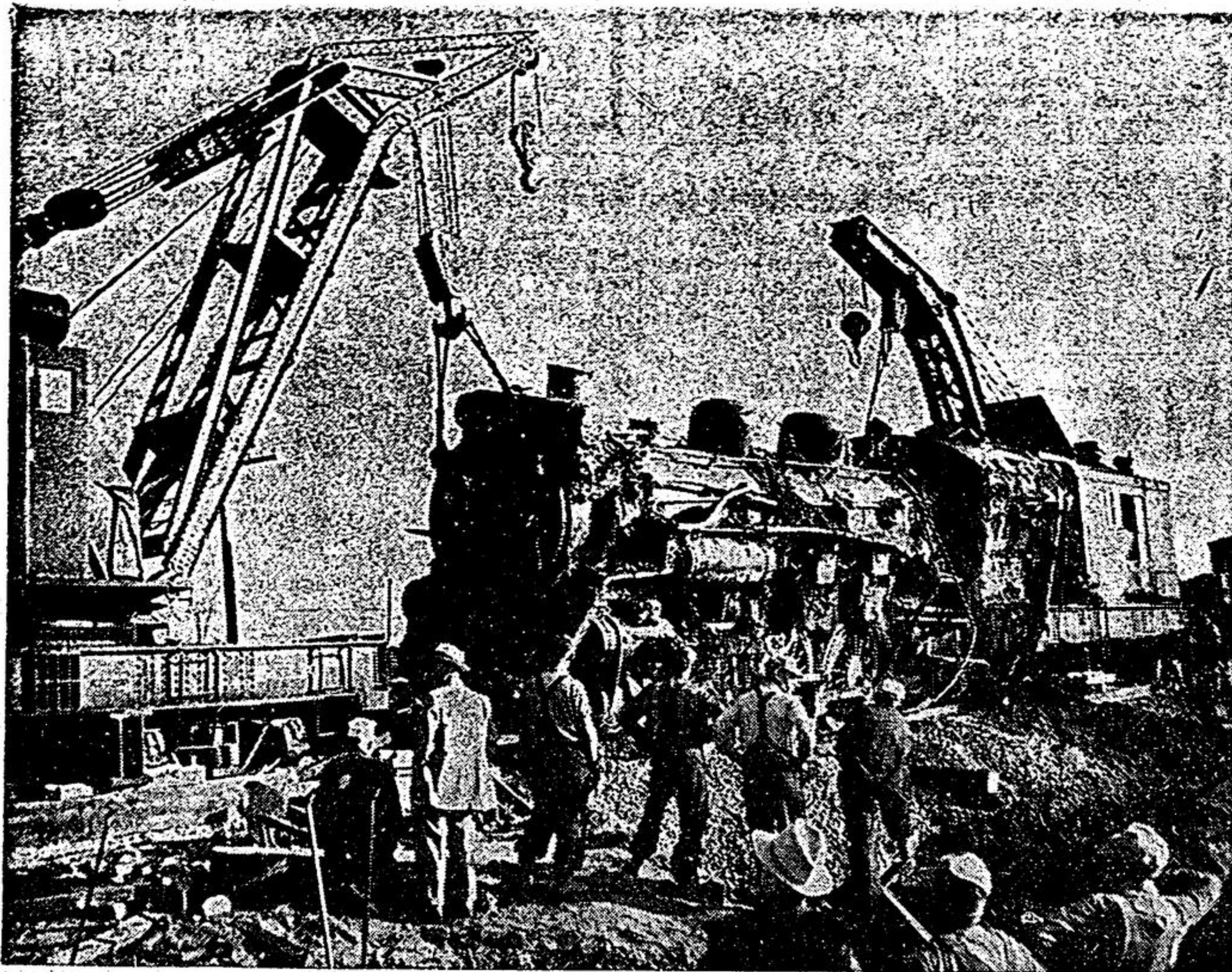


HUNDREDS WATCH AS 130-TON ENGINE RAISED FROM THE MUD



On Sunday afternoon the huge 130-ton C.N.R. locomotive, derailed north of Markham during hurricane of two weeks ago, was raised back on the tracks and towed to Toronto. Hundreds of people lined the tracks to watch the operation. Dozens of cars parked on both sides of No. 48 highway created a serious traffic hazard. Constables of the Markham Twp. Force and Provincial Police warned drivers to clear the road. Many parking tickets were handed out. The locomotive was raised out of the mud by two large derricks, one weighing 75 tons, the other 100 tons. It will be repaired in the railway shops. The engine did not appear to be seriously damaged.

Gov. Hurricane Aid Too Small Says Markham Township Council

"The government's generosity which has received so much publicity in Toronto papers, is only the normal subsidy. It's not enough, the balance would have to be borne by the local taxpayers," declared reeve LeMasurier on Monday evening when the matter of Markham Township's half million dollar storm damage bill was surveyed.

Mr. LeMasurier told council that he had been in touch with Hon. Geo. Dunbar who had stated that the Dept. of Highways would pay eighty percent of the cost of repairing all bridges and fifty percent of repairing all roads. He stated that he had gone to the Department and they had stated they would send out an engineer to see if Markham had extraordinary damage which warranted greater government aid. "What's left for Markham taxpayers could amount to \$150,000," stated councillor Lenie. "It would have to be debentured," said the reeve. Write Prime Minister After various opinions had been voiced by council, it was agreed that the clerk should write directly to Prime Minister St. Laurent to ask if the same principles used in the Winnipeg flood relief were to be applied in Ontario's case and what compensation would be forthcoming for roads and bridges.

Stores to Open Fri. and Sat. Nights Starting Nov. 5

Commencing next week, Nov. 5th, local business places in Stouffville will remain open both Friday and Saturday evenings according to a resolution passed at a public meeting of merchants called by the Retail Merchant Committee of the local Chamber of Commerce. Stores will remain open both evenings until 10 o'clock. While the vote to open Friday night as well as Saturday, was quite close, those opposed or who did not vote, stated generally that they would go along with the majority. The move is being made to provide greater shopping service for a growing population.

More Parking Space
The matter of additional parking space for town shoppers came in for considerable discussion and a committee of Harold Spofford, Ccc. Hendricks and Norman O'Boyle was named to investigate the availability and price of the resident properties immediately east of Harold's Grill. Many voiced the opinion that this large site, some eighty feet by 280 ft., would make an ideal shopping centre parking area right in the centre of town, if properly paved, and lighted. While it was acknowledged that the price would no doubt be considerable, it was stated that the site was worth thousands to the downtown merchants.

Langstaff Subdivider Faces Charges For Forgery
Geo. Selkirk, 31-year-old Langstaff land developer, is free on \$5,000 bail and will appear in Newmarket court on Friday to answer forgery charges filed by Dr. Samuel Rogers of Oshawa, one of three directors in the Company. A warrant was sworn out for Selkirk's arrest on Sunday when Markham Twp. P.C. Clarence Wileman and P.C. Harvey Cox tried to execute the warrant at the Richvale Gospel Chapel on Sunday evening where Selkirk preaches, he was not present. They later went to the Selkirk home but were refused admittance by (Continued on Church Page)

Co-Op Members Hear Financial Report at Meeting

A large turnout was on hand Thursday evening for the annual meeting of the Stouffville Co-operative Association held at the Stouffville Sales Arena. The association dispensed with the usual banquet but enjoyed a brief lunch following the business session.

The program chairman was president Gordon Ratcliff and the guest speaker for the evening A. K. Musgrave, director of United Co-operatives of Ontario. The financial picture revealed net savings for the year in excess of \$5,000, and total assets of more than \$130,000. The election of directors resulted in Fred Shadlock being returned to the Board as well as Charles James, James Barry who was retiring from the Board this year was replaced by Clarence McDowell.

Roy Mears Passes In 61st Year

On Wednesday, Oct. 20th, Mr. Roy Mears, a resident of North Markham for the past ten years, passed away suddenly in the Toronto East General Hospital in his 61st year. The deceased suffered a heart attack on Monday and never recovered.

The late Roy Mears was born in Aurora, on the farm of his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mears. He later lived at Locust Hill before signing up for overseas service with the 127th Battalion. Following the war he was married to the former Irene Thomas and took up residence in Utica, New York, where he farmed for a number of years. Besides his wife he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bruce Lehman (Joy) of Markham and Mrs. Lloyd Ham (Helen) 9th concession, Markham. There are also two surviving brothers, Fred in Saskatchewan, Frank of Markham and one sister, Mrs. Earl Seaton of Aurora. Funeral service was held in the Dixon Funeral Chapel, Markham, on Friday afternoon at 2.30, conducted by Rev. G. H. Thomas of St. Andrews United Church, Markham, with interment in Elmwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were Alex McIntosh, Mervin Watts, Fred McNair, Lorne Grove, Frank Grove and Murray Wilson.

Donald Timbers Fatally Injured In Hammer Mill

On Thursday morning, Donald Timbers, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Timbers, Aurora passed away in the Toronto General Hospital as the result of injuries received when he became entangled in a hammer mill early last week. His father was busy checking the tractor when he suddenly noticed the belt jerk. He raced back into the barn and pulled his son free from the machine. He was rushed to hospital but failed to recover. His one arm was broken in seven places and he received other head and body injuries. Funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon at 2.30, with interment in the Free Methodist Church Cemetery, Armadale.

"Apple Day"

The Stouffville Boy Scout Troop and Wolf Cub Pack will hold their annual APPLE DAY on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Please help to empty the baskets.

The Altona Women's Institute are holding a turkey supper for the Champion Altona Softball Club on Friday evening from 5.30 to 8 o'clock. The public are invited. Admission price—Adults \$1.50, under 12 years 75c, pre-school children free.

Jos. Tran is the New Canadian Plowing Champion

Joseph Tran, 37-year-old Claremont dairy farmer, was declared champion plowman of Canada Wednesday. He won the Esso silver plow trophy. The match, at which six competitors entered, was held in conjunction with the North York township plowing match at the farm of Clifford Wallwork at Ballantrae. Runner-up was Ivan McLaughlin, reeve of Whitechurch Twp., who last Wednesday was declared Ontario champion at the International Plowing Match at Breslau. The Canadian championship was to have been decided there too, but was postponed three times because of adverse weather conditions. McLaughlin's defeat was parallel to that of Ontario and Canadian champion Robt. Timbers of Stouffville last year when Timbers was defeated for the world title by runner-up James Eccles of Brampton. Judge George Hostrawser, RR 4, Kitchener, said "Tran plowed a little better all the way through. His plowing was even, straighter and had a more uniform furrow. But he gained extra points for his excellent start and better finish." However, the two top men finished very close, Tran with 83 points and McLaughlin 81. Other judge was George Holmes of the agricultural engineering department of the University of Manitoba. Tran and McLaughlin will

represent Canada in Sweden next year at the world match. Their team manager will be W. C. (Mr. Plowing) Barrie, RR 7, Galt, 41-year director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, it was announced by secretary-manager F. A. Lashley. Third in the Canadian competition was Gerald Lyttle, 14-year-old Portage la Prairie farm boy and western Canada champion. He won his title last spring but in 1952 was Manitoba champion. His coach is his father, Douglas, who said Gerald began plowing at age 10. Plowing is different here. At home he uses 14-inch bottom plows and there is no handling of furrows in the matches. He assists his father, a plowman of 20 years standing, operate a 320-acre livestock farm. Manitoba matches are held in the spring as the land is used for summer fallow. Fourth prize winner was Alan Werbiski, also of Portage la Prairie, who farms a half-section about three miles from Gerald Lyttle. He was runner-up western Canada champion. He has been plowing at matches only about four years. Werbiski drew the worst piece of plowing land. The field was a rolling one and he was on a fairly sharp slope. Scottish-born Henry Thomson of Sards, B.C., a hop grower, was fourth. He is B.C. champion and plowed last year

at Cobourg. He said there is little interest in match plowing in his province and he is champion by virtue of the fact that their local match has been the only one in the district for the last 10 years. He understands plowmen from Vancouver Island will put up plowmen next year. Thompson has been plowing 25 years and taught the rudiments to Tom Hickman of Chilwick, who was the second B.C. contender and who came in last. Neither Mr. Hickman nor Mr. Thomson had coaches as there were none available who knew more about plowing than they. Plowing on the west coast is done differently as no handling is allowed. Mr. Hickman is a dairy farmer with a 25-cow Holstein herd. He has never been east before. Matches in his province are also held in April "as the weather is better. Maybe this would be a good idea for your International," he said. Contestants from both outside provinces had seen floods such as stirred up by hurricane Hazel last week. However, the Manitobans did not consider the Winnipeg floods as serious because they were in spring and gave more warning. The Fraser valley floods were as bad because of the deep drop of the river, the B.C. men said. "Plowing runs in Joe Tran's family. He is the third genera-

tion match plow. His coach is his father, David, who started him off with horses 15 years ago. His grandfather, George, used to compete with the old iron plows. He attended all the local matches until his death at 99 last year. Joe uses a special plow which was lost when a high school competitor picked it up by mistake at Breslau. Tuesday he went to Breslau and found it. Pickering Damage About \$20,000 Since the hurricane nearly two weeks ago, estimates of private property damage throughout Pickering Twp. are still being received. It is expected that the total will reach nearly \$20,000. Mr. Ernie Baker in discussing the situation with Council at a special meeting on Monday evening stated that the majority of residents were fine, aside from damage to property. He said that help had been promised from the Province. Reeve Geo. Todd informed Council that a considerable amount of money had been donated by residents in the municipality to the Hurricane Flood Relief Fund. On Monday evening the Pickering Rotary Club donated \$100. Road Superintendent Roy Ward has reported damage to roads due to the storm as light when compared to conditions in other municipalities. It is believed that damage will not run much over \$1,000.

Local Pickering Gov't Dates Back to Year 1811

Lloyd T. Johnston, Clerk On June 22nd and 23rd, 1911, there was held, east of the Village of Brougham, the Centennial Celebrations marking the 100th year after the founding of the Municipal Council of the Township of Pickering. There was a full programme, consisting of many bands, massed choirs and much speech-making. The most popular summer game, football, was played as it should be played by the Green River Shamrocks, Provincial champions. Most people came by buggy and democrat, but there were a few cars. But while 1811 was indeed an important date in the Township's History, we can look back still further to 1791, when Pickering Township emerged as a separate entity, within the District of Nassau. In that year Surveyor Augustus Jones was commissioned to survey and lay boundaries of Townships in Nassau District east from Toronto to the mouth of the Trent. Names to be given the nine Townships do not correspond with those now applied, and in some way, not recorded, the original name Glasgow was changed to Pickering. Thus Pickering Township appears as a physical fact. But we begin the story of Pickering Township as a self-governed Municipality in 1811, when it became a separate Municipality under the County of York which then included the present counties of Ontario, York and Peel. Township of Pickering population in 1809 — 180; 40 men, 35 women and 105 children. It was on March 4th, 1811, that a Town Meeting was held when the following appointments were made: Town Wardens—John Richard and James Powell; Town Clerk, Thomas Hubbard; Assessors, David Crawford and John Haight; Collector, Abraham Townsend; Pathmasters, Noadiah Woodruff, Thomas Matthews, John Lawrence and Abraham Townsend; Pound Keepers, Joseph Wixon and Timothy Rodgers. The first By-Law dealt with fences and for forty years the By-Laws passed mostly dealt with control of animals running at large, roads and appointments. As livestock ran at large, there were over 100 different brand markings for livestock. An interesting entry appears in the 1813 Minutes and reads as follows: "Our Town Assessors were put in the last assessor for the year A.D. 1813 by reason of the (Continued on page 2)

THESE TWO PLOWMEN WILL REPRESENT CANADA AT THE WORLD PLOWING MATCH IN SWEDEN IN 1955



Joe Tran, New Canadian Plowing Champion



Ivan McLaughlin of Whitechurch, a Very Close Second