

## SANTA VISITS CLAREMONT



Santa Claus made his annual pre-Christmas visit to Claremont on Saturday and treated more than a thousand kiddies to candies. Here is a group standing around Santa's headquarters with little three-year old Shirley Hodgson, daughter of Russell Hodgson on the jolly fellow's knee.

# LeMasurier Wins Markham Reeveship, Has Over Five Hundred Vote Majority

Alf LeMasurier swept into the Markham Township reeveship in Monday's election with more than five hundred majority over the second contestant in the race, Chas. Hooper. A surprise to his many friends and supporters, reeve Win. Timbers ran last with 671 votes. The 1954 reeve comes into office after two years council experience, but despite a hectic two years of constant council meeting upheavals, has continued to mount strength among the electorate. Mr. Timbers retires from the field after eight years service to Markham while Mr. Hooper, likewise has served for a long period.

Mr. LeMasurier garnered 1,289 votes, Mr. Hooper 776 and Mr. Timbers, 671. The newly-elected reeve drew considerable strength from Unionville, Langstaff and Thornhill where he was given a total of 579 votes.

W.L. Clark made a creditable run for the deputy-reeveship with 1490 votes as against 991 for his opponent and former council member, Dalton Rumney.

A.G. Little of Cedar Grove and a newcomer to the municipal field topped the entire field on Monday with a 1,782 vote total for his council seat. Art Lennie, present sitting member stood second with 1,437 while a close fight developed between Mrs. Kathleen James and Wm. Masters for the third spot. Mrs. James finally made the grade with a 49 vote majority to become the first woman member of Markham Township Council in over one hundred years.

A total of nearly three thousand votes was cast in the election, which stirred up the greatest interest of any municipal election in years.

	Hooper	LeMasurier	Timbers	Clark	Rumney	James	Lennie	Little	Masters	Yes	No
High Park	69	207	46	186	90	148	245	107	186	150	159
Doncaster	23	97	12	68	47	86	102	45	87	66	59
Thornhill	54	52	8	31	68	41	68	45	65	65	40
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Langstaff	42	224	19	198	55	190	92	146	135	182	82
Hunt Rd.	18	48	2	37	27	48	23	31	28	55	9
Elgin Mills	30	27	19	22	55	21	26	46	9	63	12
Buttonville	150	54	36	108	119	51	144	102	75	188	33
Victoria Square	85	47	64	57	121	39	104	160	41	174	18
Hagerman	40	39	47	79	34	45	58	90	25	110	14
Unionville	80	229	45	201	133	150	170	272	82	296	54
Cashel	54	46	46	87	58	42	108	126	41	128	17
Bennetts	19	43	25	57	23	19	24	81	18	77	10
Mt. Joy	17	16	59	57	24	14	51	89	12	84	6
Dickson's Hill	15	28	96	104	20	22	51	106	19	124	10
Cedar Grove	36	38	82	106	30	15	35	152	22	142	13
Mongolia	25	20	47	46	43	11	58	89	38	89	3
	776	1289	671	1490	991	994	1437	1782	942	2066	576

## Whose Business Is It?

Stouffville Council discussed at considerable length on Monday evening, the jurisdiction of the local Cemetery Commission. For years much of the financial work of this Commission has been handled by the council, and the question was raised as to why the council should be handling finances of this corporate body.

According to councillor Ratcliff, the Ontario Statutes do not call for the Cemetery Commission to be an elected body, but the bylaw under which Stouffville operates, does so. However, council has been called upon to sanction the price of plots and invest any surplus money which accrues by the Commission.

Further fuel to the discussion resulted in the presence of an account for some \$140 which has been charged to the Cemetery Commission by the Parks Commission for the use of the park tractor and mow-er. The rate charged was \$2.50 an hour. Council was given to understand that the Commission had no money with which

## Ontario County Crop Association Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Ontario County Soil and Crop Improvement Association will be held in the Legion Hall, Uxbridge on Tuesday, December 15th at 10:30 a.m.

The morning program will be mostly devoted to discussion on the demonstration program that has been carried out by the association during the year. The new Crop Improvement Association demonstration program for 1954 will be discussed.

There will be two outstanding speakers on the program in the afternoon. Dr. D.N. Huntley, Field Husbandry Department, O.A.C., Guelph, will discuss new improved varieties of cereal grains and forage crops. Mr. Ken Falls, Crops, Seeds and Weeds Branch Toronto will deal with problems relating to weed and brush control.

There is always considerable interest regarding the best methods of handling manures and fertilizers. A group of prominent farmers in Ontario County will form a panel for discussion on this topic.

The officers and directors for 1954 will be elected.

There will be a free lunch at noon. All farmers interested in improved farming practices should plan to attend.

## Ward System Carries in Markham

Two thousand and sixty-six voters cast ballots on Monday in favor of the Ward system for Markham Township while only 576 registered disapproval. Only one poll out of the sixteen gave a "no" majority, that being Highland Park with 150 for the measure and 159 against.

As was predicted the greatest opposition to the change to a Ward system came from the urban portion of Markham Township, but all polls on the east side of the municipality gave thumping majorities.

## Packed Church Hears Visiting Indian Family

Stouffville Baptist Church was filled to capacity on Monday night to listen to the Claus Indian family from Buffalo, N.Y. The public address system carried the service to the overflow crowd in the basement.

This family is composed of parents, son and daughter and son-in-law. The father was absent owing to his sickness. They appeared in native costume and brought several musical numbers including "The Lord's my Shepherd," in the Mohawk Indian tongue.

The message of the evening preached by the son was based on Matthew 4:16, "The people which sat in darkness saw great light, and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light sprung up." He made mention of the superstitions of his own people and pointed out that the Gospel is not only for the white race but for the whole world, and challenged the Christians present to pray for the Indian people. "If I could speak to all the white people," he said, "I would not ask them to return the land to the Indians, which many feel is theirs but to send to them the Gospel of the redeeming grace."

The meeting was sponsored by the Stouffville Men's Fellowship. The President, Mr. Alv-wood, Webb and Quaker Hill, Clarence Bunker, was returned to office with a total of 304. Although he failed to top any individual poll he gained a substantial number of votes in every division to keep him well up in the running. Ernest Hartrick trailed the field with 85 votes. In four of the seven divisions he polled but 23 votes.

## Evicted Family Finds Furniture Scattered on Road

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moore and their 3 children, James 8, Walter 3 and Arthur 18 mos, returned to their home on No. 47 highway, east of Goodwood on Thursday afternoon only to discover that all their belongings had been removed from the house and had been scattered along the roadside. The Moore family moved into the cement block home in June and received their eviction notice shortly after from the owner, Mr. Kendall Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Moore defied all orders to evacuate the house and on a number of occasions when Prov. Police Constable Wilton investigated the premises he was met at the door by Mrs. Moore with a shotgun. After taking legal action the bailiff and police stepped in and removed all their possessions from the house. The Moore family are now residing at the home of Mr. Geo. Matthews on the 5th concession of Uxbridge.

## Cement Culverts To Be No More In Stouffville

The use of cement culvert pipe will not be allowed, for approach culverts in Stouffville ditches, according to a resolution passed by the municipal council here on Monday evening, and which calls for corrugated steel only. A number of the cement type culverts have been installed at various points and according to Councillor Burk of the road committee, they will not stand up for many years for driveway traffic. There is very little difference in the cost, it was said, but council is invariably called upon to unplug these culverts when a tile breaks.

Stouffville has been asked to join in a proposed "Rouge Valley Conservation Authority" and council agreed by resolution that they would co-operate in such a project.

The regular monthly police report revealed 51 convictions in town for violation of the Highway Traffic Act and 15 pending. In addition there were 2 convictions and one case pending under the Liquor Control Act. The local police were involved in an interesting incident recently when they were summoned to Main St. where several Toronto youths, members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity were stranded. As part of their initiation ceremony they had been driven blindfolded, into the country and left stranded. Constable Hilliard discussed possible parking ban east of the school building. A number

## Prisoner-of-War Claims Deadline Set for Dec. 31st

It is pointed out that there has been a change in the regulations since those originally announced, therefore, any former Prisoner-of-War who may have the remotest claim for compensation should make application. An ordinary letter written by the Veteran to "War Claims Commission, 262 Wellington St., Ottawa" will be considered an application if received on or before Dec. 31, 1953. Further information may be had by contacting Mr. Jack Sanders Service Bureau Officer of the Canadian Legion branch 459 Stouffville.

Those annual fowl bings conducted by the Stouffville Legion Branch here, commence next Thursday evening, Dec. 17th.

## Roberts Defeats Balsdon for Pickering Deputy-Reeve

A large crowd of ratepayers jammed the Pickering Township Municipal Offices at Brougham until the eleventh hour, on Monday night before they learned the final result in the neck and neck election race between Dep Reeve Clare Balsdon and Dr. Kenneth Roberts. Dr. Roberts climaxed his uphill battle with a 200 vote majority in the Rouge area, the final poll to report. This advantage gave him a total of 1,156 votes against 1,345 for Balsdon. Balsdon jumped into the lead in the early returns from the North but the vote was light when compared with the heavy vote in the South. Dep. Reeve Balsdon has served Pickering Township for the past six years.

Reeve Geo. Todd was returned for another term with 269 vote majority over his opponent, Mr. Stephen Stephenson. Reeve Todd built up a substantial lead in the North and although his margin was cut considerably by a strong Stephenson vote in the South his majority was enough to score comfortable victory. Mr. Todd pulled heavy at Claremont, Whitevale, Kinsale, herrywood and Mt. Zion while Stephenson went over well at Liverpool, the Rouge, East Woodlands, Pickering each, Fairport Beach and Highland Creek.

Councillor Wm. Lawson, seeing his second term in office peddled the polls with a total of 700. Bill Newman was close behind with 1,696 with Hugh Nichell running third with 1,411. Mr. Fred G. Hunt in making his premier bid for a council seat fell 170 votes

## Robt. Nesbitt Gains Seat on Uxbridge Council

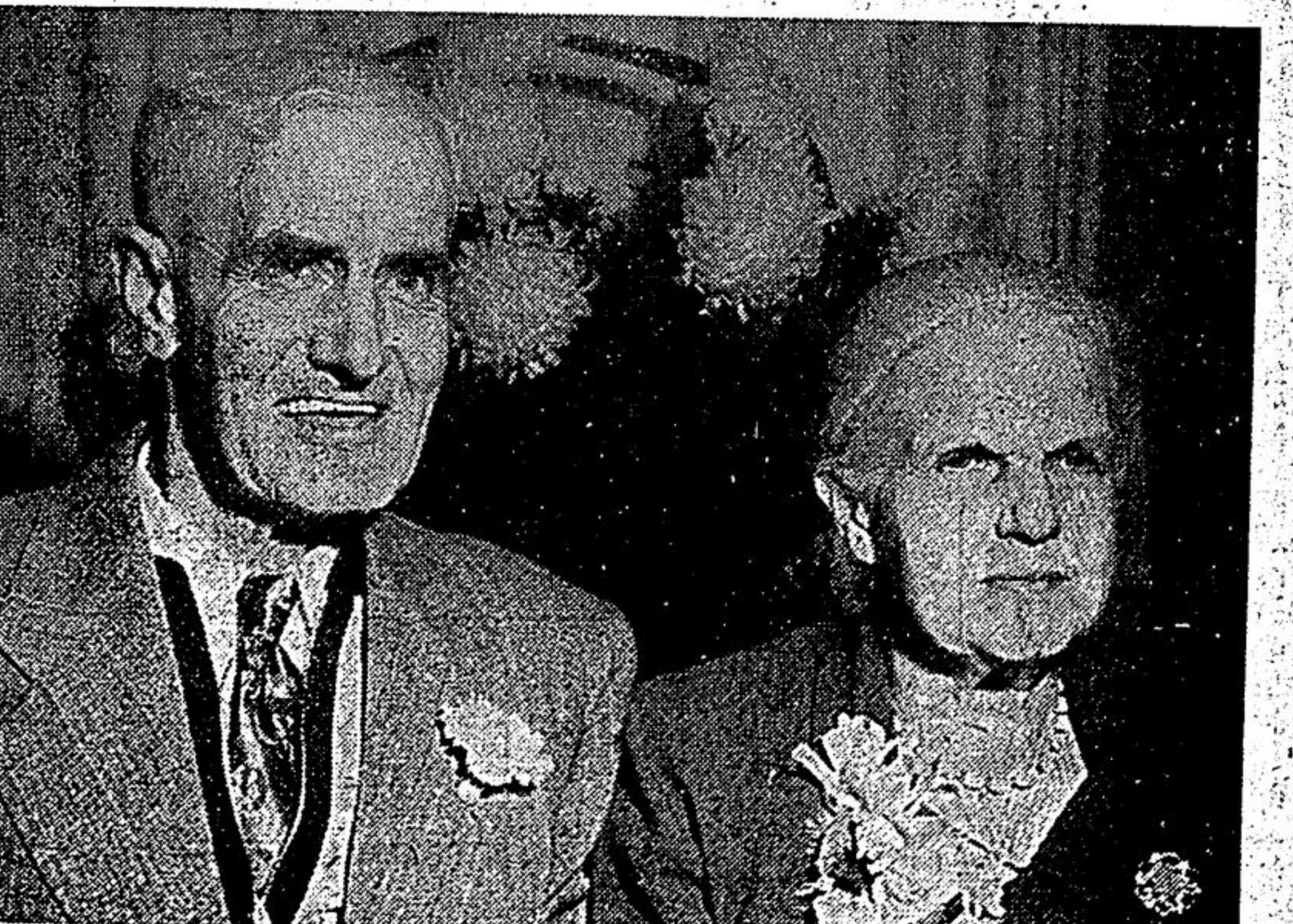
Mr. Robt. Nesbitt polled an even 300 votes on Monday to win a seat on Uxbridge Township Council for 1954. In his first attempt at municipal office, Nesbitt was well supported in the Glen Major, Pine Grove and Quaker Hill districts. His total was forty-four votes more than his closest rival, Bruce Beach. Earl Dows-well headed the candidates with a total of 427. He was strongly supported at every poll but gained his greatest majority at Glasgow, Goodwood, Webb and Quaker Hill. Clarence Bunker, was returned to office with a total of 304. Although he failed to top any individual poll he gained a substantial number of votes in every division to keep him well up in the running. Ernest Hartrick trailed the field with 85 votes. In four of the seven divisions he polled but 23 votes.

## Harold Gray Funeral Thursday

The death occurred at the Toronto General Hospital on Tuesday of this week of Harold J. Gray of Toronto, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Gray of Stouffville. Born near Stouffville deceased was on the staff of the Standard Bank for some time, later moving to Toronto where he entered business.

Surviving are, his wife, Elizabeth Gray and one son, Gary. The funeral on Thursday will be conducted from the Trull Funeral Home, 2704 Yonge St. at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

## Altona Couple Fifty Years Married



Friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McNair of Altona last week to honor this popular couple on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple have lived more than forty-five years at Altona, retiring from their farm nearby six years ago.

Mrs. McNair was the former Elizabeth Meyer, daughter of Edward Meyer, Pickering, and her husband is the son of the late Jonathon McNair of Bethesda. They were married on Dec. 1st, 1903 by the Rev. W. Percy on the 9th concession of Pickering at the bride's home. Immediately following their marriage the couple spent four years on the 5th con. of Markham prior to coming to Altona.

An interesting highlight of the celebration was a phone call from Tisdale, Sask. from John D. McNair who was the best man at the ceremony fifty years ago. Miss Alice White who was the bridesmaid and who now lives in Fergus, was able to be present.

Both the honored guests enjoy comparatively good health. Mr. McNair who has a ready wit enjoyed by a wide circle of friends, while not indulging in public life, was always an ardent curler and horse-shoe pitcher.

The couple have two sons, Fred of Stouffville and Earl of Enniskillen and one daughter, Mrs. Stan Thompson. There are eight grandchildren.

## Additional Locals

Advertisers are asked to have copy in early for next two issues, please, to facilitate publication.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Forfar and son Bruce are down from Sault Ste. Marie for a visit with their families. Mrs. Forfar and Bruce will remain in Stouffville for the winter and Ralph will go to Eton. A.C.R. as Woods Supervisor for the Gillette Logging Company.

Several teachers from the Public School staff attended a District Teacher's meeting at Richmond Hill Public School last Wednesday evening. The special speaker of the evening was Dorothy Jane Goulding, well-known radio artist of "Kindergarten of the Air."

Two presentations by Stouffville friends were made this past week to Miss Mae Mowder who will be married this month. On Wednesday evening friends gathered at the home of Miss Jean Pipher and presented Mae with a cedar chest and a lovely piece of luggage. On Tuesday evening Mrs. L. Turner entertained friends and a gift of coffee table, end tables, and lamps was given to Miss Mowder.