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JOINT PASTORATE FOR UNION CHURCH

The local boards of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches are dealing with the problem of uniting the two congregations under one roof. At a joint meeting last week, the officials were addressed by Rev. Mr. Miller, representing the Presbytery and by Rev. C. W. Watch, chairman of this Methodist district. It was pointed out by these men that even if a union were consummated here on the 10th of June, the congregations would be required to maintain two ministers until such time as the machinery for operating the United Church of Canada was properly functioning, and the district re-organized so that the country churches would not be deserted in the meantime.

It was decided to call separate meetings of the two boards early this week and again on Friday night hold a joint meeting of the boards, following which a congregational meeting will be held.

The plan most favored is that the congregations should worship together after the 10th of June, and maintain two ministers and work the outside churches, Melville and Bloomington, as at present until such time as the United Church comes properly into an organized body. This is likely to be the outcome of the meetings now being held.

GORNLEY

Miss M. Johnson visited her aunt, Mrs. Frank Thompson.

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cober on Easter Sunday.

Miss Cora Steckley is home from Buffalo, where she has been employed for some time.

Mrs. J. Thompson spent a few days with her son and daughter in Mount Dennis.

The snowfall which we had on Sunday, makes one think of winter again, rather than seeding or house cleaning.

The ruler factory here is a busy one at present. Eight employees are at work, some of them working for several hours at night.

A great number of the young folks report a good time at the party held at Mr. Ed. Leary's on Friday night. Too bad you had to stay home and take care of the mumps, Edna.

Both Sunday School and Church were lifted at the Mennonite church on Sunday last, owing to the funeral of the well known Mrs. Wesley Steckley of Bethesda.

Another funeral took place on Friday afternoon, when the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nigh, age three years and two months, was laid to rest, in the Heise Hill cemetery.

RINGWOOD

Who said winter was over? E. R. Sinclair and family moved to Toronto on Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. Law were Toronto visitors over Sunday.

Jacob Grove's attraction seems to be west this last while.

A great many in our burg are suffering from severe colds.

Mrs. Bingham of Toronto, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Ayers.

Hugh Fockler and family have moved into the house vacated by Ed. Cook.

Miss Addie Pipher of Toronto, spent the holiday under the parental roof.

Miss Alma Brownsberger has gone to Bethesda for the summer months. A little longer drive Ross.

Wm. Pipher is busily engaged getting his threshing outfit in A1 shape for the coming season.

BETHESDA

Mrs. J. Scott of Aurora, was visiting friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Steckley spent Easter holidays at Guelph.

The lighting system at our church has been improved by having new gas lights.

Miss Cora Pointon of Toronto, visited friends here over the week end.

Miss Bessie Bollander of Toronto, spent Easter holidays at her grandmother's, Mrs. J. Steckley's.

Following an illness that was not considered serious until recently, death claimed Mrs. J. Wesley Steckley of Bethesda, on Thursday, April 16th. For eighteen years, or since her marriage, Mrs. Steckley had been a resident of this place, and her many friends here mourn her passing away. She was born at Roseville in western Ontario, and besides her husband and an only son, Arthur, she is survived by four brothers all living in Kitchener and one sister in Alberta. The funeral on Sunday to Dixon Hill church was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Yates conducting the last sad rites, assisted by Rev. Mr. Burgess. Interment was made at the little cemetery adjoining the church. The passing of Mrs. Steckley removes from our midst a christian life and character we all admired, and a woman of kindly instincts.

20 YEARS FOR SLEE

In the assizes court at Whitby last week, after thirty minutes deliberation, the petit jury returned with a verdict of guilty against Thomas Slee charged with conspiracy to commit arson.

Mr. Justice Riddell concurred with the finding of the jury, saying he thought their finding was a proper one, and reserved sentence until later in the day, when he gave Slee 12 years in Kingston Penitentiary.

Slee, asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed, said "Yes, I am not guilty. I never conspired with anyone to do it. There is no evidence that I did it. It is only his word against mine."

His Lordship: "Sheriff, remove the prisoner, I will sentence him later."

Thomas Slee of Zephyr, charged with conspiracy to commit arson was the only criminal case before Mr. Justice Riddell at the spring assizes at Whitby last week. The grand jury returned a true bill after calling one witness and within half hour Slee had been arraigned, the petit jury sworn and the case progressing.

J. O. Bartlett testified that his store had been burned to the ground at a loss of about \$13,500, covered by \$7,500 insurance.

Wm. Hillis, internationally known safe blower, now serving a term in Kingston penitentiary, testified that he made a deal with the prisoner to burn the store of J. O. Bartlett at Zephyr. The negotiations were carried out in the National Hotel in Toronto and he was to receive \$100 for the job. Witness told of a first visit to the premises in Zephyr and of looking over the ground, and of going back to Toronto and returning to Zephyr on the morning of Sept. 30th last between 3.30 and 4.30 o'clock in company with Charles Laing and D. Ward and with gasoline as a fuel set fire to the store, and returned to Toronto, and meeting Mr. Slee in Toronto at a later date he was given \$50 by Slee which he split up between his two accomplices, Ward and Laing.

Col. Lennox took Hillis step by step over his past life. Witness said he had never been in jail until he was 33 years of age but agreed he had spent the greater part of the last 22 years in custody. Witness said Slee had asked him if he wanted to earn some easy money and replying in the affirmative, he said Slee told him he would give him \$100 to burn a building in Zephyr, saying he was to keep the deal a secret, and that Slee had said Bartlett would have to buy, his, Slee's store, or build another.

Asked why he did not burn the store the first time he went out to do it, he said, the "job" was not done because of a house which was very close to the store and he did not want to do too much damage for \$100.

Charles Laing, next witness called, said he did not know the prisoner, but knew Hillis and confirmed the statements of Hillis so far as setting fire to the store was concerned. He could tell of no arrangements with Slee as to setting fire to the store, but did make a deal with Hillis to do the "work" and did do it, and he got \$16 for it from Hillis.

Witness during cross examination, said he had previously served a five year term and was now doing a three year "bit" for the theft of bonds from James Lucas at Port Perry. He also admitted he had a checkered criminal career.

Slee on the stand denied the truth of the statements made by Hillis and Laing and said there was no opposition to speak of between his store and Bartlett's and that his business was flourishing and that he had refused to sell out.

A number of witnesses were called by the crown and a few by the defence, including Mrs. Slee and character witnesses. Mr. Lennox in addressing the jury advanced the argument that Hillis, Laing and Ward had robbed the Bartlett store and then set fire to it to cover up their tracks, but offered no suggestion as to why the men accused Slee of conspiring to commit arson.

Mr. Shearer held in his address that Slee was guilty of the offense charged, and stressed that Hillis, a man of skill in his unlawful profession was a proper person for anyone who wanted arson done to hire. That if burglary had been done and fire then set to the building, he held that the men would have taken \$23 that was in silver under the till in the store, which was not done.

His Lordship charged the jury at some length on the law in the matter, dealing with conviction on the evidence of accomplices, and the method of selecting a truthful witness. He charged that Hillis had no advantage in telling a story that was not true, and it was backed up by Laing, who he remarked had some spark of good left in him. He discredited Slee's evidence which he said was of tremendous advantage to Slee if it was believed and remarked the crown witnesses had nothing to gain they being now in penitentiary serving long sentences.

"Is there anything to indicate that this was not a straight piece of wicked, malicious arson," he asked the jury. He could not see where the evidence showed there had been robbery. "Why would these three jail birds go out and set fire to this store unless they were to be paid for it?" he asked the jury to say.

Toronto goes on daylight saving time on May 3rd.

NOW THEN!

Mr. Adam R. Ross, whose father taught school in Stouffville some 45 years ago, is anxious to receive a photograph of the old school, as previously stated in The Tribune. Here is an inducement for The Board of Trade to get that photograph:

April 14th, 1925

Dear Sir:—I note the people of Stouffville are raising a fund for the park. If the old school photograph I wrote you about a few weeks ago can be produced by some interested citizen, I will guarantee a substantial cash contribution. Sincerely yours,

Adam R. Ross,
121 Bleddyn Road,
Ardmore, Pa.

PUBLIC MEETING!

Stouffville, Thursday, April 23rd, at 8 p.m., Auditorium Theatre.

Moving Pictures
Dr. W. J. Bell, "Infant Feeding"
Dr. J. T. Phair, "Health of the School-age Child"

Dr. F. J. Conboy, "Dentistry as part of a Public Health Program"
Dr. D. A. McClenahan, District Officer of Health.

The meeting has been arranged by the Stouffville Local Board of Health under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Health.

This will complete the demonstration in Public Health which Miss Hally has been doing during past month.

The public are cordially invited to attend and No Admission will be charged.

At 4.30 p.m., there will be special moving pictures for School Children Free to all.

A DRY SUMMER

British meteorologists have been joined by the Smithsonian Institute in rather alarming predictions concerning an impending drought. It seems the meteorologists and astronomers have been able to observe gigantic and most peculiar fireworks on the sun, and this, they claim, is an indication of a dry period on the earth. The effect of the drought is not to be local, like a total or partial eclipse, but the evil results will be suffered over a large part of the earth's surface.

Some people are still incredulous and pay little attention to the predictions of the scientific weather man. The local weather prophet is still paramount in some communities while the actions of the squirrel and ground-hog convey unerring truths to certain people.

The efficiency of the weather bureau has a rather disturbing effect on one's peace of mind, for it is just as well not to know too soon of impending calamities and disasters. Be he believer or doubter, however the agriculturist can well afford to guard against the rather serious outcome of this recent disturbing prediction. Good seed and thorough tillage are the best and most practical safeguards against the ill effects of drought. Should the season of 1925 be characterized by lack of moisture, the careful farmer who sows good seed in a well-prepared seed bed, and gives his hoed crop the cultivation it requires, will have done his part to meet any emergencies that may arise; and should the season not prove unusual in any respect, the precaution will be rewarded in still larger yields, greater profits and increased satisfaction.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual Whitby-Lindsay Association B.Y.P.U. rally was held in Oshawa this month, 66 registered from Stouffville, Lindsay, Whitby, Sunderland, Manilla, Claremont, Toronto and Uxbridge.

Outstanding features of the day's session were two excellent addresses by Rev. John Linton, of High Park Church, Toronto.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary President; Rev. W. W. Fleischer, Stouffville; President, C. Wilkins, Sunderland; Vice-President, Miss T. Priest, Whitby; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss H. Kitchener, Lindsay.

AUCTION SALE

TUESDAY, MAY 5th—Eight roomed brick house with kitchen, in good condition also barn and furniture, situate in Village of Claremont. 1 1/2 acre of land will be sold in two parcels, belonging to the estate of the late Wm. Edwards. Sale at 1.30. See bills. Wm. Maw, auctioneer.

HEALTH NOTICE

Parties having privy vaults above or below ground, are hereby notified that the same shall be cleaned on or before May 1st.

Also all yards and rear premises of stores, all stables, cellars and other places, must have any objectionable rubbish and decayed vegetable matter removed by May 1st, after which date the local officer of health will inspect all premises.

Parties neglecting to comply with the Health Act in this regard will be promptly dealt with.

By order
Stouffville Board of Health
Stouffville, April 20th, 1925

PERSONAL NOTES

Bert Boyd spent Sunday at Mr. A. Bartholomew's.

Miss Doreen Hodgins spent Easter holidays with Mrs. Monks at Balm Beach, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Helmkey of Newmarket, visited his brother in town on Thursday last.

Miss Stella McComb has returned to Toronto after a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Winterstein.

Miss Aileen Lewis has returned home after spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Howard Kelly, Kingston, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wagg of Toronto, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. J. Patterson of Bloomington.

Misses E. Stiver and A. Stiver and Miss M. McCron all of Toronto, were guests of Misses Nellie and Hanna Stiver over Sunday.

Mr. Harvey Schell, accompanied by his mother, and niece Louie McMullen, all of Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Schell.

Dr. and Mrs. Jamieson and Master Ralph and Miss Aileen Jamieson of Hamilton, visited over Sunday at the home of Mrs. Jamieson's father A. S. Leaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly and family of Kingston, spent the Easter holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, west of town.

THE 24th at BROOKLIN

The prize list for the Brooklin Spring Fair on May 24th is just out of the press, and copies may be had at the Tribune office.

The entertainment committee have engaged The Stouffville Citizens' Band for the day, and among other attractions there will be a big Callithumpian parade at 1 p.m. The prize list is a most liberal one, including all the usual classes in harness, Agricultural team in harness, and light horses in harness, the prizes are \$20, \$15 and \$10. Cattle exhibits are also very attractive.

Stouffville Baseball team will play the Oshawa Red Sox, while Ladies soft ball games will be competed for by Whitby and Brooklin teams. Football is also on the program.

Percy Stover, son of our townsman, Elias Stover, is a member of the entertainment committee, and he promises one of the biggest day's sport in a life-time to the big following the band boys will have with them when they journey to Brooklin on the Queen's birthday.

WITH THE CHURCHES

MENNONITE CHURCH

A. G. Warder, Pastor
Sunday, April 26th.
10 a.m.—Sunday School
11 a.m.—Preaching by the pastor.
7 p.m.—Preaching by the helper, Altona (union)
7 p.m.—Preaching by the pastor.
On Monday, April 27th, re-organization of Young People's Society at Altona, 8 p.m. Rev. S. Cressman of Kitchener, Ont., will (D.V.) be present to conduct and address the meeting. Special singing. All are welcome.

BAPTIST

Rev. W. W. Fleischer, pastor.
Sunday, April 26th.
10 a.m.—Bible School meets.
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7 p.m.—Subject, "Lessons from a Pile of Bricks."
Remember our prayer meetings Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m.
On Wednesday nights the pastor is conducting a series of talks on "Seven Parables of our Lord." Bring your bible and enter this helpful and interesting series with us.

METHODIST CHURCH

Geo. E. Coulter, pastor
Sunday, April 26th.
The services will be conducted by a Victoria College student.
11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
2.30—Bible Study.
Monday, April 27th—Young people League.
Tuesday, April 28th—The Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Heise, at 8 p.m. Election of officers.
Wednesday, April 29th—Prayer service 7.30, followed by Sunday school meeting. Election of officers.
Please Note, Friday, April 24th; at 8.15 meeting of joint boards of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Edgar Morton, pastor
Sunday, April 26th.
Do we want health and prosperity? I mean the greatest kind of health and prosperity. Then let us give special attention to the needs of the soul. A healthy soul with a pure mind and heart is what we shall need, when these bodies made up of dust, shall have to give up. What a common thing it is to hear of a man or woman having to give up work.
Services as usual next Sunday. Come because you love the Lord.

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