

Pickering Twp. Population Up

The population and assessment figures in Pickering Twp. show an increase this year over last year's (1955) totals.

Table with 3 columns: Ward, Pop'n, Assessment. Rows for Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

DEATH CLAIMS SON, PARENTS WITHIN YR.

In less than one year, death has claimed three members of the Blizard family, 7th concession of Markham.

The deceased is survived by his wife, the former Helen Armstrong and five sons, William, Robert, Paul, Donald and Bryan.

LITTLE HEARD ON ELECTIONS HERE

With local nominations for reeve, deputy reeve, councillors and school board as well as Public Utilities, less than a month away, little is heard of election prospects.

While there has been no official announcement, it is generally thought that all council members will seek re-election.

Only major issue at the present time is assessment and while there is constant discontent voiced on the street, the number of appeals for next week's court is not large.

FARM SOLD BY AUCTION

One of the few instances of a farm being disposed of by public auction occurred near King City last Saturday when auctioneer A. S. Farmer sold the 100-acre property belonging to R. E. Ross.

Paving on 6th Con. to Cashel to Cost \$37,500

A three mile paving contract extending from the northern outskirts of Unionville to Cashel has been awarded to the Miller Paving Company for a tender bid of \$37,500.

Work Delayed Construction work on the new bridge at Woodland Park will be put off until Spring.

Dangerous Corner A letter was received from Mr. Stuart Watson, 7th concession, requesting that brush be cut at the corner of the seventh concession and the Peach's sideroad.

Replacement Mr. Albert Reesor handed in his resignation from the Court of Revision Board.

Sewer Work Cuts Through Busy Main St. Corner



Seen from atop the news-paper office, one of the large power shovels is cutting across Main Street at the busy corner of Market Street, thence north on Mill Street.

Bishop Oscar Burkholder Passes, Was Born Here

Bishop Oscar Burkholder, 70, of Breslau, pastor of Cressman Mennonite Church, Breslau for 43 years, died at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital on Monday of this week following a heart attack.

Well known for his evangelistic work in Canada and the U.S., Bishop Burkholder taught at the Mennonite Bible School, Kitchener, for 37 years. He retired as pastor of the Breslau church in 1954.

Born near Stouffville, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burkholder. In 1913 he married Laura Mae Shantz of Breslau, who predeceased him on April 13, 1916.

Also surviving are two sons, Clayton of Breslau and John of Waterloo; three daughters, Mrs. Arthur (Ethel Marie) Gingrich of Markstay, Mrs. Hilton (Agnes) Staynor of Hamilton and Mrs. Archie (Nellie) Kinsie of Breslau; four brothers, Orval, Ralph and Ira, all of Stouffville and Clarence of Breslau; and a sister, Mrs. Walter (Laura) Miller of Stouffville.

The funeral was conducted on Wednesday from Cressman Mennonite Church, with interment in Cressman Mennonite Cemetery, Breslau. Rev. Carl Rudy, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Bishop J. B. Martin of Waterloo.

cost of wire, a shortage of farm labour and the use of hydraulic post hole augers has lessened the necessity of manual fence construction.

Mr. Morgason recalls how in his younger days he would dig 26 post holes by hand in a single day. He has torn down an old rail fence, sighted up and completed a new 40 rod wire fence in four days.

Mr. Morgason has done a considerable amount of work here in Stouffville. His most recent job was the completion of the home run fence which skirts the bottom of the baseball outfield in the park.

In constructing a "line" fence between farms, Mr. Morgason says he would often measure across the fields in order to get an exact location. In order that the job may be completed it is necessary for the owner to reach an agreement with his neighbour.

Mr. Morgason is proud of his fence-building knowledge, an art he has learned through years of continual practice.

LOCAL MAN BUILDS FENCES AT 82 YRS.

Mr. John Morgason of Stouffville is an expert fence builder in spite of his 82 years. Starting his 49th season in this specialized line of work, Mr. Morgason has constructed fences in six different townships, including Markham, Whitechurch, Pickering, Uxbridge, Reach and Scott.



Prize winners were as follows: Class 1—Herb Jarvis, Agincourt; Anthony Featherstone, Milliken; Stan May, Hornby, Finish, Anthony Featherstone.

Class 2—Ed. Timbers, Claremont; James Lee, Greenbank; Lloyd May, Hornby; Roy Smith, Gormley, Finish, Ed. Timbers.

Class 3—Ross Kennedy, Markham; Keith Leslie, Georgetown; George Malcolm, Locust Hill; Shirley Dunkeld, Claremont, Finish, Ross Kennedy.

Class 4—Hugh Baird, Blackwater; Eldred King, Markham; Joe Tran, Claremont; Grant Wells, Stouffville; Doug Reid, Brampton; Norman Tyndall, Richmond Hill, Finish, Eldred King.

"Should Build Within Gov't Grant System" —School Representative

In a letter to Markham Township Council, Mr. Stewart Rumble, R.R.2 Gormley, strongly requested that council refrain from approving the construction of High School class-rooms where no government grants were available.

Mr. Rumble stated that added expense had been placed on the taxpayers since additional classrooms had been constructed on the Thornhill District High School which would not be covered by a government grant.

"I feel we should be realistic and build within the grant system, or as close to it as possible," said the Board member, "we should not continue to pile up excessive High School building costs on our local taxpayers."

Eldred King Esso Champ At E. York Plowing Match

Sunny skies prevailed for the annual East York Plowing Match on Wednesday, held this year on the Massey-Harris Farms, con. 5 Markham. Eldred King, Ringwood, was the winner of the Esso special for tractor plowing and Anthony Featherstone, Milliken, the Esso prize for horse drawn plows.

Class 5—Howard Malcolm, Locust Hill; Lee Wilkinson, Malton; Graeme Little, Agincourt, Finish, Howard Malcolm.

Class 6—Carl Timbers, Stouffville; Ivan Degeer, Stouffville; Don Dunkeld, Claremont; Gordon Brumwell, Gormley; W. O'Brien, Maple; Arnold Howden, Milton, Finish, Don Dunkeld.

in the pot," stated Reeve LeMasurier, "I believe the taxpayers now feel that these school costs should be investigated."

"These trimmings are costing a lot of money," agreed Councillor Deacon.

Reeve LeMasurier stated that the Provincial Government heads had been approached on the matter many times but with little success.

Deputy Reeve Clark contended that council should refuse to approve of the "extras" where no grants were being paid.

"It will become a real burden on the taxpayer in the near future," said the Board Representative.

Class 7—Alex McKinney Jr., Brampton; Jack Robertson, Claremont, Finish, Alex McKinney.

Class 8—Floyd Forsythe, Stouffville; Nick Aland, Markham, Finish, Floyd Forsythe.

Class 9—Lloyd Grove, Markham; George Timbers, Stouffville; Jack Shadlock, Agincourt; Leonard Wellman, Queensville; T. Howden, Milton; Harold Cunningham, Inglewood, Finish, Lloyd Grove.

Local Gravel Pits Are Closed Down as Strike Grips Industry

All the gravel pits in the Stouffville district, including Stouffville Sand & Gravel, Western, Lee and Commercial, are closed down this week as hundreds of independent truck drivers struck for higher rates for their hauling.

Stouffville and nearby roads got a rest from the pounding truck-traffic this week as hardly any vehicles were observed. In addition to the local pits, firms are affected in Toronto, Streetsville, Brampton, Georgetown, Gormley, Oakville and Guelph.

One of the major jobs paralyzed by the shutdown is the extension of Malton airport, a \$27,000,000 project. The ready-mix concrete drivers as well as threatening to join the walkout which would halt an estimated \$180,000,000 worth of construction work in the Toronto area.

Jack Robinson, director of research for the Teamster's Central Conference, said more than 500 independent truckers had joined Local 230. He placed the potential Metro membership at between 5,000 and 6,000.

Allen Marshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshman of Stouffville miraculously escaped serious injury last weekend when he was pinned beneath an overturned tractor on the Glasgow sideroad east of town.

No decision had been reached at press time either in Stouffville or Markham as to whether there would be any increase in the price of milk locally.

The Ont. Dept. of Highways has installed new Stop signs at local street intersections in Stouffville.

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ized or illegal strike as "these people are not covered by the Labor Relation Act."

Those affected in walkouts are primarily associated with the sand and gravel industry. As such, a complete tie-up would stop the flow of materials to ready-mix concrete firms, to the construction industry generally and even to road building operations.

On hauls of 10 to 15 miles, the rate would be 5 1/2 cents a ton; 15-20 miles, 5 1/2 cents; 20-30 miles, 5 cents; and 4 cents for each additional mile over 30.

Mr. Robinson said that "in this present cutthroat field of operations," many independent owners, after paying their own costs and meeting payments on their equipment, averaged around 50 cents an hour in wages for themselves.

The union began organizing in this field several weeks ago with seven full-time operators and approximately 30 key men in the various outfits helping.

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CBC RECOMMENDS RADIO STATION AT RICHMOND HILL

The CBC board of governors this week recommended approval of the application of John O. Graham for a radio station at Richmond Hill, but recommended against an application from Newmarket interests claiming that it was not necessary for two stations to serve the same general area north of Toronto.

The station at Richmond Hill will be a 500-watt outlet at 1300 on the dial. The board said that in its opinion a station at Richmond Hill is more likely to develop an economic basis for good community service to the general area of York County.

SAVE \$115,000 ON AJAX HIGH SCHOOL Because it saved up to \$115,000, the Pickering district high school board received high praise as Hon. W. J. Dunlop, minister of education opened the \$510,000 Ajax district high school last week.

Design of the 16-room structure, as he told the board that schools of a similar type normally cost between \$600,000 and \$625,000.

The building is the second unit in the Pickering district high school area to be completed in the past five years. The school has accommodation for 275 students and is equipped with a gymnasium, cafeteria and facilities for shop training, music and dramatics.

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Gormley Man Receives Award



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