

Family Court Moving To Newmarket Site

The Juvenile and Family court of the County of York will be moved from Toronto to Newmarket if suitable property can be found, it was reported by the property committee, chaired by Reeve Elton Armstrong, King, at a meeting of County Council last week.

Judge Douglas Webster spoke briefly at the closing session of council. He said that he would like the matter of the court settled immediately, but that the properties he had inspected so far in Newmarket were unsatisfactory.

Reeve Asa Cook, Aurora, asked if the committee had considered Aurora for the location of the juvenile and family court. Reeve Armstrong said that the committee had looked in Aurora but had found nothing suitable.

The matter was referred to the property committee, wardens and commissioners. Quarters will be obtained as soon as possible.

Reorganization of Altona S.S. for 1955

Meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, 1954. The following teachers and officers were elected:

Supt.—Norman Lehman; Assistant—Fred McNair; Secretary—Walter Carter; Assis-

—Ellis Melton; Temp. Supt.—Mrs. Millard Reesor; Miss. Sup.—Mrs. Grace Lehman; Miss. Treas.—Mrs. Robert Lewis; Home Dept. Supt.—Mrs. Fred McNair; Cradle Roll & Nursery Class—Mrs. Allan Meyer; Asst.—Joyce Byer; Beginners' Class Teacher—Mrs. Norman Neal; Asst.—Joyce Reynolds; Primary Boys and Girls Teacher—Ernestine Cooper; Asst.—Mrs. Chas. Hodgson; Jr. Girls Teacher—Mrs. Geo. Byer; Asst.—Charlotte Ann McNair; Jr. Boys Teacher—Mrs. Walter Carter; Asst.—Glen Byer; Intermediate Girls' Teacher—Grace Lehman; Asst.—Mrs. Chas. Reynolds; Intermediate Boys' Teacher—Robert Lewis; Asst.—Ellis Melton; Senior Girls' Teacher—Mrs. Fred Byer; Asst.—Audrey Baker; Sr. Boys' Teacher—Fred McNair; Asst.—Norman Lehman; Bible Class No. 3—Mrs. Fred McNair; Asst.—George Byer; Bible Class No. 2—Millard Reesor; Asst.—Fred Reesor; Bible Class No. 1—Walter Baker; Asst.—Isaac Lehman; Pianist—Joyce Reynolds; Assistant—Faye Byer; Librarian—Mrs. Fred McNair; Leaders for Children's Chorus and Birthday Box—Grace Lehman, Mrs. Millard Reesor, Dorothy Meyer, Joyce Byer, Ruth Meyer.

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You are therefore requested to inspect your property and clear away such debris well above the high water mark. If you feel that the problem is too big to handle by yourself please contact us.

J. A. HOWARD, B.A.Sc., P. Eng., Engineer & Road Superintendent, R.R.2 Gormley, Ontario.

NEWS FOR THE FARMER

Ontario Potato Clubs Have Successful Year

High Yield Potato Clubs in Ontario have completed another successful year. Originally started in 1943, two 500-Bushel Potato Clubs were organized with thirty-six competitors. Three growers at that time obtained the objective of 500 bushels per acre. This past year, ten clubs were organized with 153 competitors, with the estimated yield of 57 growers being over the 500-bushel mark; 16 were over 600; 6 over 700; and one grew over 800 bushels per acre. The average estimated yield for the entire group was 445 bushels per acre. The average for potato production in the Province of Ontario for 1954 is 168 bushels per acre as compared to 170 bushels per acre for all of Canada. Average yields for 53 competitors in three clubs was well over 500 bushels per acre this year, namely Cochrane 549, Parry Sound 535 and South Simcoe 523.

Highest yield for the Province this past year was obtained by Russell Thompson, Strathroy, Middlesex County, with 838 bushels per acre. He grew the Sebago variety. The record for Ontario in all high yield clubs is held by C. H. Chapman, Nipissing, Parry Sound District, who grew 897 bushels, of Chippewa variety on an acre in 1950. Since 1949, eight growers in the Province have exceeded 800 bushels, and thirty-nine above 700.

In recent years many clubs have based their prizes on quality instead of total yield. Quality prizes being determined by a score based on such factors as size, uniformity, freedom from disease, insect injury, etc. In addition, the quick method test for dry matter was used for three clubs with 69 competitors. Content of dry matter varied from 15 to 22 per cent.

Seven clubs concluded seasons events with a Potato Growers' Banquet. Six gold watches were given away as first prize awards, along with goods and cash ranging from \$100 to \$600 for each competition.

Various county and district branches of the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association organized contests in the following areas: Cochrane, Durham, Middlesex, Ontario, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Renfrew, South Simcoe, Sudbury and Thunder Bay.

Practical Program To Feature Soil And Crop Meeting

Farmers across the province will want to set aside a day or two at least in the coming month to attend meetings of the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association which will be held January 25 to 28 in the Coliseum, Exhibition Park, Toronto.

Arrangements have been made to make sure that topics of discussion will be both timely and practical. For two full days there will be sessions dealing with crops in general and two days will be spent in special sessions for those specializing in registered seed, potatoes and turnips.

W. J. Schneller, Baden, is this year's President. The eighteen directors responsible for drafting the programme represent every county and district in the province and are so selected that they represent different phases of farming such as dairy, beef, cash crops, etc. This diversity of interest makes the meetings of the Association very worthwhile to the farmer.

This year's general sessions will feature special attention to grassland farming, the theme being "Aids to Nature". Norman McNabb, Chatsworth, will outline his five year plan for farm renovation and Lawrence Kerr, Chatham, will speak on his experience in "Building Fertility with Cash Crops". There will be two panel discussions on the "Storage and Preserving of Silage" and "Handling the Water Problem".

This year's gathering will be preceded by the first annual meeting of the Ontario Potato Growers' Association which will be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on the afternoon of Monday, January 24. The following day a full day discussion for potato growers will be held with a number of growers and officials taking part. Among the speakers will be L. W. Pearsall, Director of Marketing, Ottawa, and E. K. Hampson, Hamilton.

Reduced railway rates will be available for those travelling by train. For those who drive, there will be plenty of free parking space. Officials in charge suggest that reservations for overnight accommodation be made as soon as possible.

Saying exactly what one thinks is another luxury few people can afford.

Farmers Favour Pork Marketing Scheme

Ontario County farmers supported the principle of deducting a percentage of their hog price returns to create a fund for the handling of surplus pork and they also indicated that they would be agreeable to subscribing one and a half per cent of dairy production sales to finance their marketing problems. These decisions came about at the Ontario County executive of the Federation of Agriculture met in the township hall, Brooklin, to enjoy a turkey dinner and informally talk with Mr. V. S. Milburn, secretary-manager of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

This dinner was the fitting close of a very busy and successful year for the South Ontario Federation and the beginning of an equally busy and important year in 1955. All projects of the farm organization have shown extensive growth in the past year such as increased membership in Co-operative Medical Services and Co-operators Insurance Association the former prepaid hospitalization, the latter automobile insurance both especially patterned to give farm people the protection which they need. The formation of several new credit unions to bring further advantages to country people have marked the progress of the year as well as Brucellosis control, the calfhood vaccination scheme to further the health of our dairy cattle and that of our dairies of our county.

Promotion work has been the foremost task of the Federation in 1954, attempting, by the radio program over CKLB every Saturday, with press reports, and the use of a supplement page in the Rural Co-operator, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture publication, to let every farmer in Ontario County know what far-reaching and important steps are being taken every day to insure farmers a better share of the nation's income and advantages equal to those enjoyed in any other industry.

The first question at the Federation dinner to be put to Mr. Milburn was one regarding financing. The farmer who asked the question did not feel that any farmer paid enough to his organization and that many paid nothing and he wanted to know what could be done about the problem. Mr. Milburn admitted that the Federation was not as well-financed as befitting an organization with such influence and responsibility. He said that he had studied farm organization financing in United States and he felt that something would soon be done to bring out a new plan. Mr. Belyea, economist, employed by the provincial Federation, is doing some research on the problem and the fact that a group of farmers such as the thirty-odd at that meeting realized that there was need for a change, was encouraging.

Mr. Hamer, fieldman for the Ontario County Federation, mentioned the progress made in the southern part of the county in the last two years with Pickering, Whitby, Uxbridge, and Scugog paying the half mill rate on assessment and the other two townships contemplating taking a more equal share of their responsibilities in this respect. One young farmer said that he would shortly meet the council of his township regarding funds for the Federation and he would be asked what the money would be used for, he wanted the answer. Mr. Milburn told of the 13 constructive briefs presented to the government in the last six years, some of which had been made legislation with the most minor changes. He told of the law services now being used to interpret the needs of the farmers into legislation and the need for competent advice to protect our interests. There are all the expenses which must be met in the day-to-day working of an organization which has the respect of government and must keep its attention on every detail which affects farming and agriculture in this province.

Another question regarding the problems of young people starting in business on their farms was put. Mr. Milburn said that there is a need for new legislation to cover this problem and the Federation is working towards having farming in the same class as industry which is not obligated to repay some principle and interest in the first year of operation as is the case of a person beginning business on a farm. This meeting emphasized the fact that all farmers needed to participate as farmers, not as hog producers nor as whole milk producers nor as interested

in cheese producers but each one taking an overall look at the complete picture and realizing that each group is directly related to the other. A few years ago it cost much more to keep an individual employed in industry than in farming but a complete reversal has taken place and now the investment per farm worker is much higher than for a labourer in other industry. We have a right to more financial returns and we should go after them in a constructive diplomatic way by backing up the organization which is working in our interests.

The Federation of Agriculture in Ontario County looks forward to 1955 with an optimism justly earned by the new interest and enthusiasm shown by the farmers in the year just past.

Officers of Ontario County Federation of Agriculture: Past President—Mr. Anson Gerrow, Port Perry R.R. 3. President—Mr. Lorne Tindall, Goodwood, Ont. Vice-president—Mr. Russell Rodd, Uxbridge, Ont. Vice-president—Mr. Larry Doble, Uxbridge, Ont. Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. John Hamer, Myrtle, Ont.

CEDAR GROVE

Before we plunge into the New Year with its store of unpredictable, let's take a look at the old year and see what it meant to us in Cedar Grove. In January new interest in old papers was aroused when John S. Moir spoke to us on the subject of preserving old manuscripts and documents. Mrs. Clendenen celebrated her 80th birthday and Jim Crichton was re-elected to the school board. The store changed hands, the Waltons left and the McIntosh family, complete with dogs, moved in. We sadly recorded the death of Arthur Reesor.

In February we had a sudden burst of spring and Zion Church got a new organ. Mr. Clendenen was 83 and he and his wife were married 59 years. Many of us felt a great loss when Agnes McPhail died.

In March we had winter again, Zion held its first Family Night and Mr. Thomas Reesor died.

In April Don and Norma Cornelius began work on their new home and Joyce Beare was among the chosen few to attend a convention in Atlantic City. The Warrens left the village for Cleveland and Toronto opened its first subway.

The new Township offices were opened in May; there was an archaeological dig at the Milroy's and Archie Little made his first appearance in a Lincoln. The Garden Party came along as usual in July and was one of the best and the Milroy's long standing tradition was broken when Les and Marg had a baby girl.

August was our quiet month. In September Ruby and Mabel Reesor took over their new duties at Markham high school. Our own school opened with a host of improvements and renovations. Carolyn Little won the Township essay contest and Joyce Beare accepted a post at Vassar College. Marilyn Bell kept us on pins and needles while she fought her way across Lake Ontario and our school children attended their first circus. Zion Church celebrated its 99th Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Carr were married 25 years in October. Hazel let loose and washed out our bridges, disrupted our telephone and hydro services and generally made a mess of everything.

In November Blodwen Davies' book on Ottawa came out. Markham H.S. was officially opened and Ronnie Reesor won glory for the second time in the public speaking contest. We re-elected Archie Little to council in December. The bridge on the tenth was just repaired in time to get into the '51 news. May 1955 record for you all happy and welcome events and may its 365 days hold health and prosperity. Last week in Cedar Grove:

Zion Christmas concert was a very successful and enjoyable event. Everyone took part and every part was good. The Community Club annual meeting was held on Tuesday complete with turkey and all the trimmings. It was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The new executive was elected and is as follows: John Petrie—Pres.; Don McClennan and Harold Lapp, V. Pres.; Helen Little, Sec.; Lloyd Clendenen, Treas.; Pat McClennan, Press Secty.; Walby Reesor in charge of Works Com.; Marg Sewell, Jean Carr, Dorothy Offen and Ruby Reesor, Lunch conveners; and Jack Walton and Don McClennan, Auditors. The sympathy of the com-

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Community is extended to the family of Mr. Allan Perryman Wheler who died the day after Christmas at his home in Agincourt. Mr. Wheler was a well-known resident of the township for many years.

Jury Would Ban Unsightly Ornaments from Cars

"We recommend that all vehicles should have some sign visible to traffic."

This was the essence of the verdict handed down by the Coroner's Jury which sat for the inquest into the death of Ronald Thibadeau who was killed on November 18, when he stepped into the path of a moving car being driven by Mr. Russell Patterson.

The complete finding of the jury, which gave its verdict on Thursday evening, is as follows:

"Ronald Thibadeau died as a result of being hit by a car driven by Russell Patterson who did all within his power to evade the accident, and we absolve him of any blame. It was quite clear by the evidence that the death of the deceased was caused by his skull being pierced by the ornament on the hood of the car."

"We recommend that all vehicles should not have any ornaments of a dangerous nature on the hood."

"We believe that any person making a practice of transporting children to and from school

should have some sign visible to traffic. "We also believe that all traffic should come to a stop when either meeting or passing a school bus that is taking on or discharging passengers."

ALTONA

The first meeting of the Girls Club was held at the home of Mrs. F. McNair on Wednesday Dec. 29. The project this year is "The Club Girl Stands on Guard" and is under the leadership of Mrs. David Crosier. The following officers were elected: Pres.—Ernestine Cooper; Asst. Pres.—Marjorie Cowan; Secy.—Kathleen Betz; Pianist—Charlotte Ann McNair.

The motto is "It's Great to be a Canadian". Mrs. Crosier explained that the above unit takes in health, nutrition and first aid, and not only includes body health but mental health as well. This was followed by a discussion on accident hazards in the home. Meeting adjourned until Jan. 5. Any girl who wishes to take this project, contact the Pres. This is sponsored by Altona W.I.

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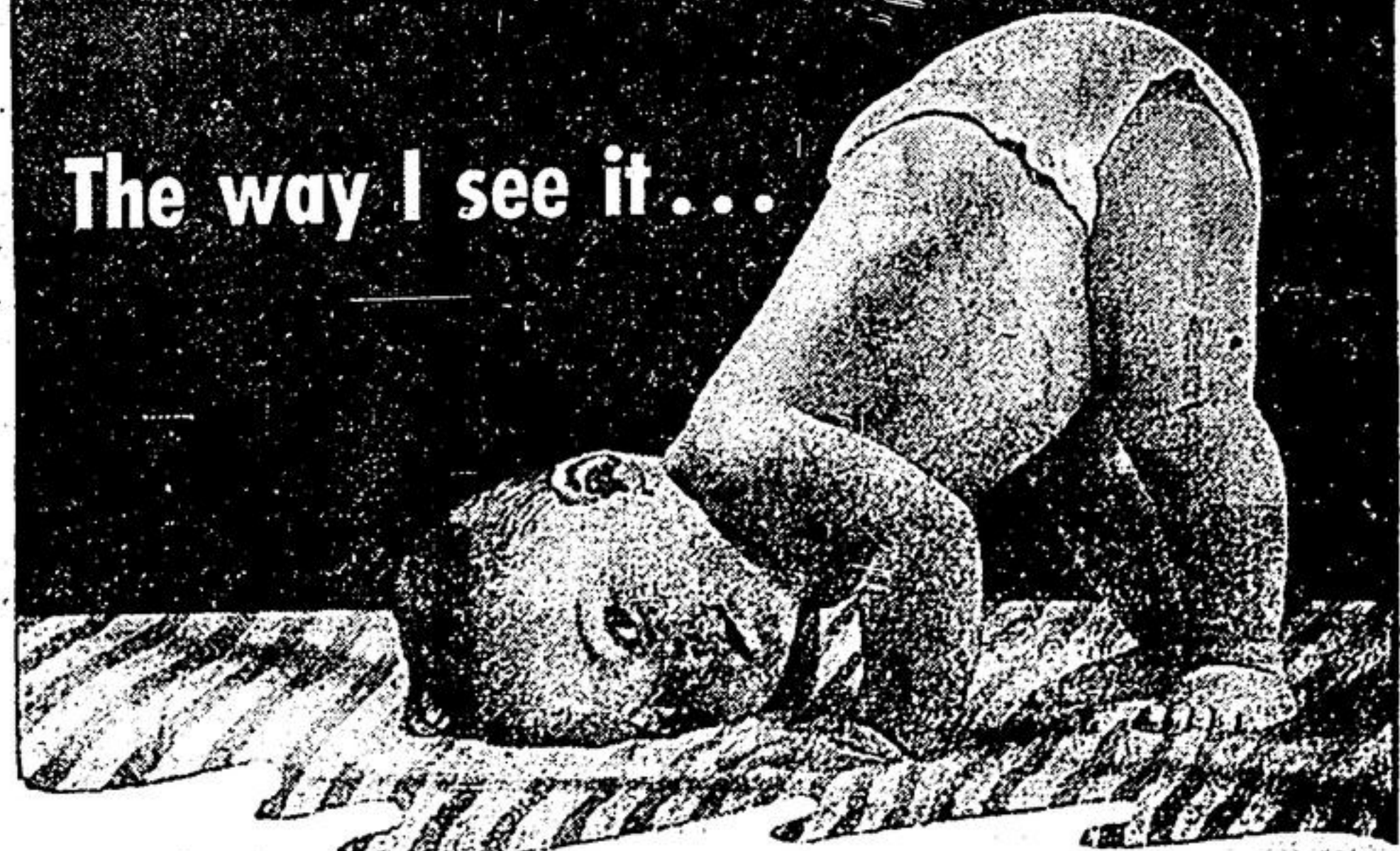
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