



Although unsuccessful in his bid for the reeve ship of Markham Village on Saturday, Harold Lawrie polled a total of 702 votes. Reeve Alma Walker retained the post for a two-year term with 949.

DICKSON HILL

The December service of the WMS took the form of a supper meeting at the church to which the husbands were invited. The program had been arranged by Mrs. L. Wideman and Mrs. R. Walker, which consisted of a Christmas poem read by Mrs. Sloss and a thought provoking talk on "Christian Witnessing" by Dr. John Warnica of Toronto. An offering was received and sent to Miss Eleanor Moyer, Fort William, as a Christmas gift.

A number of mothers and their young children were delightfully entertained last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Dr. Osborn. There, they became acquainted with a new neighbour, Mrs. Bob Harritt and little Stephen, who have recently come into the community and reside

on 19th Ave. E. Mr. Harritt is associated with the Shur-Gain division of Canada Packers, and we welcome this family into our midst.

The local church was filled for the candle light service on Sunday evening, and a real Christmas spirit prevailed. Carol singing by the audience, a solo by Miss Pat Gibbons and two numbers; by Grades 6, 7 and 8 of the school, conducted by Mr. Sanders were followed by an appropriate Christmas message by Pastor Sloss.

827 CALLS ANSWERED BY MARKHAM POLICE. Markham Twp. police received 827 calls during last month. There were 48 traffic accidents with thirteen people being injured and one killed. Seventy-two summons were served and the police cars travelled 12,880 miles.

Sunday, Dec. 20th we celebrate Christmas Sunday at the morning service, 10 a.m. Everyone most cordially invited to attend. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 will be the annual Candlelight Sacred Song Service at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will include Wally and Myra Koster, junior choir and the ladies quintette.

The Sunday School presented their Christmas program Friday evening in the church. The various classes participated with special music by the junior choir. Distribution of gifts and favours ended a very enjoyable evening for the many parents and friends who attended. The manger scene in front of the church was made by the senior class.

The Brownies held enrollment night Mon. evening in the church. A splendid representation of parents attended to witness the induction of several new members. Enrolled as Brownies were Penny Ashbridge, Helen Hrebik, Susan Clee, Susanne Ramsey, Brenda Smith. Other badges awarded were Linda Hunter, artist, reader and thrift badges; Maria Raes, dancer, 1st year star service badge, Megan O'Connor, thrills and Karen Rae golden ladder, Jill Turner 2nd year service star, Mrs. Thelma Puston will be Tawny Owl assisting Mrs. M. Turner, Brown Owl in the new year.

At present plans are underway for organizing a cub troop here also. Mrs. R. Ashbridge, a cub leader with many years experience has offered to be cub mistress. It is hoped any parents with boys who would be eligible (ages 8-11) would let Mr. Nauta or Mr. Turner know of their interest. A special meeting is called for Wed. Jan. 13th.

Jimmy Rae spent the weekend with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pagnello and family of Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wells attended the 25th Wedding Anniversary celebration in honour of Mr. and Mrs. John Gibbins held in Agincourt on Sat. evening.

Mrs. Clara Gilroy has had a real bout with flu. We hope she will soon be able to get again.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris Smith and family spent the weekend in Ancaster where Dr. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sat. evening. The celebration took the form of a large family dinner with friends and relatives calling at the farm house during the evening.

Mrs. G. Wells was guest of the Zephyr U.C.W. on Thursday evening for their Christmas meeting held in the church Sunday School room.

Gormley Activities

Mrs. Ida Cook is ill and is at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Baker.

Mr. Ken Groves is in York County Hospital Newmarket, under observation.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Karl Fischer Isbert on the arrival of their baby daughter on Tuesday.

Bishop and Mrs. Alvin Winger spent the weekend at Ridgeway. Mr. Winger spoke at the morning and evening service at the Brethren in Christ Church at Stevensville.

About fifty ladies enjoyed a pot luck supper and meeting of the WMS at the United Missionary Church on Monday evening. Mrs. Grant Sloss spoke and showed pictures on "Nigeria, W. Africa."

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Farmer had supper on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sid Tomlinson of Bowmanville.

The annual Sunday School program of United Missionary Church will be held on Friday night, Dec. 20 at the church.

Mrs. Beulah Jones had supper on Sunday with Mrs. Blake de Hart of Brooklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Milsted and Charlene attended a family dinner on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Gooding of Richmond Hill. Thirty members of the Gooding family were present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger and family had dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wideman.

The Harvey triplets celebrated their 15th birthday on Sunday. Congratulations, girls. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Doner and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doust had

dinner on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baker of Cedar Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sticklely had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heise.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Albert Heise who is in York County Hospital Newmarket.

BETHESDA

The Christmas meeting of the Bethesda Women's Institute was held Dec. 9 at the home of Mrs. A. Paisley, Stouffville with a good attendance. Leaders for the block printing school to be held in Newmarket in January are Mrs. Swash and Mrs. L. Smith. An offering was received for Christmas parcels for shut-ins and Mrs. F. Ratcliff and Mrs. Knoggs were appointed to prepare and deliver these Christmas parcels.

The Program for the White Gift Service consisted of worship exercises by the younger classes and slides on the Holy Land and comments by Charles Ratcliff. A good assortment of gifts and a very liberal money offering were sent to the Fred Victor Mission.

Oran Fretz attended a bean grower's convention at Zurich on Tuesday of last week.

The U.C.W. women met at the home of Mrs. Chester Patenden on Tuesday evening to arrange programs for 1965.

Ladies will be meeting at the home of Mrs. W. Empringham on Monday evening Dec. 21 to pack parcels for shut-ins. Gifts for these boxes may be left at the Empringham home.

Difficult To Put Price On Cob Corn

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative, York County.)

How much should I pay for cob corn? I get this question regularly these days. I'd like to be able to give a nice definite answer of so many dollars per ton. But I find that to give an answer, I have to throw in a lot of ifs and buts, and even then I'm not very sure if a bargain is really a bargain.

The fact that grain corn is good feed for any kind of livestock is well accepted. We also have to realize however, that the quality of cob corn varies far more than any other kind of feed. As a result, there has to be a wide range in price.

Maturity is of prime importance. Shrivelled, soft kernels are a sure indication of low feed value and the price has to be rockbottom before it's a good buy. The trick is that I don't know how much the discount should be for immaturity and I haven't found anyone else that knows for sure either.

eties and normal good practices discount for moisture. Moisture content really makes a difference in the value of corn. For example, if you buy cob corn with kernel moisture of 30%, the yield of 15% shelled corn is only about 1230 lbs. to the ton. At this rate, if shelled corn at 15% is worth \$56.00 per ton, cob corn at 30% is only worth \$33.00 a ton. Then there is the extra cost of handling cob corn which pushes its value down a little more.

By comparison, dry cob corn at 15% moisture yields around 1600 lbs. of shelled corn per ton, it then is worth around \$45.00 per ton if shelled corn is selling for \$56.00.

Add to this variation, an equal amount for maturity and its easy to see that buying cob corn requires careful consideration. Is it worth it? Sure it is, because if there are any good buys around in feed, they are more likely to be found in cob corn than anywhere else.

The top corn yield in York this year was over 130 bus. per acre, and in the competition, we had several over the 100 mark. These yields were the result of planting early, using early varieties, turned down by the Bldg. like weed control and fertilization.

Leaves A Living Memory



A large marble monument stands in the Stouffville Cemetery over the plot of the late Thomas Williamson. Before he died, however, in 1942, Mr. Williamson set up a \$54,000 trust fund the interest of which, is paid out annually to the town's "deserving poor." This year, the figure amounted to \$2,865.06.

Pre-Christmas Gift to "Deserving Poor"

A large marble tombstone stands over a plot in the southern section of the Stouffville Cemetery. Enscribed on this monument are the words — Thomas Williamson, 1851-1942.

There is much more to the story of this man than could ever be contained on this marble cairn. For as this stone stands cold and silent on a bleak December day, a stipulation in the will of the deceased provides a touch of pre-Christmas cheer to dozens of resident families in Stouffville. Only recently, a committee of pastors and mem-

bers of council, including the clerk, divided the interest from the Williamson investment of \$54,000 among the town's needy. In total, it amounted to \$2,865.06. Forty-seven persons benefited.

Plans Revealed The gift of money came as no surprise to many people in town for Mr. Williamson had promised to set aside a sum of money in his will. He had become quite wealthy through the years and wise investments increased his savings. He died June 24, 1942.

The will ordered that the interest should go to the "deserving poor" of Stouffville. The town, in turn, had to provide certain services without charge in connection with property retained by his widow. The cemetery vault, costing \$4,000 was also donated by Mr. Williamson.

Clerk Ralph Corner suggested that, through the division of funds just prior to Christmas, many a stocking is filled that otherwise might go empty. He noted that at the present time, not a single person in town is receiving welfare.

Adopt Chinese Boy



These Ontario Hydro Central Region office girls have adopted a ten year old Hong Kong boy. Some sixty "foster mothers" are donating \$60. (Canadian) to support Yiu Wah Wong. They send him gifts on his birthday and presents for him and members of his family at Christmas. These "foster mothers" live in Metro Toronto including North York, Etobicoke, New Toronto, Toronto Township, Weston, Leaside, Scarborough, York Township and in nearby communities, Brampton, Port Credit, Agincourt, Markham, Richmond Hill and Woodbridge.

Hydro Ladies Forego Gifts to Support Chinese Boy

A Hong Kong Chinese family will have a bright Christmas this year because of the generosity of a group of sixty Ontario Hydro Central Region office staff ladies.

Usually the sixty distaff members have drawn names and exchanged gifts among themselves at Christmas. However, last Yuletide the idea occurred to them that their gift exchanging was rather superfluous and self-centred. They felt that they could do something more worthy at this season. Someone suggested pooling this money to adopt a child in Hong Kong for a year through the "Canadian Save the Children Fund."

The plan to adopt a child was put into action. And so, for the

past year the sixty young ladies have been supporting a Chinese lad, Yiu Wah Wong, now ten years old. They have had grateful letters from the boy, whom they have nicknamed "John", thanking them for their support and the special remembrance and gifts on his birthday. His one special request was for a group picture of all the girls and this has been sent along with a Christmas package to "John" and the members of his family.

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support the family of four children. A donation by the Ontario Hydro Central Region distaff members of sixty Canadian dollars provides the necessary food and clothing, education, medicine, etc., for the boy for an entire year.

In addition to this year's donation of \$60, to support Yiu Wah Wong for 1965, the Central Region staff girls had a happy time preparing a huge Christmas parcel that contained food, clothing, and some toys for "John" and his two sisters, brother and mother. They sent it off with their warmest wishes contained in Christmas cards.

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this Yuletide. They now realize that their generosity is paying off in terms of human happiness in a part of the world where much help is needed. Like sixty jolly "foster mothers" that they have become, these young ladies have been thrilled with the letters from their adopted boy and the picture they received during the year of this Chinese youngster.

An idea born at Christmas time last year has developed into something very tangible and rewarding this Yuletide. For now a warm personal relationship exists for sixty Hydro staff ladies with a once destitute Chinese lad whom they can truly wish a "Merry Christmas Yiu Wah Wong."

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