



Traces Arctic Route

Dr. and Mrs. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, famous Arctic explorers and historians, honoured

the pupils at the Siloam Public School in Uxbridge Township with a personal visit last week.

Here Dr. Stefansson traces his route into the Far North on the globe while (left to right)

Murray Thurston, Tim Wees and Joyce Alcock watch with interest. —Jim Thomas

Arctic Explorer, Author Visits Siloam School

Thursday, September 12th will long be remembered by twenty-nine pupils at S.S. No. 8 (Siloam) Public School in Uxbridge Township. It was the day when Dr. and Mrs. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, famed Arctic explorers and historians interrupted their busy routine to address the boys and girls.

The insul-brick covered school house is located at the intersection of the Newmarket road and concession 2, Uxbridge. Nestled among the hills and surrounded by shady maples, the building is almost obscured from view.

An air of unusual silence was noticeable outside the school. Much to the surprise of the visitors, silence also reigned supreme in the classroom. Dr. and Mrs. Stefansson were received at the door by a grade eight student, thirteen year old Tim Wees, a friend of the visitors. He introduced the honoured guests to his teacher, Miss Barbara Joyce and to the District Inspector, Mr. H. W. Knight.

Miss Joyce, in a few well-chosen words, introduced Dr. and Mrs. Stefansson to her wide-eyed pupils. They were given seats of honour at the front of the room. Little escaped the eyes of the learned travellers. They were highly impressed by what they observed. Erected in 1878, the interior of the school showed little sign of its nearly eighty years of service to the community. Everything was spotlessly clean and neat. A colourful bouquet of flowers adorned the teacher's desk. A highly-polished world globe stood nearby.

Mrs. Stefansson spoke only briefly. She explained how she had just returned from a long distance trip through areas surrounding the North Pole and Alaska. She informed the students that although many believe that the Far North is extremely cold, such is not necessarily true. "Quite often the weather here and in the United States is just as cold or colder than in the Arctic," she said. Dr. and Mrs. Stefansson live in Hanover, New Hampshire.

When Dr. Stefansson addressed the student body, the eyes of every pupil stared fixedly in his direction. He spoke slowly and distinctly in words that every boy and girl from grade one to

grade eight could understand. The hunting of polar bear and walrus held the imagination of the boys while the food, clothing and homes of the Eskimo caught the fancy of the girls. "The Eskimo's language is better than our English," said Dr. Stefansson. "It conveys ideas better than we can." He explained that although many Eskimo were backward a few years ago, they now had reached a much higher level of learning. He said many could speak the English language, listened to radios, and could read and write. He contradicted the theory that all Eskimo live in snow houses. "Only a few of them do," he said. "In fact, the majority have never seen an igloo." Dr. Stefansson lived for ten years with the Eskimo. "Eskimo are just ordinary

people like you and me," he said. He explained that in appearance they resembled the Japanese and Chinese race. Stefansson Island in the Canadian Arctic was named after the noted traveller and author.

Following Dr. Stefansson's informative talk, a question and answer period was permitted. From every corner of the classroom, hands shot up. "Did you eat raw meat?" asked one pupil. "Do Eskimos ever hunt and kill polar bear?" queried another. "How many Eskimo would go out together to hunt whale?" asked still another. Dr. Stefansson answered each question in detail. A hearty round of applause showed the pupils' appreciation.

Although during the past 79 years, the Siloam Public School has seen many noted and respected persons enter and leave through its time-worn doorway, without doubt, the names of Dr. and Mrs. Vilhjalmur Stefansson must indeed head this lengthy list.

To Set Up Free Blood Bank At York County Hospital

An appeal is being made throughout York County, including the Village of Stouffville, for volunteer blood donors in order that a free blood bank may be set up in the York County Hospital at Newmarket. At the present time, the old replacement system is in use, whereby each patient is required to replace each pint used with two pints or pay a sum of \$20.00 per pint.

Mr. J. R. Bollons, Hospital Administrator, informed the Tribune that the replacement system created a terrific hardship for some patients. Therefore, as soon as enough volunteer donors are obtained, a free blood bank will be made available for everyone. "We don't want the money, we need the blood," said Mr. Bollons.

A free blood bank at the York County Hospital enables patients to receive blood by transfusion without having to pay for it in cash or send in one replacement donor. By having the required number of volunteer donors, no one should be called upon more than once in 12 or 15 months.

Mr. Bollons explained that more and more hospital patients

from Stouffville and district were receiving treatment at Newmarket. He said that he hopes, by working through the Lions Club, the Public School, the High School and newspaper, to interest a large number of adults in placing their names on the volunteer list. Persons in good health and between the ages of 18 and 65 will be accepted.

In the past few weeks, during the urgent appeal for blood donors, less than 200 persons have volunteered. At least 1,000 persons are needed. During the week of Sept. 22-28, a drive will be organized. It will be known as Blood Bank Emergency Week. Anyone desirous of joining this volunteer group should submit his name, address and telephone number to Blood Bank, York County Hospital, Newmarket, Ont.

Change of Date

The date for the re-opening of the main office of the York County Health Unit, on Main Street, Newmarket, has been changed from Wed., Sept. 25 to Thurs., Sept. 26.

To Discuss Gravel Truck Control

In a letter received by Pickering Township Council from the Township of Markham, a meeting of six municipalities will be held in the near future to discuss problems arising from increased gravel truck traffic. Representatives of the Townships of Whitby, Uxbridge, Markham, Vaughan, Pickering and Caledon.

Reeve Wm. Lawson of Pickering Township said he would welcome such a meeting. Representatives will be appointed when an exact date is set.

TRADE FAIR OPENS NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT

Stouffville's annual Trade Fair will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 26-27 and 28th. The special opening ceremonies will commence at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday. Mr. Ted Topping, President of the Businessmen's Association, will deliver the address of welcome. Reeve Elmer Daniels will also be in attendance. Mr. R. J. Pollock, Reeve of North Gwillimbury Township, will officially open the Fair. Mr. Dave Penny will preside at the console of the electric organ on both Thursday and Saturday nights.

In addition to the organ music, Nancy Lee, noted accordionist, dancer and singer, will head Friday evening's programme. The Video Swiss Ball Ringers will be on stage on Saturday night. Mr. Ted Edwards will be Master of Ceremonies.

The Fair is expected to attract a large attendance again this year. Thirty-five attractive booths will be on display. There will be free lucky draw prizes every evening at 9.45 p.m.

Miss F. Turner, Albert St., had the misfortune to fall down the stairs in her home this week and break her hip. She is confined to the Newmarket Hospital.

Mr. Kenneth Laushway, of Stouffville, was an entry in the Niagara Golf Association tournament at Niagara Falls on Wednesday afternoon.

Site for New Public School Is Bought on Sunset Blvd.

Stouffville Public Board at a special meeting on Thursday evening agreed unanimously to purchase six acres belonging to Mr. Milt. Smith, as the site for the new public school to be erected in time for opening classes in September 1958. Price of the six acres is \$15,000.

The new school will be located immediately south of Orchard Pk. on Sunset Blvd. and is located within the Stouffville Public School Section. Preliminary sketches for the new school will be made by the architects immediately as it is their wish to commence construction this fall. The site is sufficiently large to allow for future additions up to ten rooms.

The school board has held a great number of meetings to deal with the problem of a site and investigated the matter both from the location and price angle. Some members of the Board were strongly in favor of a site on Cedar Pines Development north of Rupert St. in the first instance, but the inability of the sub-divider to proceed with the development in this area turned the Board to the Smith site where almost an identical price was ultimately agreed on. The fact that the only land available for school sites is being held for sub-division purposes brings the per acre price higher than would be the case if the town was blessed with a good supply of "raw land" not being considered for sub-division.

What division of classes will be made once the school is ready, has not yet been agreed upon and will be decided with the guidance of the school inspector.

Stouffville District High School is also crowded this year although not to the same extent as the Public School and it is expected that an addition will be required on this school by 1959.

Markham Tp. Swamped With Applications for Local Pheasant Shoot

While Markham Township council has restricted the number of permits to 300 for the fall pheasant shoot this year, already more than two hundred applications have been received. Police Chief Clarence Wideman stated that if anyone in the immediate area was desirous of obtaining a permit, they should do so at once.

"The fee remains this year at \$3 for non-resident and 50¢ for residents. The dates for the annual 'shoot' are set by the Dept. of Game & Fisheries, Oct. 25th and 26th and the bag limit is three birds a day.

Council discussed the advisability of recording orders for permits months prior to their issuance. Some people were sending in from a distance early in the year, it was revealed. Council expressed the view that next year there might be a move not to record any orders prior to the date when gun licenses can be procured, Sept. 1st.

Objects to Fire Hall. Councillor Cosburn was emphatically opposed to the new fire hall building at Unionville being occupied prior to the expiration of the Village-Township Agreement. He said that he understood that it was necessary to survey the lot and considered that once the building was taken over and occupied, council have to accept it, even though the survey and title proved unsatisfactory.

Solicitor Lucas explained that the house was protected by a letter from the vendor. Cut Red Tape. Markham Twp. has learned that the Municipal Board does not favor the change in the amount payable each year in connection with the debentures

DAIRY HERD GOES UNDER HAMMER

Thirty-three head of registered Holstein cattle will pass under the auction block at the dispersal sale on the property of Mr. Ezra Brownsberger, lot 23, concession 10, Markham Twp. The auction will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 25th at 2 p.m. In addition to the registered cows, six grade cows will also be sold.

The herd comprises fresh cows, springers, milkers, heifers and calves. A. S. Farmer is the Auctioneer.

POLICE CRACK JUVENILE THEFT RING IN TOWN

Stouffville Police Chief Frank Edwards has cracked a possible juvenile theft ring here. A large quantity of jack-knives, fountain pens and toy pistols has been recovered.

Chief Edwards' suspicions were aroused on Sunday when he noticed a young lad playing with a jack-knife on the sidewalk. When he proceeded to question the boy, he was told that he had received it from another youth. Further investigation by the Chief led him to the residence of a third boy where much of the loot was discovered. The lads admitted entering various main street stores and removing merchandise from the display counters. The property has been returned to its rightful owners.

Over Fifty Residents Oppose Uxbridge Tp. Land Restrictions Bylaw

More than 50 residents in Uxbridge Township attended the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing at Goodwood on Thursday afternoon to voice opposition to the Township's new Land Restriction Bylaw which was given a third and final reading on June 24th, 1957. The Council were desirous of approval from the Municipal Board on a bylaw to prohibit the use of land for certain purposes and to regulate the location, space, character and use of buildings to be erected or altered in the Township.

The Ontario Municipal Board were represented by Mr. B. Jamieson and Mr. C. F. Nunn. The Council were represented by Reeve Stuart Ball and Councillor Robt. Nesbitt. Clerk D. S. Kennedy explained the bylaw to the audience.

More than one dozen ratepayers requested permission to speak in opposition to the bylaw, when asked by the Chairman, Mr. B. Jamieson. No one spoke in favour of it. Much of the opposition was centred around the clause — "There shall be no more than one dwelling on lots of less than 20 acres and larger lots must have an additional 20 acres for each additional building."

Messrs. Frank Voss, Howard Langfelt, L. Courtney and A. Hume objected to the size of lots required. Since other objections to this clause were apparent, the Chairman stated that the Board would give no decision at that time. He said he understood Council's feeling on the problem but didn't feel that it had been drawn up in a manner that would make satisfactory legislation.

Mr. Jamieson stated that the Board's decision would be made in writing to the Clerk. Clause 14 of the bylaw brought opposition from Dr. D. E. Davis. The clause reads, "No person shall use any land for the purpose of having or keeping hogs fed by garbage, swill or refuse obtained or collected from any land or premises other than the parcel of land upon which the said hogs are kept."

Dr. Davis noted that the clause was so restrictive that it would almost prohibit the raising of hogs in the Township. He said that he had been in contact with several parties in the Dominion Government, and they stated that they did not believe the clause was workable in its present form.

Bert Johnston voiced opposition with the size restrictions placed on summer cottages. He said he felt 720 square feet was too severe. He noted that cot-

Tribune in Top Fifteen

While The Stouffville Tribune did not rank in the one-two-three money group at the current weekly newspaper competitions at Banff last week, the local paper ranked among the top fifteen in this Class A circulation group. There are 525 member newspapers in the Canadian Weekly Association and 99 of these papers with better than 3,000 circulation, the group in which The Tribune must compete.

In concluding their findings, the judges stated as follows: "The top 15 in the Class A circulation group should not be concerned with competitions and whether or not they placed first, second, third or fifteenth. These papers we have examined are top-flight productions. Considering their communities, some of which are almost strictly rural, they are doing an excellent job. At the same time, they are at a disadvantage competing with others from larger centres." The Abbotsford News, B.C., took first place in this competition, the Oakville Journal, Ont., second and the Chilliwack Progress, B.C., third.



Wins Tractor

Mr. Melvin Baker, Ballantree farmer, was the lucky winner of a new \$2,600 Massey-Harris tractor at the Canadian National Exhibition. The machine, fully equipped was de-

livered to his farm last week. Although Mr. and Mrs. Baker were in the C.N.E. grounds only a short time, they took time to fill out an entry blank at the Massey-Harris-Ferguson

display booth. He was notified by telephone that his name had been drawn. "It was one-on-a-million chance," said Mr. Baker. He resides on the former Peterson farm, north of the four corners.

Markham Public School Area No. 1 One of the Province's Most Expensive

Appearing before Markham Township Council as a member of the township Educational Committee, Alf LeMasurier stated that Markham Public School Area No. 1 was one of the highest in costs in Ontario. He said that it was considered that these might be reduced by cutting the administrative costs which have shown a large increase.

He stated that as the law gave the power of consent in most issues to the township having the larger assessment in the

area and the schools were for the most part placed in the area having the larger number of children attending, he could not see where Markham Twp. could anticipate having control of school affairs until the area was dissolved and each township conducted its own school affairs.

He requested Solicitor Lucas to express an opinion on the power of council to dissolve the area as he could not find any provision for it in the Act. Mr. Lucas stated that he did not wish to give any definite opinion

without study but he thought that a request by both township councils involved, to the Dept. of Education, would bring a solution.

The Educational Committee urged Council to proceed at once. Reeve Clark stated that as Markham and Vaughan councils were meeting on Sept. 23rd, it was anticipated that action would be taken in the near future.

Sanction Debenture. Markham Twp. passed a bylaw authorizing the issuing of

Markham's share of debentures for the new school at Woodbridge and an addition to Richmond Hill school, amounting to \$263,639.25.

Assessing Longer. The township assessor requested council pass a bylaw, subject to the approval of the Municipal Board, granting an extra 30 days for completion of the assessment. It was stated that both Whitechurch and Uxbridge Townships had passed similar bylaws this month. Council agreed to the extension.