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Linked With First White Settlers in Markham Township

A woman whose great age served as a link between the pioneer settler to York County and the present era, passed away at Warkworth on Sunday, April 23, 1933, in the person of Mrs. Robt. C. Duncan, who would have been 83 years old on July 7th this year.

This grand old mother who for 35 years lived continuously in Stouffville, was a daughter of the late James Mustard and his wife Isabella Bell, and granddaughter of the late Capt. James Mustard, one of the first white settlers in Markham Township, having settled in 1801 opposite the church at Melville. Mrs. Duncan was born in 1850. Over half a century ago, she married the late Robt. Bruce Duncan, and resided for about half of their married life at Gormley. To them were born one son and one daughter, namely, Rev. Gordon Duncan, a Presbyterian minister at Warkworth near Hastings in Northumberland county, and Miss Annie who resides at the Manse with her brother.

In 1894 the family moved to Stouffville where they lived until just a few years ago when the deceased went to reside with her son, although the old home in town here is usually occupied by the family each summer for a short time.

Mrs. Duncan has two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Silver of Unionville and Mrs. Thea Martin of Northport, Wash., and one now deceased Mrs. M. A. Hagerman. Mrs. J. H. Mitchell of Ringwood, and Mrs. Robt. Stewart of Stouffville, are her sisters-in-law. The funeral was held from the family home in Stouffville on Wednesday afternoon of this week, to Melville Cemetery. A large concourse of old friends attended, and floral tributes in large profusion, attested the love and respect held for the departed and her family.

BAKER HEIRS AGENT IS HARD TO GET AT

Securities Commissioner Anxious for Chat With Him
Col. George A. Drew, securities commissioner of the province, is anxious to have a talk with Aaron Feligsohn, named by William Baker as the agent in Pittsburgh who had been paid for services in connection with obtaining settlement of the claims of the heirs to the Baker and four other estates.

Col. Drew's last information was that Feligsohn was paid over \$200,000 for his services and was in a sanitarium in Pittsburgh. "They assured me," said Col. Drew, "that efforts were being made to have an appointment so that I could be able to go and see him. They have never been able to make it."

ALTONA

Buy everything for your garden at Melville Spring Fair, May 12th. Miss Olive and Hilda Madill attended by Mr. Edward Morris and Gordon Bartholomew were at the opening dance at Musselmann's Lake on Thursday night.

Mrs. G. Howsam of Port Perry is visiting with her son E. Howsam and family.

Miss Evelyn Reesor visited with Miss Annie and Verna Lehman on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howsam and family visited with her parents at Prince Albert on Sunday.

The Girls Organized Class, met at the home of Miss Mary and Irene Croster on Friday evening last. An unusual large congregation assembled at the church on Sunday evening to hear the pageant "Sunrise in the Garden" presented by the Girls Organized Class, and Ringwood Orchestra also being in attendance both being much appreciated.

BIRTHS

Smith—At the Private Nursing Home, Church Street, Stouffville, Ontario, on April 23rd, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith, (nee Marjorie Peacock), 387 Woburn Avenue, Toronto, a son (Ronald Roydon)

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LIMIT PLACED ON TWP. ROAD GRANTS

The Ontario Department of Highways has just notified all Ontario Townships of a drastic reduction in road subsidies for 1933, amounting in some cases to 60 and 75 per cent from those paid in 1932.

Markham Township last year expended on roads and bridges between \$29,000 and \$30,000 on which the government paid the customary 40 per cent. Clerk Davidson has been officially informed that the subsidy this year will only be paid on an expenditure of \$15,000, and in speaking to some members of the council they do not see how the township can possibly get by with expending only \$15,000 to maintain the roads.

The Township of Whitchurch with an expenditure of \$15,000 in 1932, is advised that no subsidy will be paid on any expenditure over \$9,000. Uxbridge Township is confined to an expenditure of \$5,500. This move on the part of the Government will provide a real curb on Township Councils, but most of them have been very cautious, and will see a hardship in the limits placed on them. Heretofore the Department paid the 40 per cent subsidy on any amount a township saw fit to expend on its roads, and few are spending any more than they are forced to in order to keep the local roads passable.

GIVE THE ROADS A CHANCE

A man with a fair-sized truck pulled up just a few doors from the office the other day. The truck looked as though it had recently taken a mud bath. There was a length of heavy rope fastened on the side, mute evidence that the truck had been pulled out of the mud.

The driver was mad; he was saying things to any who desired to listen. "Something should be done about those roads. They are awful. I can't get this truck through some of them at all; just goes right down to the hubs and then there's nothing to catch on. We ought to have some people around who would get our roads fixed up."

There was much more of course, but that is sufficient. That took place ten days ago, and we are certain if the driver of that truck had a plot of ground he would not have been digging in it; had he been a farmer he would not have been out trying to run a seed drill. The land was not ready to use and he would have known it without having to be told.

But when it comes to roads which, apart from pavements, are also land, the driver expected that a miracle would have been worked. The frost would come out, the excess moisture depart and the road surface would remain in fine condition.

He probably never stopped to think that when he was forcing that truck of his over some of the roads he was actually taking the surface gravel and driving it away down into the mud below. He was actually doing damage which will require a good deal of work and money to make right.

W. H. PUGSLEY DIES AT HIS RICHMOND HILL HOME IN 82nd YEAR

"Father of Metropolitan Radial" Revere of Richmond Hill for 32 Years.

William H. Pugsley, former warden of York County, and "father of the Metropolitan radial line," died at his home at Richmond Hill, Monday morning, April 24th, in his 82nd year.

Active for over thirty-five years in York County politics, Mr. Pugsley was warden in 1891, when the Metropolitan Radial agreement was signed. For thirty-two years he was reeve of Richmond Hill, never in all those years being defeated in an election, and in most years being elected by acclamation.

Born at Crediton, Devonshire, England, Mr. Pugsley came to Canada at the age of 18. In 1880 he was first elected to the Richmond Hill Council, and five years later was made reeve, a position he held until 1896. He became a member of the York County Council in 1884, and remained so until his retirement from active politics in 1919.

Before the amalgamation of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Independent Order of Foresters, Mr. Pugsley took an active interest in the former lodge. He was a member of St. Mary's Anglican Church, a member of York County Children's Aid Society, and county auditor for criminal justice accounts in Toronto and York County.

Mrs. Pugsley predeceased her husband about two years ago. Surviving is an adopted son, Victor, of Sedley,

NAMING COUNTY TREAS. REVOKED AT BANK'S BEHEST

Council Decides to Advertise Post-Funds Lacking to Finance Schools.

Faced with the lack of funds to finance high schools throughout the county, York County Council in special session last week accepted the edict of the county bankers that no one having past or present connections with the County Council should be appointed treasurer, and revoked a resolution passed the day previous appointing ex-Warden E. Milton Legge to that position.

As a result, the County Council's two-day session, estimated to have cost \$1,800, was nullified, and the warden and commissioners were instructed to advertise for a treasurer, obtain approval of the bankers to the proposed appointee, and then convene another emergency session of the council to validate the appointment by by-law. This decision was reached after a hurried conference with the bankers during the afternoon, at which it was indicated that the county bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, was not prepared to advance funds for the payment of high school grants, until a treasurer satisfactory to them had been appointed.

Grants in Doubt. "We have no assurance that high school grants will be paid as the situation stands now," declared Warden George E. Elliott. The Warden declared that the majority of the municipalities were endeavoring to finance the schools at least until the pupils graduate in June.

The startling state of affairs that 90 per cent of the schools need funds to carry on with at the end of the month was revealed by Deputy-Reeve W. W. Gardhouse, of Weston, chairman of the educational committee.

"The bank is fed up with the way the treasurer's office is being operated," declared the warden. "They want a man appointed with banking experience in whom they can have confidence."

Warden Elliott declared that the commissioners hadn't the authority to pass a by-law delegating the treasurer's powers, referring to the suggestion of members that it was not necessary to convene another special session.

"We look like a bunch of—I don't know what to say—and we should close the schools rather than call another session before the regular June meeting," declared Reeve Herma Kidd of Whitchurch.

Warden Elliott informed the council earlier in the session that the bank had refused to accept the appointment made by council because they were convinced that the appointee should be completely divorced from county politics. The bank's decision had not in any way been influenced by the individual chosen, he assured the members.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Rev. Dr. Brace, a former pastor of Lemonville will preach the Anniversary Services there, on Sunday, May 28th, and special services will continue the following week, and on the following Sunday.

GORMLEY

Buy everything for your garden at Melville Spring Fair, May 12th.

An estate valued at \$47,341.38 was left by Miss Hannah Duncan, late of the village of Gormley, who died April 2. Legates are Elizabeth Kelly, sister, \$150; Edward A. and Albert N. Duncan, nephew, one-eighth of estate each; Alex. Robt. C. Thomas J. Duncan, brothers, and Annie I. Hagerman, sister, one-eighth residue; Laberta J. Stiver, Ada L. Hood, nieces, David A. Duncan, nephew, one-third of one-eighth residue. Assets are, real estate, \$3,500; mortgages, \$34,529.01; cash, \$2,456.62; bonds, \$1,022.75; and household goods, \$150.

Our farmers are getting on the land, and seeding will soon be general.

The late Martha Thomson, aged 73, died at Gormley on April 21, at the home of her son-in-law John Bond. Interment on Sunday was at old St. Andrews cemetery, Scarboro.

NEW TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

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J. A. SANGSTER BURIED IN WEST

(The Leduc, Alberta Weekly)

On the anniversary of his arrival here with his family 34 years ago, John A. Sangster, postmaster and farmer of the Conjuging Creek district, passed away at his home on Thursday, April 6 after a serious illness of several weeks.

Mr. Sangster was born June 7, 1852 in Uxbridge, Ont., his father, the late Robert T. Sangster, being one of the pioneer farmers of the province. In 1888 Mr. Sangster moved to Michigan where he resided until coming to Alberta in 1899. He farmed continuously in the Conjuging Creek district, 14 miles south-west of Leduc, since that time and ranked as one of the oldest postmasters in the province, having opened the Conjuging Creek office and main route in 1900. His only son, Walter A. Sangster, was killed in action during the Great War. Surviving are his widow to whom he was married in Uxbridge, Ontario in 1874; Mrs. G. I. Ferris, Conjuging Creek, Mrs. G. L. Kennedy, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Mrs. C. H. Stout, Calgary, daughters; Frank Sangster and Dr. Walter A. Sangster, Stouffville, Ontario, Dr. A. E. Sangster, Cheboygan, Mich., Dr. H. E. Sangster, Calumet, Mich., brothers; Mrs. E. J. Tarney, Sunnybrook, Mrs. J. M. Hughes and Mrs. R. O. Dahl, Conjuging Creek, granddaughters; Hubert Kennedy and Walter Kennedy, Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Laurence H. Stout, Vancouver, Geo. H. Stout and Monte H. Stout, Calgary, grandsons. Also eleven great grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at his late residence on Saturday, April 8, at 1:30 p.m. Rev. E. J. Thompson of St. David's United Church officiated and interment was made in Conjuging Creek cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. E. Faulkner, W. J. Blondheim, E. C. Hamilton, H. S. Hamilton, E. J. Cook and J. F. Tarney. Beautiful floral tributes were received from: Wife and family; Clarence, Jessie and the boys; Imogene, Esther and Helen Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Fyess; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Alpaugh; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Pedley and Alice; The Blondheims; Mr. and Mrs. Jens Pederson and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Coates and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Emery; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Sank; C. K. Francis; teacher and pupils of Humble school; Conjuging Lake community club; Conjuging U.F.W.A.; Conjuging U.F.A.; Spruce Corner W.L., Conjuging Creek W.L.

Buy everything for your garden at Melville Spring Fair, May 12th.

MELVILLE

Miss Marion Sellers spent a few days with Miss Vera Topham last week.

Mr. P. Spofford and Mr. Fred Carruthers motored to Toronto one day this week.

A new bungalow is being rushed to completion on Mr. Grant's farm on Melville Hill.

Miss Jean McEwen was the guest of Miss Marion Hodgson of Church Hill for the Easter week.

Mr. Jos. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Todd of Gillford were the guests of Rev. J. and Mrs. McEwen on Friday.

The Stouffville United Church Choir under the direction of Mr. Robt. Leslie will supply the music in Melville Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, everybody welcome.

If there is anything new under the sun, here it is, Melville Spring Fair, on May 12th, everything for your garden will be available at astonishingly low prices, healthy vegetable and flower plants, in boxes will be supplied by a reliable gardener, there will also be an adequate supply of bulbs, shrubs, rose bushes, grape-vines, etc., amusements provided for all. Particulars and place later.

Miss Ethel Carruthers visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carruthers during the Easter holidays. Mr. Frank Lister visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carruthers one day last week.

Miss Marjorie Lehman has completed her hospital training at Belleville, and has returned home after being away for nine months.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Putterbaugh and family of Maple visited with Mrs. M. and Miss Edna Houke on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bateman of Gillford have moved to their farm, recently purchased from Mr. P. Spofford, we welcome them to this community.

FREE DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS RESUMED

Distribution of free vegetables and flower seeds to the children of York County to enable them to compete in the school fairs this autumn began last week and will probably be completed this week.

Following the decision of the provincial department of agriculture last year to discontinue the free distribution of seed and the resulting inferiority of vegetables and flower exhibits at last year's school fairs, the department of education has undertaken to provide seed this year.

Each child will get one package of vegetable seed and one package of flower seed, choosing the variety of each that he or she will plant. The seeds are being sent from the office of the county agricultural representative, Ralph E. White, at Newmarket. The seeds include eight varieties of flowers and six varieties of vegetables.

The children of York county will plant 450 pkgs. of field corn; 1,000 of sweet corn; 550 of mangels; 700 of turnips; 800 of beets; 800 of carrots; 700 of onions; 500 of parsnips; 800 of asters; 750 of zinnia; 750 of verbena; 750 of French marigold; 750 of pinks.

Todd Residence Burned to Ashes at Goodwood

The most disastrous fire to occur in this neighborhood broke out here just before noon hour on Sunday, when a spark from the chimney started a fire on the John Todd farm just east of the village which totally destroyed the red brick house.

Fortunately plenty of help was able to save all the household furniture and only the seed potatoes and other things in the cellar were burned. A call for help was phoned to Uxbridge but as the brigade there had no chemical outfit, they could render no assistance. Then an appeal was made to the Stouffville brigade. Their chemical wagon arrived in short order but too late to be any use. The chemical deadened the fire, but it broke out again. The telephone was even removed from the wall, along with all the furnishings which belong to Miss Jessie Todd the occupant.

The late John Todd, remodelled the house 40 years ago and it was a well known residence in the township. The loss will mostly be covered by insurance, and Miss Todd is contemplating rebuilding.

GOODWOOD

Mrs. Watson of Stouffville spent a day visiting friends in town last week.

Miss Gladys Wagg visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. Milford Rose, of Ballantrae.

Horse Shoe Pitching has once more taken the floor here. We expect some of our experts to win the championship this year.

Mrs. R. Hynes of Stouffville is spending a few weeks with her brother and family, C. W. Watson.

School reopened on Monday last after the Easter vacation, with the usual number of beginners.

Arthur Knight of Stouffville spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Edgar Latham.

Mrs. J. F. Reid is visiting friends in Whitley.

The new county grader was over our road to-day for the first time and all the town members were viewing same and giving their opinion on how the machine would work.

Distin McDonald, our local resident, and tax collector, was in the limelight last Friday evening when he presided over the big Masonic function given by Richardson Lodge in Stouffville. Distin is Master of the order this year, and we suppose J. F. Reid and Morley Symes are quarter masters but we are not too sure about the terms. In any case they are Masons who participated in the official welcome to their District Master.

Former Bethesda Farmer Dies Suddenly

Abram Sherrick of Schomberg Junction, died on Wednesday morning of this week. He was 56 years of age, and will be buried at Dicksons Hill on Friday, April 28th. Service in the church there at 2 o'clock.

The late Ab. Sherrick was a resident of Bethesda, and is widely known in the district. Only a few years ago he moved over to Yonge street, and had been intensely interested in fox farming. His death will be a great shock to his wide acquaintance.

Among The Churches

STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Fuller, B. A.
Sunday, April 30th, 1933
2.00 p.m.—Sunday School
3.00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship
The Band of Willing Helpers meet on the third Monday night of each month.

BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
E. Morton, Proseur
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

We are having special revival services at Ringwood this week; and Bloomington next week—every week-night but Saturday. The Kinsmen Quartette from Toronto will be with us this Wednesday night, and Mr. Raymer, one of the members, will preach. On Thursday night a quartette will be out from Victoria Park Ave., Christian Church. Mr. Emerson Sanderson, pastor of that church will preach. The public are invited to join with us in these services.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. W. Fleischer, Pastor
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

10.00 a.m.—Bible School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Prayer Meetings
Wednesday, at 8 p.m.
Sunday at 6.15 p.m.
A cordial welcome to all our services.

MENNONITE CHURCH STOUFFVILLE
Rev. S. Cressman, Pastor
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
April 30—Evangelist D. Shultz will begin a series of Evangelistic services.
Week night services at 8 p.m., except Saturday.
BALLANTRAE — BLOOMINGTON LEMONVILLE UNITED CHURCHES
Rev. J. A. C. Kell, Pastor
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

10.30—Morning Service, Ballantrae
8.00 p.m.—Lemonville
7.00 p.m.—Bloomington
The Y.P.S. will meet at the home of Mr. O. Dräwery, on Friday evening, at 8 p.m.
A hearty welcome is extended to all.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Thos. Laddlaw, M.A., Pastor
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"The Conservation of Daily Life and Labor."
2.30 p.m.—S.S. and Bible Classes
—Young Men's Class at Parsonage.
Let us rally to this last meeting of the Spring time.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service
"A Young Man and his Traps" or
"The Devil Disguised."
Monday—8.00 p.m.—"Swastikas"
Wednesday 8.00 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
you are cordially welcomed to all these services.

STOUFFVILLE and CHURCH HILL
Chester O. Sommer, Minister
Sunday, April 30th, 1933

9.45 a.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
11.00 a.m.—Worship & Preaching
7.00 p.m.—Worship & Preaching
Wednesday 7.45 p.m.—Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quantz. Mr. Collins will be the leader.

Church Hill
2.00 p.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
3.00 p.m.—Worship & Preaching
Thursday 8.00 p.m.—at the church:
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Horticultural To-Night

Keep in mind the regular meeting of the Horticultural Society this Thursday evening, in the Municipal Hall. Note the time 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock.