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SPECIAL MEETING TOWN COUNCIL

Town Fathers Kill Pasteurization and Utilities Commission.

All hopes of those desiring the council to adopt a pasteurization by-law for milk and of those anxious to have our light and water system run under a commission, were dashed to the four winds on Monday evening at a special meeting of the council, when that body with every member present and Reeve Morden in the chair, refused to grant either proposal or to allow the people to express their opinion on the matters at the poll.

When the pasteurization question came up Councillor Alex. Scott said that he personally thought it the proper thing, but did not feel inclined to make it law unless he was sure the people on the whole favored it.

Councillor Lee thought the people of Stouffville had done well on the present unpasteurized milk all these years and did not favor a change. Councillor Silversides didn't give the measure any support, either, and Reeve opposed it in the Board of Health meetings. Councillor Beebe couldn't see much in it, but he suggested that the people should be permitted to decide, but no resolution to give the people a chance was offered. It was said they wouldn't vote intelligently on the matter, while the Reeve was sure a vote would never carry. The discussion and the agitation for pasteurized milk was ended when the following resolution passed the board:

Silversides—Beebe—That the request of the Board of Health to pasteurize the milk supply be not granted, but that a more rigid inspection of the stables supplying milk be made.

Carried. The discussion on submitting a vote on a Public Utilities Commission received little consideration. The opinion seemed to be that there would be little for a Council to do if these two departments were separated from their duties. The matter was dropped without anyone offering a resolution to submit the matter to the people.

Mr. Beebe again brought up the question of building a sidewalk from E. Davey's north to Barkey's foundry. The difficulty seems to be that the people on the street or what seems to be a public lane, cannot get sufficient signers to a petition to have the walk constructed under local improvement bylaw. The petition, circulated respecting this walk some time ago lacked one signature of the legal number, and this was inobtainable. Mr. Beebe wanted council to build the walk anyway, and offered a resolution to this effect, but could get no seconder. Mr. Silversides, chairman of the sidewalk committee, said the owners should have a walk and he promised them one but fully expected they would bring in the required petition in order to get the work done under local improvement.

A few matters pertaining to the hydro were dealt with. It was decided to have the monthly bills paid into the town clerk, as collection through the bank meant extra expense, and the 10 per cent. discount on all bills over \$1 would be allowed on accounts paid on or before the 15th of the month.

FARM STOCK SALES

Queer things happen at farm stock sales in the way the public bid on what seems almost worthless article, also the way they refuse to bid on other things of real value. An indication of this was shown at James Gould's sale on his farm just north of Ringwood last week. A splendid milch cow realized the long price of \$110 while a work horse, that had done yeoman service for Mr. Gould for some years and was capable of doing still more years of service, was knocked down at \$3 and a mate for \$10, being \$13 for the team, or a little more than the price of two horse hides. Mr. Gould's sale realized on the whole \$1600 which was more money than he expected, and which shows that on the whole prices were high for Mr. Gould only had enough implements, etc. to work his 50 acres.

Delos Morris had the biggest sale so far this fall in this section over in Uxbridge township last Thursday. It totalled over \$3000. Implements in several instances selling for more than Mr. Morris paid for them 14 years ago. The sale was well advertised and a large crowd was the result. The Morris are moving to Tilsonburg in the near future.

Harry Hulse, a Queensville farmer has had a radio set installed on his farm, while many residents of Aurora are having sets installed. Local electricians in that section are drumming up the business.

CARD OF THANKS

To the friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful during our bereavement, we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

Samuel Fockler and family.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. J. Bruce and Miss Luella Bruce through this medium desire to convey their sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the many friends for the numerous kindnesses extended to them during their recent bereavement in the loss of a loving husband and father.

MONGOLIA 82 YEARS DRS. FREEL OFFER WARM CRITICISM

The few residents of Markham township who have lived there for eighty years or more could be easily counted, and thus in the death of Annie Barkey at Mongolla on Tuesday morning this week there passed away one more from the ever lessening roll of the earlier inhabitants. The deceased was born and lived at Mongolla for 82 years, being a descendant of a Pennsylvania Dutch family which located in the neighborhood about a century ago. Her father was the late Henry Barkey, and she was of a family of eight children, only one of whom survive, being a brother, Jacob Barkey living near Goodwood, and who is nearing his 90th birthday. The late Annie Barkey was a faithful member of the Mennonite body and devoutly worshipped for more than 50 years as a member of the Wideman congregation. She had lived for some years with a niece, Mrs. Thos. Diller, from whose home the funeral will take place (today), Thursday, Nov. 15th to the Wideman cemetery, Rev. Thos. Reesor, an old friend of the family, conducting the service.

SPIRITED MEETING

With the Methodist church filled with people clear to the gallery on Sunday evening, Rev. Jesse Gibson, the veteran secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society expounded the cause for which his organization was instituted during which time he held the big audience in wrapt attention. He termed the bible, "God's written instructions to you," and preached from the 119th Psalm verses 129 and 130 and Psalm 142, verse 15.

On the platform with the preacher of the evening was: Rev. Fleischer pastor of the Baptist church, Rev. E. Morton, pastor of the Christian church, Rev. R. Young, pastor of the Presbyterian church, while the President of the local organization of the Bible Society, Mr. J. Boardway, opened the service, which was afterwards taken in charge by Rev. Mr. Young. Rev. S. Goudie, of the Mennonite body, offered the prayer of the evening with such a fervent spirit as to fit all hearts to receive the message of the evening in a christian spirit. Rev. Mr. Morton read the 19th Psalm and Mr. Boardway read a report of the business meeting of the Bible Society which last year raised \$658.88.

The assembly sanctioned the appointment of officers for the current year as follows:

President—Jos. Grove, Ringwood.

Secretary—Geo. Baker, Stouffville.

Vice-Pres.—The local ministers.

No canvassing was done at this meeting nor was there any collection lifted, and it is expected this work will be carried on in a few days' time by the committee in charge. Those who attended this meeting should need very little explanation as to the great work of the Society and the need for more money by an organization so generous as that represented by Rev. Mr. Gibson.

Rev. W. M. McGuire, pastor of the Mennonite church, in a brief prayer for the success of the meeting and the further extension of the work of the Bible Society, brought the service to a close.

Stouffville and district Bible Society is known as one of the most generous in Canada, for they stand almost ahead of all other similar organizations in yearly contributions to the Bible Society.

WITH THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, Nov. 18th

10.15 a.m.—Adult Bible Class.
11.00 a.m.—Worship and Preaching
Rev. F. Sommers will preach

BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor

Sunday, Nov. 18th

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Church Service.
7 p.m.—Church service.
The pastor will preach at both services.

The B.Y.P.U. meets Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

MENNONITE

Rev. W. M. McGuire, pastor

Sunday, Nov. 18th

10 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Preaching service.
7 p.m.—Gospel service.

The pastor will be charge of both services.

Monday, 8 p.m.—The regular meeting of the Young People's Mission Circle.

Wednesday, 7.45—Bible study, prayer and fellowship. You are invited to any or all these services.

METHODIST

Sunday, Nov. 18th

11 a.m.—The pastor.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—The pastor.

Bloomington, 2.30 p.m. Communion service.

Monday, Nov. 19th. Young People's meetings.
"Parliament of Missions."
Wednesday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Prayer service.

Last week The Tribune published the finding of Mr. Burns, Provincial Engineer in connection with the Typhoid epidemic in Stouffville some time ago, and which has since practically all disappeared. This was published under authority of the Board of Health, who are supposed to act for the citizens in respect to health matters, and as representatives of the ratepayers, the people should know what they are doing.

On Wednesday morning Mr. J. W. McCullough, solicitor, requested the Tribune to publish the following communications from Drs. Freel and Mr. and Mrs. Wideman:

Dear Sir—The petty spite shown in the resolution in your last issue of dominant members of our local Board of Health, re typhoid epidemic was due to our sending notice to Provincial Board of Health of Typhoid in Stouffville, which brought out a trained epidemic physician to stamp out the disease. Why not? It cost the corporation nothing.

Future epidemics would advise our Board of Health to lay aside their dignity and freely ask the services of trained physicians of the Provincial Board of Health who are paid by the Province.

No one wants to be sick.

These are the facts:

(1) On October 2nd we sent a communication to Provincial Board of Health that we had a number of Typhoid cases under our care.

(2) Dr. McClellanah, the District Medical Health Officer of the Provincial Board of Health came out to investigate, and in company of the Senior member of our firm, and Dr. Ball local Medical Health Officer, made an inspection of cited cases.

A blood test was made of three of our patients which the laboratory pronounced Typhoid.

(3) Two days afterwards Dr. McClellanah again came to investigate and was informed by Dr. Ball, our local Medical Health Officer that there were no cases of Typhoid except those under the care of the Freels.

On the same day after learning the names of families with continued illness, Dr. McClellanah went back to Dr. Ball and insisted on a blood test of several of these families, which the Toronto Laboratory diagnosed as Typhoid.

One might think with these facts in front of them, the Stouffville Board of Health would don the mantle of modesty and be coy of rushing into print, boasting of what they did or knew they could do, when a Medical man from Hamilton had to journey to Stouffville to tell them of further cases of Typhoid which they had previously denied.

Note well! The report of Dr. McClellanah, October 15th, was not included in the Board of Health resolution. Why? He is in charge of the epidemic, he should know. Why? Because it rapped the tender knuckles of the spiteful twins.

In regard to Engineer's report have no hesitancy in saying, it was based on inadequate information.

Where did Mr. Burns get his knowledge? Not from us who had had eight cases out of twelve (recognized cases) and therefore capable of giving information. Burns never spoke a word to us, directly or indirectly. Why?

Suppose the chief buglers kept up such a resonant duet that the poor engineer was unable to see our reservoirs were without a gate innocent even of hinges.

In Mr. John Wideman's case, the Board of Health knew that there was a difference of opinion amongst medical attendants as to the nature of his illness which was only decided typhoid by Dr. McClellanah's blood test. This must have been concealed from Mr. Burns by the dominant members of our Board of Health. Why?

We do not want to appear that we are speaking disparagingly of the Town Physicians, such not being our intention; as we know we average up with the doctors of the Province, having our differences (which is right and proper) but on the whole anxious to do the right thing.

Fail to see anything gained by the unkind, unnecessary and impolitic reference to Mr. John Wideman. A respectable man with respectable connections.

Mr. Wideman through the Dutch Church might ask of the Board of Health where he got the typhoid. Might ask the nature of the summer illness in Stouffville.

They might even go further and forget to do their trading in Stouffville as a protest to unnecessary publicity of one of their valued members.

The Freels have been practicing in Stouffville, (three generations), for seventy-five years or over, and will continue to take an interest in public affairs. Accepting knocks and handing out the same in return, but always earnestly hope free of petty malice. Yours truly,

Ira & Herbert Freel

Nov. 13th, 1923.

(Both Dr. McClellanah and Engineer Burns work under Dr. McCullough, Chief Health Officer, and when one issues a report, as in this case, we believe the other is cognizant of its contents. However, in fairness to Drs. Freel and to the local Board of Health, Dr. McClellanah's report, when he completes it, ought to be published, and accepted by all parties.—Editor.)

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davey were in Toronto over Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Porter spent Thanksgiving Day in Hamilton.

Mrs. F. L. Button and son Reg. spent a few days, in Toronto this week.

Harold Gray of the Standard bank staff, Kingston, was home for Thanksgiving.

H. V. Morden and Miss Tennyson of Toronto spent the week end at the Reeve's.

Miss Malze Silversides and little niece Ruth, were in Toronto for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Jos. Todd of Picton is spending a short time with Mrs. Lou Todd.

Mrs. Wm. Morgason and daughter Miss Morgason, are visiting in Toronto with the former's son.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheeseman and son Reginald of Toronto spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Geo. Boardway.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Toronto, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Hoover, Church street.

Mrs. McLean of Toronto visited her son Charlie and his grandmother Mrs. C. Perry over Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neil (nee Abbie Collins) of Agincourt were visiting in town on Saturday last.

Miss Greta Smith of Toronto University, and Nell from Dental College were home over the holiday season.

J. W. McCullough and wife spent Thanksgiving with their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Toronto.

Dr. Ira and Mrs. Freel and his niece, Miss Ada Robinson expect to leave about December 1st to spend some time in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Walker, Miss Ada and Miss Mable Walker of Toronto, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Reaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowhurst of Toronto, also Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ramer of Richmond Hill were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hamilton, O'Brien Avenue.

Thanksgiving Day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Collins, east end, were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Jerman, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clark and family, all of Toronto, also Mr. and Mrs. Merl Davis of Lansing, Mich.

Miss Marshall of Toronto spent the holiday at the home of her brother, F. Marshall, the new manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Miss Marshall sang a solo in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, much to the delight of the congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barkey of Toronto, residents here until about five years ago were at their old home which they still retain near the Disciple church, west end, spent the week end in town. The Barkeys find Stouffville a good place to spend the week ends during the summer months.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

There has been an unwarranted use of my name in the columns of The Tribune, as the cause of the Typhoid epidemic in Stouffville.

First let me ask, where did I get Typhoid?

What proof that milk from my premises was infected? None whatever.

I was sick three weeks under the care of another physician before consulting Dr. Freel who said I had Typhoid, but it was only the blood test taken on October 5th that put the matter beyond doubt that I had Typhoid.

Moreover I was not the first case of illness in Stouffville, for there were two children on O'Brien Ave., sick for weeks and weeks with a continued fever last summer.

What was the matter with the lad on Mill street who was so bad his life was despaired of?

A long sickness at an east end house with a continuous fever.

I think I got my severe sickness from Stouffville, unrecognised cases.

It was Dr. Freel who told me not to sell milk.

Both Mrs. Wideman and myself were closely questioned by Dr. McClellanah if I had been drinking Stouffville water.

It seems to me that other sources of infection should have been looked for instead of so much time spent on milk, which has never been shown absolutely at fault.

Why was a card sent to each householder to boil water and milk, signed by all the physicians, if I alone were to blame?

Why was the existence of Typhoid so flatly denied, and it was only the pressure of an outside doctor, with his blood tests that brought a number of concealed cases to light. I would ask how many concealed cases has Stouffville had this last year?

I fully believe if all the doctors had been as outspoken as Dr. Freel in calling his cases Typhoid, I would never have caught my long illness.

I live in a christian community, and my long illness should at least have given me fair consideration, but it seems easier to tag a sick man than to look deeper for the trouble.

John Wideman

Mrs. John Wideman

Nov. 10, 1923.

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