

Contest for Reeve and Council in Pickering Tp., Dep.-Reeve Acclaimed

With the announcement on Saturday of the retirement of Geo. T. Todd as Reeve of Pickering Township, ratepayers will go to the polls on Monday to select a replacement to head the 1956 Council. Seeking election to the new post will be William G. Newman, the present Deputy-Reeve and a new comer to municipal politics, Glenn E. Julien, a resident of Fairport Beach, Councillor Wm. G. Lawson of Greenwood, who was appointed Dep. Reeve by acclamation.

Seven candidates are in the field seeking Council seats. Messrs. Sid Pugh and Sherman Scott are seeking re-election while Mrs. Jean McPherson, D. S. Crichton, Rev. J. S. Lowden, Wm. Wonzey and Geo. Will, if elected, will be making their initial start in Pickering's municipal affairs.

Besides Mr. Todd those who were nominated for the Reeve-ship but failed to qualify were W. H. J. Thompson, Fred Noyes and Robt. Reesor. Mr. Russell Frame received a nomination to the office of Deputy-Reeve but declined to run for office. Messrs. Stephen Stephenson, of Rosebank, Wm. Collins of RR 1, Whitby and Duncan Spang of RR 1, Clarendon were nominated to run for Council but failed to qualify.

Reeve Geo. Todd in reviewing his accomplishments during the year, dwelt mainly on County Council affairs. He said much paving and road work had been done in the municipality by the County including the 9th concession east of Clarendon costing \$10,800, west of Clarendon, \$11,000; in the village of Clarendon, \$7,000; on the Brock Road between 5th and 6th concessions, \$9,116; between Hwys. 401 and No. 2, \$7,300. An automatic signal had been erected on the Brock Rd. at a cost of \$1,500. He said that next year the County planned to pave south of Brougham and west of Clarendon. They hope to erect a signal light at Clarendon and eliminate the curve on the Brock Road at the 7th concession. Reeve Todd stressed the importance of sending an experienced man to County Council. In touching on Council affairs, Reeve Todd said that the township now had an efficient police force and an up-to-date police office. He informed his listeners that the municipality was in a sound financial condition. He said that new house construction averaged \$12,000 per house and was much above the standard of former years. He said that a water area and school area had been established and a municipal garbage system was in the formation stage. He said that the township would be divided into

Interesting Uxbridge Theft Case Being Aired In Whitby Court

A tree hut, a "haunted house," and enough telephone equipment to start a branch-line, featured in evidence before Judge J. Pritchard last week.

Charles Royal Malcolm of Uxbridge appeared before His Honor and a jury on a charge of being in possession of equipment belonging to the Bell Telephone Company, knowing the equipment to be stolen.

Constable C. Wilton of the Uxbridge Detachment, O.P.P., said that on April 6, of this year, he was called to investigate a breaking and entering, in a house belonging to Malcolm. In the course of his investigations, the officer said, he found goods stolen from a hut, including two blankets, in a hut, about 50 feet up a tree.

With the blankets, the officer said, he found a quantity of telephone equipment, including linemen's climbers, two hand telephones, an upright telephone, two pairs of pliers, four rolls of insulating tape, a hammer, two braces, several bits, and a tape measure.

Three Uxbridge youths later confessed to having taken the articles from the Malcolm house, which, they told the court, is an old building, known to the local children as "The Haunted House."

On discovering the telephone equipment, Const. Wilton went on, he procured a search warrant, and searched the house. In the house, which he described as being "full of junk," still more telephone equipment was discovered.

Newman Smith, a Supervisory Foreman with Bell Telephone, then took the stand. Crown At-

O'k Natural Gas in Markham

Meeting in regular session last Monday, Markham Township Council gave third and final reading to the by-law authorizing the Consumers' Gas Co. of Toronto to install gas service in the township.

Mr. O. L. Jones, representing the company, stated that the chances of securing pipe for the installation had brightened lately, and said that laying of the pipeline from Steele's Ave. to Richmond Hill along Yonge St. would likely be started this fall, weather permitting.

Many a person who is putting up a big front is trying to hide the wall his back's against.

Santa Claus Treats Two Thousand Kiddies



One of the largest crowds on record attended the Santa Claus Parade here on Saturday afternoon. The Newmarket band headed the procession along the Main Street and Santa took up his familiar position in front of the town fire hall where he handed out more than 2,000 bags of candy to a long line of waiting children. The Santa Claus float is pictured above as it pulled to a stop at the town square. Local businessmen assisted in distributing the candy.

Name 7 Candidates For Reeve and Council In Whitchurch Twp.

There will be a two way fight for the offices of reeve in the Township of Whitchurch this year following the nomination meeting last Friday evening at which there was a record breaking crowd. This year marks the first time nominations have been held in the evening in the history of the township. Nominated for the reeveship were Ivan McLaughlin, veteran of many years service on the township council and reeve for the past five years. Seeking to move to the post of chief magistrate is last year's Deputy-Reeve P. S. Legge who has also seen many years service on the township council.

Veteran Councillor George E. Richardson received acclamation as deputy-reeve.

Nominated for election for the three seats on council were Delos Graham, Clifford Wallwork, Frank Williams, William Card and John E. Wylie. Delos Graham is the senior member on council while Cliff Wallwork saw service last year for the first time. Both Frank Williams and William Card were unsuccessful candidates in last year's election. The only newcomer to the municipal field is John C. Wylie. Mr. Wylie, a resident of Musselman's Lake, is expected to be a strong contender, and is expected to have the backing of the residents in the Wilcox and Musselman's Lake areas.

Following the closing of nominations, the clerk, J. Crawford presented a financial statement for the township. It is interesting to note that this is the 25th nomination meeting conducted by Mr. Crawford. In accordance with the custom of the municipality, the clerk called for brief remarks from the proposer and seconder of each nominee, after which each candidate spoke. In proposing Mr. McLaughlin for the Reeveship, L. P. Evans emphasized the honour brought to the area by the present reeve in the World Ploughing Match recently held in Sweden. He gave the opinion also that there was excellent chance that Mr. McLaughlin would gain the Wardenship of York County in 1957. Mr. R. C. Baycroft, seconder, who formerly served on the council, commended the judgment of their candidate. In his address to the gathering,

Cars Must Stop for School Buses After Feb. 1

After next Feb. 1 all Ontario motorists will be required to stop when overtaking a school bus loading or discharging passengers on highways.

An amendment to the Highway Traffic Act which becomes effective that date also stipulates that all school buses must have seating capacity for at least ten passengers.

The Order-in-Council making the amendment also details the manner in which school buses must be marked so that they will be readily identified by motorists.

The order applies to school vehicles operating on a highway outside a city, town, village, police village or built-up area. These vehicles must have printed on the front in large letters the words "school bus" and on the rear, "Do not pass when bus is stopped."

Regulations require that the lettering be colored black on a white or yellow background.

School vehicles will also be required to have two amber-colored flashing signal lights on the front and two red on the rear, visible under all daylight conditions from 500 feet.

Penalty for failure to stop when overtaking a stopped bus is \$10 for the first offense and \$20 for the second.

Acclaim Reeve And Deputy In Markham

In an interesting Nomination Meeting held last week at Buttonville the ratepayers present nominated candidates of their choice totalling fifteen names. By the following day, when the deadline for qualifications was reached, the field was narrowed to provide for elections only for council members.

Reeve Alfred LeMasurier was returned as Reeve by acclamation, although the Nomination meeting proposed the names of W. L. Clark and Chas. Hooper as opposition to him in the coming elections. The last two failed to qualify as candidates.

Also returned by acclamation was the Deputy-Reeve, W. L. Clark, who was originally slated for a two-way contest with Mrs. Kathleen James of Ward I. Mrs. James did not qualify for this contest, vacating the position to Mr. Clark.

Competition for the favor of the voters is expected to be keen in the struggles for the three wards in the township. In Ward I, veteran councillor and the present holder of the seat, Vernon W. Griffin, will be challenged by Mrs. Kathleen James. In Ward II, Donald Deacon, the present representative of the ward, will be opposed by Mrs. Helen Strickland of Unionville.

In Ward III, what promised to be a three-way tussle resolved itself into a two-way fight when Win Timbers, a former Reeve, declined to qualify the following day. Contest is now between Archie Little, the present office-holder, and Fred Vacher, who was not bashful in announcing his plans to seek the seat for this ward.

Nominated at the same meeting for the School Board were Wm. A. Ladell and J. M. Coghill of Vaughan Township, and R. V. Bick of Thornhill Village.

Real Estate Agent in 'Bribe' Case

Markham real estate agent Peter Heska on Tuesday surrendered voluntarily to Scarborough police at City Hall and was charged with attempting to corrupt municipal officials.

Heska is jointly charged on eight counts with Milton Winberg and Jack Weinbaum, officials of Gramercy Building and Development Co.

Winberg and Weinbaum gave themselves up yesterday after charges were sworn out against the trio by Crown Attorney W. O. Gibson.

All three have now been remanded until Dec. 19. Heska's bail was set at \$3,000. Charges arose out of two Scarborough councillors and two township officials receiving \$500 cheques from Gramercy company.

several cases the township had been outbid by other municipalities who offered better inducements. He assured the ratepayers that efforts were being continued to attract light industry to the township.

Present to bring greetings from East Gwillimbury Township was the Reeve, and Past County Warden, Jack Rye, accompanied by his deputy.

Eleven Candidates Seek Offices Here In Election Dec. 12th

Eleven candidates are seeking office in Stouffville's coming municipal election on Dec. 12. Five are in the field for council seats, three to be elected; four are standing for Public Trustee and two for Public Utilities Commission.

Reeve Elmer Daniels was given an acclamation for his second term in the reeveship and Milt Burk was accorded an acclamation for the town's first deputy-reeve.

Two of last year's councillors, Win Timbers and Elgin Wagg will seek re-election, while Ken Laushway, Harry Walters and Thos. Wedseloft are seeking their initial council seats. For Public School Board, Keith Middlemiss, the present Board chairman, is seeking re-election along with Cec. Hendricks. Two new candidates are Mrs. Alfred Mole and Mrs. Jack Skinner. For the Public Utilities Commission, Reg Stouffer who is seeking re-election, is being opposed by F. Allan Sangster. Jas. Austin was given an acclamation for the Cemetery Commission.

Addressing one of the largest nomination gatherings in years, Reeve Elmer Daniels commented briefly on county council matters, stating that the matter of the undue burden on the county by virtue of the Metropolitan Area establishment would be dealt with shortly at a special county council meeting. He said that he was pleased to see that a number of candidates were coming forward for council service.

Councillor Glenn Ratcliff who is retiring this year after eight terms in office, told the gathering that he had enjoyed the work but the pressure of business necessitated his leaving the field.

Councillor Milt. Burk dealt with road matters of which he was "chiefman." He stated that an increased road subsidy had been gained from the Dept. of Highways and that about \$500 was left in this budget to cover the cost of possible snow removal.

Councillor Timbers took issue with the '55 council on a number of points, chief of which was the dismissal of the provincial police, claiming that he was not properly notified of this important matter. He commended the park board on their fine grounds. The municipality, he said, was large enough to have some proper equipment of its own such as a tractor with necessary tools for sweeping the streets and removing snow. He said that it was time Stouffville got away from the horse and buggy days. Mr. Timbers touched on the matter of re-assessment, stating that the assessment was far out of line, and that measured assessment was a must. He criticized the town office staff for not always carrying out the Acts.

Councillor Wagg, candidates Laushway and Wedseloft all thanked their sponsors.

Candidate Walters stated that he would be a candidate and suggested that the new constab-

le be engaged soon, should be brought in now to get accustomed to the work under the O.P.P. and a second man be engaged early in the year. He also emphasized the need for a Police Commission.

Mr. Walter Brillinger, nominated for the office of deputy-reeve, dealt at some length with the assessments, claiming that there was no equality. He revealed a number of assessments in town both residential and business. He stated that he favored measured assessment. On behalf of the arena of which he is president, Mr. Brillinger stated that this recreation centre paid the largest single tax bill in town, while the income was only half of those concerns much lower assessed.

Reeve Elmer Daniels in replying to criticism, stated that councillor Timbers had received a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting prior to that at which the discontinuance of the police was dealt with and read the minutes stating that such a special meeting was to be held on a specific date.

Mrs. Les Wilson, who was nominated for council stated that she had served seven years on the Park Board and would stand.

Name New Police Chief

Council of Stouffville Village who have held many meetings recently to discuss the appointment of the new chief of police met in special session Wednesday, when the name of William J. Diamond was selected.

The clerk was instructed by resolution to prepare a by-law for this appointment, which will then be considered at the next meeting of council.

To take over the official duties of the first of January next, Mr. Diamond is 50 years of age, and is a veteran of 23 years experience in police work. He was for many years chief of police at Crystal Beach, and later served in the Whitby police force.

With full attendance from council, the only dissenting vote in the deliberations came from Elgin Wagg, who strongly

Lorne Bowdway Named New Public School Principal

Stouffville Public School Board meeting in special session on Tuesday evening engaged Mr. Lorne Bowdway of Stouffville as Principal of the Stouffville Public School, his duties to commence on Jan. 1st. Mr. Bowdway comes to the local school highly recommended and as a local citizen his appointment will be viewed with favour.

The move was necessary, due to the resignation of Mr. C. E. Watson who has occupied the



Reeve Elmer Daniels



Deputy-Reeve Milt. Burk

favoured a younger man. Reeve Daniels agreed that a younger man was more desirable, but felt that the better qualifications of Mr. Diamond tipped the balance in his favor.

Chosen from a list of 28 applicants for the job, Mr. Diamond will be engaged at a salary of \$3,200 per year, and will be paid an allowance of 6 cents per mile for the use of his car.

Council will later discuss plans to link the village by radio to the rest of the police forces in York County.

Prize-Winning Deer's Head



Mr. Fred Shadlock (right), farm resident on the 5th concession, Markham, proudly displays his 12 pointed deer head which he shot recently. His fine specimen was tops in the annual A. E. Weldon and Son contest sponsored every fall. Mr. Shadlock was presented with a fine wool hunting coat by Mr. Loyal Weldon (left). The local hunter bagged the deer some 21 miles north of Parry Sound.