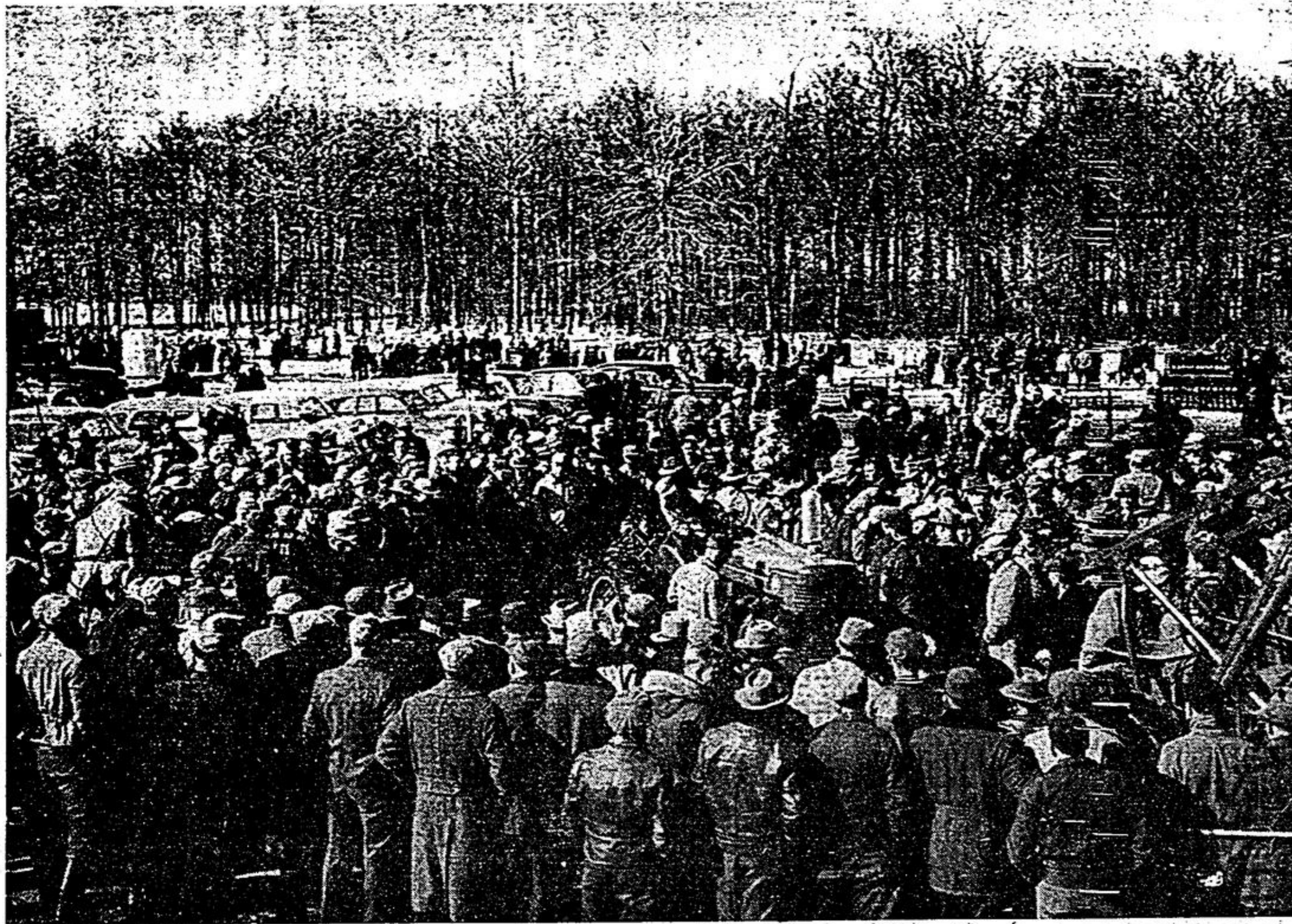


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CLOSE TO THREE THOUSAND AT GIANT IMPLEMENT AUCTION



On Thursday afternoon of last week nearly 3,000 buyers attended the first annual implement auction held at the Stouffville Sales Pavilion. The sale, the first of its kind to be held in Ontario, was sponsored by eight authorized implement dealers in the district. About 150 pieces of new and reconditioned equipment were offered for sale.

It was necessary to use two

sales. The entire auction was completed before five o'clock. Buyers from a radius of over 100 miles were in attendance. Implement prices were very

good with a W-6 tractor bringing \$1,110, a seed drill \$425, a garden tractor \$180, one-way disk \$275 and loaders at \$260. The dealers hope to have a sale of harvest equipment early in June.

Bidding Brisk as Over 75 Whitchurch Properties Under Tax Sale Hammer

Vandorf Hall was filled on Monday afternoon for the treasurer's sale of lands in arrears of taxes in Whitchurch Township. The sale was conducted in able manner by Clerk Jack Crawford who sold steadily until half past five. Receipts totalled nearly \$10,000.

There were originally 99 properties listed for sale but some half dozen were redeemed before the sale commenced and eleven failed to obtain a bid on Monday.

The top price was paid for 41 acres of land on the 7th con. just north of the Ballantrae sideroad, lot 25, which went up to \$2250.00. The Albert Mapes estate adjacent to the 41-acre piece went for \$1300. A couple of Musselman's Lake lots sold for \$195.00 and \$105. each, and five acre parcels of land on Cherry St. off the 8th con. realized between \$400 and \$500.

Small lots at Wilcox Lake sold for \$35 to \$50 with starting tax bids about \$12.

TRUCKS TOO HEAVY PAY FINE

Three gravel trucks charged by local Provincial Police with overloading were each fined \$50 and costs when the drivers appeared in county court at Newmarket on Tuesday of this week.

Alex Boyd Dies In His 85th Year

The death occurred on Sunday of Alexander Boyd while he was being moved from his home in Markham to hospital. He was in his 85th year and had been ill for several months.

Deceased was born in Ireland and over fifty years ago married Nellie May Barkey who survives him. Mr. Boyd engaged in farming and as a drover during his active years and lived practically his entire lifetime in Markham. He was identified with the Pentecostal Church.

Besides his wife, deceased is survived by three sons, Hugh A., Unionville; Harry M. and Frank, Alberta; and five daughters; Mrs. Frank Timbers, Locust Hill; Mrs. W. B. Pettit, Napanee; Mrs. F. Langmuir and Dorothy Boyd, Toronto; and Mrs. L. Johnston, Chicago. There are two brothers, Hugh and Dave, of Stouffville and two sisters, Mrs. F. Hornshaw of Whitevale and Mrs. S. Dart of Toronto.

The funeral will be conducted this Thursday afternoon by Rev. Fred McCarthy with interment in the First Markham Baptist Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jack Hornshaw, Willie Boyd, Gordon Boyd, Eldon Boyd, Robert Johnston and Stanley Timbers.

PUBLIC SKATING

There will be public skating at the Stouffville Arena this Friday night—one of the last skating nights this season.

Owing to a late rush of advertising, several late news budgets had to be omitted.

Approx. \$45,000 Assessment Involved In Local Annexation

Whitchurch Township Council meeting on Saturday afternoon received official notification of the Municipal Board hearing on March 24th of the annexation of approximately 50 acres of the Timbers farm at the corner of the 9th con. to Stouffville. Clerk Jack Crawford stated that approximately \$40,000 assessment was involved in the annexation of this land, half of which is presently under sub-division. Clerk Crawford and representatives from council will attend the hearing, it was agreed. The township some time ago agreed not to oppose the annexation as the land was adjacent to town and the portion under sub-division was receiving local water service.

General Business

A communication was received by council naming the 1954 officers for the Upper Holland Conservation Authority, to which Whitchurch is asked to contribute this year \$249.84. The officers are: hon. chairman, A.D. Evans, chairman, Elton Armstrong, vice chairman, Harold Pringle, sec-treas., Wesley Brooks, members, R. J. Rogers and Lambert Wilson.

Payment was authorized to Len Brillinger of \$50 for one sheep killed and flock damage.

Council after looking over a number of prices for clocks agreed to take the offer of the Canada Clock Co. of \$175.00 for an 18" clock for the front of the municipal building.

After some discussion of the attendance of council members and township officers to various municipal conventions, a resolution passed which will provide expense money for members of council and officials when attending convention in the interest of the twp.

Whitchurch Not Satisfied with Fire Agreement

Whitchurch Township will withhold signing any fire agreement with Stouffville until they have contacted Mt. Albert regarding service for the northeast section of the township. The township at the last council meeting agreed to offer the same standby time as previously \$250 with a step up in the first two hour rate from \$40 to \$60 and \$10 for each hour thereafter.

In a communication before Whitchurch Council on Saturday Stouffville council requested \$300 standby time, \$60 for the first two hours and \$24 for each hour thereafter. This is the same agreement as the town has with Markham Twp. while the township offer is the same as that municipality has with Aurora.

Council expressed dissatisfaction at the increase and agreed that the Stouffville area might be cut to conform with the price by making arrangements with Mt. Albert to service part of the township.

Meet Crossing Owners

Council was in receipt of a communication on Saturday from the Board of Transport Commissioners which cited the recent fatal accident at the Leary railway crossing and suggesting that a cut in the railway grade and the clearing of trees might improve the approach. The Board stated that they would be interested to hear both the views of the township and the railway with respect to their suggestions for improvement.

Township Solicitor J.D. Lucas recommended that the reeve and clerk meet with him before any action was taken and on the suggestion of councillor Legge it was further agreed to meet with the owners of the property adjacent to the crossing to ascertain if an amicable settlement cannot be arranged regarding the obstructions to the sight lines.

Markham Woman In Jail When Ability Impaired

Unable to pay a \$200 fine, Olive Docherty of Markham Township, was sent to jail for ten days when she appeared before Magistrate Hollinrake in county court this week. The charge of ability impaired arose following an accident on Yonge St. last month.

Contest Value of the School Area System

Reeve Alf LeMasurier and deputy-reeve V. L. Clark contested a statement made by Keith Richan, chairman of the Mark-Vaughan Twp. public school area board that the area system provided the taxpayer more for his education dollar than the rural plan.

Reeve LeMasurier pointed out that the average cost per pupil per year for education in Ontario was lower in the rural section than in the area system.

Deputy-reeve V. L. Clark questioned Mr. Richan's statement that the area board provided more for the education dollar.

"As far as I'm concerned the rural one room school sets just as high a standard in education as the modern buildings being constructed within the area," stated the deputy-reeve.

"This modern education system puts too much stress on unnecessary frills and not enough stress on the 3 R's," continued Mr. Clark.

"Our section is growing and it is only natural that education costs will increase accordingly," replied Mr. Richan.

"Has the school board ever approached the provincial government for additional grants for emergency expenditures in the fringe area where the assessment is not adequate to cover these increased expenditures?" questioned the reeve.

Draw for New Car And TV on Friday

Stouffville Lions Club will hold their annual St. Patrick's Dance in the local Legion Hall this Friday evening, March 19. Big feature of the evening will be the draw for the new 1954 Pontiac and a consolation prize of a television set. Only eight hundred tickets are being sold for the new car and there are still a few available. The proceeds from this draw and dance provide a large part of the year to carry on their service work.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Harper wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris Edith, to Lawrence Andrew Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maynard of Unionville. The marriage will take place on Saturday, March 27th.

Births

STECKLEY—At the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Steckley, a son, on Monday, March 15, 1954, a brother for Noel.

Dog Taxes Ahead Of Sheep Losses

A report has just been issued by the Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, which shows that in our two home counties of York and Ontario, dog taxes collected well ahead of money paid out for live stock claims.

In the case of York County, the report from seven townships revealed 235 flock owners had filed 57 claims for sheep killed or damaged last year. A total of \$3,387.80 was paid out in compensation for sheep, \$366.05 for cattle, and \$149.50 for poultry. The total dog tax collected was \$13,829.

In the case of Ontario County, ten townships reporting, 425 flock owners filed 90 claims for 202 sheep killed. A total of \$5,756.84 was paid out in compensation and \$42 for poultry. Dog tax collected amounted to \$11,000.50.

Markham Employees To Get Pensions

At a special meeting of Markham Twp. council on Wednesday of last week, a pension plan was adopted which will cover all employees with the exception of those employed on an hourly basis. The plan, obtained through the Canadian Government Annuities Branch is the same system that is used by the Township of Vaughan. Each employee will contribute 5% of his salary and the township will contribute an equal amount. The municipality will also raise \$1,054 per year for ten years for back years of service.

Implement Auction Brings \$15,000

The large implement sale of Constable & Magee, two former local men, realized \$15,000 when conducted by Sellers & Atkinson, auctioneers, at Newmarket on Tuesday. A self-propelled combine topped the sale at \$1800. A Farmall tractor sold for \$910. Mr. Magee is leaving on Thursday for a trip to California after which he will enter the International firm. Mr. Constable will continue to conduct the business from the present establishment on Davis Dr., Newmarket.

A community Prayer Service for the Arena Meetings will be held Thursday night in the United Missionary Church at 8 o'clock.

School Alterations Expended from Current Funds

Mr. Keith Richan, Chairman of the Markham-Vaughan Public School Area Board appeared before council on Monday night to explain the means by which some \$35,000 had been raised for alteration purposes on the Richvale school without the Municipal Board's approval. Mr. Richan pointed out that the amount was raised from current funds.

"Due to an increased assessment and the same mill rate we were able to gain the necessary amount to cover the alteration expenditure," stated Mr. Richan.

"Do you think it is wise to make capital expenditures out of current funds," questioned Reeve LeMasurier. "You are taking \$35,000 from current funds and decreasing Vaughan Township's debt," continued the Reeve.

"We're not putting one municipality against another," countered Mr. Richan. "If such a school expenditure was necessary in Markham Twp. we would do the same thing."

"We must take the entire area into consideration," said councillor Lennie.

Henry Dyck Stricken Suddenly In 42nd Year

On Saturday morning, March 13th, Mr. Henry Dyck, farmer on the 10th concession of Markham, south of Stouffville, passed away suddenly in his 42nd year. Born in Russia, the late Mr. Dyck came to Canada at an early age and resided with his parents in Saskatchewan. In 1938 he came to Ontario. The deceased lived in Stouffville for nine years and spent the past two years on his farm south of town. He also handled a mail route for four years and was active at the time of his death. Mr. Dyck was a member of the Stouffville Legion and served in the armed forces during World War II. Prior to the war he was employed in construction work in the district. He had only recently disposed of his farm and was preparing for the auction sale which was held on Wednesday.

Besides his wife, the former Marjorie Snyder, the deceased is survived by one daughter, Louise, his mother, Mrs. Margaret Dyck of Saskatoon; five brothers, Isaac, Peter and Jacob in Western Canada, Cornelius of Claremont, Bill in Kleinburg; and two sisters, Annie, (Mrs. P. Sawatzki) and Margaret (Mrs. J. Leowen) both in Saskatchewan.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the L. E. O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville, conducted by Rev. F. G. Huson of the United Missionary Church with interment in

the Stouffville Cemetery. The pall bearers were Allan Wideman, Maurice Eby, Mel Emmerson, Don Lehman, Bill Sanders and Norman Fretz.

Chairman Resigns Wilcox School

Mr. Alfred Patchell announced this week that he was resigning as chairman of the Lake Wilcox School Section, Whitchurch S.S. No. 13, a position which he has held since the school was erected four years ago. Business reasons were given as the chairman's reason for relinquishing the

"MAJOR" STANDS GUARD OVER CEDAR GROVE FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McIntosh, operators of the Cedar Grove community store have three children, Beverley 12, Teddy, 9, Linda, 6 and a huge 200 pound St. Bernard dog age 1 1/2 years. Although Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh have resided in Cedar Grove for only a few months, this giant dog has gained the love and admiration of all the children in the district and the respect of all strangers. "Major" as the dog is properly named serves two main purposes in the McIntosh home; a playmate for the children and a guard should unwanted strangers venture into their house. Although the dog is noted for its quiet and peace-loving nature he makes an excellent watch dog.

"Major" was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh when they resided in Cherrywood.

During the past year the "pup" has grown rapidly and although his full height he will continue to put on weight. Although the animal's appetite has tapered off considerably he still is able to consume large quantities of food. During his growing stages "Major" was able to drink four quarts of milk plus a quantity of raw eggs, meat and food scraps. He is fed one big meal each day.

"Major" is very intelligent and very sensitive. One day Beverley, the eldest of the three children took the dog down to a nearby stream. "Major" seemed to sense a danger in the water and although Beverley tried several times to enter the stream, the huge dog would gently grab her bathing suit in his mouth and pull her back up on dry land.

It was some time before the dog could be persuaded into letting the girl venture into the water. Beverley and Teddy both attend school and although "Major" would like to tag along he is not allowed to go.

Characteristic features of the St. Bernard are a huge head and large mouth. His long, smooth back ends with a sweeping tail. His movements are silenced by giant bear-like paws. His coat, although light in color when very young is gradually turning to a darker red. "Major" is of thoroughbred stock and is very valuable. Although he has never been placed in competition another member of the eleven-pup family took prizes at the C.N.E.