

EIGHT CANDIDATES QUALIFY FOR LOCAL ELECTION

Santa Claus Arrives Here This Saturday

HUNDREDS VISIT NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON OFFICIAL OPENING



Some of the dignitaries who participated in the official opening of Stouffville's new District High School on Friday evening are pictured here in an informal pose following the program. They are from left to right: Dr. S. S. Ball, A. H. LeMasurier, Reeve of Markham Twp., Mr. Jack Smith, M.P., Mr. Lex McKenzie, M.P.P., Henry Ogden, Reeve of Stouffville and Ivan McLaughlin, Reeve of Whitchurch Twp.



Mr. R. Mercer is pictured above, directing the Stouffville District High School Girls Choir during the opening ceremonies on Friday night. Dr. C. A. Brown, Registrar of the Department of Education, officially opened the school. Rev. Douglas Davis offered the dedicatory prayer. Mr. Don Chadwick, Chairman of the Board, acted as master of ceremonies.

Jacob Brownsberger 103 Years Old

Mr. Jacob Brownsberger, a resident of Deloraine, Manitoba, celebrated his 103rd birthday on Wednesday, Nov. 17th. Despite his many years, Mr. Brownsberger is in very good health. He does his own housework and gardening and when his cellar became flooded with water a couple of years ago, he baled all the water out by himself.

The celebrated resident was born at Ringwood and operated as a harnessmaker in Stouffville at an early age. He has been living in the West for the past forty-eight years. His birthday was celebrated quietly at home, receiving guests and members of his family.

Santa Claus Parade This Saturday

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Stouffville this Sat. afternoon. His big parade will move off from the Legion Hall at 2 o'clock led by the Queen's Own Band from Toronto. 45 musicians in full regalia. More floats than ever before have been entered in the parade, particularly in the school class. There will be lots of clowns and the hundreds of children who will be here that day will each receive a bag of candy from the hands of old St. Nick.

Floats are asked to assemble at the hall by 1:30 in the afternoon. The parade will move through town to the east end and back to the Municipal Bldg. where Santa Claus will dispense his loads of good things. The Chamber of Commerce which is the body of the merchants of Stouffville, go to considerable expense to provide this fine attraction for town and they are asking for the help of every citizen who can to make some contribution to help defray the heavy expense. The annual Santa Claus Parade has become a great town booster, known throughout the district. Help keep it going by contributing to the fund.

In addition to the contributors listed in these columns last week, there are added the Grand Grill, Stouffville Bakery, Snowball's Barber Shop, Dr. H. B. Freel, Stouffville Machine & Tool, Percy Tarr, Don Lewis, Feasby Transport, Stouffville Creamery, Stanley Theatre, E. & F. Club, Mr. Pugh, Fred Eyer, Rev. Norman Rowan, Keyson Motors, E. A. Button, Reg. Button.

Dreary Christmas For Milliken Family As Father Stricken

A dreary Christmas appears imminent for Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith and family of Birchmount Road near Milliken. About one year ago Mr. Smith, a veteran of World War II, contracted polio and was totally paralyzed. Although he made a remarkable recovery from this disease his right arm remains useless. Since that time he has had pneumonia twice and now he has been stricken with leukemia, a dreaded blood disease.

The family must now depend on a War Veterans Allowance and a monthly family allowance for a meagre existence. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have 3 children, Patsy 14, David 12 and Stephen 5. The two boys attend public school at the corner of Birchmount Road and Finch Ave., while the daughter attends a school for the deaf at Belleville.

When Mr. Smith purchased his five acres of land he planned to build a house on the property. He has since been forced to sell two acres along with the family car and TV set. They are presently living in a two-room home that was intended for a garage.

Last year the Young Peoples Society of the Agincourt United Church, the Agincourt Lions Club and the O.E.S. provided the family with a Christmas tree and many gifts. Neighbors also helped out financially. Mrs. Smith's parents reside in England. She has no relatives in Canada.

Heifer Attacks Hired Man

Twenty-six year old Peter Derek, a hired man on the Ross Winterstein farm, 6th concession of Whitchurch, narrowly escaped death on Tuesday afternoon when a Holstein heifer went wild and pinned the young man against the stable wall. Dr. F. J. Button of Stouffville treated the injured youth for shock and a possible fractured skull.

The accident occurred immediately after the horns had been removed from the heifer's head. Derek was removing the ropes from the animal when it suddenly charged, knocking him unconscious. The youth is a native of Holland and has been working on the Winterstein farm for nearly two years. He was removed to hospital for x-ray treatment and observation.

Million Gallons Water Per Day In Markham Twp.

Reeve Alf LeMasurier of Markham Township announced on Tuesday night at a meeting of the Markham Twp. Property Owners Association that a big water strike had been made on the Harold Boyington property, west of Don Mills Road and south of No. 7 Highway. The well is expected to produce one million gallons of water per day, a sufficient quantity to supply 10,000 persons. The quality of the water is reported to be very good.

Mrs. Kathleen James and Mr. Archie Little, members of the water and sanitation committee for the Township, have been working on the project for many months. The tests have been carried out by International Water Supply headed by Mr. Gordon Kirk.

The Pre-Telephone Era

This is the first of a series of articles on the history of the local Telephone Company, written by Mr. A. D. Bruce, pioneer resident and veteran Telephone Company member. When the writer was a young man he was well acquainted with persons who had been born during the first decade of the nineteenth century. When those individuals were born neither people nor news could travel faster than horse or wind could carry them. Methods of transportation and of communication were basically the same as those used in the pre-Christian era.

Beginning with the application of steam power to transportation, a long series of inventions and discoveries have been overcoming obstacles imposed by distance, until today only hours are required to cross the ocean, whereas in the old days as many weeks were sometimes required to cover the same distance. Today the voice can carry to the other side of the world in a moment. Of the inventions and discoveries that have wrought

Reeve Ogden Opposed By Councillor Daniels

A total of eight candidates are in the field for the forthcoming Stouffville municipal election on Dec. 13th. Reeve Henry Ogden will be opposed this year by councillor Elmer Daniels. Councillors Glenn Ratcliff and Milt. Burk are seeking re-election and four new aspirants to office are also on the slate: Ken Laushway, Win Timbers, Len Buckland and Elgin Wagg.

At the annual nomination meeting on Friday evening, A. E. Weldon was given an acclamation for his return to the Public Utilities Commission, and there was an acclamation for Public School Trustees, Mrs. Mary Smith, Len Wilkes and Wm. Malloy being returned. L. E. O'Neill was also acclaimed for Cemetery Commissioner.

Reeve Ogden in addressing the ratepayers told of the steady growth of the community. He spoke of the trouble experienced in having the roads properly oiled and the resurfacing of O'Brien Ave. Mr. Ogden said that the new county setup was much more expensive in its initial year, but hoped that the Municipal Board would give some relief due to the undue burden caused by the severance of the Metro area. Walter Brillinger, speaking from the floor, asked the reeve why the local Planning Mill could not obtain a deed for several acres of property purchased just south of the new high school. Mr. Ogden explained that the deed was ready for the new owner just as soon as the subdivision plan was provided as had been agreed to.

Councillor Milt. Burk spoke chiefly of road matters stating that the budget had been over-spent by \$2,600, but that the Dept. had cut the budget from \$9,000 to \$8,000. He condemned the Highways Dept. for unnecessary sanding on Main St. Mr. Burk said that winter snow removal last year was small, costing only \$478.00, a total of \$898 had been spent on grading and \$2,000 for oil. \$1,830 was spent on sidewalks and \$1,926.37 on culverts. He said that as regards to police, he favored the O.P.P. but on a better financial contract. One man, Mr. Burk said, was definitely not enough. Sewers, he added, were also needed, and he would favor their installation as soon as council felt that the town was in a financial position to proceed.

Councillor Daniels said that he favored the O.P.P. but was urging a better financial arrangement be sought. Councillor Ratcliff thanked those who had proposed his name for re-election.

Newly proposed candidates, Win Timbers, Ken Laushway, Elgin Wagg and Len Buckland all expressed appreciation at being proposed for council. A. E. Weldon, returned to the Utilities Commission, said that this was the 17th year he had been before the local ratepayers. He said the Commission endeavored to plan a year ahead but had to move slowly, being sure the changes they made were the best ones. He put that a third circuit would be put into operation for local hydro users next year and for this added work, debentures would have to be issued.

Len Wilkes, returned to the Public School Board, said that the trustees found it hard to keep salaries down because of the expensively-operated municipalities to the south with their tempting offers of much higher pay.

Mrs. Smith, also returned to the School Board, dealt with the newly established kindergarten and Mr. Malloy, the 3rd member returned, said that the Board hoped for council help in providing adequate policing of the school crossing before a fatality occurred.

Markham Tp. Ratepayers Go to the Polls Monday

Ex-Reeve Chas. Hooper, veteran Markham municipal figure, will oppose Reeve Alf LeMasurier for the top executive position in Markham Township when the ratepayers go to the polls next Monday. Councillor Art Lennie will contest the deputy-reeveship held by W. L. Clarke and there will be a run for council in Ward I, Ward II, Ward III, Mrs. Kathleen James, who was this year, Markham Township's first lady councillor, is being opposed by Vern Griffin, one-time Reeve and R. W. Masters. In Ward II, Donald Deacon won an acclamation for a council seat, while in Ward III, councillor Archie Little's seat is being contested by Clifford King.

Monday's annual nomination meeting held in the Buttonville Hall this year for the first time, drew a comparatively good crowd. Reeve Alf LeMasurier in his report to the ratepayers stated that he was well aware that taxes were increasing, and this condition would continue as long as more and more services were demanded. He commented that Markham Twp. was reaping the results of a lack of planning and foresight. He pointed out that much additional money had to be spent to complete the municipal building started by a previous council.

Mr. LeMasurier dealt with the problem of obtaining industry and water for Markham. He promised continued sound and businesslike administration and as a parting comment said that he believed the Ontario government should abolish County Councils.

Deputy-reeve W. L. Clarke dealt principally with road matters, having headed that department in council. He said that with 85% of the assessment taken away by the Metro area, the maintenance of county roads by the remaining 15% was a big problem. He said that Markham had laid dust layer on one hundred miles of township road and given asphalt surface treatment to 60 miles. Mr. Clarke said that the government had pared Markham's road budget from \$154,000 to \$143,000. He commented that because of this reduction, part

Five on Whitchurch Twp. Election Slate, Reeve And Deputy Acclaimed

There will be an election in Whitchurch Township next Monday, Dec. 6th, with five in the field for the three council seats. Reeve Ivan McLaughlin was given an acclamation and P. S. Legge, former council member, was also acclaimed for deputy-reeve replacing former deputy-reeve Fred Timbers who did not stand for re-election.

The five candidates in the field for council are Delos Graham and Geo. Richardson who are seeking re-election and 3 new office-seekers, Wm. E. Card, Cliff Wallwork and Frank Williams.

In addressing the comparatively small crowd which turned out for the annual nomination meeting on Friday afternoon, Reeve Ivan McLaughlin who was a County Commissioner this past year, dealt chiefly with county matters. He stated that the Metro area had taken \$143,825,000 in assessment from the county, leaving only \$48,000,000. Bill 50, the reeve contended gave the remaining county a "raw deal." While the cost of county roads is shared on a percentage basis with Metro and the Province, they are the most heavily travelled suburban roads in the province and the burden of upkeep left with the remaining county is considerable.

The county building erected in Toronto a few years ago was resold for approximately its original cost, \$125,000. The Vivian Forest was turned over to York County. The budget for maintaining the County Park this year was \$10,000 but it was hoped, he said, that about 5% of this amount would be coming back to the county when the disposition of county assets was made. Whitchurch Twp. county rate this year amounted to a little over \$10,000, said the reeve, a figure tripled

Markham Village Acclaims First Deputy-reeve

Mrs. Alma Walker, Markham Village Councillor for the past two years, has been acclaimed as the town's first Deputy-reeve. Mr. Edward Reeve and Mr. Orville Hisey were nominated but did not qualify.

The entire council was returned by acclamation including Reeve J. V. Fry and Councillors Jack Carson, Nick Schouten, Tom Wignall and A. V. Rogers. The latter is a newcomer to municipal politics.

Cliff Wallwork who is also a candidate for council said that he would do everything in his power to try and combine with other municipalities in trying to obtain an easing of the high school costs.

Frank Williams, a candidate, also touched on school costs, stating that he believed Federal aid would have to be forthcoming if the burden were to be eased.

New Deputy-reeve



P. S. Legge who is a veteran in municipal affairs in Newmarket, and Whitchurch Township, received an acclamation on Friday for the deputy-reeveship of Whitchurch, replacing Fred Timbers who retired from office after some years as councillor and deputy-reeve.

Zephyr Farmer Tops In 500 Bushel Potato Competition

The Annual Ontario County 500 Bushel Potato Club Banquet was held in Zephyr Community Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 23rd. A large gathering of potato growers and their friends were present.

Mr. R. E. Goodin, Potato Fieldman for the province of Ontario, spoke briefly on the potato situation. Howard Harper, who introduced the guest speaker, discussed the work of the Ontario Potato Growers' Association, and urged the County growers to get behind this association.

Mr. Heber Irwin, director of the Provincial Potato Growers, outlined the organization of this association. A group of growers in the Shelburne district were originally responsible for getting this association under way and when they presented their brief to the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association it was so well received that this association has now been given its wholehearted support.

George Dowswell, chairman of the Ontario County Potato Committee, was in the chair. The Morrison family, Zephyr, provided special entertainment. In the absence of Mr. Fair, Agricultural Representative, John Gill, Assistant, announced the prize winners and called on the various donors to present their prizes.

The results of the 500 Bushel Potato Club for 1964 are as follows: first fourteen—

Name	Bush.	Per Acre
John Meyers, Zephyr	726	
Gordon Harrison, Uxbridge	537	
Harry Harper, Goodwood	487	
Morley Bagshaw, Uxbridge	481	
Denzil Oldham, Mt. Albert	481	
Gordon Rynard, Zephyr	453	
Oscar Silversides, Zephyr	452	
Ralph Velch, Uxbridge	437	
Milton Graves, Mt. Albert	433	
Tom Smith, Claremont	427	
Gord. Risebrough, Uxbridge	411	
Albert Hockley, Claremont	409	
John Moore, Uxbridge	403	
Ken Hockley, Claremont	300	

Reeve Returned



Ivan McLaughlin who was given another term on Friday as reeve of Whitchurch Township. Mr. McLaughlin is serving his third term as reeve and was also County Commissioner during this past year.