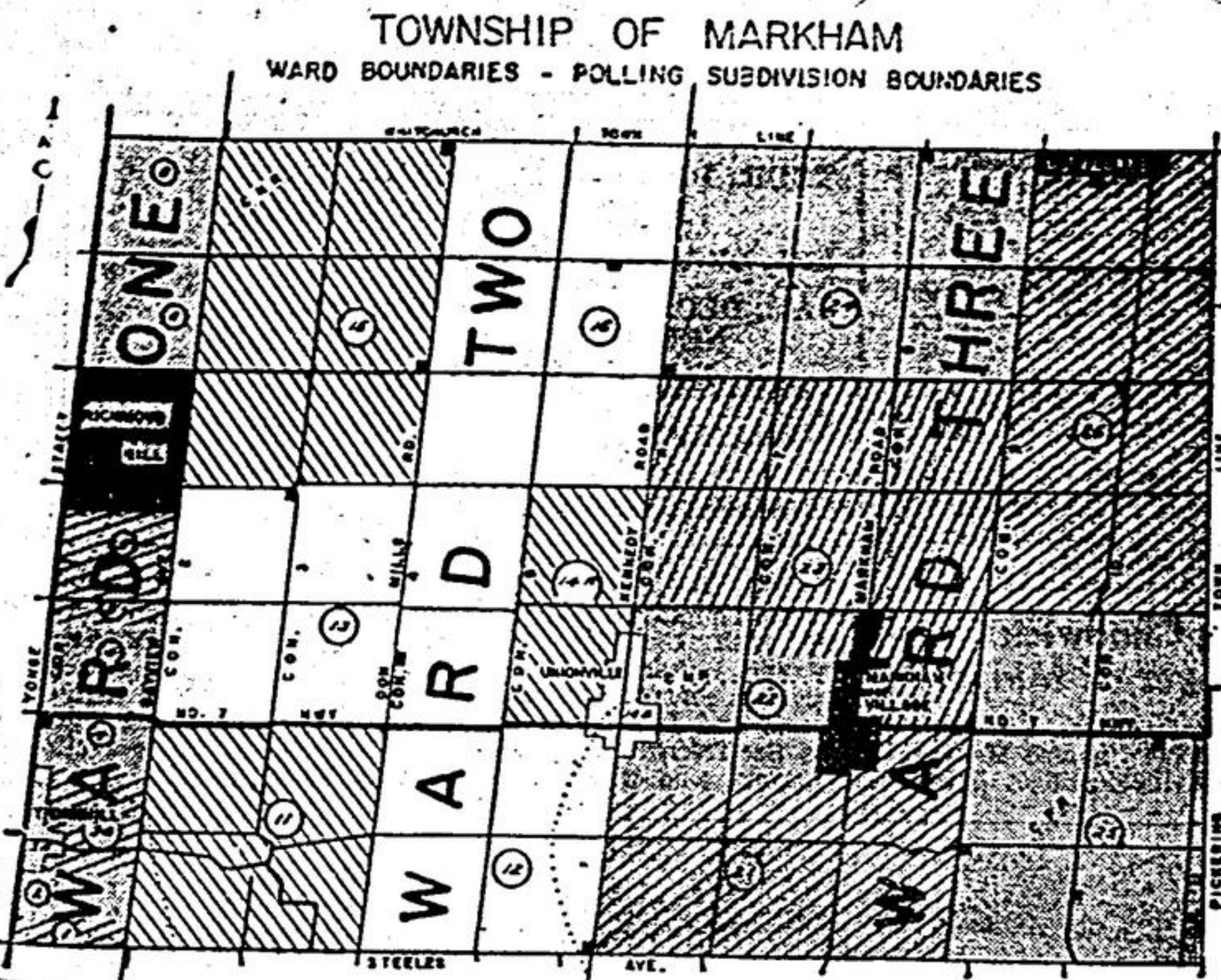


Notice to Markham Township Voters



Under the provisions of By-law No. 1493 the Township of Markham has been divided into three wards for the election of the three Council members only, one from each ward. Reeve and Deputy-Reeve by general vote.

- WARD 1 - All of Concession 1.
- WARD 2 - Concessions 2, 3, 4, 5 and all of Unionville
- WARD 3 - Concessions 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Within each ward are shown the revised polling subdivision boundaries, which will also be described in the nomination proclamations.

GREENWOOD

The Afternoon W. A. will meet next Thursday, Dec. 9th, at the home of Mrs. R. Brown. There will be a White Gift Service in the regular church service on Dec. 12th. Everyone is asked to bring a white gift to this service.

Farm Forum met on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Pegg. We were pleased to have as our guests a few members from Sinclair's Corners and also Mr.

Bill Lawson, a lawyer from our own community. Mr. Lawson very kindly answered our questions dealing with wills and other legal matters concerning the Farmer. A very interesting discussion followed among the twenty-eight present. Next week's meeting is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. McLean, when the topic will be "A National Health Insurance Plan."

The man who thinks the world can't get along without him better not try to prove it.

Births

CIOHELLY—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cichelly (nee Elsie Wilson) of Nakina, Ont., are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Bonnie, on Oct. 6, 1954.

HOOVER—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoover (nee Margaret Ingleton) Markham R.R. 2, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Brenda Lorraine, on Nov. 22, 1954, in the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Three Candidates for Pickering Twp. Reeveship, Five for Council Seats

Ten candidates are making bids for seats on Pickering Township's 1955 Council, three for Reeve, two for Deputy-Reeve and five for councillor positions. Mr. Geo. T. Todd, the present Reeve, will be seeking re-election. Other candidates for the office are Stephen Stephenson and Albert Cain, both of Rosebank.

Mr. Bill Newman has moved up from the office of Councillor to contest the Deputy-Reeveship left vacant by Mr. Clare Balsdon who did not qualify. Newman will be opposed by Mr. Henry J. Dick, a resident of the West Rouge, a newcomer to municipal politics.

For Councillor, Mr. Wm. G. Lawson the present incumbent, will be the only candidate seeking re-election. Others in the field will be Mrs. Jean McPherson, Pickering No. 2, Albert Hull, East Woodlands, John Sherman Scott, West Rouge and Sid Pugh of Whitevale. The contesting of the Deputy-Reeveship by Bill Newman and the resignation of Mr. Hugh Michell leaves two council seats to be filled by newcomers.

The Nomination Meeting held in the Brougham Community Hall on Friday afternoon was one of the quietest in years. Although there was a good crowd in attendance, the candidates expressed their accomplishments and proposals in a more congenial manner than in past nomination gatherings.

Reeve Geo. Todd reviewed the past year's work both in County and Township affairs. Mr. Todd expressed concern over the ever-increasing educational costs, stating that it was impossible for any municipality to cope with the situation without increased aid from the Provincial and Federal Governments. He pointed out, however, that it might be possible to lower the tax rate in 1955 through increased assessment.

In touching on County work, Reeve Todd stated that a new registry office had been built at Whitby and an addition put on Fairview Lodge. He outlined the roads within the municipality that were being prepared for paving both by the County and the Township. He pointed out that through his request at County Council a traffic count was taken on the Brock Road proving the necessity for a wigwag to be placed at the C.N.R. crossing. He said he hoped it would be installed next year.

He expressed his view that every candidate for Reeve should first have Council experience.

"I don't intend to step aside and let the Township fall into unqualified hands," said Mr. Todd.

Deputy-Reeve Clare Balsdon in his remarks dwelt mainly on roads and bridges in the township, of which he is the Chairman. He said that during his term of office, 14 1/2 miles of road had been ditched, 4 1/2 miles oiled and more than 2 miles paved. Some 250 tons of calcium chloride had been placed on the roads at a cost of \$14,743, 90 miles of roadside was sprayed for weeds, 30 miles sprayed for brush and 61 culverts installed. A new crusher was purchased at a cost of \$11,000 and a 6-acre gravel pit was purchased for \$10,000. Mr. Balsdon pointed out that since he took office in April of this year he had attended a total of 121 meetings. He has been a member of Pickering Township Council for seven years.

Mr. Bill Newman, Chairman of the Police Committee, stated that in all likelihood the proposed 1954 budget would be adequate to cover the year's expenses of close to \$39,000. He pointed out that at the present time the Pickering Township Police Force was composed of seven constables and a Clerk. He said he hoped with an additional two men the entire municipality could be given 24-hour service.

Councillor Wm. Lawson dwelt briefly on the Township's health and welfare Department. He said that during the past year no serious complaints had been received and it was his belief that the department was run fairly. He stated, however, that he hoped the mill rate might be increased slightly in 1955. Councillor Lawson advocated long-range planning by both the Council and Planning Board.

"By planning now we can save ourselves grief in the future," he said.

Councillor Hugh Michell dwelt mainly on the Township's tax arrears problem. He felt that something should be done to collect the \$28,000 that was still unpaid for 1953. In looking ahead, Mr. Michell prophesied more work and more problems in 1955. He requested that considerable care and thought should go into the warding of the Township if the vote carried in the affirmative.

Pickering Township should be divided into five wards," stated Councillor Michell. "Markham Twp has a three ward system and they're not satisfied."

Mr. Albert Cain, a candidate for Reeve, spoke strongly in

favor of drastic measures to collect unpaid taxes. He criticized the use of "slates" and the splitting up of the township into two separate sections. He felt that there had been too many "turnovers" in the Police Department to promote efficiency. Mr. Cain previously served in Toronto Municipal Government and was a Pickering Township candidate in 1951.

Mr. Stephen Stephenson, a candidate for Reeve, also favored increased pressure to collect tax arrears. He stated that he was very much opposed to splitting the municipality. He felt that the question of warding was at the discretion of Council and was not a political matter. In touching on the question of taxes, Mr. Stephenson pointed out that there was no major formula to

bring about tax reductions. "We would all like to see paved roads, street lights, but there's a limit," stated the candidate. "We must keep our credit sound."

He felt that the 1955 Council would have to work harder to obtain industry, as it wasn't expanding as fast as it was two or three years ago. In commenting on the Court of Revision he said that he believed the Board should comprise independent men and not members of Council.

Mr. Henry Dick, a candidate for the Deputy-Reeveship, said he was opposed to the disfranchising of residents because their taxes were not paid. He is a chartered accountant and resides in the West Rouge district.

Mr. Syd Pugh, a candidate for Council, said he was very



AN OPEN LETTER
TO THE
VOTERS OF
MARKHAM
TOWNSHIP

The writer of this letter is one of the few manufacturers in Markham Township, one of the few who provide taxes in excess of Farm or Household revenues. As a moderately successful operator in this area I am alarmed at the increased costs of living, working and producing essential farm products in this essentially farming community.

I believe we need experience, intelligence and foresight in planning and controlling the future of Markham Township. We do not appear to have had a forthright, far-seeing and stable Reeve who can be relied upon to give us the kind of leadership required in the face of modern conditions.

We are faced with increasingly serious problems brought upon us by the creation of the Metropolitan Toronto area. Some of these problems are:

1. Encroachment into Markham Township of Real Estate and sub-division speculators.
2. Attempts by the Metropolitan Council to control the development of Markham Township which is classified under Bill No. 80 as a "Fringe Area" and with Provincial Government assistance can be controlled.
3. Markham Township has increased by a so-called "Equalized Assessment" the total Twp. Assessment to a figure in excess of \$12,000,000. It does not require a financial genius to prove that this has cut the government grants for certain services to a figure which forces you and me as taxpayers to contribute more than our normal share for these services. In other words the more we declare in assessment the less the Government grant.

I believe it is time to return experienced men to council who are not interested so much in being Reeve of the Township as being a Servant of the Taxpayer.

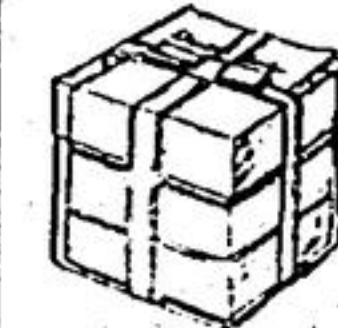
There is no substitute for experience...

Vote **CHAS. H. KOOPER**
For Reeve for 1955



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familiar with the Township. He praised the work of the township Road Superintendent and his department.

Mr. John S. Scott, a candidate for Council, also objected to the defaulters bylaw. He said he wished to see increased efficiency emphasized in both the Office and the Road Department.

neil seat, Mrs. Jean McPherson, expressed her pleasure at the harmony that had existed throughout the meeting. She stated that although a lady, she could work with any Council for the betterment of the municipality.

It's always a problem—saying exactly what you mean or keeping your friends.

VOTE to re-elect
GEO. E. RICHARDSON
Councillor 1955
TOWNSHIP OF WHITCHURCH

Polling Day, Monday, December 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHITCHURCH TOWNSHIP
ELECTORS

Your Vote and Influence Will Be Appreciated for Re-election of

Delos Graham
for Councillor 1955

VOTING — Monday, December 6th, 1954,
10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

A PRIVILEGE and a DUTY

It is both a privilege and a duty to exercise your franchise in this year's local Municipal Elections.

In the nearby townships, elections are being held next Monday, Dec. 6. Here in Stouffville, Election Day is Monday, Dec. 13th.

Your vote will determine who is to be entrusted with the administration of your local municipal affairs in 1955.

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FOR
Deputy - Reeve

VOTE

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