

Help This Player



Launch Benefit Fund For Local Player Injured In Clipper Hockey Game

An all-out drive is being launched this week in aid of Gordon Lewis who was so seriously hurt during a Clipper hockey game with Aurora on Thursday night last.

Gordon Lewis who drives a milk truck, is married and has two small children, and his injury and subsequent layoff is a serious blow to the family.

A committee has been set up including L. E. O'Neill, Reg. Button, Gar. Lehman and Ken Laushway, representatives of the Arena and hockey club, to conduct this campaign which opens officially this Thursday night.

While these boys like to play hockey and take certain risks by doing so, local hockey fans are annually entertained by the fellows who race up and down the ice lanes.

15-Year-Old Boy Thwarts Ringwood Turkey Thieves

Fifteen year old Lorne Avery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Avery, of Ringwood, frightened off three turkey thieves who invaded his father's ranch during the late hours of Monday night.

Lorne immediately herded two of the robbers into the residence of his grandparents who live nearby. The third man, however, emerged from the cellar and wrestled the gun from the hands of the youth.

Miss Jessie Lemon enjoyed a visit one day last week from her niece, Miss Della Lemon of Winnipeg. Miss Lemon was enroute to Montreal where she will spend Christmas.

Seek Permission for Bus Service on 8th Con. From Sutton to Toronto

A request is before the Board of Transport Commissioners from the Newmarket Bus Lines, represented by Lawrence Needer, to permit a bus line to be operated from Sutton to Toronto, via Highway 48 (8th con., Whitchurch) to Ringwood, west of the townline to Bayview and south into the city.

Lawson in By Big Majority

William G. Lawson was swept into the office of Reeve by a landslide majority in the Pickering Township election held on Saturday. Mr. Lawson polled a total of 1,724 votes as compared with 746 for his opponent, Mr. Wm. H. J. Thompson.

Inter-School Christian Fellowship to Organize At Local High School

Permission was granted by the Stouffville District High School Board on Wednesday evening for the organization of an Inter School Christian Fellowship group in the local school. The matter had been discussed at the previous month's meeting but had been delayed, pending a full meeting of the Board.

Nursing Home Sold

The Stouffville Nursing Home operated by Mr. Ernie Austin, has been sold to Mr. Murray Sinclair, local real estate man, according to a report from Mr. Austin.

Measured Assessment In Whitchurch Township, Find Little Hardship

L. P. Evans, chairman of the Independent Court of Revision of the Township of Whitchurch, reported to council on Saturday that little trouble had been experienced in handling the 91 appeals following the introduction this year of measured assessment.

The total net reduction affected by the Court of Revision amounted to \$6,924, much of which was made up of calculation corrections. Of fifteen properties viewed by the Court, only three were changed. The total assessment of the township has been increased from \$3,591,411 to \$6,339,000.

Mr. Evans stated that the Court wished to commend Assessor Fred Cummings for the excellent job he had done, and expressed the opinion that the work had been handled more efficiently and economically than could have been done with so-called assessment experts.

Bylaws A bylaw was passed for expropriation of land on Shrigley

HS BOARDS APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to the District High School boards were made by York County Council at its session on Tuesday, Dec. 11. They include for a one-year term: Dr. G. Williams, Aurora; William Spears, Markham; and H. H. Williams, Stouffville.

The appointment to the Richmond Hill District High School board was deferred until the January session. Mrs. Lloyd Kay of Belhaven was appointed for a three-year term to the Newmarket-Sutton board.

Turkeys Suffocated

More than forty turkeys died from suffocation on the farm of Mr. Henry Miller, 7th concession of Markham, late Sunday afternoon. The birds, part of the flock soon to be ready for the Christmas market, were placed in an enclosed stall in the Miller barn. Unknown to the owner, the family dog entered the enclosure through a small opening and became excited when he couldn't get out. The turkeys crowded into one corner of the stall where many suffocated.

Wesley Eves, 4th con., was paid \$80 for a baby beef killed by dogs. Relief accounts for the past month totalled \$85.80 and general accounts \$3,615.42.

Stores open in Stouffville every night this week, closed at 6 p.m. on Monday night (Christmas Eve).

York County Council is Considering New Building

The fact finding committee of York County Council under the chairmanship of Reeve-Elect William Sellers of Sutton, will present a report at the January session of County Council on the new site for the proposed county buildings. A recommendation by the committee at the fall session that a 3.5 acre lot on Davis Drive be purchased was postponed.

Reeve Fred Armstrong of Woodbridge introduced a resolution that the county purchase the site in East Gwillimbury Township from Norman Sedore for \$12,000. (The property is part of the Watson farm, east of Newmarket.) The lot has a frontage of 396 feet and a depth of 370 feet.

"The building will cost in the neighborhood of 4 or 5 hundred thousand," Mr. Sellers told council. "Our committee decided that such a building should be erected on a main highway. Water and sewers will be available to this lot from Newmarket," he added.

Deputy Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township reminded council that at an earlier session it had agreed to purchase three and one-half acres from Miss Mabel Davis. This lot is located north of the present site of the county administrative building. When it was learned that Miss Davis' lot could not be obtained without certain restrictions being placed on its use by Miss Davis, the matter was shelved, Mr. Rutherford added. He suggested that Miss Davis be consulted again before any action was taken.

"This lot on Davis Drive was only \$1,000 an acre when we first heard of it," added Mr. Rutherford. "By the time we saw it, the price had jumped to over \$3,000 an acre."

Mr. Sellers said the property owned by Miss Davis could be purchased for \$3600. But, he added that it dropped away at the rear and was near the Newmarket dump.

"We have a setting here that is unique. It is beautiful and quiet," said Reeve William Hodgson of King township. "What will this property be used for if we build elsewhere? If this were not considered as a permanent location, the county should not have accepted it in the first place."

Mr. Sellers told council that the committee had contacted all groups within the county to determine the amount of space each would require. An estimated 15,970 square feet will be required exclusive of hall and service space to house the county administration. York County Health Unit, Toronto & York Roads Commission, Juvenile and Family Court, Children's Aid Society, Assessment department and Probation officer. Several new county buildings were visited by the committee.

"It might be wiser to hold our decision," Mr. Sellers continued. "We don't know at present whether we will have to provide a court house within the county. If space for the administration of justice is needed, Miss Davis' lot would be too small."

building and an addition at the north if necessary," said Reeve-Elect William Clark of Markham Township. I don't think the county would make any mistake in purchasing Miss Davis' lot to the north of this site."

Mr. Clark reminded council that the county obtains 100 per cent grant on the Health Unit rent, but added that if it were in a County building, the grant would not be available. He asked if the present County building would be used to house the Children's Aid Society if a new one were erected.

Mr. Sellers said there were certain restrictions on the use of the present County building, placed there by Miss Davis when she made a gift of her family home to York County. The building must be used for county administrative purposes, he explained. If these restrictions were not removed and the C.A.S. used the building, it might mean that the county would lose it.

"I see no need for any hurry in this matter," said Deputy Reeve Victor Jones of Aurora. "There has been no report on the undue burden or distribution of assets. We have no idea what we'll have and until we do, the county should not be looking for property. It should go easy. Taxes are high enough without adding to them," he argued.

"There is a need for hurry," replied Mr. Sellers. "The county office space is inadequate and the council chambers are crowded. There is money for other things. It is time we took care of our staff."

In December, 1954, County Council passed a bylaw to purchase the property of Miss Davis to the north of the present site, Clerk Jack Smith reported to council. That bylaw still stands.

"When this land and building were donated to the County of York by Miss Davis, a restriction was placed on the grant," County Solicitor Douglas Lucas added. "They had to be used for administrative purposes of the County of York. If not used, the land will revert to York County Hospital. Before any change is made it will be necessary to have this qualification varied or lifted. The restriction attached to Miss Davis' other lot, north of this one, is that it be used for governmental administrative purposes," he explained.

"We don't know what share the province will carry in providing space for the administration of justice," added Warden Marshall McMurphy. "Perhaps the time is ripe to press for better court accommodation here within the county. I feel it is important to have the county building where it is easily accessible to the public," he said. The matter was referred to the fact finding committee for the January session.

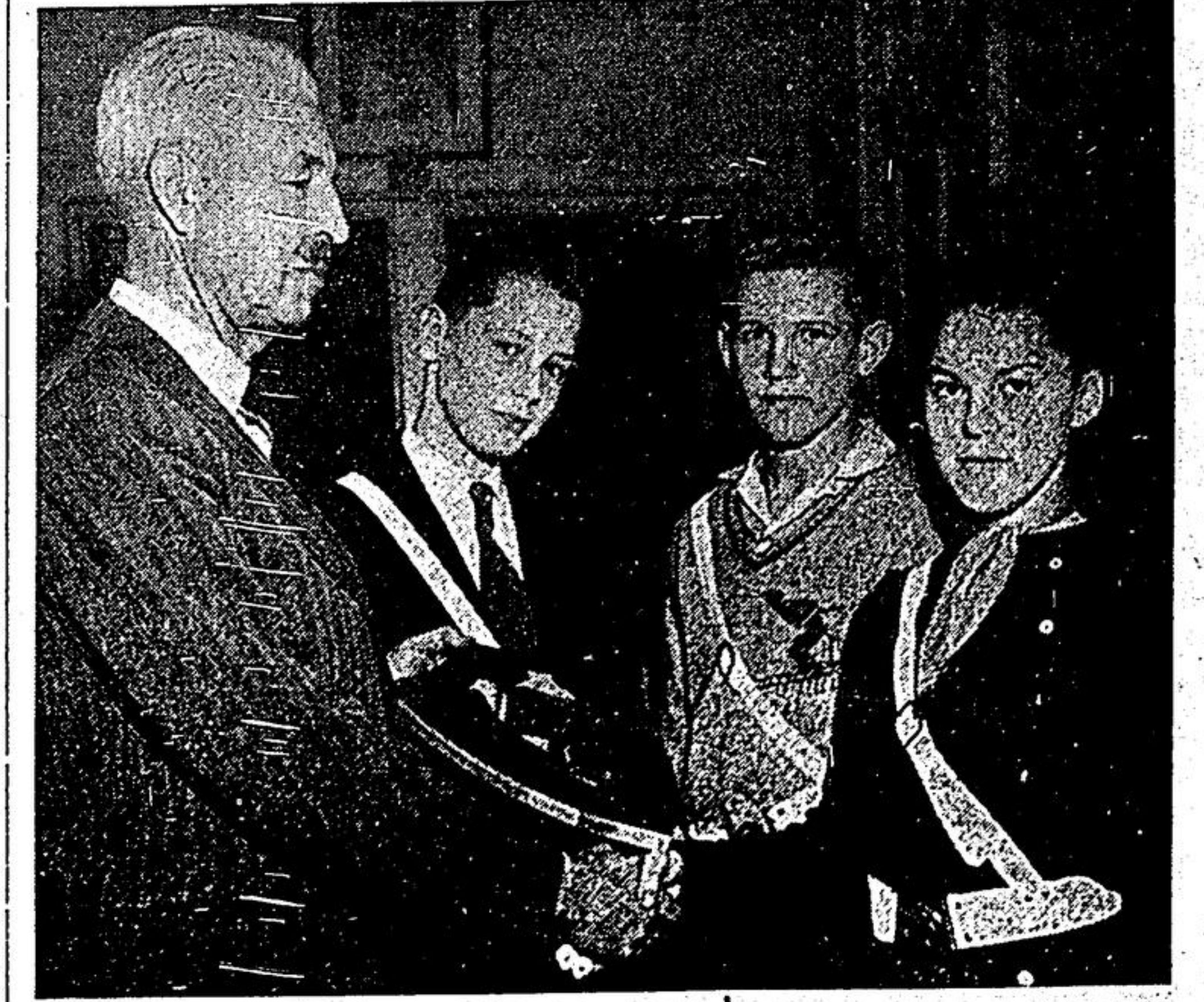
BIRTHS—RUMMENIE—To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rummenie of R.R. 2, Port Perry, on Saturday, Dec. 8, a son.

New Government Liquor Store



The controversial Brewer's Retail Store, located on the north side of No. 7 Highway in Markham Village, opened its doors to the public on Thursday of this week. The \$65,000 structure is of cement block construction with a modern plate glass front. The erection of the store caused quite a stir in Markham Village Council last June and the members expressed divided opinions over the issue. A number of church groups also objected strongly to the construction of the building.

Safety Presentation at Markham



The more than 600 pupils at the two Public Schools in Markham Village have enjoyed an accident-free year. For their efforts, Col. O. S. Hollinrake, Magistrate of York County, presented the pupils with two bronze engraved plaques on behalf of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club. The special ceremony was held on Monday afternoon. Pictured above is Col. Hollinrake (left), making the presentation to Miss Janet Hallman, 1st Lieutenant of the Safety Patrol. Richard Conlin (left) Patrol Capt., and Billy Johnston, Lieut., also took part in the ceremony. Representatives from the School Board, the Home and School Association, the Lions and Kiwanis Clubs were also present. Magistrate Hollinrake was introduced to the students by Markham Village Police Chief Fred White.

Through the co-operation of the Markham-Unionville Lions Club, the Kiwanis Club and Police Chief White, a Public School Safety Patrol was organized this summer. The boys and girls direct the pupils across the highway at various intersections in the village. If the students can maintain their safety record through 1957, they will receive a silver plaque.