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FORTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 24, 1899
Quite a severe windstorm passed over here on Monday afternoon. Out the farms of Vanderburgh Bros. and Mr. Marsh's peas that were lying in bunches were thrown up 70 feet in the air, and piled in heaps along the fences. On Mr. Moses Vanderburgh's place a wagon loaded with peas was upset, when the loader, Mr. Morgasson, was buried in the peas, but fortunately was not injured.

The large shop that has for many years stood in front of Wright's house and which at one time was a carriage shop has been removed. Messrs. L. Innez and Sons have the contract and we understand they are about to build a driving shed and basket cabinet in rear of Mr. Wright's residence. It is then the intention to convert the whole space between the house and street into a lawn. It is only a short time since Mr. Wright had his house remodelled and painted and this new improvement will make his already neat home still more attractive. Ashford is an energetic fellow and has an eye for the beautiful.

The Thornhill Band are well satisfied with their field day held at the Mineral Springs Grove last Saturday. There was a goodly attendance and the net receipts satisfactory. The Unionville and Woodbridge Bands arrived in good time and were met by the Thornhill players and escorted to the picnic grounds. Each band played separately for a time but afterwards combined and played a number of airs together to the enjoyment of all present. The football match and other sports as advertised were played off in the afternoon and altogether a very pleasant time was spent.

The Board of Education met Thursday afternoon, the principal work being to select a Head Master for the High School. Eleven of the twelve members were in their places, Mr. J. H. Sanderson, the absent one, being then in New York. There were twelve applicants for the vacant position, and quite a number of those were strongly recommended, and were apparently good men. After reading the applications and testimonials, and discussing the qualifications of the applicants, the choice proved to be Mr. Robert A. Farquharson, who for the past 7½ years has taught in the High School at Kincardine. He is a young man, 31 years of age, married, and it is confidently expected will make a worthy successor to Mr. Coombs, who with his able colleagues have raised the school to the front rank.

The Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster-General, travelled by special car over the Metropolitan Railway on Monday. The trip, it is supposed, was made in connection with the proposed plan for the company to convey the mails over their line after September 1st.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 19, 1909
The Bell Telephone Company have recently "got busy" in this part of the country, and have installed a number of new phones, including one in the store of Atkinson & Switzer, one in Mr. M. Boyle's residence, and one for D. Boyle, Langstaff. Also phones for C. Topper, Elgin Mills; Post Office, Willowdale; D. M. Boyle and Mr. Scott, Langstaff; Mr. Farr, Mr. Wright and Mr. Gooderham, Thornhill.

Mr. W. Hewison and staff are repainting the Public School building. The trustees have furnished a number of new seats, and will have both exterior and interior in first-class shape for the re-opening after vacation.

Mr. Thos. Chatburn has purchased the blacksmith shop from Mr. James A. Rose, Maple, and purposes moving it to the lot north of the Masonic Hall. This will add to the appearance of the corner.

The Thornhill Mineral Springs and Sanatorium under the new management of Dr. Wood, manager, and physician in attendance; Mr. A. M. Tremaine, Sec.-Treas., and the housekeeper, Miss Warnock, a graduate of New York Hospital, is growing in popularity, and people are beginning to appreciate the curative virtues of the mineral waters.

Unionville has been incorporated as a Police Village. Long stretches of concrete sidewalks have been laid down, and the board of commission promises other improvements in the

near future.

It is reported that the special commission appointed by the Ontario Government to select a site for the new Central Prison Grounds have made an offer of \$30,000 for "Burandette Farm", the property of A. G. Gormley. The farm contains 300 acres and is situated a short distance from Unionville.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

From our Issue of August 21, 1924
Mrs. William Jones of Richmond Hill was awarded first prize at the Mackerzie King Picnic, held at Markham last Saturday for the oldest Liberal woman on the grounds: Mrs. Jones is in her 91st year.

The Richmond Hill Women's Institute has been asked to send flowers to decorate the wing in the Women's Building, August 28th, that the Canadian National Exhibition have assigned to the Ontario Women's Institute.

Premier King opened his Ontario tour on Saturday by addressing more than 7,000 of his constituents in the Fair Grounds at Markham. It was a day which will long be remembered in North York. Followed by a procession of cars over 3 miles long, the arrival of the Prime Minister took on something of the nature of a triumphal entry. From as far away as St. Catharines and Peterboro came motorloads of Liberal enthusiasts, while busses, trucks and innumerable private automobiles brought delegations from Sutton, Jackson's Point, Newmarket, Aurora, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge, and other places within the Riding. Toronto alone sent more than a hundred cars, massed in flowers and flags, many of them bearing banners suitable to the great event. After the speaking a reception was held in the large skating rink, where thousands of people shook hands with Premier King. Among the sports during the afternoon and evening, the girls' baseball proved an attractive feature.

OBITUARY

MRS. FRANK DANIELS

The death occurred at Lloydtown on Tuesday, August 8th of Mrs. Mary Jane Daniels, widow of the late Frank Daniels.

The funeral service was held at her late residence on Thursday afternoon, August 10th. Interment was in Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto.

HENRY GARBUTT

Henry J. Garbutt, a resident of the Thistleton and Weston areas all his life, died suddenly on August 6th. He was in his 73rd year. At the time of his death he was an elder in Thistleton United Church and was a faithful worker in that organization. He formerly farmed in the area. Surviving are his widow, the former Annie Madill; a daughter, Dorothy; a brother, F. G. Garbutt of Calgary; and three sisters, Mrs. Clara Kaiser, Toronto; Miss Laura Garbutt, Thistleton, and Mrs. Gardhouse, Thistleton.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 9th and interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Weston. Six nephews were pallbearers.

MRS. WESLEY HAMILTON

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 8th for Mrs. Annie Hamilton, 75, last surviving member of the family of the late James Watson. She was a member of Laskay United Church and Sunday school for 69 years. She was also a life member of the W.M.S. Her husband, Wesley, predeceased her 15 years ago. She was born in King township. A funeral service was held from the church with interment in King cemetery.

ST. PAUL'S W.M.S., VAUGHAN

The July meeting of St. Paul's, Vaughan, W.M.S. was held at the church with a good attendance. A short business meeting was held and six quilts quilted for the bazaar.

The August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Brownlee with the President, Mrs. J. McNeil, presiding. The meeting opened by singing Hymn No. 127 followed by sentence prayers and the Lord's prayer in unison. The scripture reading was taken from Chapter 3 Matthew and prayer by Mrs. E. Harris. The roll call was answered by a verse of scripture containing the word gather. The program was taken from study 4 of the study book. Papers were given by Miss Annie Kerr on India Village Life and Mrs. E. Harris on Difficulties of those who become Christians. A solo by Miss Jennie Egan was much enjoyed. Mrs. Jas. Robson gave a splendid paper on the Indian Christian Village. Mrs. Lorne Weldrick gave Gleanings from the Glad Tidings. The meeting closed with Hymn No. 280 and prayer. Lunch was served by hostess and committee in charge.

GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

The home paper needs you and you need the home paper.

C.N.E. starts tomorrow, school opening is just around the corner and sad to say the summer is almost gone.

Aurora Boys' Band will hold a Carnival and Street Dance tonight, (Thursday).

The farm at the north end of the town of Aurora and formerly occupied by Daniel and George Whitmore has been purchased by Mr. J. C. Bodfish, who we understand intends to remodel the residence and make other improvements to the property.

Only three of forty-seven properties listed were sold at a Tax Sale held last week in Newmarket.

S. L. Paige, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wright of Richmond Hill was the winner of the electric refrigerator given away at the Lions Club Carnival in Newmarket August 16th.

Whitchurch veterans plan the erection of a recreation hall near Ballantrae.

Aurora Gladiolus Show will be held in the United Church S.S. room Saturday, August 26th.

One hundred and thirty-five cases were on the docket of Newmarket Police Court Tuesday of last week. This was a record day's business for the court.

Whitchurch Township farmers have been troubled by foxes stealing chickens. One farmer who lost 39 sat up one night and got a shot at the marauder, but missed his mark.

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Whitchurch township tax rate again points decidedly downward, it was revealed at the monthly council meeting on Saturday, when the various rates were struck. The drop is one-half mill lower than last year, which is viewed as an outstanding accomplishment in view of the fact that the council purchased a road grader costing \$5,500 and put the roads in better condition than they have been in for years.

Not far off are the annual fairs known throughout all parts of the world. With August fairs begin in this country, September sees them in full swing and October closes the scenes which demonstrate the importance of a man's tillage of the soil and industry.

It takes time to do the work of community organizations, but the time so given produces friendships and ties that give more valuable results than any time you devote to your own business and affairs.

Speeding drivers put up all kinds of excuses for their too fast going. Rarely, however, do they say they were hurrying because fearful of being late to church.

Before automobiles came, retail stores could expect to draw trade only as far as people could travel comfortably with horses. In an automobile age, they can draw it as far as people can travel comfortably in their cars.

A chain is said to be only as strong as its weakest link. If a town has a weak spot, in which its work is not well done, that weakness may destroy the power of the community. People better take hold to strengthen that weak spot.

If a mountain climber gives up merely because he gets out of breath once, he will never reach that summit. He would better rest up and go on. It is the same in your efforts for personal success and home town progress.

Toronto taxpayers should no longer be forced to pay 25 per cent of the cost of upkeep and construction of York County suburban roads, Board of Control members declared recently and this contention will be placed before Hon. T. B. McQueen, Minister of Highways, during a conference to be held at Queen's Park on August 29.

Expenditures incurred by the Toronto and York Roads Commission under existing regulations are shouldered 25 per cent by Toronto, 25 per cent by York County and 50 per cent by the Ontario Government. The board, during its conference with Mr. McQueen, will attempt to have Toronto's contribution reduced to 10 per cent.

Farm real estate deals are reflecting the improvement shown in general business conditions, reports C. R. Purcell, in disclosing that a number of transactions have been consummated within the past few days.

One of the most important was the sale of "Twin Streams Farm," near Galt, to W. A. Knox, of Pickering Township, the 180 acres of which are to be devoted to dairy farming.

Other transactions include sale of 200 acres at Beaverton, for beef raising; 108 acres at Aurora for stock and grains; 100 acres at King, for reforestation; 30 acres at Stouffville, for gravel developments, and five acres just north of Toronto for a country home site.

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