

UNIONVILLE NEWS

Everyone wanting transportation to the Markham-Township Property Owners meeting to be held June 5th at Cherry Hill Farm, to hear all three candidates in the forthcoming provincial election, contact Mrs. D. Strickland, 116.

We now have a hardball team organized for this summer. The Mission Band will meet on Friday night.

Dr. Lorne Henry of the Central Tech., Toronto, was the visiting Temperance speaker in the United Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Coathup attended the Lions Club Convention in Quebec this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Tom Porter of Toronto spent Sunday with their friends in Unionville.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Weir and Elizabeth spent a few days this week with her mother Mrs.

Marwell at Faversham.

Miss Ruby Norton of Toronto was a weekend visitor with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ross Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gough, Mr. J. Moment of Markham and Miss M. Rainey, Unionville, visited on Sunday with friends in Cooksville.

Miss O. Perkins from the U.S.A. was a guest this weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Perkins here.

Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and sister spent the weekend over in Buffalo.

Mrs. Thos. Myers visited for a few days this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hills of Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Marwood McKee, Cadmus, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Lawson and son Bruce of Janetville visited on Sunday at the homes of Mr. Milton Findlay and Mrs. L. Rainey.

The W.I. will meet this Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. Chapman.

The W.A. of Central United Church accepted the invitation of Mrs. J. Champion to hold their meeting at her home on Thursday afternoon, May 26th.

A letter was read from Mrs. Eastham of Rhodes Avenue Church, Toronto, announcing a semi-annual meeting on May 26. Mrs. I. Burnett donated a quilt for charity purposes. More quilts are ready for the bazaar. A request letter was read and \$10 donated to the Unionville Swimming Club. Some plans were made for the June 18th wedding which the society is to cater for. A vote of thanks was extended to the hostesses, Mrs. Champion, Mrs. A. E. Brown and Mrs. Rainey.

Mrs. H. Burnham Lunau, a former resident, passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. R. Perkins, Victoria Square, on May 26th. She was in her 90th year. Deceased was the widow of Jacob Lunau and the mother of Mrs. R. Perkins (Alice) and Mrs. Everett Brown (Greta). Funeral services were held on Monday at 2 o'clock and interment was made in Victoria Square Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Heimler and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Heimler spent the weekend with friends in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newton of King City were guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Gardhouse and family.

Mrs. Bruce Findlay won \$100 last week in a city newspaper contest.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay of Toronto were visitors in the village on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Weir visited her brother and family Mr. and Mrs. Hall in Scarboro on Sunday.

Miss Joan Thurston of Toronto visited on Thursday with her mother Mrs. J. Thurston.

Mrs. Fear, Mrs. Casely, Mrs. Fleming, Mrs. Brookfield, Mrs. LaRose, Mrs. Ogden, Mrs. Milner Mrs. Champion, Mrs. Gayman Mrs. Purvis were among the members of the Unionville W.A. who responded to the invitation of the Markham group.

Mr. E. Gresham of Ohio called to see his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gresham on the holiday.

Mrs. Evan Monk is flying soon to Victoria, B.C., to visit her daughter Mrs. W. Gray-Mitchell and her four grandsons.

Miss M. Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gough and Mr. J. Moment attended the ball game in Toronto on Tuesday.

The W.I. members are requested to bring children's used clothing to the Country Exchange, Main St., by this Saturday, or bring to the Thursday meeting.

Miss Kathleen Walker and Miss Annie Walker are enjoying a motor trip to Saskatchewan and other western points in company with Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Wesley and Shirley. They report seeing much flooding.

Misses Dorothy and Helen

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Mr. Daggers' letter convinced us that some company must give service to the isolated applicants, and we repeated our offer to make the extension as soon as the M. & P. Co. gave to us their written consent. This permission was finally received and we made the extension, and, as men were scarce, the six new subscribers assisted by teaming the poles to the ground. They also assisted our men to raise them.

A prolonged problem was the matter of free exchange of business between the different systems within the York and Ontario Telephone Union. When this service was commenced it had been of immense assistance to us, but as the years passed, and business increased it became a serious burden. We had always stated to our prospective subscribers that we could not guarantee that this free service would continue, but when we wished to impose a toll charge, we were confronted with difficulties. Congestion of traffic on the connecting circuits became so great that to get an urgent message through was frequently a trying experience. Sometimes important messages were delayed by prolonged conversations about nothing.

In 1914 a proposal was made in the Executive Committee of the Telephone Union that additional circuits should be erected to handle the increasing traffic. Our representatives stated that our company would invest no more capital in the erection of trunk circuits unless a toll charge was imposed. The other companies were agreed that the time had come for toll charges to be made but there was not agreement as to how they should be made. In 1916 several companies within our Union decided to apply for increases in rates and the Union at the same time decided to apply for permission to impose toll charges. When the matter was argued before the Municipal Board the application failed, partly because there was not unanimity as to how the tolls should be applied, and partly because the Board felt that an increase in telephone rentals with a lessening of the free service was too much to ask. It was not until 1921 that free exchange between systems within our Telephone Union came to an end.

To all Telephone Companies storms and weather conditions generally are of great importance. A company, like The Bell Co., with its far-flung system can calculate, with some degree of accuracy, what its loss from storms will be in each year, because damage from storms is usually confined to a limited area, and the law of averages operates. A company operating within a small area, as most independent systems do, operate, can make no such calculation. The system is hit, or it escapes, and when it is hit the consequence may be disastrous. On one occasion the company of which Dr. Doan was president for many years, was all but wiped out by two ice storms that struck within three days of each other. The ice from the first storm was still on the wires, when the second storm came, and when it had passed the poles and the wire of their entire system were ruined, and the directors were ready to 'give up the ghost'. The poles, and wires continued to litter the highways, with no effort being made by the company to begin the work of reconstruction. The subscribers began to inquire when they could expect telephone service to be restored and were told that as far as the company was concerned, service would not be restored as they had not sufficient reserve to repair the damage. The subscribers appealed to The Municipal Board and stated that they were willing to pay any rate that the Board might mention — up to \$20.00 per year — if the Company would rebuild.

Our company has never suffered such wholesale disaster, but we have had some serious losses. In November, 1909, we experienced our first serious trouble from an ice storm. There was no frost in the ground when a drizzling rain froze to our wires which soon heaviest trunk line, immediately became heavily laden. Our ly west of Stouffville began to lean, and sank until the ends of the cross-arms rested on the shoulder of the road. Not a

pole was broken and few wires were broken. A large gang of men with pike poles raised the poles and wires into place with almost no disturbance to the service.

In May, 1910, a thunderstorm destroyed our 1721 feet of 25 pair cable. In April 1917 we experienced our most devastating ice storm. Not one pole was left standing in our heavy trunk line on 2 1/2 miles, on the 9th con. of Markham, nor on 1 1/2 mile on the 9th con. of Whitechurch, besides general disruption of service because of sections being down in many places. Service was not fully restored for at least two and one-half months.

In March 1926 another ice storm cost us a serious loss in poles and cross-arms besides disrupting service on many lines for days, and in some cases for a couple of weeks.

In 1941 two baby cyclones swept through our area. There was an interval of no more than three weeks between those storms and one wrecked several pole lengths of trunk line construction on the town-line between the 8th and the 7th concession lines. The other did similar damage on the 9th con. of Markham. Neither of these wrecks were very serious but the combined disturbance and loss amounted to a considerable sum.

In November 1951 a severe ice storm destroyed two and one half miles of our heavy trunk line on the 9th con. of Markham. This put many lines out of commission, for exactly one month. This interruption to service would have been of much longer duration had it not been for the friendly assistance of The Bell Telephone Co., and also of The Ontario Hydro Commission. The Hydro Commission rented space on their poles for erection of our cable and officials of The Bell Co. enabled us to obtain much quicker delivery of cable than we could otherwise have obtained and they also loaned to us their gang of cable splicers and their equipment.

About the year 1937 we began to make a thorough and systematic work of replacement of poles and wires, the first such overhaul in our history. This work was interrupted by war-time conditions and was not resumed until one year after the war closed. Some of the poles and wire had served for at least forty years before being discarded.

The recent developments in our growth are matters of common knowledge and need only to be mentioned. The installation of a new switchboard in

Stouffville and the introduction of Common battery service in Stouffville; the increase to \$50,000.00 in our Bond Issue to pay for new switch-board and accompanying improvements; the exchange with the Bell Telephone Co. of all our lines and telephones, and other equipment; in the Richmond Hill and Aurora areas, for all The Bell Telephone Co's lines and equipment in the Clare

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ment area; the increase in our Capital stock issues in 1952 and again in January of this year. In connection with the last mentioned issue I would comment that whereas in the early years of our history our directors had many a 'headache' because of the unwillingness of the general public to invest in our shares, in January last we had a 'headache' because our stock was oversubscribed to such an extent that we were embarrassed.

The latest development in our history must not be overlooked, namely, the creation of a new exchange, to be known as the Gormley Exchange, and the introduction of dial phones in that area.

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Stiver spent the holiday weekend in Rochester.

Mr. Ernie Appleton is holidaying this week.

Mrs. Gingerica of Baden visited this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jonah Ramer.

The Hagerman Home and School are holding a sale of home-made baking on Saturday afternoon at the Naumowich Snack Bar, That's June 4th.

The Hagerman Home School executive is headed by Mrs. C. Chant, with Mrs. R. Lacey, vice. Mrs. J. Walker is secretary and Mr. F. Wolfe, treasurer.

Mr. Thos. Ormaton is in the St. Michael's Hospital.

Miss Sandy Watson has been visiting with her great aunt Mrs. B. Shelmardine.

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I, Tom Harris, your Liberal Candidate, pledge myself to serve you in the Legislature according to your just and honest dictates.

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- To alleviate high local taxation against property owners by;
 - Incorporating all suburban roads and 10% of all existing County roads into the Provincial Highway System, (such as the Brock Rd., Oshawa-Port Perry, and Manilla-Cannington Roads).
 - Increase grants for municipal roads.
 - Maintain indigent patients in hospitals.
 - Increase the educational grants and seek Federal Government assistance.
 - Assume all costs of the County jail.
- To take full advantage of Federal Government grants in aid of National Health and Welfare.
- To pay for all treatment of needy, sick, Old Age Pensioners.
- To abolish the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund to which every car-driver contributes one dollar per year although most of us are insured. Settlements from this fund have been painfully slow and extremely costly.

As an alternative,

- To require everyone to carry public liability and property damage insurance as a condition of obtaining a vehicle license, providing the Provincial Government insures against any increase in rates.
- To endeavour to restore farm incomes to post-war levels.

I deem the above proposals worthy of your consideration when you vote on June 9.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Harris.

Polls open from 9a.m. to 8p.m. [D.S.T.] Vote early June 9
Elect Tom Harris

Everyone who is to be out of their local polling division on June 9 may vote at the advance polls in Whitty (Bryant's Garage), Uxbridge (Martin's Hotel) and Beaverton (Legion Hall) on June 2, 3, and 4, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Vote for Responsible Government — Vote for TOM HARRIS