

131st Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches at Altona

On Wednesday evening, June 13, the annual conference of the local Christian Churches was opened in the Altona Church with the Christian Endeavour Union conducting the service. Rev. Wm. Hiltz was the guest speaker, taking as his theme, "Ye are the salt of the Earth." The Wideman male quartet brought the message in song.

The business sessions were opened on Thursday morning by Rev. Morton with Rev. R. W. Serrick in charge. As the various reports were read, it was shown that the Conference had progressed financially during the year, contributing nearly \$1700 to the foreign mission project in addition to many smaller donations to Home Mission efforts.

Rev. F. Huson brought the message on Thursday afternoon. The Thursday evening service was addressed by Rev. D. C. Percy who made the point that we are saved to serve.

On Friday afternoon Rev. Percy admonished the gathering to "bear fruit" and let God's goodness flow through us. Rev. Percy assisted by Rev. F. Dearmond and Mr. Kenny Edwards, administered the sacraments of the Lord's Supper.

The Friday evening service was in charge of the Women's Missionary Society and Rev. Horace Bradin, a missionary from Ethiopia, told of the great work being carried on in that country under the leadership of native workers. His pictures of the field illustrated his points.

Rev. Percy brought the messages at both services on Sunday with Mrs. Percy and their daughters Dorothy and Janet assisting musically. Mr. Percy continued the thought of the Conference that, although the numbers are few, we still have a great responsibility to those around us.

One highlight of the business sessions was the presentation of the Report on Social and Moral Reform by Mrs. Jack Wright of Keswick. The following is the text of the report:

"The social and moral problems of our present generation give cause for serious concern. We in the church seek to give our children every possible protection from the evils in the world today by guiding them in the things of the Lord, and since we do not expose ourselves to the evils around us, I cannot help but wonder if we are as fully awake as we ought to be, to the appalling evils that exist in our towns and cities, and even in our own communities.

Are we aware of the tremendous amount of drinking and smoking among our teen-agers? Recently I sat in a restaurant at the noon hour, where many high school students gathered to eat their lunch. I was horrified to note how many of these fine boys and girls were smoking.

Then there is the nation-wide disregard for the Lord's Day which we have been commanded to keep holy.

Glance over the book and magazine stands of today filled with questionable reading material. Listen to the horrid and sensuous so-called music, so popular with our young people. All these are working in a subtle and deadly way to lower our moral standards. Surely there is a great need for social and moral reform in this age in which we live.

Paul in his epistle to the Galatians lists some of the fruits of the flesh. Is not our present social and moral condition the result of seeking after the flesh? We are reaping the fruits of the flesh, and we must realize the seriousness of the situation. This may seem a dark picture, but we must face up to the truth. Things will inevitably grow worse with each succeeding generation unless we get at the root of these evils.

Then what is the answer to our problem? What can we do to stem the tide of evil? We must remember that out of the heart proceedeth good and evil. These things cannot be fought alone by more severe legislation and provision for greater penalties for infractions. If it were possible to banish trashy literature from our magazine stands, do away with alcoholic beverages and tobacco, and compel people to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," the desire to sin would still be in the heart, and we would have accomplished very little.

In Paul's writings to Timothy we are exhorted to be an example to those around us. Are we as a church doing that? Are we standing firm against the things we know are evil? May we as His children never be guilty of causing our brother to stumble.

evil is prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We are too prone to attempt to solve our problems by ourselves. Let us avail ourselves of His promise to help us, for of our own selves we can do nothing. Let us pray without ceasing that we as a nation might not be overcome with evil, but that we might overcome evil with good."

Local Clerk Resigns

Clerk Garfield Brown of the Village of Stouffville presented his resignation to the municipal council at a special meeting on Thursday evening. Council discussed the matter at considerable length but did not accept the resignation, pending a resolution at the regular meeting this Thursday night.

Reeve Daniels stated that the Clerk is receiving \$3,800 salary, having recently been increased \$200. He is also secretary of the Public School Board and the local Planning Board, amounting to approximately \$400. Mr. Brown is preparing to accept a position in the Halton County office.

CARS BY THE THOUSANDS

Police Chief C. Wideman reports that last weekend was the heaviest to date this year for highway traffic passing through the municipality.

Markham Police who directed traffic Sunday at the corner of No. 7 highway and the Don Mills Road counted a total of 2,000 cars in six hours. For a time the traffic became so congested that cars were lined up bumper to bumper on Don Mills Road north from No. 7 highway to the townline at Gormley.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis White of Stouffville, R.R., announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Joyce, to Herbert Grant Farrier, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrier of Stouffville, R.R. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 23, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCreight announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Anne, to Mr. Kenneth Vale, son of Mrs. Arthur Vale and the late Mr. Vale of St. Catharines; the marriage to take place on Saturday, July 14th, at 4 p.m. in Stouffville United Church.

PARK SCHEDULE

For the sports enthusiasts of Stouffville and district, here is the Park Program for the next week. Thursday, Markham vs Buttonville (softball); Saturday, Markham vs Stouffville (soccer); Monday, Newmarket vs Stouffville (baseball); Wednesday, Brookline vs Stouffville (girls softball).

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bethesda & Stouffville Telephone Co. is being held on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Stouffville and Whitchurch municipal councils will hold their regular mid-June sessions this Thursday evening.

Markham Twp. Reeve Opposes Expenditure At York County Home

Reeve Alf LeMasurier stood alone last week in his opposition to an expenditure of \$4,500 for comfort stalls for the cattle at the County Farm. He questioned the wisdom of the county maintaining a farm and asked if it were kept to provide an occupation for the residents at York Manor.

"There has been a great deal of talk about the need of enlarging the barns for the comfort of the cows," Mr. LeMasurier commented. "I would rather see the \$4,500 spent for the comfort of the old people at York Manor. I have yet to be convinced that the farm is a profit to the county. The county is subsidizing the farm to sell milk in competition to local farmers. Is that right?" he asked.

Reeve J. H. Anderson of Georgina replied that the money spent would be recovered from the operation of the farm. Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge

Distinguished Traveller Visits Unionville



Unionville Women's Institute was honoured on Tuesday afternoon by the presence of Mrs. A. M. Berry, O.B.E., International President of Associated Country Women of the World, from Australia. Mrs. Berry who has held this high office for three years is on a world tour and while in Canada desired to attend a regular meeting of a local Institute Branch. The meeting was held on the spacious lawn of the H. Tandy residence, Mrs. Russel-Brown M.B.E. being the hostess.

On leaving Ontario, Mrs. Berry will visit Quebec and the Maritimes, sailing for England on July 12th. The upper photo shows the branch officers, Unionville Institute, back row, left to right, Mrs. G. Maynard, Mrs. H. Boadway, Mrs. L. Rainey, Mrs. W. Mason, Mrs. T. R. Fugard and Mrs. J. C. Edwards; front, left to right, Mrs. Russel-Brown, Mrs. A. Gresham and Mrs. A. Toogood.

Lower photo is Mrs. Berry and several other distinguished guests, left to right, Mrs. G. Maynard, provincial secretary; Mrs. G. MacPhatter, president Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Mrs. A. M. Berry, O.B.E. and Miss Helen McKecher, director of Home Economics Service, Dept. of Agriculture. Mrs. J. Hoover and Mrs. A. Farthing were visitors at the special occasion from the Stouffville Institute.

Lemonville Farmer Scalded by Tractor Steam

Mr. Elgin Hastings, farmer on the 7th concession of Whitchurch, south of Lemonville, was quite badly scalded with steam and boiling water last week. Mr. Hastings uncapped the radiator of his tractor and was showered with hot liquid. He was scalded about the face, arms and chest. Dr. H. B. Freel of Stouffville treated the burns.

TO START OILING MARKHAM ROADS

Deputy-Reeve W. Clark reported to Council on Monday that the Miller Paving Co. is to begin oiling township roads this week. Mr. Clark stated the first roads scheduled to be done are those in Highland Park, John Street in Thornhill and the fifth concession.

All members of Council reported they have been receiving complaints from residents regarding the dusty condition of the roads.

Reeve LeMasurier Favours Vote of People Over Education Expense

In commenting Monday evening on the proposed million dollar expenditure of the Richmond Hill District High School Board, Reeve Alf LeMasurier stated that while council had little alternative but to approve, he would favor taking such expenditures to a vote of the people.

The School Board appeared before Markham Council on Monday evening but failed to receive approval for the expenditure. The matter was slated to come before County Council this week where an effort was being made to have the County shoulder the debentures.

"I think we should check with our solicitor before making any move — I want to keep Markham's credit rating sound," stated Reeve LeMasurier. He added that if County Council would not take on this debenture, thought would be given to each municipality issuing its own share.

Mr. Wilf. Dean, member of the Board, said that the matter was urgent because the schools would have to operate in shifts if the new rooms were not completed by fall.

Mr. Stewart Rumble, Headford farmer member on the Board, and one who has been outstanding in his opposition to the Board's continued heavy spending, stated that the farmers could not stand these increasing costs. "True," he said, "we can get a big price for our farms, but we have to live off the land."

"You're the people who let these expenses go on our tax bills," Mr. Rumble stated in addressing the Reeve. It was at this juncture that Reeve LeMasurier stated that he favored a vote of the people on such expenditures.

Councillor Griffen commented that it was up to the senior gov-

Dog Loose, Owner Fined

In County Court, Newmarket, on Tuesday of this week, a Stouffville ratepayer paid \$5 and costs for allowing his dog to run at large. Council has repeatedly warned that summonses will be issued to those who persist in this practice.

Andy Haack of Stouffville appeared in court to answer charges of creating a disturbance in Harold's Grill and having liquor in an illegal place. On the first count the accused paid \$20 and costs or seven days and on the second \$10 and costs or thirty days.

One motorist paid \$8.50 and costs for speeding and another \$3.50 and costs for driving without lights. All charges were laid by the local Police Dept. Several additional highway cases are pending.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS TAKE PLAYOFF LEAD

The Stouffville Public School boys took a commanding lead in the two game run-to-count softball playoff as they handed Unionville a crushing 2-2 defeat this week. The return contest will be played at Unionville.

Glenn Penanen handled the pitching chores for the winners and allowed the visitors only 4 hits. Stouffville teed off on Unionville pitchers to clout 5 home runs. Harland Mills clouted two round-trippers while single circuit hits came from the bats of Jim Spang, Allan Boyd and Bill Ratcliff. With the exception of the first inning, Stouffville counted runs in each appearance at the plate. Unionville's runs came in the first, fifth and sixth innings.

Messrs. Henry Slack, Ben Raxlin, Wm. Greenbury, Aubrey Spang and H. J. Malloy of the local I.O.O.F. attended the installation of the Grand Encampment officers at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday evening.

Among those successful in passing recent examinations at the Royal Conservatory of Music are Misses Beverley Keffer, Gr. 1-theory (1st class hon.); Gertrude Baker, Gr. 7 piano (hon.); Mary Lou Ratcliff, Gr. 8 piano (1st class hon.); and Louise Clarke, Gr. 10 piano (hon.). Miss Baker takes piano lessons from Mrs. Webb of Markham. The other girls are pupils of Miss Ila Weighill of Unionville.

Births

EBY—Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Eby, (nee Beth Rowan), are happy to announce the birth of their son, Richard Norman, at the York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Thursday, June 14, 1956; the first grandson for Rev. and Mrs. Norman Rowan. TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor (nee Isobel Stewart) of Bethesda are happy to announce the birth of their son on Sunday, June 17th, 1956, at Grace Hospital, Toronto; a brother for Helenann and Faye.

94,000 New Trees Planted This Year In Vivian Forest

A total of 94,000 trees have been planted at the York County Forest, Vivian, during the recent planting season, according to the report of the Re-forestation Committee presented to the county council last week. Mr. Geo. Richardson, deputy-reeve of Whitchurch Township, is a member of this committee. The planting has all been completed, the committee reported, but due to the late spring, the project took longer than usual, and there was also the fact that nearly all the planting was re-fill.

Six men have been employed at the Forest all spring and 20 cords of fuelwood produced, which will be sold during the coming summer months. There have also been approximately 20,000 feet of sawlogs cut and skidded. The sawlogs are mainly

white pine and hemlock. The fire-fighting equipment has been overhauled and some new equipment added.

The 400 cords of pulpwood, now cut and piled in the Forest, will be trucked out this summer. No more land has been added to the Forest acreage recently since the price of waste land in York County has risen to the point where the committee did not feel it was economical to plant trees.

It is interesting to note that since the commencement of the Forest in 1924, 4,510,870 trees have been planted, and the total cost of operation in these years has been \$172,463.71, with the highest figure of expenditure being in 1952 when \$21,359.95 was expended.

Local Businessman Saves Life at Musselman's Lake

Mr. Ronald Moring, manager of the local Dominion Store Branch, acted fast and was credited with saving a life at Musselman's Lake early Thursday evening when a swimmer was overcome with cramps out beyond his depth.

The unfortunate man was David Birch, 23, of Cedar Valley and he was given medical aid by Dr. D. Smith of Stouffville. Mr. Moring was standing near the beach wall and there were other bathers about in the water. One of these in near the shore began shouting that a man was in trouble and Mr. Moring, who was a lifeguard in the Canadian Navy, sprang into action along with the lifeguard who was in the boat house not too far away.

Mr. Moring found the swimmer completely exhausted from thrashing about in the water and David submitted to being towed ashore without a struggle. It was believed that the swimmer had entered the water too soon after eating, causing severe cramps. He had gone down several times before his frantic gestures attracted attention.

Cedar Beach Park attracts thousands of summer folks and the well-kept beach is constantly patrolled by lifeguards during the height of the summer season. One of these was on hand and co-operated with Mr. Moring in the rescue. Two more lifeguards will be on duty during July and August.

Would Divert 6th Con. Road Money to Unionville Main St.

Meeting with Unionville Police Trustees Monday night, Markham Twp. council proposed to divert road money from the 6th con. and Hagerman, to improve the Main Street of Unionville. The move was designed to iron out a dispute in which Unionville had protested paying the 2.6 mill special road tax to cover hurricane damage.

Councillor Griffen opposed the move, stating that such tactics were not in accordance with the Agreement between the Township and Village for road work. "If you're not going to stick to the Agreement, you might as well not have it," said Mr. Griffen.

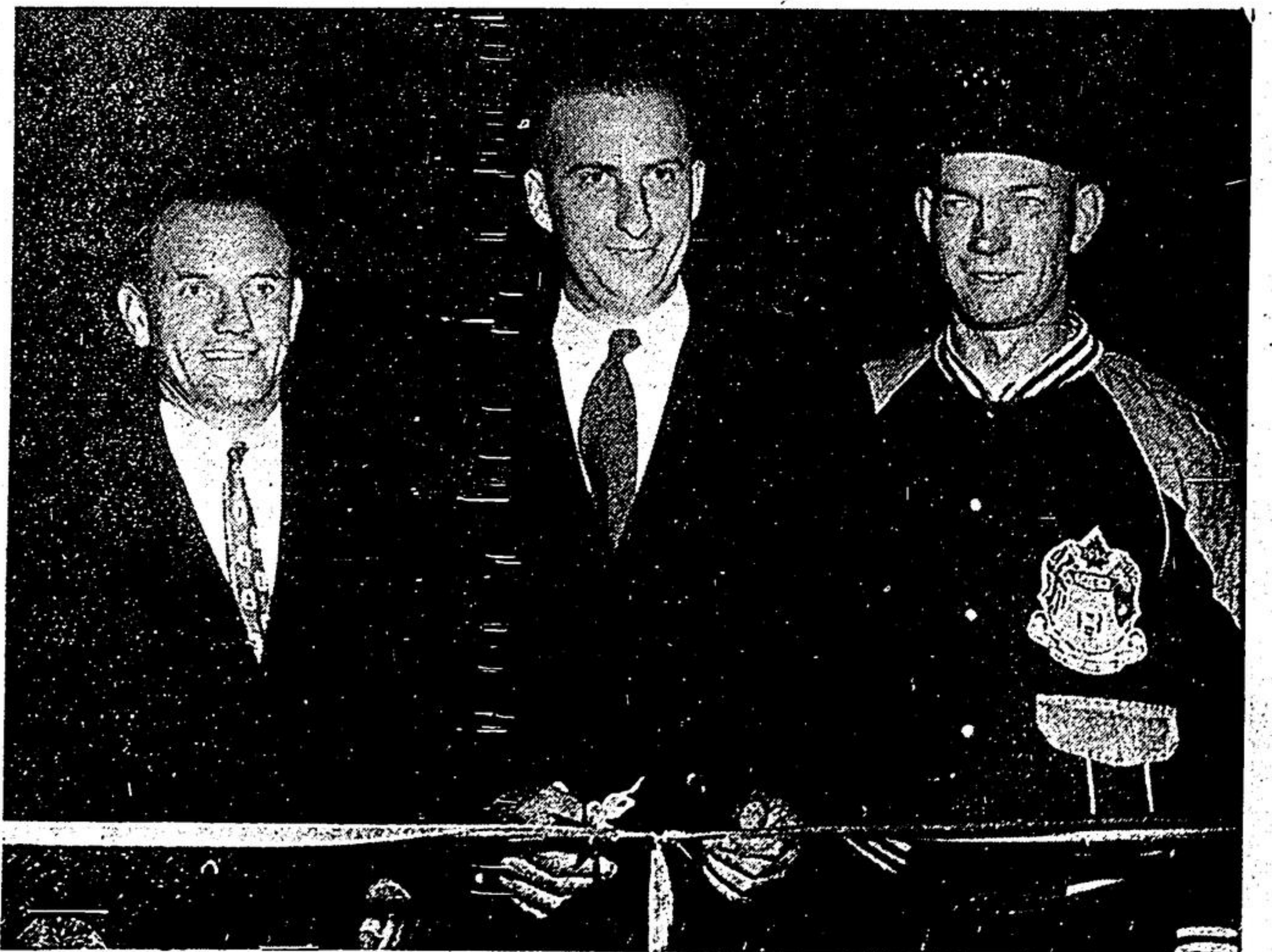
Unionville Trustees said that they would be agreeable to such a change. Details of the switch

in appropriation have to be worked out with the Municipal Board and Dept. of Highways.

Unionville Veterans A delegation of Unionville Veterans appeared before council asking that taxes be rescinded on the Veterans' Hall at Unionville. The assessment had been reduced in 1954, it was reported, but the deputation said that no assessment had ever been made until a few years ago. Reeve LeMasurier stated that taxes could not be rescinded but could be relieved by a grant from the council for a like amount.

Mr. Strickland, speaking for the Veterans, said that the Hall was not operated as a profit-making undertaking and in (Continued on page 11)

Reeve Opens Brougham's New Ball Park



On Saturday night the new Brougham floodlight park was officially opened. The Reeve of Pickering Township, Mr. W.G.

Newman (centre) is pictured above cutting the red ribbon over home plate. Mr. Ted "Teeder" Kennedy (left) and

Mr. Bob Miller also assisted in the ceremony. The latter has been a real promoter in acquiring the park and floodlights

in Brougham as well as a noted pitcher with the local softball club.