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Fourteen mouths to feed

MARKHAM TWP.—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murchie, conc. 5, Markham, have fourteen additional mouths to feed. Their beautiful big Black Labrador is the mother of 14 puppies, seven boys and seven girls.

The main problem occurs at feeding time. The mother is unable to cope with so many, so Mr. and Mrs. Murchie have assumed a full-time baby-sitting chore. The pups are on a 6-hour bottle fed schedule. Unable to distinguish between them, each wears a neck tag with a number. This prevents one from obtaining a double helping.

Hector Batt, Main Street West, has returned following an enjoyable three-month vacation at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Knight, Jamaica.

while another is missed entirely. Mr. Murchie is on the "night shift" with about four weeks to go. They plan to sell most of them. A pure-bred Labrador pup is valued at about \$140, although the owner doesn't expect to get that much for them all.

Wedding guests

By ELSIE DUNKELD
ATHA—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McDowell were guests at the Wilson-Hoar wedding, in the Greenwood United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Biely were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dunkeld and family.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clodd on the birth of their daughter, Angela Marie, also to the happy grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Clodd, their first granddaughter.


A meeting will be held April 29, at 8.30 p.m., in the Atha Community Centre.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tran, Mrs. Joe Tran, Betty Jean, Kathy and Christine motored to Kingston and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Overland and sons.

Birthday greetings to Miss Kathy Tran, also to her grandfather, Mr. David Tran.


Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dunkeld visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wells who are at present in Salisbury, Rhodesia, for the World Plowing Match.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wood, Kitchener, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster.



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Ward system rejected in Markham

MARKHAM — As in so many issues before, a 3 to 2 vote of council has rejected the ward system for election purposes in Markham Village.

In favor were reeve Alma Walker and deputy-reeve Albert Laidlaw. Lloyd Abernethy, Douglas Allison and Rod Stewart.

Reeve Walker allowed each member to express his views on the subject, but warned that she would cut off debate if the discussion showed signs of getting out of hand.

Councillor Stewart said he couldn't see how an election by wards would be an improvement over the present system. He suggested that it might be difficult to obtain candidates in some areas 'without pulling them out of the woodwork'.

Councillor Allison said he had discussed the issue with many people in the village but none had come up with a solid argument in favor of division by wards. "I think myself, that general vote is best," he said.

Councillor Lloyd Abernethy who took a similar stand previously, refused to alter his thinking. "Our village is not yet built up to its limit. Perhaps in five years time, we could be ready for wards. At present, I favor a general vote."

Reeve Walker argued that division by wards was the wish of the people. She contended too, that she was sure that very responsible people could be found in all areas to sit on council. She said that a petition in favor of wards should carry some weight. "I have talked to many people about it in the last five years and all are for it."

Councillor Stewart argued that the petition in question represented only 1 1/2 percent of the electorate and could hardly be considered as the opinion of the entire village.

Deputy Reeve Albert Laidlaw said he had weighed all points as presented by both sides and had come to the conclusion that the ward system would be best.

A motion, introduced by councillor Allison and supported by councillor Abernethy that the council be elected by a general vote and consist of a Mayor, Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and four councillors was passed.

Student exchange

By MILDRED PUCKRIN
AUDLEY — Shirley Smith is among a group of six students from Pickering High School, on a student exchange trip to Pennsylvania.

The Hi-C group will present their three plays at Audley church May 5, at 8 p.m.



Gerald Cook, one of the four Queen's Scouts from Clarendon to be honored at a recognition ceremony in Stouffville, Saturday, receives his certificate from Col. M. I. Walton of Camp Borden.

CHOIR CONCERT

By PAT McCLENNAN

CEDAR GROVE — The Junior and Intermediate Centennial Choirs are planning a concert at the end of their current season. The choirs recently sang for the Senior Citizens at Stouffville and were so well received it was decided to enlarge the program for a concert in Cedar Grove. There are now nine members of the Intermediate choir and 30 in the Junior with ten boys lending a nice balance. The program will be in Cedar Grove schoolhouse at 7.30 on Friday, May 30.

Euchre winners for the second night of the series were Mrs. E. Williams, Ethel Smith, Joyce Lapp, Archie Little, Harvey Swain and Jack Walton. Draw prizes went to Ewart Oldham, Walter Brignell, Teresa Coakwell and Jean Jefferson. Next game in the series, May 6th.

Aljean and Julian Chapman have returned from a brief trip to Boston where they visited relatives.

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