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Earl Dowswell, deputy-reeve of Uxbridge Township and ex-warden of Ontario County, is not a candidate in the forthcoming municipal election, Dec. 7. With the sale of his farm at Goodwood, R.R.1, he is moving from the area but will continue to serve the one-year term of office.

Township of Uxbridge

Veteran Nesbitt is challenged by newcomer Bruce Herrington

All-candidates meeting Monday, Nov. 30

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Bruce Herrington, an unsuccessful candidate for the office of reeve in 1969, will give it a second try, Dec. 7 when Uxbridge Township ratepayers to the polls.

His opponent again is the veteran Bob Nesbitt, a winner by 80 votes last year. The final count was 427 for reeve Nesbitt and 327 for Mr. Herrington.

A total of 22 nominations were received for the five seats, Nov. 19. By deadline time, this number had been reduced to nine.

The announced retirement of deputy-reeve Earl Dowswell has set the stage for a two-man battle between councillor George Harvie and Donald Jackson, an ex-councillor and chairman of Planning Board.

Seeking re-election to two of the three councillor seats are Clark Muirhead and Darcy Higgins. Former councillor Frank Hendy has tossed his hat back into the ring along with Fred Lewis, Altona businessmen and William Thompson, Webb Sideroad, east of conc. 3.

It was on again - off again for ex-reeve Alvin Redshaw. He was nominated for the reeve's post but later declined. Others to withdraw were Aylmer Carter, Ron Adkin and Jim Bailey.

Platform remarks were brief, with members obviously saving their speeches for an All-Candidates' Meeting, Monday, Nov. 28 in the Goodwood Hall at eight o'clock. It is promoted by the Uxbridge Ratepayers' Association.

Deputy-reeve Dowswell and councillor Clark Muirhead ignited the only political sparks of the evening. Mr. Dowswell accused Mr. Muirhead of failing to attend all meetings, some of which he felt were very important. Councillor Muirhead returned the charge, claiming a hint of poison in the atmosphere.

To attend hearings

Mass train trip plans altered

CLAREMONT - The mass train trip planned by the Railroad Boosters for Nov. 27, designed to protest the proposed discontinuing of the commuter service on the C.P.R. Toronto to Peterborough line, has been cancelled.

Instead, railroad supporters are asked to concentrate on the public hearings to be held at Peterborough and Toronto, Dec. 1 and 3.

John Medcof, promoter of the program advises that citizens' committees have sprung up along the line and municipalities led by Uxbridge Township have given excellent support.

Withholds tax

UXBRIDGE TWP. - An Uxbridge Township ratepayer has informed council that he intends to withhold \$22 from his tax payment in protest of education costs.

In a letter attached to his tax remittance, Mr. George D. Gibson stated that the protest is in objection to the soaring costs of education and the method by which property owners are assessed for school purposes.

O'Neill Funeral Home

Re-modelling plans hit bylaw snag

STOUFFVILLE - By now, operators of the O'Neill Funeral Home in Stouffville, must be wondering what additional requirements must be met to improve their premises and still comply with village bylaws.

Gordon Minton was informed by council, Thursday, that the operation was already a non-conforming use due to insufficient parking on the property. To transform the furniture store into a chapel with additional pews could contravene the bylaw now in effect, since further parking accommodation would be required.

Reeve Ken Laushway recommended no work be started on the project until after the question was clarified by the village solicitor.

Mr. Minton pointed out

Thirty attend

trustee nomination

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Alex Williamson, the incumbent member of the Ontario County Board of Education trustee for Uxbridge Township, Uxbridge Town and Scott Township, has been acclaimed for another term.

Three nominations were received from the ratepayers meeting held in Goodwood, Monday. Harry Harper and Alvin Redshaw were sponsored, but declined.

Less than 30 ratepayers attended.

No increase

in hydro rates

STOUFFVILLE - In The Tribune issue, Nov. 19, P.U.C. office manager Gerald Pegg was quoted as saying hydro rates to the Stouffville consumer would increase by 8 1/2 percent in 1971.

The newspaper was in error. What Mr. Pegg did say was that the cost to the Commission from Ontario Hydro would be 8 1/2 percent. However, no part of this additional expense will be passed on to the user.

This decision was borne out by reeve Ken Laushway in an explanation to council, Thursday night.

Yearling filly

tops at Royal

WHITCHURCH TWP. - A beautiful thoroughbred filly, owned by Jim and Louise Milligan of Lemonville, came home a double winner from the Royal Winter Fair, Friday.

She not only topped the yearling filly class, but also went on to take the junior championship. Her sire is Nashua Bell, owned by Jas. Sabiston of Unionville.

Mrs. Milligan, an ardent worker in the Whitchurch Equestrian Club, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duckett, Stouffville, R.R.2.



Pioneer history in stone

On the east side of conc. 10, Markham, north of Hwy. 7, is a cemetery, plainly visible from the road and maintained by the township. The site is on part of the Christian Reesor homestead farm. Christian Sr., born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, was killed by a falling tree in 1806. A stone marks his final resting place. Other monuments to succeeding generations are also located there.

Fire destroys farm home

Babysitter guides children to safety

CLAREMONT - Two children, clad only in their pajamas, were ushered outside by a babysitter, Saturday night, before fire destroyed their home on the 8th concession, Pickering Twp.

The two-story house, owned by Reg Hoskins, Claremont, R.R. 2 but occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nicholls, was built about 27 years ago. The family, including Tracy, 5 and Jason, 2, came to Canada from England in June. Mr. Nicholls was employed on the Hoskins' farm.

The couple had gone out to visit with a neighbor and left the children in the care of her brother, Edward Davis, 20. Near the hour of eight o'clock, he smelled smoke. Minutes after he

led the kiddies outside, flames that originated in the basement, had broken through the floor. Nothing inside was saved.

Claremont Fire Chief Tom Hammond said the exact location of the blaze was not known and the brigade lost time in trying to find it. He said too, that the water supply ran out when it appeared they might have the fire under control.

The response from the Claremont community and the Disaster Branch of the Canadian Red Cross was described by Mrs. Hoskins as "tremendous". Before the embers had cooled, she said, offers of food and clothing had begun pouring in. "We live in a wonderful neighborhood," she agreed.

Santa Claus

A 'political football'

PICKERING TWP. - Santa Claus is supposed to represent the true spirit of Christmas. In the Twp. of Pickering however, he's become a 'political football'.

For the past two weeks, he's been kicked back and forth between Claremont and Bay Ridges.

It all started when the Kinsmen Club of Bay Ridges requested a donation of \$300 for their pre-Christmas parade. This brought up a request by councillor Mrs. Jean McPherson that Claremont receive equal consideration.

However, Claremont no longer sponsors a parade but rather a concert that, according to councillor McPherson, serves the children from a wide area in the north part of the township.

Councillor John Kruger said community Christmas parties are common

everywhere and could hardly be compared with a parade. He charged members with turning the issue into an urban-rural battle.

Claremont's community program is Dec. 19. However, up to Nov. 17, the committee had not submitted a request for a specific amount of money.

Present plaques

YORK CTY. - York County Commissioners, Stewart Burnett, reeve of Whitchurch and Albert Laidlaw, reeve of Markham Town, were presented with engraved plaques at the concluding session of Council, Nov. 24.

The presentations were made by Clerk Robert Vernon in appreciation of services rendered during the past year.

Tie vote defeats industrial zone

STOUFFVILLE - A Planning Board recommendation that would place an area south and east of the Watson Heights Subdivision in an industrial zone, has been rejected on a tie recorded vote by Stouffville Council.

Opposed were reeve Ken Laushway and councillor Tom Lonergan. In favor were deputy-reeve Jim McKellar and councillor Ian Chapman.

Reeve Laushway argued that industrial buildup to utilize that much land, could be 25 years away. He recommended it be left as agriculture.

Councillor Lonergan concurred. He termed it unfair to residents already located there, to be threatened by industrial encroachment on two sides. Mr. Lonergan referred specifically to one

high-class home (Glenn Byer residence) that would be re-located in the heart of the industrial zone. "At this point, we can only hope that it would not become an unsightly mess", he said.

Deputy-reeve McKellar said that in his opinion, it was good planning to have sufficient industrial land available for development when required. "We've plowed this field two or three times," he went on, "it's time we planted some seed".

Councillor Chapman said he had to be guided by the decisions of a more experienced authority, a professional planner and members of Planning Board.

With the council reduced to four, the vote was tied and declared lost.

Police raid drug party

STOUFFVILLE - Acting on information and armed with a search warrant, Stouffville police, assisted by officers from Markham Township, raided a house Saturday and seized a quantity of drugs, described as marijuana and hashish.

The residence, home of Rev. H.G. Adams, 170 Main Street West, is located almost across from

the police station. Charges are pending against one juvenile.

Five young people were in the premises at the time, police said, but others had left earlier. The search, headed up by constables David Hadden and Harold Davis, took place at 11 p.m.

Several found-ins, while not charged, were said to be 'high' on drugs

Police appreciation night

MARKHAM - A 'police appreciation night', the first public event of its kind ever organized in the area, will be held in the auditorium of Markham Dist. High School, Dec. 6 at seven o'clock.

The event is sponsored by Markham Centennial Baptist Church and its pastor, Rev. Harry Strachan.

Guests for the evening will include Chief Adamson and ex-Chief Mackey of Metro, Chief Fred White, Markham Town, Chief Harvey Cox, Markham Township, a representative of Ontario Provincial Police, Mayor Alma Walker and Mayor-elect Anthony Roman, Markham Town, Barney Danson, M.P., York North and Donald Deacon, M.P.P., York-Centre.

The whole idea behind the event is to provide citizens the opportunity to gather together and say 'thank you' to law enforcement agencies that have served Markham residents so faithfully for so long, Rev. Strachan explained.

"We feel the majority of voices have been silent too long in the support of the men who look after the welfare of keeping the society in which we live, in order. We feel, as Canadian citizens that, if we are to continue to enjoy the freedoms of democracy and blessings from God in the communities in which we live, we must, with all that lies within us, support our Government, our Magistrates and our Policemen in whatever way we can," said the pastor.

Adult skate

The season's first 'adult only' skating night will be held in the Stouffville Arena, Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m.



New senior citizen's apartment welcomes first tenants Dec. 1

Stouffville's new 22-unit senior citizens' apartment, that received government approval back in August, 1968, will welcome its first tenants next week. Rental rates are geared to income, beginning at

about \$35 per month. An official opening of the building is planned later, likely in the spring.

-Jas. Thomas.