

COMMUNITY MOURNS PASSING OF DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN

Funeral of the late James McLean Held on Monday

The funeral of the late James McLean who passed away on Friday, June 18th after an illness of four weeks was held Monday afternoon and was very largely attended. It was probably the largest funeral ever held in this district and the hundreds who gathered to pay their last respects to an outstanding citizen were representative of all walks of life and many came from distant points throughout the province. Members of the Plowmen's Association from all sections of Ontario, members of the Masonic Order, men who had been associated with the deceased in his many activities, government officials, and hundreds of friends crowded the Richmond Hill United Church where the public service was held following the private service at his late residence on Roseview Avenue.



LATE JAMES McLEAN

The service was conducted by Rev. C. W. Follett, pastor of the church and assisting him was Rev. G. W. Back of St. George's United Church, Toronto, a close personal friend of the McLean family. The service opened with the singing of "Unto the Hills Around do I Lift Up My Longing Eyes" an old favorite of Mr. McLean. Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. C. W. Follett was followed by a vocal solo "The Stranger of Galilee" rendered impressively by Mrs. Lester Jones. The sermon was given by Rev. G. W. Back who said that he had known Mr. McLean for the past thirty-seven years. Paying glowing tribute to the life of the late James McLean he said, "he lived all his life in this community and his life was an open book. And while we sorrow to-day at our loss and sympathize with the family we must not think of sorrow as the last word. We must not sense only the note of sorrow, rather we must feel the sense of victory for indeed our dear friend lived a victorious life. I believe that when a man reaches the end of life with a firm belief in God and an abiding love for his fellow men he has been victorious. And this Mr. McLean had. He served his age and generation faithfully and well and he rendered noteworthy service as a citizen of this community. He plowed a straight furrow in the field and he plowed a straight furrow in the life he lived."

At the close of the service the great throng filed past the open casket for a last fond look of farewell and it was with heavy hearts that those who knew so well the warmth of his friendship realized that the voice they knew so well was still and that only in the treasure-house of memory could those many precious bonds of fellowship be renewed.

Following the service the funeral procession proceeded to Richmond Hill cemetery where interment took place. Members of Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M., members of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, members of the municipal council, the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, and the pall bearers walked at the head of the long procession. Following the service conducted by Rev. C. W. Follett, the Masonic brethren conducted a graveside service.

The honorary pall bearers were: J. Lockie Wilson of Toronto, Honorary Life Director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, J. A. Carrol, secretary-manager of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, Carl Reeves, of the T. Eaton Co., Toronto, William Doherty, honorary treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, William Barrie of Galt, D. D. Gray of Ottawa and George Waldie of Stratford, directors of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and T. H. Trench of Richmond Hill. The active pall bearers were Elliot Moses of the Six Nations Indian Reserve, Brantford, Robert W. Scott, president of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, Councillor Alex. Little of Richmond Hill, Evan Morris representing the Sand Bay Hunt Club, Clark Young, Milliken, treasurer of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and J. E. Smith, Richmond Hill, secretary Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M.

Prominent among those from out of town noticed at the funeral were: J. J. Duffus, M.P. of Peterboro, Hon. G. S. Henry, M.P.P., Col. W. P. Mulock, M.P., Magistrate L. J. C. Bull of Brampton, A. J. H. Eckardt of Toronto, J. W. MacRae of Lochiel, president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and the following all di-

rectors of the same Association, William Newman M.P.P. of Lorneville, F. G. Fuller of London, George B. Little of Agincourt, J. J. Tierney of Brockville.

A wealth of floral tributes was evidence of the esteem and affection of a very wide circle of friends and included wreaths from the following organizations: Village of Richmond Hill, King and Vaughan Plowmen's Association, Toronto East General Hospital, York County Seed Fair, Bedford Park Floral Co., Sand Bay Hunt Club, Haldimand Plowmen's Association, Richmond Hill United Church Official Board, Ontario Agricultural Societies, Ontario Plowmen's Association, Wellington County Plowmen's Association, Essex Street School staff Toronto, Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M., Richmond Hill Agricultural Society, Aurora Agricultural Society, Six Nations Indian Reserve.

The late James McLean was born in King Township on August 3rd, 1874, a son of the late James McLean and Elizabeth Whittaker. In the early years of his life he moved to Vaughan township and farmed on Yonge Street until he sold the property to E. T. Stephens some 16 years ago. Since that time he has lived in Richmond Hill.

All his life he was an enthusiastic plowman. As a boy he plowed at local plowing matches and won many prizes and kept gradually moving up until he attained his cherished ambition of winning the Dominion Championship. Since that time he always has taken a most active interest in plowing and plowmen's organizations. At the time of his death he was an active director of the Ontario Plowmen's Association of which he was a Past President. Along with J. Lockie Wilson he was one of the principal men who organized the Ontario Plowmen's Association at a meeting held in Richmond Hill some 26 years ago.

He was known as an outstanding authority on plowing and acted as judge and lecturer in all parts of Ontario and was most widely known throughout the province. On many occasions he was honored by invitations to act as judge and lecturer in Quebec and the Maritime provinces. He was also well known as a field crop and livestock judge and in this capacity visited fairs and exhibitions in many sections of the country. Along with Lockie Wilson he was largely responsible for the organization of the Ontario Field Crop Competition which has grown from a small beginning until to-day over 7,000 farmers annually take part in the competition. He was a Past President of the Ontario Fairs and Exhibitions Association and of the Ontario Seed Growers Association.

He took a deep interest in the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society and served for many years as a director and officer of this organization. When he was suddenly stricken ill four weeks before his death he was working at the park in preparation for the annual Fair on May 24. Speaking from a friendship of over thirty years during which time he was associated with Mr. McLean in his work for the Department of Agriculture, Mr. J. Lockie Wilson said, "I valued his counsel and advice on all Agricultural matters very highly, and it will be hard indeed to fill his place."

The late Mr. McLean took an active interest in all community activities and municipal affairs and serv-

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MAPLE

Members of St. Stephen's Church W.A. motored to Schomberg Anglican church on Thursday last to attend the West York Deanery W.A. All members report having a very enjoyable time.

Under the auspices of St. Stephen's Church W.A. a Coronation Strawberry Supper will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bryan on Saturday, June 26th. Supper served at 5.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

The annual picnic of St. Stephen's Church Sunday School will be held at Eaton Hall Farm June 29th. Children are asked to invite their parents and meet at the church at 2.15 p.m.

A Strawberry Supper will be held at Elia Church grounds on June 29. Supper served from 6 to 8 Standard Time. Followed by a good program of artists from Toronto. 35c. and 20c.

Maple Girls' Softball club defeated Thornhill at Maple last Wednesday evening.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Robeson who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 18th and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ingram who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 12th.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Strawberry Social which had been announced for next week under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Zion Lutheran Church has been cancelled.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETING TO BE HELD AT WILLOWDALE

The Church of the Nazarene Annual Camp Meeting will be held at Willowdale in the Arena from July 8th to 18th. Well advanced plans are being made for a bigger and better camp meeting than on previous occasions. Dr. R. T. Williams of Kansas City has been engaged and is one of the four general superintendents of the church and is recognized as one of the outstanding church leaders and preachers of the day. Assisting as song evangelist will be Prof. Clarence J. Haas of Flushing, New York. These noted Evangelists will be assisted by an able corp of workers and ministers. Accommodation for dining and sleeping are being conveniently arranged on the grounds. The Camp Meeting will be in charge of Rev. W. M. McGuire, chairman of the Camp Meeting Committee.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend and enjoy these meetings.

You can estimate the size of a town by the children's degree of anxiety about what his neighbours will say.

BOWLING NOTES

Thirty-six took part in the weekly mixed games at the local green Monday evening. "Gar" Yerex and his rink won the first honors with the high score for two victories. The winning rink was: J. Martin, Geo. Chadwick and G. Yerex skip.

Twenty rinks representing all the clubs in the district competed in the doubles tournament here Tuesday evening. The prize winners were: 1st T. Doyle, Newmarket; 2nd P. Dixon, Unionville; 3rd L. Bell, Newmarket; 4th E. T. Stephens, Richmond Hill.

Reeve J. A. Greene, L. H. Clement, George Fuller and George Chadwick are representing the Richmond Hill Club at Newmarket to-day when district rinks entertain the bowlers from South Africa.

Three rinks skipped by A. E. Glass, Wesley Wellman and G. Yerex played in the tournament at Agincourt Wednesday afternoon. Fourteen rinks competed and the Walton trophy was won by skip Malcolm of North Toronto. Bill Sanders of Stouffville won second prize and Tom Doyle of Newmarket the third.

The regular weekly mixed games will be played at the local green next Monday evening. Be on hand at 7.45 or phone your entry to the club as play will start sharp at 8 p.m.

ST. MARY'S W.A. HOLD CLOSING MEETING

The W. A. of St. Mary's Anglican Church held their closing meeting of the season on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Donaldson, north Yonge Street. After the business was concluded dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and a pleasant social hour enjoyed.

STRAWBERRY TEA

Under the auspices of the Presbyterian W.A. a Strawberry Tea will be held on the church lawn Monday evening, June 28th. Tea served from 5 o'clock. Price 25c.

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

A Strawberry Social will be held on the lawn at the home of Mrs. R. S. Mason, south Yonge Street, on Wednesday, June 30th, from 5 o'clock.

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES AT RICHMOND LODGE TONIGHT

Bro. J. C. Murphy, worshipful master-elect of Richmond Lodge A.F. & A.M. will be installed as Master of the Lodge tonight and all other elected and appointed officers will be duly invested in office. W. Bro. A. A. Eden will act as installing master and he will be assisted by past masters of the Lodge.