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WIDEMAN'S LAWYER PLEADS BOY NOT RESPONSIBLE

Magistrate's Court Sends Strange Ringwood Case to a Higher Tribunal

WIDEMAN RE-ARRESTED

Inspector's Evidence Alters Defence Plea of Not Guilty to one of Irresponsibility

Theodore Wideman, charged with maliciously damaging motor cars belonging to several citizens of Stouffville and surrounding district has been sent up for trial before a judge, and a jury if he so elects. This case which was covered in last issue, was resumed last Wednesday before Magistrate Wm. Keith in county court, when the above decision was rendered by His Worship. Only the story of Inspector Hammond was heard on Wednesday, and immediately after his testimony Mr. Campbell Line, defence counsel, said he would change his plea of not guilty to one of insanity. Mr. Line stated that this was the first time he had heard this evidence of the Inspector and because of it he asked permission to plead that the boy is not responsible. The magistrate thereupon sent the case to a higher court.

Inspector Hammond explained to the court that he is attached to a private detective agency, and under instructions was sent out to Ringwood on July 2 of this year to investigate this case. Ultimately Wideman admitted to him that he had suggested to Fred Neely that they break into the Strong Garage at Stouffville and dope a car there some night. "He also told the Inspector according to the evidence that he had left out a piston ring when putting an engine together, and this purposely."

Later Detective Hammond arranged a meeting with Inspector Cummings, when Wideman admitted in the presence of both inspectors the doping of cars belonging to Frank Harvey, Willis Lehman, Dr. H. Freest A. V. Nolan and Lindsay Ferguson.

Wideman told the officers, according to further testimony that he used brown sugar, salomonic acid and grinding compound. Inspector Hammond then prepared a written statement of all Wideman had admitted suggesting to Wideman that he sign it, but with these words, "For God's sake Wideman don't sign that if it is not true." Wideman, he said willingly signed up.

The next day after this confession Wideman denied everything he had done or said in the presence of the inspector, reversing his whole admission of the day previous.

At this point in the investigation Inspector Hammond said he felt something was not just right with the boy.

To Magistrate Keith the Inspector said the boy seemed to realize the situation he was in. He cried. He gave no reason, and denied that anyone is behind him, but at the same time declared he had nothing against any of the car owners whose property he is alleged to have damaged.

It was after hearing this that Wideman's lawyer pleaded insanity. Two doctors at the hospital for mental diseases at Whitby had found nothing wrong with the boy after two doctors at the Don Jail had declared him insane. "In the face of what we have heard from the Inspector and on the findings of at least two doctors," said Mr. Line, responsible for his action. "My only plea is that the boy is not responsible for his action."

Magistrate Keith complimented the Inspector on the fair manner he showed toward the boy and throughout the case.

Wideman was immediately taken into custody again after being on bail for a week. His lawyer hoped to obtain a speedy trial in a higher court, falling which steps will be taken to secure bail.

Old Boys to Take Pot Luck for Supper

On Friday evening this week the Stouffville Old Boys' and Girls' Association in Toronto will hold a pot luck supper in the Public Utilities Hall, 60 Bond street, Toronto, at 6 p.m. Ruthven McDonald, the well known baritone and entertainer will be on the program, while an interesting new feature will be a contest, "who knows the most news about Stouffville." Points for the most news that others do not know will determine the winner. And the prize! Well just come and see it. The Tribune hopes that a good representative crowd will go down and hear possibly a few things about the old town that they have forgotten.

PROVINCIAL HONORS

Stouffville Lads Captured all First Prizes in Tractor Classes on Friday at Peterboro

With another provincial plowing match drawing to a close at Peterboro last week, York County plowmen added fresh laurels to their long string of wins. In points York County won the inter-county competition with a total of 261, the next nearest competitor being Brant with a total of 256. This is the second straight win for York boys.

On the last day of the match (Friday) Stouffville farmers excelled themselves and cleaned up the entire list of first prizes in the tractor classes. Fred Timbers won first in the 12" class and was presented with the C.N.E. trophy, being a cabinet of silver. Pat Steckley also won a first in the 10" class, and was presented with a modern cook stove valued at \$74. In the three furrow plowing with tractor Harry Pugh was the lucky boy, winning first, and being presented with the large cabinet of silver containing twelve dozen of each article in the set, with a total value of over \$200.

The provincial match held this year at Peterboro was attended by many local farmers, and while the plowmen report the soil good for plowing they found it stoney, accounting for breaking of plenty of points. Rain cut the attendance this year, but not the entries which in the whole international plowing match series was 503 or 66 more than at Stratford last year.

Other local prize winners included Lloyd Turner, D. J. Tran, Lloyd Steckley and the Ferguson boys from the 9th.

Plowmen and city officials were guest of the Peterboro council on Friday night when Hon. T. L. Kennedy, provincial minister of agriculture, was chief speaker.

A Woodstock man, W.O. Grenzback, won the title in the best plowed land in sod, tractor or plow. A new horsehoe pitching record, surpassing the best scores of the provincial plowing matches and the Royal Winter Fair, was registered in the singles competition by Joseph Golden of Mount Dennis, with a score of 203. D. A. Tiffin, Islington, was second with 190. Mrs. D. G. Jackson of Toronto won the ladies' single with a score of 121, the only other contestant, Mrs. D. Napier of Toronto, registering 51. Both were awarded silver plated horsehoes.

MASS MEETING

Don't forget the mass meeting, Sunday evening Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m. in interest of the U. C. Bible Society. The chief speaker will be Rev. Mr. Banfield, with a world wide experience and a translator of the New Testament. He will show lantern slides. Don't fail to hear him. No collection will be lifted at this service. Mr. Banfield will preach at Peachs Church at 10 a.m. and at Churchill at 2.30 p.m.

D. H. Rusnell, President.

Dates of Plowing Matches

Eramosa	Eramosa Tp.	Nov 4
Frontenac Co.	Kingston	Oct. 23
Haldimand Co.	Hagersville	Oct. 29
Haltou Co.	Milton	Oct. 30
Mount Pleasant	South Perth	Oct. 27
South Ont.	Claremont	Oct. 28
Peel Co.	Brampton	Oct. 23
Ferth Co.	Stratford	Oct. 23
Six Nations	Ohswesken	Oct. 31
Wellesley Tp.	Crosshill	Oct. 27
York, East	Agincourt	Nov. 4
York, North	Wilcox Lake	Oct. 22

BUTCHER PASSES OUT AFTER 30 YEARS IN BED

A strange case of rheumatism ended last week when James King, butcher, passed away at the age of 74 at his home in Uxbridge.

Thirty years ago Mr. King took to his bed with rheumatism, and was never able to leave it until carried away in death. For 25 years he was absolutely helpless, being unable to move even his legs or arms. Despite this affliction his mind was keen, and he kept abreast of events in a wonderful way.

When Mr. King first took ill in bed there was not a motor car in Uxbridge, and of course he never had a ride in one. Having a down stair bedroom and by means of a looking glass placed in a certain position, he was able to see a real automobile drawn up before his bedroom window, and by the same device he could inspect at long range the cattle brought to his butcher shop by his son when he first undertook to do the buying for his father. The late Mr. King leaves three children namely: Mrs. Neville of Vancouver, Miss Cella, and Mr. Percy who still continues in the butchering business with King & Knight.

FARMERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE STRUCK BY TRAIN

Percy Spofford Suffers Loss of Foot—Failed to See Passing Freight at Langstaff in Darkness of Night.

This community was startled to learn of the terrible accident which befel a group of well-known Markham farmers, Edward Nigh, Robt. Agar, Fred Carruthers and Percy Spofford when the car in which they were returning from Toronto at an early hour last Sunday morning, collided with a north bound freight train at the Langstaff jail farm crossing. Mr. Spofford had his right foot severed, while the remaining three passengers were more or less cut and bruised from flying glass. Mr. Agar sustained a fractured rib and Mr. Nigh a deep cut on the leg.

Mr. Nigh was driving his own car, and before reaching the crossing as they travelled east, the men noticed a freight engine a long distance to the north, and they presumed the train was well over the crossing, consequently they failed to halt. Within 25 or 30 feet of the crossing, both Mr. Nigh and Mr. Agar in the front seat saw the freight cars flying by, and the driver applied his brakes but it was too late. The auto crashed into the fourth to last car of the long train, the engine of the auto running right under the box car until the windshield crashed against the wooden siding of the fast moving freight.

Contrary to earlier reports, Mr. Spofford who was most seriously injured, did not try to get out of the car, but according to his own statement, when the auto crashed it turned to the right, and he being on the right of the hind seat was thrown against the side of the train. The doors were torn off the car and Mr. Spofford was found lying on the engine of the auto unconscious.

The train came to a stop and doctors were secured from Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Mr. Spofford was rushed to the Toronto General Hospital where his injuries were attended to, and he is doing as well as can be hoped for, although still in a precarious condition.

The sharp decline at this crossing does not permit of car lights flashing on a passing train, and this Mr. Nigh attributes to the failure of all four men to discern the passing freight. In addition to this spot taking a toll of life in the past several years, narrow escapes are reported there just recently. There is a splendid view of the tracks in either direction, but as stated the sharp decline makes it a dangerous spot after night.

Mr. Nigh's Durant car, comparatively new, is now at Strong's garage, Stouffville, and after viewing it one is amazed that anyone could have come out of the wreckage alive.

UXBRIDGE TWP. COUNCIL

Uxbridge Township Council met at Goodwood on Saturday, with all members present, the Reeve Mr. Cassie presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Several sheep valuator's reports in reports of sheep killed by dogs.

Mr. Pickard gave notice that he would at next meeting of council move for leave to introduce a by-law to provide for holding the municipal elections for 1932.

The clerk was instructed to have the Township Hall reinsured. The following road accounts, were passed:

David Symes, drag & repairs	\$14.25
Elwood Carruthers, work	1.25
J. Jones, repairs & work	15.25
Charles Feasby, work, etc.	4.00
Louis Slack, work	19.88
Fred Redshaw	7.21
Joseph Norton, gravel	11.80
Uxbridge Hardware, supplies	6.95
Ceell Wallace, graveling	29.29
Roy Morgan,	65.95
Ceell Latoham,	7.50
Ed. Sheehy, grading	19.75
Wm. Redshaw,	8.50
Richard Carruthers	56.00
Charles Lee,	20.00
Ernest Lager	12.60
David Hockley	2.50
Roy Morgan gravel	19.69

Other Accounts passed

Miss E. A. McKay	9.26
H. Millard, insurance	1.25
W. Huntington, sheep killed	28.00
R. Blueman, valuator	3.00
J. Cooper, valuator	1.00
Isaac Myers, sheep killed	9.00
Wm. Prentice, sheep killed	17.00
R. Blueman, valuator	2.00
Reeve, Clerk & Assessor, selecting jurors	12.00
Times Printing contract	213.69

On motion of Messrs James and Catherwood, council adjourned to meet Saturday Nov. 14th, at 1 p.m. for general business.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Cliff of Toronto was a recent guest with Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Forsythe, Church street.

Mrs. Thos. White of Whitevale is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown and other friends in town.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Gray, of Stayner were weekend guests with Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Lee, Church street.

Mrs. W. C. Taylor of 262 Glenmanor Drive, Toronto, was the guest of her aunts, Misses Mary and Susie Daley, a few days this week.

Over last weekend Mr. and Mrs. J. Grose and Mrs. Ralph Hamilton were guests of their sister Mrs. Basingthwaite, at Copetown, near Hamilton.

Mrs. A. H. Raymer, Baker, Ave., wishes to express her thanks to all those remembering her on her birthday last Monday. Mrs. Raymer reached her 74th year.

Mr. Frank Baker and daughter Mrs. Ramer, also Mr. and Mrs. Haley motored to Caledonia on Monday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feasby of Uxbridge were in Stouffville on Sunday spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, south of town.

Miss P. Styles who has been off duty from the Continuation School staff for a few weeks through illness, is progressing favorably, we understand. She is expecting to resume her work again very shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Watson visited over the weekend with friends at Orangeville and Shelburne. Mrs. Watson remained for this week with Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rutledge of Orangeville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Scott of Toronto are holidaying at their parental home west of Stouffville. Mrs. Scott being a daughter of Mr. Harvey Clendening. Mr. Scott is a member of the Toronto Police Force.

Although their chicken supper is advertised at 50c the Ballantyne Ladies' Aid announced a reduction to 35 and 25c. Now who would miss this annual feast at such bargain prices!

This week Dr. Ira Freest is attending the meeting of the Inter State Post Graduate Medical Association of North America, which assembles this year at Milwaukee, Wis. When the meeting took place in Detroit there were 5000 medical men in attendance.

Councillor and Mrs. D. H. Rusnell and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lehman returned on Tuesday from a three day motor trip to Ferguson, Arthur, Mt. Forest, returning via Shelburne and Alliston.

Mr. John Dickson who arrived home from Western Canada a couple of weeks ago after an absence of 20 years, reached the bedside of his sick mother just a week before she passed away. Despite the fact that it was two decades ere she had set eyes on her son the aged mother recognized him the moment he entered the sick room.

On Friday afternoon Messrs F. L. Button and Blake Sanders chaperoned two car loads of ladies to Toronto at the home of Mrs. Adair and Miss Barrach, where the ladies enjoyed afternoon tea. They brought home to Mrs. Wm. Todd a large luscious strawberry and three lovely roses all grown in Mrs. Adair's garden. Needless to say all had a good time while the fruit and flowers were a real treat.

THE TOWER FUND

Since the last acknowledgement of receipts to this fund \$5 has been contributed from both Dr. E. S. Barker and Mr. Ambrose Stover, Mr. Amos G. Lehman \$2 and smaller sums from Mrs. Feren and Mrs. T. Baston of Goodwood.

To them all we say, thank you.

NOTE FOR \$800 WAS BURNED TO ASHES FRIDAY

Forty-Two Signers are Thus Removed from Liability to Raise \$800 for Tower Fund.

BUSINESS MEN'S MEETING

President Accuses Some Municipal Officials of Showing Hostility to Tower Undertaking

A little old tin plate owned by Dr. Ira Freest, which someone said was obtained from the ruins of King Tut's tomb, dyed embers smouldering slowly down to a black charredness, around which about a dozen business men stood, was a scene any one might have witnessed last Friday evening had they been at the municipal building in response to an invitation sent out through the press for a public meeting, at which the note which financed the building of the clock tower was ceremoniously burned to ashes on the historic aluminium-ware battered as it was from long service.

Dr. Ira Freest, chairman, explained to those present that 42 had signed that note now burned to ashes, libelling themselves for \$25 each in order to see the new tower erected at the fire hall. The financing was accomplished, and all expenses met without using the note at all except perhaps as collateral in the bank for a short time. Dr. Freest criticised the municipal council in his remarks. He said the council hold around \$2000 in the water works fund but they refused to make a grant to the tower fund, and some members were actually hostile to what had been done this summer.

A few hundred old brick, he said had gone into the interior of the wall, and council billed the tower fund \$8 for them. These brick were recovered from the old sidewalk, and were of little or no value. The charge made, said the speaker, indicated the attitude of some councillors toward the whole undertaking. Dr. Freest paid a glowing tribute to those outside citizens who came forward with financial aid, thus enabling Stouffville to erect a memorial offering to consummate the generous offer of the Percy Memorial clock.

A vote of thanks moved by Mr. A. C. Burkholder and Councillor Rusnell, to Col. Herb Lennox for his interest in securing the rebate of customs on the clock coming from England, was unanimously carried, and to Dr. Freest as president of the association which engineered the whole undertaking.

Councillor Rusnell being the only member of the council to be present, said he thought the council was not entitled to the criticism offered by Dr. Freest, and that while he had opposed the water works department making a grant to the tower fund, he personally supported the fund by going on the note. He thought council might have thrown in the old brick without charge and was glad Business Men were able to finance themselves without councils' assistance.

A fund, it was announced, is now established of over \$100 for the installation of a rest room, and on motion of Dr. Barker, the president was authorized to interview the Women's Institute making an offer of this money and further funds accruing to it if they would establish a rest room fund. \$250 is required to install necessary plumbing if the municipal hall site is chosen for such accommodation.

The mission band rally of the Toronto East Presbyterial, will be held in the Stouffville United Church on Saturday, Oct. 24, 1931 at 2.30

Among The Churches

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. W. Fleischer, Pastor
Sunday October 25th 1930

10.00 a.m.—Bible School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7 p.m.—Evening service with drawn in favor of Bible Society Mass Meeting.

STOUFFVILLE and CHURCH HILL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

F. Ervin Hyde, Minister.
Sunday October 25th 1930

10.00 a.m.—Stouffville S. S.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sunday evening service lifted owing to big mass meeting in the United Church, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. Rev. A.V. Banfield will speak.

2 p.m.—Church Hill Sunday School
3 p.m.—Preaching
Service in charge of Rev. A. W. Banfield.
A Cordial Welcome to all

UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Thos. Laflaw, M.A. pastor
Sunday October 25th 1930

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sub. by pastor—"Christian Missions"
2.30—S.S. and Bible Classes
—Business Men's Bible Class
7.00—Mass-Meeting under auspices of Bible Society—Rev. Mr. Banfield, formerly missionary in Africa will give an address illustrated by Lantern Slides. Don't miss this.
8.00 p.m. Monday—"Swastikas" Young Peoples' Society under auspices of Literary and Social Department.

8.00 Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study

The Women's Auxiliary will meet at the home of Mrs. Alf Hoover on Tuesday evening, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m.

You are cordially welcomed to all these services.

BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

E. Morton Preacher
Sunday October 25th 1930

Your blessings and mine are many let us look at them (Christ included) with both eyes; and at our little troubles with but one. As we go to places of worship next Sunday let us ask "What Shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

11.00 a.m.—Bloomington
2.30 p.m.—Ringwood
7.00 p.m.—Altona.

AUCTION SALE

SATURDAY, OCT. 24—Sale of household furniture and other articles belonging to E. J. McMullen, New Gormley. No reserve Terms Cash. Sale at 1 o'clock

A. S. Farmer, auctioneer
SATURDAY, OCT. 24—Credit Sale at lot 9, con. 2, Uxbridge, farm stock and implements, the property of Victor Stover. Sale at one. F.W. Silverlides, Auctioneer

FRIDAY OCT. 30—Credit sale of cattle, sheep, hogs implements and household furniture to be sold at lot 25, con. 8, Whitechurch, the property of Matt. McKeown. No reserve. Sale at one. F. W. Silverlides auctioneer.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31—at lot 23, con. 2, Uxbridge, six acres standing timber to be sold in quarter acre lots, 4 months credit. Sale at one. Morgan Deeger owner. F.W. Silverlides, auctioneer

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11 at lot 1, Con. 3 Whitechurch, farm stock, and implements, the property of Landon Steckley, who is giving up farming. Sale at 1. F. W. Silverlides and A. S. Farmer. Auct.

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