

## Plowmen View Site of Big Match

A long line of cars snaked across the fields just south of Brooklin last week, as members of the Ontario Plowman's Association, and Ontario County Plowing Match Committee inspected the site of the International plowing match.

A joint meeting of the two bodies was called for last week to deal with the general problems of the mammoth plowing match, which will be held on October 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th of this year. The headquarters of the match will be on the Heber Down farm, about a mile west of Brooklin, on Highway No. 7. Although the Down farm is a large tract of land, the match will spread over at least three other properties.

The great part of the afternoon was spent looking over the site of the match. All were agreed that the location, and the land, are ideal for the event. Proximity to industrial centres, easy access to main highways, and the fact that Brooklin is in the heart of the "plowing match country," were all considered to be factors which will help to make this year's match one of the best ever.

A quarter of a mile south of the Down farm buildings, a space half a mile by 300 yards has been set aside, and named "Tented City." In this space, a city of tents, booths, etc., will spring up before the event opens. There will be three streets, in tented city, so that there will be a total frontage of two miles, for exhibits. Mr. F. A. Lashley, secretary and general manager of the Plowmen's Association, said that a large part of this space has already been sold.

Officials of Bell Telephone, and Ontario Hydro, attended the meeting, to help solve power and communications problems. The Hydro, and Whitby PUC, will require the amount of voltage required for each exhibit, and how many exhibits will require electricity. Bell Telephone will have 26 lines installed in the match area, connected with Oshawa exchange.

The committee will overcome the water problem, by purchasing water for tent city from Meadowcrest Homes Ltd., who have a large water tower, supplied by wells, just north of the match site. The water will be subjected to extra pressure, before reaching the tent area.

Following the tour of the site, the members came south to Whitby, where they were entertained at dinner, at Fairview Lodge, by the County of Ontario. Prior to the dinner, a general discussion was held, to iron out other problems.

A special committee, set up to supply tractors for the event, reported that they will have at least 200 tractors available for the match. With the expected 3 competitors, this number of tractors will be necessary, as there will be about 200 competing each day.

Prizes for the match total over \$15,000 in cash, and trophies, plus a large sum which will be donated in the form of educational tours. Prizes will also be presented for welding contests, which will be held throughout the match. Junior farmers and

## Head Lions Club for New Year



New officers of the Stouffville Lions Club were officially installed at the regular meeting on Monday evening. They are pictured above, from left to right, Front Row—Charles Livingstone, Treasurer; Dr. F. J. Button, President, and Erle Lehman, Secretary. Back Row—Ken Wagg, 3rd Vice Pres.; Albert Smalley, 2nd Vice Pres.; and Jim Austin, 1st Vice Pres. The Club Directors are Messrs. Norman O'Boyle, Ross Winterstein, Stan Martin and Ted Topping. The Tail Twister is Mr. John Huston and the Lion Tamer is Mr. Frank Richies.

## B. & P. MEMBERS MEET AT AURORA

The Original Conference for district No. 4 Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Aurora, at which Stouffville was hostess to all the clubs in the district, included Stouffville, Brampton, Georgetown, Newmarket, and Markham-Unionville. Regional Advisor, Mrs. Viola McCreeght, was in charge and the guest speaker was Dr. Marguerite Bailey, Provincial Vice President.

A new Regional Advisor was elected, Miss Norine Ayers of Newmarket. A buffet supper was enjoyed following the business meeting.

Markham Twp. Councillor Archie Little's farm and family will be the locale and personnel for a TV show from Toronto at 10 p.m. on June 17th, a special CBLT feature.

high school students will compete in the welding contests, which, over the past few years, have become a regular feature of the international match.

Free transport around the match site will be provided by the junior farmers of Ontario County, who will run a wagon ride service, throughout the four days of the match.

The major problem of highway traffic, to and from the match site, will fall into the able hands of the OPP. Sgt. Murray Bruce, of the Whitby detachment, who will be in charge of traffic control, said that there will be about 80 extra officers brought into the area, to handle the huge volume of traffic which will circulate in the area during the match.

## Markham Twp. Asks Comm. Centre Plans be Revealed At Meeting

A long and involved debate ensued at Markham Council on Monday night on the issue of the Community Centre Board proceeding with the building of a new arena to cost in the neighborhood of \$140,000.

A group of ratepayers in the Unionville Area was represented by Mr. Thomas, solicitor, who stated that his clients were opposed to the move since the proposal provided chiefly for hockey and it was their feeling that the Community Centre Board was playing on the laxness of local ratepayers to push through the building which would not serve the needs of the entire area. He further stated that if a vote of the people was not to be taken, the law required that a petition signed by at least fifty percent of the ratepayers affected, should be presented to council.

"We understand," he said, that the rink is to be built regardless of whether anyone objects or not." This remark brought an instant retort from members of the rink board.

Reeve LeMasurier stated, that council desired to be neutral in the matter but believed that a vote of the people should be taken.

Solicitor Thomas replied that council couldn't remain entirely neutral as they could not act without a petition.

Township Solicitor Lucas stated that it remained for council to decide whether there appeared to be sufficient support for the project coming from the area, to put to a vote of the people or to reject.

Councillor Deacon stated that the circular letter sent out to ratepayers in the area received the wrong reaction. He said that the information was too vague, but believed that if a meeting were held now, the turnout would be good.

Reeve LeMasurier told the members that any objections he

had had were not against the project so long as the costs were known, and the expected overhead. A money bylaw could be put before the electorate in December, he said.

Bruce Stewart, a member of the rink board, declared that time had been wasted already. "The arena needs repairs this year and there's not a hope of getting a rink for next October if a move is not made right away. Apparently our approach has been wrong."

Mr. Wilkes, another Board member, stated that \$10,000 needed to be spent on the present arena right away. There is presently a debt of \$16,000 against the arena.

Mr. Wilkes added that there had been only 150 objections from 950 letters sent out, so the majority must be in favour.

"You don't know any such thing," replied solicitor Thomas. Councillor Biffen said that he favored council resolution asking the Board to call for another public meeting.

Reeve LeMasurier asked that his vote be recorded against the resolution.

"If the people don't come out it's their own fault," declared Mr. Thomas.

Reeve LeMasurier strongly urged that a vote of the people be taken. He said that another public meeting would only put the matter back to its present state.

Mr. Stewart declared that if the building couldn't be finished before December it better be left until next year.

"If a money bylaw is put before the people, the onus is on them and not on the Board. I would suggest giving them all the necessary publicity and meetings and then voting.

Tax dodgers as a group constitute a thorny problem for the government. But, says the sage, tax spenders are a bigger one.

## Markham Tp. May be Burdened with School Costs by R.H.'s Fancy Spending

"Markham and Vaughan Townships can be burdened with secondary educational costs by reason of Richmond Hill going 'hog wild' in allowing residential sub-divisions" declared reeve Alf. LeMasurier, as the matter of expanding debenture debt was discussed at the regular meeting of Markham Township Council on Monday evening.

Vaughan Twp. as well, was not in too favorable a financial position when it came to sub-divisions, reeve LeMasurier declared, and because of the fact that Markham is included in the secondary school area comprising these two municipalities, he said, "we are in the position of having to back two municipalities now up to the hilt in debt."

The reeve pointed out that a new high school was wanted at Woodbridge and fourteen more rooms on the Richmond Hill school. These two expendi-

tures alone, it was said, would amount to more than a million dollars.

Markham Council was advised legally, that they could, if they so desired, issue only their own share of school debentures in case of secondary schooling, and in that way not be bound to shoulder the debts of the other municipalities in the school district, should they be unable to meet their obligations. Because of Markham's good financial position it was also believed they could obtain a better interest rate on their own portion of debentures.

After about an hour's discussion council instructed the clerk to notify Vaughan Twp. Council that Markham wished to meet with them on June 6th to discuss the school financing problem.

## Fire Drives Family From Home

Mr. and Mrs. James Smith and family were driven from their home on the 4th concession, south of Victoria Square, early Monday morning when fire spread from their nearby garage and ignited the insul-brick house. Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. David Fuller, heard the family dog barking and looking out the window saw the garage a mass of flames. She quickly roused the rest of the family. The older children, Margaret 13, Joan 11 and David 9 were ushered out of the house while Mrs. Smith went upstairs to get 17-month-old Ann.

Mr. Smith in an attempt to keep the outbreak from spreading ventured too near the flames and his clothes were ignited. He suffered burns to his back, hands and head. He was taken by ambulance to the Toronto East General Hospital but his injuries are not reported serious.

Fire brigades from Unionville, Stouffville and Richmond Hill battled the flames for nearly 3 hours before they were finally brought under control. Some 2,000 gallons of water had to be brought in by tank truck from Oriole when a nearby well was drained. The Unionville brigade pumped water from a small creek located at the rear of the Smith home.

Damage to the house was quite extensive. The garage and the family car were completely destroyed. They were only partially covered with insurance. The family were given temporary lodging at the home of a neighbour, Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan.

## INSTITUTES HERE FOR DISTRICT ANNUAL

One hundred and forty women representing 17 districts of East York gathered here for their District Annual meeting at Masonic Hall last week. They arrived from such places as Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Markham and Highland Creek. The last meeting held here was fifteen years ago. The sessions of the Women's Institute, were held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mrs. J. Bruce (President) presided over the meeting and reports were received from all Standing Committee Conveners. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. E. Houck of Brampton, representative to the United Nations.

Other highlights were as follows: The judging of hope chest articles and oil paintings for the Salada Tea contest. Painting prize winners were, first: Markham; second, Dawes Road; and for hope chest articles, first, Highland Creek; second, Agincourt; and third, Lake View.

There was also musical entertainment provided by Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Wheeler of Locust Hill and Pickering. The next District Annual is to be held in Buttonville.

On Thursday evening of last week a presentation party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Spang for Mr. and Mrs. Levi Mustard. They were presented with two aluminum lawn chairs, and a portable swimming pool for their son, Mr. and Mrs. Mustard left this week for the Collingwood district where they will operate a summer resort.

The Ontario Highways Dept. is running far behind schedule as evidenced by the lack of activity on the highway from Church St. east, which was to have been completed in June of this year, but by all appearances may scarcely be started by that time.

## General Tax Rate Up Slightly, School Rates Jump 9 Mills

Stouffville Municipal Council spent several hours on Thursday evening paring the 1956 budget and were able to keep local administration costs to only a small increase. School costs on the other hand are likely to show an increase of about nine mills over last year. The general increase in assessment would, it appeared, take care of the small increases on local costs, but education costs, over which council has no control, continues to rise and with no apparent supplementary aid from the Ontario government, must be shouldered by the local taxpayers.

Final budget figures will be presented for approval at this week's council session, and the striking rate will be passed. Water Hook-Up Increase Sponsored by recommendation from the local Utilities Commission, council passed an amending bylaw to the local Water Rates Bylaw, increasing the cost of hooking up to the town mains from \$50 to \$65. In addition, water users must use a size of pipe specified by the Water Commission in carrying the service from the main to their dwellings.

Better Fine Share A bylaw agreement with the Liquor Control Board of Ontario was given the necessary three readings on Thursday night, and provides that Stouffville will now receive the fines from breaches of the Liquor Control Act, rather than forty per cent of sixty per cent as heretofore. These fines are for charges laid by the local police force.

## Breakin Suspect Escapes

Gerald Shaw, 20, awaiting trial at Newmarket court, charged with breaking and entering the Simpson-Sears Order office in Markham village, escaped custody at Toronto General Hospital last week. Shaw and his family had recently moved to Newmarket. He was arrested in Markham on May 13th.

He was scheduled to appear in Newmarket court on Friday, but due to a kidney ailment, had been confined to the Toronto General Hospital.

When a Don Jail guard stepped onto a hospital balcony for some fresh air, Shaw bolted to freedom. He fled about 10.15 p.m. He was wearing grey hospital pants, a white top and blue stede shoes.

Officials at Toronto General Hospital said the youth had been brought to the hospital about four days ago and was being treated for nephritis. He and another prisoner were in the custody of a jail guard.

Toronto police had picked up Shaw several weeks ago on a warrant for Scarborough police, charging him with housebreaking, entering and theft.

Activity on new garage and service station development on the western outskirts of town is very intensive at present. Two new service stations, one for the Sun Oil Company and one for the Canadian Oil Co., are fast being completed, while on the south side of the highway opposite, the new Walter Taylor Motors garage site is being prepared.

## School Chums Pallbearers For Local Accident Victim

Thirteen year old Ronald Marshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshman, was instantly killed on Thursday afternoon when run over by a heavy sod truck. The young boy, a Grade eight pupil, was riding his bicycle along the Main Street en route to the High School for a Manual Training class. He suddenly lost his balance and fell under the rear wheels of the truck. Sixteen year old Walter Isles, riding on the cross-bar of the bike, fell to the road but suffered only a bruised shoulder. The driver of the truck, Thomas Williamson, 21 Donside Drive, Toronto, unmindful of the accident,

was stopped by an eyewitness, An inquest has been ordered. Ronald Marshman was the eldest in a family of seven. Besides his parents, he is survived by three brothers, Allan 10, David 9, Bobby 8, and three sisters, Norma 6, Brenda 3 and Janette 2. The private funeral service was held at the Chapel of L. E. O'Neill, Stouffville, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Stouffville Cemetery. Pallbearers at Ronald's funeral were: Garry Baston, Roger Stover, Glen Pennamen, Jim Spang, Rickey Wedsetoft and Garry Byer. Service was conducted by Rev. Dearmond of Stouffville Christian Church.

## Cayuga H. S. Principal Coming Here In Sept.

Stouffville District High School Board engaged Mr. William Duxbury as Principal of the local secondary school, at a special meeting on Monday evening. Mr. Duxbury comes from Cayuga and will replace Mr. O. E. Robbins who has resigned the post here after two years, to take a position at Windsor.

The new principal is a young married man, with two children. He has had five years experience as principal and comes to the local school highly recommended. The new principal is prepared to teach Agricultural Science, Mathematics and Shop Work.

Mr. Lanke, B.A., B.D., has been engaged to teach English, replacing Mrs. H. R. Button who is also leaving the staff.

Mrs. Dolman, teacher of commercial work for the past two years, tendered her resignation on Monday evening and special arrangements may be made to handle students in this class, as only a few have availed themselves of commercial work.

## Mother and Daughter Banquet for C.G.I.T.

Seventy-six persons attended the mother and daughter banquet, which sealed the closing of the C.G.I.T. season for this year. The Legion Hall was the scene of gaily lightened with colourful display of hand made corsages, made by the girls and placed at the plate of each mother.

Special guests were, Rev. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. M. Storey and Mrs. Fairles. No speeches were given by the special guests. At the head table were seated, Miss Shirley Fosdick, Pres., and mother; Miss M. Curtis, Miss Winn, Rev. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Harold Lewis and her daughter Karan, Mrs. Ted Topping, Carol Larkin, Miss Gay Rennie and mother; Mrs. A. Campbell, Mrs. M. Storey and Mrs. Fairles. The two very busy leaders of the C.G.I.T. are Mrs. Ted Topping and Mrs. Harold Lewis, both of whom have done a very good job in leading the girls this year.

A toast to the mothers was given by Miss Pat Barry and was responded to by Mrs. J. Barry. Pat incidentally is the fifth daughter of Mrs. Barry to go through the CGIT. The toast to

the church was given by Miss Marg. Curtis and was responded to by Rev. D. Davis. Girls holding positions in the group are as follows: Shirley Fosdick, President; Marg. Curtis, Vice-Pres.; Gay Rennie, Secretary; Carol Skinner, Treas. (absent for banquet); Jocelyn Button, President of the Junior group, and Lynda Wagg, Secretary of the Junior group.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion catered to the banquet and was presided over by Shirley Fosdick, who was said to have done a most excellent job. The girls put on a variety show which included singing, dancing and was honoured, by a guest violinist by the name of Marvell Willis.

The show ended with the singing of "May The Good Lord Bless and Keep You" and the evening was rounded off with the song "Taps". This was the last meeting of the current season and it is interesting to note that during the past year over 40 girls between the ages of 12 and 17 have enrolled and that the C.G.I.T. is the only active group for teen-age girls in Stouffville.

## Pet Show Popular



Marlene Wallace of Zephyr is seen here cuddling one of her Flemish Giant rabbits, an exhibit at the pet show, part of the big celebration Saturday marking the 276th sale at the Stouffville Sales Arena.

