



Grade A A Large

A yearling leghorn hen, the property of Mr. Harold Doner, Gormley, gained news prominence last week when she produced a giant six ounce egg. It measured nine inches by eight inches around. Fully recovered from the feat, the hen and her large-size sample pose with twelve-year-old Fern Doner in front of the Tribune camera. The average egg weighs approximately 2 1/2 oz. — J. Thomas

Melville, Dickson's Hill Would Bring Pupils Here

Inspector M. Hallman, Mr. Mulholland, and Mr. Ferguson, trustees from Melville and Dickson's Hill public schools appeared before Markham Township council on Monday afternoon in regard to taking some action to relieve the overcrowded conditions in these schools commencing in September 1958. Each of these schools has only one teacher. Melville has an attendance of 41 and Dickson's Hill has 47.

Mr. Hugh Brennan, chairman of the Markham Twp. Educational Committee, presided at a meeting last week at which time it was suggested that a school area be formed.

Council asked Inspector Hallman if any difficulty was being experienced in staffing these schools, and he replied that the present teachers were both doing good work but for a number of years it had only been possible to secure teachers who were not fully qualified.

He added that he was reluctant to have each of these schools build an addition, partly because of the uncertainty of the present enrollment being maintained, and secondly because grants could only be secured on a portion of the expenditure.

He suggested that the Stouffville Public School Board be contacted and arrangements be made to transport a number of pupils to the new school in Stouffville which it was intended to have ready by Sept. 1st.

Reeve Clark stated that before any action was taken in regard to an area, he would suggest that a meeting be called by the trustees of each section, at which time a vote would be taken to ascertain the wishes of the ratepayers.

After some discussion it was agreed that a meeting of the ratepayers in each section would be called and further action will be in accordance with the vote of those concerned.

Report Beaver Plentiful

To many people it would come as a great surprise that the beaver is quite common in Whitechurch Township. This is especially so in the north end of the Township, but there are now beaver as far south as Gormley, and perhaps some even farther south that have not been reported to the writer. Some of their dams are of considerable length and have created ponds of several acres. They have become accustomed to their human neighbours, and although not commonly seen during the daytime, their dam building and timbering operations can be heard from some of the homes. In one section at least, they persist in plugging the culverts.

It is quite possible that their population could outgrow their food supply, and that they may build dams that would destroy a good deal of woodland, as well as cause trouble by flooding roads. In such cases the Dept. of Lands and Forests see that their population is reduced to suitable proportions. During the past few weeks beaver have been removed from ponds in Whitechurch. Two of these were quite large, one weighing approximately sixty pounds, and one, approximately seventy-five pounds.

People living in this community should take time to show the work of this wonderful Canadian animal to their children. There are few sections of Ontario where the beaver can be so easily studied in its natural habitat.

Use of Local Library by Young People on Increase

It was gratifying for the members of the Stouffville Library Board to note at their inaugural meeting that there had been considerable increase in the number of children visiting the Stouffville Public Library in 1957. Local school teachers are given much of the credit for instilling in their pupils the advantages and privilege they enjoy in having the library. Circulation for last year in this department was 3,469. The classed books also showed an increase with a circulation of 1,529, up 300 books over 1956. Total circulation for the library during the year just ended was 10,377.

Three hundred and fifty books were discarded during the year and 274 were added to the book stock in addition to 120 from the Travelling Libraries Dept. of the Board of Education.

Considerable work has been completed in the library building, a new heating system installed in the basement, new floor laid and the walls refinished.

Members of the Library Board are: W. F. Sherwood, chairman; Miss Anne Lehman, sec'y-treas.; Mrs. Gordon Sisco, Mr. Geo. Foord, book committee; Rev. Douglas Davis, and Mr. Ray Fleury, property committee; Mrs. G. R. W. Thomas, librarian.

The Library is open to the public on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 2 to 5.30 in the afternoon and 7 to 9 in the evening. The magazines available are: Saturday Evening Post, Life, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Ladies Home Journal, Canadian Homes and Gardens, and Wee Wisdom.

MARKHAM OFFICER QUALIFYS IN FIRST AID

Constable Robert Hood of the Markham Twp. Police Force was honoured at the regular meeting of council on Monday afternoon, being presented with a certificate as a symbol of his full qualification in St. John's Ambulance work and qualified to instruct.

Constable Hood was presented to council by Chief Clarence Wideman. Reeve Clark, in making the presentation, stated that Markham Police Force was fortunate in having a qualified man on the force in this department of first aid work.

Quartette Damaging Stouffville Restaurant Fined Total of \$144

A wild spree involving four Port Perry district teenagers on Saturday, Jan. 18, in Uxbridge, Stouffville and Markham, ended in a series of fines, totalling \$144 and costs, in Oshawa Police Court.

Douglas Bonnell, Prince Albert; Fred Connaghan, Port Perry; Edward Wilson, RR 1, Port Perry; and Carl Vande Walker, Stevens street, Port Perry, were convicted on charges of wilful damage to property in Uxbridge and Stouffville and of causing a disturbance in Uxbridge.

They were also found guilty of fraudulently obtaining food in Stouffville. Bonnell was also convicted of unlawfully having liquor in Markham.

Magistrate F. S. Ebbs sentenced the four men to fines totalling \$31 and costs, plus costs of the damage to each. All four youngsters pleaded guilty. All had been convicted of previous offences.

Police Chief G. L. Chatterley of Uxbridge told the court that the night constable had been called to a disturbance at the Uxbridge Grill, Brock street, on the evening in question. The four accused had played football with a bottle of catsup in the restaurant and sat beside them. They smashed an outside window, valued at \$3. They also did not order, but told the Chinese proprietor to "go to hell". They left before police arrived.

Police Chief Frank Thompson Edwards of Stouffville testified that the four men had caused trouble at Harold's Grill, Main street, the same evening.

After walking into the Chinese restaurant the accused had ordered four cups of coffee. Then they had gone to the wash-

room and smashed the mirror. They had then walked out without paying for the mirror or the coffee. They left before police came.

Bonnell was arrested, later the same night in Markham, by Police Constable Percy Gilliat, on a tipoff by Chief Edwards of Stouffville who arrested the other members of the gang on Sunday. A quantity of liquor was found in the car.

Penalties Assessed—

On the charge of causing wilful damage in Uxbridge, the 4 youngsters were fined \$10 and costs or 10 days each. They were ordered to make good for the damage to the window, amounting to \$1.25 each.

For causing a disturbance in Uxbridge they received fines of \$10 and costs or 10 days each, running consecutively. Vande Walker was fined \$10 and costs or nine days, dating back to his arrest.

Magistrate Ebbs assessed a fine of \$10 and costs or 10 days each for causing wilful damage in Stouffville. The sentence also will run consecutively. Acrued costs for the smashed mirror were ordered recovered at \$1.25 each.

On the charge of obtaining food fraudulently all four were fined \$1 or one day, the sentence to run concurrently.

Bonnell received an extra fine of \$10 and costs or one month in jail for unlawfully having liquor in Markham. His sentence will run concurrently.

"These boys have been warned on many and many occasions," said Magistrate Ebbs. "Too bad they got into this trouble."

Wilson, who is on parole, will have to serve the rest of his sentence.

Markham Flock Stolen

Sixty hens, the entire flock belonging to Mr. Fred Scott, 7th concession of Markham Twp., were stolen some time during the early hours of Thursday morning. It was the second such theft in the district within recent weeks. Fifty hens were taken from another farmer, Mr. Tom Shadlock. Police believe the same parties are responsible.

The thieves killed the hens in the chicken house. They were stuffed into bags and loaded into a nearby truck a short distance away. Though Mr. Scott's home is not far distant from the hen house, he heard no sounds. The loss has been estimated at approximately \$150.00.

POLICE TRACK HOUSEBREAKER IN SNOW

Markham Township Police believe they have solved the rash of burglaries that have occurred in the Gormley area within recent weeks. On Sunday night, seven members of the Markham force surrounded a vacant farmhouse on the third concession, south of the townline and arrested Geo. Cheestman, 30, of no known address.

Constable Bruce Findlay received a tip-off from a Gormley resident that the wanted man was in the immediate area. Aided by Constable Cliff Cox, the police were able to pick up the man's trail in the snow. Sgts. Geo. Clayton and Bill Shearn and Constables Don Dukes and Bill Gunn joined the search. On entering the Bayview Avenue home, they found the suspect hiding under a pile of rugs and drapes. In his possession they discovered a number of pawn tickets and other articles taken from homes in Gormley. The thief had a previous record and had served a three year term in the Kingston penitentiary.

The arrest ended one of the most baffling burglary cases to be handled by Markham police in many months. On numerous occasions, police had picked up the trail of the break-in artist, but each time he eluded his pursuers. One trail led south from Gormley to Langstaff along the railroad tracks where a break-in was reported at the home of Mr. Alf LeMasurier. The man is presently confined to a cell in the Don Jail.

To Sell Langstaff Jail Farm

The Langstaff Jail Farm, and more recently used as a mental institution, is up for sale. The farm consists of 712 buildings with several large houses and barns. Persons placing a bid on the property must state for what purpose it will be used.

Road Budget

The Dept. of Highways advised Markham Township council at their regular meeting on Monday that their authorized expenditure for grant in 1958 would be \$25,000 for construction and \$140,000 for maintenance. These amounts are the same as for 1957. However, council is preparing to take on several new road projects that far exceed these figures.

Unionville Agreement

Clerk Crisp advised council that he had presented the Trustees of the Village of Unionville with a copy of the new Agreement relating to the fire hall and cost arrangements. It is expected that if found satisfactory, it will be ratified by council at the next meeting.

Incinerator

Deputy-revee Dean is endeavoring to secure a data relating to the cost in connection with an incinerator for the County. He is of the opinion that this is the only way that the garbage problem can be properly handled.

Local Planning Board Hears Apt. Building Request at Inaugural

Stouffville Planning Board convened in inaugural session on Friday night and dealt with a number of matters pertinent to local development. C. H. Nolan was re-elected chairman of the Board for the term of 1958 and A. G. Thompson, vice chairman.

Zoning Bylaw

The Board studied various minor alterations in the Zoning Bylaw which is practically completed in readiness for a public hearing by the Ontario Municipal Board. The bylaw will now be placed in the hands of solicitor J. D. Lucas for final preparation. Suggestions, for the few changes came from the Department of Planning and Development.

Apartment Houses

Some time was spent in consultation with local solicitor Donald Hindson and contractor Walter Smith who placed before the Board, plans and illustrations of a proposed 12-unit apartment house which they are interested in erecting in Stouffville. The attractive building would be a three-storey brick structure with picture windows, and balconies. Plans call for four dwelling units on each floor, six 1-bedroom apartments and six 2-bedroom apartments. The entire unit would be centrally heated and the apartments would be equipped with refrigerators, stoves and washing facilities would be provided in the basement laundry.

Several possible locations were discussed but, likely, development will await passing of the Zoning Bylaw.

Industry

The Board is preparing specific data on a number of industrial sites in town, as to services available, type of soil, acreage prices and pictures and these are to be placed in the hands of the Dept. of Planning, Industrial Branch.

In addition, study is being given to the issuing of a brochure on Stouffville and the facilities it offers for industrial development, similar to those used by a large number of other Ontario towns who are competing for the new industrial development.

ROY BRIGNALL CLAREMONT FARMER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

On Tuesday, Jan. 28th, Mr. Geo. Roy Brignall, farm resident on the Brock Road south of Claremont for the past 35 years, passed away following an illness of almost one year. Born on the 6th concession of Pickering Township, near Brounham in 1892 the deceased spent his entire life in the immediate district. He was in his 67th year.

He is survived by two brothers, Jack of Claremont, Walter of Markham, and two sisters, Olive (Mrs. Earl Carson) of Brooklin and Ida of Toronto.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. H. H. Lackey of the Claremont United Church, was held from the Dixon Chapel, Markham, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Salem Cemetery, Kinsale. The pallbearers were: Messrs. Donald Hedges, Lloyd Pugh, Walter Lingham, Stewart Graham, Victor Robinson and John Acres.

Seventh Concession Couple Wed Sixty-Three Years

On the seventh concession of Markham, one-half mile south of the townline, a well-known and highly respected couple, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoover, quietly marked their 63rd wedding anniversary on Thursday, Jan. 30.

The occasion was unnoted and unknown to many, even their closest neighbours.

Turning back the pages of time, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover recalled the happy events, which were centred around the date, Jan. 30th, 1895. The marriage ceremony, conducted by Rev. Percy of the Ringwood Christian Church, was held at the home of Mrs. Hoover's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoover, 6th concession of Markham. Their honeymoon trip consisted of a ride "around the block" in the horse and cutter. The following day, the newlyweds visited Mrs. Hoover's sister, Mrs. John Monkhouse of Markham Village. They took up residence on the Hoover homestead where they have remained. Mrs. Hoover is 86, and Mr. Hoover 88.

Mrs. Hoover was born in Scott Township, the daughter of the late John and Barbara Meyer. Her mother passed away and at the age of five years Mrs. Hoover was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoover. They farmed on the present, Fred Yake property, 6th concession of Markham. Mrs. Hoover attended Almira Public School.

Mr. Hoover was one of seven children born to the late Samuel and Fannie Hoover. With the exception of two years, he has spent his entire life at the present location. He attended Dickson-Hill Public School. In the winter time he would travel the distance in the horse and cutter. The horse would be tied up at the Dickson Hill mill.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are still quite active. It is not unusual to see Mr. Hoover outside cutting weeds in the summer. In the winter time, his activities are confined to a daily trip to the mail box, located some distance from the house. Mrs. Hoover enjoys assisting her daughter, Mrs. Lena Hoover with household chores. Both are identified with the Wideman Mennonite Church. Mrs. Hoover has a sister, Mrs. Fred Ramer of Altona. Mr. Hoover has two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Miller of High River, Alberta, and Mrs. Esther Wildeman of Almira.

Honor Former Premier As Veteran Breeder

Hon. George S. Henry, former Premier of Ontario was honored at a meeting of the York County Holstein Club by the presentation of a Veteran Breeder pin. Mr. Henry, who is in his 87th year, has been a prominent breeder of Holstein cattle for the past 45 years. The presentation was made by James T. Brown, Newcastle, Ont., first Vice-President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada, Oriole Lodge farm, where Mr. Henry is still living, is on the outskirts of Toronto, and was a crown grant to his great-grandfather in 1806. Associated with the Hon. Mr. Henry in the operation of his noted herd of Holsteins has been his son, Geo. W. Henry, who was President of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada in 1952.

Reminiscing at the time of the presentation, Mr. Henry drew attention to the great improvement made in type, production and test by the Holsteins of Canada during the period of his association with the breed.

Hon. Mr. Henry has had a lifetime of distinguished public service, to his township, county and province totalling some 45 years. He graduated in 1896 from the University of Toronto, spent one and a half years at the Ontario Agricultural College and then returned to the home farm. He was successively a



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoover, 7th Concession of Markham Township.