the two countries are much different in that way.

And just how many new houses have been built in town the last couple of years? And just how big are they? Ben, when he gets you and Lil by the wood stove next year.

So much for that. Now let's see what made the front pages

here this week. First and foremost, the changed attitude of the Russians. Looks as if they are at least partly sincere in wanting to get friendly with the rest of the world.

Perhaps by this time next year there will be Russian ships unloading caviar, pickled cabbage, beautiful blonde spies and vodka in every part of the world. Ugh! How I hate caviar and pickled cabbage. They must be an acquired taste.

And our Prime Minister has been granted a knighthood and membership in the Order of the Garter. He has fought it off for years but has finally bowed to the inevitable. It will seem queer at first to read of Sir Winston Churchill but if anyone deserved recognition for his services to the country it's that same cigar smoking old gentleman who has been a public servant for such a long time.

Anthony Eden is still in the hospital and as you no doubt know has had to decline the invitation to open the C.N.E. this summer. If the directors are stuck for a famous person from over here to do it, just drop a hint that I'm available.

**Urban Municipalities Toronto Mayor Faces Strong Opposition At Plowing Match**

Although Newmarket and Aurora appear to have the "bulge" on all other locations, the site of the new county seat for York is still undecided and could be either Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Stouffville or Sutton. Both Newmarket and Aurora are prepared to offer buildings for the county office site.

Newmarket's offer of the fire hall has a provision that it would not be used as temporary county headquarters for more than two years. Reeve Arthur D. Evans said that he did not think the county would require the fire hall auditorium for more than a year or 18 months.

Reeve Evans read a newspaper clipping which told of a proposal in the Metropolitan council that the cost of a new million dollar county home at Newmarket be shared by York County and the Metropolitan area. Mr. Evans said there was to be a discussion this week on whether the area should proceed with a county home. "Quite a few are in favor of it," he said.

"Another suggestion has come to us that the old county home be used as an administration building for the county. \$10,000 could do a lot to fix up the old county home and the new county could keep all its road equipment on the property at the rear of the building," he said.

Reeve Evans said that a special committee of county council, headed by Warden Asa Cook, "feels that the county building should be in the centre of the county." Employees want to know where they are going to work, he said, and the committee wants to choose temporary accommodation.

Mayor Allan Lamport of Toronto, who by virtue of his win over Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa was winner of the "Mayor's Class" at the International Plowing Match last year, is going to face increased competition this year when he mounts the tractor seat at this year's match to be held at the United Counties Farm between Port Hope and Cobourg.

F.A. Lashley, Secretary-Manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association said today that there was plenty of competition in the offering for Mayor Lamport. "Several Ontario Mayors have announced their intention of vresting the trophy from Mayor Lamport," said Mr. Lashley. "He will face even stiffer competition this year according to present indications."

Mr. Lashley has been in touch with several Chief Magistrates of Ontario towns and cities and has been assured that this year's contest of Mayors will be keenly fought over each foot of furrow.

The "International" is to be opened by the Hon. Vincent Massey, Governor General, on October 6th and will continue until October 9th.

One of the features of the match this year will be the holding of the first "World Contest" which will see competitors in action from practically all countries of the world. The "World" contest will be under the sponsorship of the World Championship Plowing Organization, with the Ontario Plowmen's Association acting as host.

The local committees representing the Plowing Association of Durham-Northumberland Counties has been active for some months in preparing for the big event on the emin-

**Former Markham Station Agent Dies Suddenly**

Mr. Herbert S. Snider of Richmond Hill, died suddenly on Wednesday afternoon. As he and Mrs. Snider were about to go shopping, he complained of a pain, and a doctor was summoned. He was taken to hospital, but passed away very shortly. He had apparently been enjoying good health.

Mr. Snider was raised at Uxbridge and spent his life with the railway. He was station agent in Markham for a great many years, until his retirement a few years ago. Later, he sold his residence there and the family moved to Richmond Hill.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Snider were very active members of Markham United Church, and he was an elder for many years. He was a Past Noble Grand of the Oddfellows Lodge.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, the former Mary Davidson, is a daughter Jean, at home, and son Lynn of Ottawa.

An old-timer is one who remembers when a dollar was a dollar—and few had one.

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Touring season—when everybody is ready to go except some of those old jalopies!

**BETHESDA**  
 Thurs., May 21st.  
 Mr. Norman Fretz of London called at his parents' home over the weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Oran Fretz and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stecky attended the double ordination of Ronald Lofthouse and Harvey sider at Cheapside, Ont., last Sunday.

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