## CARTOON CAPERS CONTEST

# Last Week's Results

WINNER: MRS. EILEEN ARUNDELL, Stouffville. Correct Title: "Boy! Sounds just like my husband." Suggested Title: "Be careful what you say."

THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

## GLEN MAJOR

(Sept. 5)

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Simmer at their cottage here.

are 2 new beginners, Linda John- | Jones. son and Peter Buzek.

Miss Mabel Baker of Water- a trip around the world. down spent the weekend with Mr. Alec. Hingston and boys Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langille | Mrs. J. A. Hingston. Portland, Maine, with Mr. Lan- Port Perry Fair on Monday. gille's sister.

Mrs. E. Gates were: Mr. and Jones'. Mrs. Tom Oakley. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell, Mrs. Henry and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LeBriton, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patterson and burg.

daughter, Mrs. Tom Patterson Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gates Jr. and family.

All the children of the com- home on Sunday after spending of their political opponents with munity are back to school. There the summer with Miss Shirley the greatest candour. At the

visited Sunday with Mr. and to his feelings by publishing a

quotation from one "Josh Billand boys spent last week in Several from here attended Mr. and Mrs. Allan Jones and

Recent visitors with Mr. and daughter spent Sunday at the Miss Hazel Jones spent Sun-

day at her home.

spent the weekend in Wallace-

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# Historical Survey of The Weekly Newspapers of the County of York

rapidity during the early period of our history. Information abcontradictions and unresolved mysteries, but our of the confusion there emerges a story full of interest. which throws a revealing sidelight on facet of pioneer life. One sees their desire to maintain a digni-Toronto after spending the sum- Mrs. Wm. Hopkins and family. sense of their duty to point out Miss Lois Delaney returned the faults and misdemeanours same time, they were continual-Mr. Karl Buzek has gone on ly plagued by the difficulty of

> ings," as follows: "What Is An Editor?"

collecting the subscriptions ow-

ing them. One editor gave vent

"An editor is a mule whose bizness is to investigate a nuspaper. He writes editorials. grinds out poetry, inserts deths and weddings, sorts manu-Mrs. T. Risebrough and Betty scripts, keeps a waste-basket, blows up the 'devil,' steals matter, fites other people's battles, sells his paper for a dollar and fifty cents a year, takes white beans and apple sass for pay when he can get it, razes a large family, works nineteen hours out of twenty-four, noze no Sunday, gets dammed by eerybody, lives poor, dies middle-aged, and often broken-hearted leaves no munny, is rewarded for a life of toil by a short but free obituary puff in the nuspaper."

The newspaper history York County begins in 1798, when the Upper Canada Gazette, established in 1793 in Newark followed Governor Simcoe to the land. In an interview printed at new town of York on the north shore of Lake Ontario. During the next thirty years there were other attempts to found newspapers, some more successful than others. The Observer lasted from 1820 to 1831; the Weekly Register from 1822 to 1826; the famed Colonial Advocate was enzie from 1824 to 1834; the mained in the Jackson name United Empire Loyalist lasted until 1934. Erastus Jackson was for three years, from 1826 to a Liberal and for many years 1829; the Canadian Freeman the Era was regarded as the from 1825 to 1834; the Christian party paper for that district. high reputation, for he was Guardian had the longest life Blackett Robinson's History of of the early papers, from 1829 York tells us that in 1875, howwell into the twentieth century. ever, the Era opposed the Lib-From 1830 on, more and more eral nominee and the party beweeklies were begun, more of gan a new paper of their own. them succeeded, and in 1836 The History (of 1885) describes Toronto saw its first daily pa- the Newmarket Era (it changed per, the Royal Standard.

county outside of Toronto is one the first weekly paper to issue ued, but that a recess shall be whose name has been forgotten. from the smaller municipalities allowed until all outstanding It was printed in the little set- of York, it is also one of the dues are collected. It will then tlement of Markham sometime half-dozen still being published be issued again; it may be in around 1829 by Henry William today. Peterson, but when he died, his son could find no copy of the publication in Newmarket, the cation." From October 25th to paper among his father's belong. Canadian Independent. It must December 1st of that year, it ings. Henry William was the son | never have flourished, for little of a Lutheran preacher, Rev. is to be learned of it. It is classi- Ruralist and Economist, "a jour-John Dietrich Peterson, of Qua- fied in the Holtby Myers direc- nal of agriculture, education, kenbruck in the Kingdom of tory as "cong," which may de- temperance, the arts, etc., etc.' Hanover. In 1795, when the boy note that it was a religious pub. This was a small four-page iswas two years old, his father lication of the Congregational- sue, replaced on December 8th leaf shoots before the Christian emigrated to America. By the ists. time Henry William was out of On December 19th, 1855, a esting to note that the paper his teens he had already edited third weekly newspaper made was sent free of charge to "Minand published several periodicals its appearance in the village of isters of religion." This Rural both political and religious, in Newmarket. This is amazing Economist (its name varied the states of Pennsylvania and when we remember that the greatly from time to time) ap-Delaware. About 1826 the Peter- village had not yet been incor- parently ceased on May 31st, sons came to Canada, and like porated! The North York Sen- 1866, whereupon on June 14th many other settlers moved tinel, under A. Moultbee, was of the same year, the Economist about a good deal at first. For "devoted to politics, literature, itself resumed publication. a time Henry William worked public improvement and general Markham had one other weekwith Mr. Gurnett on the Gore intelligence." We find no further ly during the nineteenth cen-Gazette at Ancaster. From 1827 trace of his newspaper after tury, the "Sun". It began in 1881 to 1829, at least, the Rev. Peter. 1856. There is at Sharon Temple under George J. Chauncey, who son, the father, was in Markham a memorial to William Lockhart was also at one time the postwhere his son published a small printed in 1856 by the North master of Markham village. It

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(This survey written by Jean; newspaper. Henry William's | York Sentinel. The latest num-McFall is part of "The York son, another Henry William, ber in the Provincial Archives is Pioneer." a publication of the wrote in a letter to M. Teefy of dated November 13th. 1856, but York Pioneer and Historical So- Richmond Hill in 1864: "My fa- there is nothing to indicate that ciety and is being presented in ther . . . I believe did print a this was the end. It may have The Tribune in two instal- small sheet for a few months fallen victim to the difficulties in Markham, more I think for encountered by Mr. Porter. his own private amusement than Newmarket had at least three One group of pioneers about anything else. He came up to other weeklies before 1900. The

editors and proprietors of the published The Canada Museum was a four-page issue, "publish little weekly newspapers which in German for many years." It ed in the Conservative interest. flourished and failed with such is reported that he returned In 1876, however, it was pur from a visit to the United States chased by Thomas Ratcliff and in 1831, bringing with him the a Mr. Oliver. At this point the out them is scant and full of heavy press and other printing Courier changed both its name material, and arriving finally in and its political complexion, be Berlin after an arduous journey coming the North York Refor by canal boat and ox team. The mer. This was at the time when Canada Museum, begun soon the New Era, previously after, was said to be the first staunch Liberal paper, refuse German-language paper publish- its support and the Liberal ed in Upper Canada, and also were forced to acquire a paper Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones spent fied, high moral tone, to direct the first paper established west of their own. The History of Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. their readers' religious thinking, of Ancaster. Mr. Peterson was York gives a good share of credmonds and family returned to Charles Fiss and Monday with but at the same time a strong also the proprietor of the first it to this re-organized paper for paper published in Guelph, the the Reform party victory in the Wellingtonian and Guelph Her- district at the time of the proald, 1842. He forsook the pub- vincial election in 1878, and the lishing field when his new duties continuing increase, after that

in 1843. There he remained until the end of 1878 Thomas Ratcliff

his death in 1859. Newmarket, incorporated as North York Reformer seems to a village just one hundred years have ceased publication in 1889 ago, in 1857, was the first settlement in York County outside of Toronto to support a weekly newspaper. The "New Era" began publication on February 5th, 1852. The proprietor was G. S. Porter, a printer born in Norwich, England, who had come to Canada about nine years before when times were hard in London. He had begun a new life as a store clerk in Newmarket and had advanced until he became proprietor. Then he add ed a printing plant and began to publish a four-page newspaper "devoted to news, agriculture science, morality and amusement." Apparently he did no consider his new enterprise success, for in 1853 he sold out to Erastus Jackson and Mr. A Henderson. He then set sail for Melbourne, Australia. In 1913, he celebrated his hundredth birthday in Phillipstown, New Zea; that time in the Otago Daily Times, he said of his newspaper venture in Newmarket: "It was not a very wise thing to do. They were not a literary people and they never paid." In spite of his gloomy views, however, the Era did not decline and die. In 1854 Mr. Jackson became printed by William Lyon Mack- sole owner and the paper re-

its name in 1861) as one which. . umns of his paper as follows: As far as we can discover, the though of Liberal tendencies, "is In 1854 a second weekly began | intended to continue its publi-

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whom little has been written is Berlin (Waterloo) immediately Courier began publication late that of the Fourth Estate-the after leaving and printed and in 1867 under G. M. Binns. I as Registrar of the County of date, of support for the Liberals Wellington took him to Cuelph in the Riding of North York. At

> One further newspaper, the Newmarket Express and Weekly Advertiser began in the late nineties, was known in 1901 as the Express-Herald of Newmarket and Sutton, and finally was incorporated with the Newmarket Era as the Era and Express

became the sole proprietor. The

in 1942. Newmarket was the one to survive, so it is with Markham. (We pan, will be guest speaker and may except Mr. Peterson's small attempt as more of a hobby than a business enterprise). In 1851 this settlement was a village of

habitants. It was not incorporat ed until 1872, but its newspaper life began on July 3rd, 1856, with the publication of the Markham Economist. It, too, had four pages, and claimed to be " a family newspaper devoted especially to the interests of the country." For many years its publisher was David Reesor, a member of one of the earliest families of Markham. Christian Reesor had settled there in 1801. Like many of the early publishers David Reesor took a prominent part in the affairs of his municipality. In 1860; when he chose to run for election to the Legislative Council of Canada, we find him being sharply criticized because his newspaper office had accepted the contract for the township printing while he himself was Reeve of the Township. He must have been a man of nevertheless successful in the

election.

June 30th, 1864, the Economist was suspended. The editor explained the situation in the col-"It is not now intended that its another form, but it is certainly was replaced by the Weekly by a larger format. It is inter- era.

of the Senate of Canada. On

was a Conservative paper, but in 1916 it united with the Economist to form the Markham Economist and Sun, which still serves that area today.

# **AUDLEY**

(Sept. 5)

Mrs. C. Irvine and daughter Lorna, visited recently at the U. Blake home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Love of Juliet, Illinois, visited Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hedge one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Izatt, Linda and Wendy visited George's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Izatt of Oakville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Puckrin and Dennis enjoyed a motor trip last week to Algonquin Park and Owen Sound, coming home by way of Niagara Falls.

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Mr. J. Williams, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. J. Assinck and daughters were recent visitors at Santa's

Village. The September Ladies Aid Meeting was held Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Lemon with Mrs. Dougherty in charge and Mrs. Brown took the devotional.

Mrs. C. Lemon and Mrs. E. Lemon conducted a program in which Mrs. Tate gave an interesting synopsis of her summer as Counsellor at Sunshine Camp. Mrs. D. Burnett played a plano solo and Mrs. Tranmer gave a talk on "Signs" as it was the word used in Scripture texts for answering the roll call.

Hostesses were Mrs. E. Burnett and Mrs. Tranmer. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Storry vis

ited at Mr. M. Rose's, Ballantrae, Sunday. Many happy birthday returns, Mr. Storry. Our Bloomington public school

opened on Tuesday with an enrollment of fifty-six pupils. There are nine beginners. Mrs. Tate and Mrs. D. Burnett are the teachers in charge. Mrs. V. Wagg and Miss Bet-

ty Woodland were in Toronto over the weekend.

## RINGWOOD

At 11.10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15th, will be the Just as the earliest weekly in Harvest Home services. Rev. Wm. Pape on furlough from Jaa quartette from Long Branch will be singing. We would like to meet you there.

We would like to record our from eight to nine hundred in. appreciation of a basket of flowers placed in church on Sunday Richmond Hill morning by an unnamed donor as well as those brought faithfully each Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stouffer

> and family of Cannington were at the church service on Sunday morning and afterward had dinner with her sister, Mrs. Walter Vague and family. Mrs. Gordon Holden spent a

few days in Chatham with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob McClanahan, and came home with them when they came on Friday to attend a wedding in Oakville.

Coons in the cornpatch seem to be the topic of the conversations in our neighborhood.

Some of our faithful attendants were conspicuous by their absence, at Sunday Stiool and church service on Sunday, while there were several visitors to encourage us. Miss Donna Hisey sang a solo and Miss Ruth Fox and Miss Shirley Steckley a

In 1867 he became a member duet. Would you like to help place vegetables, fruit and flowers in the church on Saturday afternoon? Your help and donations would be welcome. Then, too we would be glad for your presence first newspaper published in the non-partisan." Although it was publication shall be discontine at the Harvest Home Services on Sunday.

> A "dead glacier," one that thaws before it reaches the ocean, is as brittle as glass, yet as pliant as tooth-paste.

> The artichoke belongs to the same family as thistles, sunflowers, lettuce, salsify, and chrysanthemums. The artichoke's forerunner, cardoon, a giant thistle, was cultivated for its

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