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FORMER CITIZEN APPROACHES THE CENTURY MARK

Thomas Shaw Enjoys Excellent Health as His 96th Birthday Approaches

Three years before the city of Toronto was incorporated, ninety-six years ago Thomas Shaw was born in Stouffville. The former event took place on March 6, 1837, and the date of Shaw's birth was May 9, 1837. He was 49 years old before he moved to Toronto, where for twenty-eight years he has been court constable of the general sessions. He is well-known to hundreds of citizens, particularly those who have served on grand juries.

In a few days he will be ninety-six years old, yet he has never had a serious day's illness during his long lifetime. He does not smoke, he has never partaken of alcoholic beverages, and he sleeps at least eight hours every night. That is his recipe for a long, healthy life, and surely he should know, for, although he has past man's allotted span of existence by 26 years, his hearing and sight are still unimpaired. His appetite is excellent; he likes his job, and, in his own words, he "sleeps like a top every night."

"My father came to Canada from Yorkshire in 1825; and settled in Toronto," Mr. Shaw told us. "He helped to lay the city's first stone sidewalk on the south side of King Street."

"Later he married and moved to Stouffville, where he conducted a butcher business and acted as veterinary surgeon for farmers in the district."

A Historic Press
Following the custom then prevailing in England, Mr. Shaw's father apprenticed him when he was ten years old to John Boyer who ran a general store in the village. Here he learned the printing trade on an old wooden press, which was later seized and destroyed at the time of the MacKenzie rebellion.

Stouffville in those days consisted of one large store, where everything from coffee to cows could be purchased, and a few scattered farmhouses. Deer, fox, wolves and bear infested the bush. It was a typical backwoods settlement.

Having learned his trade, Mr. Shaw and a partner went to Prince Albert a town near Port Perry, where they started a newspaper called "The Ontario Observer," and conducted it with some success for a number of years. He moved to Toronto in 1836 and clerked in a store, before taking up his old trade of printing again. He still lives in the first house he inhabited when he moved to the city, situated at 38 McGill Street.

His wife is long since dead; a son is employed in a broker's office in New York city, and a daughter keeps house for him. Mr. Shaw was an uncle to the late Wilmot Brown, of Stouffville.

NOTICE TO HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERS

The premiums for the members of the Horticultural Society will arrive at the C.N.R. Station on Friday, May 5th. Will you help the committee in charge by calling and getting yours anytime after 3 p.m.

Awarded "V.D." Medal

Capt. Henry Jakeman of Ballantrae, war veteran and township assessor, came in for special honors last month, when he was awarded the V.D. medal, which is bestowed upon officers of the colonial auxiliary forces for long and meritorious service.

Capt. Jakeman was one of the first to enlist in 1914 with the 136th battalion, C.E.F., and obtained his commission in 1915. He went overseas; but was invalided home from England. He is an active member of the York County Veterans Association, and a worker for the cause of the returned man.

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LIGHTNING FIRES DESTROY FARMER'S BARN

About twelve o'clock midnight on Monday during a terrific thunder storm, fire destroyed the large barn 45x52 on the farm of William Swain, just south of Gravel Hill on the Uxbridge-Whitchurch townline. The blaze started from a bolt of lightning which Mr. Swain saw descend upon the structure as he watched the storm from the window of his home. Almost instantly the building burst into flames.

With the aid of his son the pair rushed into the burning building and rescued most of the stock. Entering the cow stable, one animal was dead in the stall, presumably killed by the lightning, while another had a broken back. These two, of course, went up in the flames. One sow and 11 sucking pigs were also burned, as well as one beef ringer, a quantity of grain, 30 bags potatoes, 2 loads mangolds, and a number of large implements. The binder was barely saved after the Swains had pulled it to safety from the burning flames which damaged the machine some. Mr. Swain had his hands burned in the grand effort to save the binder.

In addition to the large barn a hog pen and implement shed were destroyed. A strange thing about the catastrophe was the fact that few attended the fire. Many of the closest neighbors did not even know of the disaster until the following morning, which seemed odd in view of the fact that the flames lit the sky for miles around. Perhaps the fact that so many farmers had their phones removed accounted for the news not spreading. Willis Wideman was the first outsider to arrive and the flames were leaping through the building when he got there.

There were no lightning rods on the building, and the loss is only partly covered by insurance. Mr. Swain had just taken out a new policy for the first time in the Farmers Mutual last month.

ALTONA

Miss Florence Tindall spent Saturday in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Madill spent Monday in Toronto.

Mr. Ernie Davis spent Sunday with Miss Elsie Hill.

Miss Viola Bunker spent Friday with Mrs. Wm. Morris.

We wonder what Elgin's big attraction is up at Ed. Bakera's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lapeer of Toronto, called on their daughter Mrs. L. Mills.

Miss Ida Raymer of Toronto visited with her sister, Mrs. Fred Pilkey here recently.

Miss Margaret McMullen of Stouffville spent Wednesday last with Mrs. E. McMullen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Davis and family were guests with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davis recently.

Mrs. Earl McMullen and baby Murray spent Thursday last with her grandmother, Mrs. Drewery of Glasgow.

Farmers and gardeners are busy on the land, and all are hoping the weather will not change to a lower temperature.

Mr. Howsam will have to get his fish line ready if he wishes a feed of those big trout. We hear there was a dandy fish caught the other night.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Madill and daughter Hazel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Madill and two little sons all of Toronto, also Miss Hazel Yake were visitors at the home of O. M. Madill on Sunday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Altona Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Lehman, on Wednesday, May 10th, at 2 p.m. The program will be: Community Singing; Report of Secretary-Treasurer; Election of Officers; Music, Miss Grace Lehman; Roll Call—Pay your fee for next year.

"AT HOME" AND SPRING DANCE.

On Friday evening of this week, May 5, the Stouffville Continuation School will hold an "At Home" and dance in Ratliff's Hall. Dancing from 8.30 to 1.30. The reception committee are: Mrs. Hugh Watson, Mrs. Jas. Muston, Mrs. Harry Brillinger, Mrs. S. Shankel, Miss K. Houston, Miss Jean Collard, and Miss P. Styles.

Ex-students and friends especially invited. Admission 70c a couple.

IT PAYS TO DRIVE CAREFULLY

Reduced Rates on Automobile Insurance Came Into Effect April 15th

Insurance agents of the town have been notified that the downward revision in the rates of automobile insurance of tariff companies for Ontario became effective for all new and renewal business on April 15th. The new schedule provides for a 20 per cent discount from the public liability and property damage premiums to owners who have operated an automobile for the past three or more years without claims; while there is a 15 per cent discount from public liability and property damage premiums to owners who have operated an automobile for the past two years without claims and a 10 per cent discount from public liability and property damage premiums to owners who have operated an automobile for the past year without claims. The discounts on fire and theft premiums is 15% discount from the \$25 deductible collision coverage; 20 per cent from \$50 deductible collision coverage; and 30 per cent from \$100 deductible collision coverage. The no-claims bonus in respect to public liability and property damage applies to the entire province.

Players Scored Success

The St. Chad's Dramatic Club presented a three-act comedy before a Stouffville audience, which turned out on Tuesday evening to see "What Happened in June." The visitors from Toronto are to be complimented on their dramatic ability, which was worthy of a greater packed house. Proceeds were for the Anglican Restoration Fund.

4th LINE UXBRIDGE

Ruben Maye is doctoring a nasty swelling on his knee.

Miss Jean Symes spent Sunday with Miss Maude Norton.

Jack Norton Jr., Fifth Line is helping on Mrs. Norton's farm for a time.

Mrs. Russel Feasby and family visited at Mr. Bert Tindall's on Sunday.

Mr. Silas Redman of Chalk Lake is spending a few days with relatives on this line.

Teddie Kidd is absent from school having had his tonsils and adenoids removed on Sunday but is feeling better now.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jones and Gordon visited at E. Hockley's Fifth Line on Sunday.

Don't forget the services held in the Fifth Line church next Sunday evening at 7.15 o'clock.

Pleased to report Harold Norton is improving nicely from his operation and is able to be up a few hours each day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dawson of Box Grove spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Maye and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dawson Sr.

The Fifth Line Young People are repeating their play in the little yellow school house one mile north of Port Perry on Friday evening, May 5th.

Theatre Building is Making Headway

Second Instalment Due, and Will be Lifted any Time Now.

Such splendid progress has been made with the remodeling of the local theatre, preparatory to installing modern talkies, that the opening date is likely to be much earlier than the proprietor had hoped for a couple of months ago.

The building is fire proof, the floors and all partitions, etc., going in with cement. In fact the entire stage is of cement, and will be finished with drop curtains and wings in pleasing effects. The spacious operator's booth over the rotunda at the entrance to the theatre is a feature that not all theatres enjoy. Comfortable opera seats will be installed, and the lighting is described as unsurpassed in the larger theatres.

The citizens who pledged support to this project have all paid their first instalment, and the second and last are now due Mr. Schmidt under the terms of the agreement. When called on be ready with your second instalment, which is needed to carry on the work, and which will be highly appreciated.

TOWNSHIP TAXES COMING IN WELL

Only \$13,000 Unpaid in Markham Twp.—Winter Relief Bill Totals Over \$4,000

There is marked improvement in the payment of taxes in the Township of Markham so the collectors reported to the Municipal council on Monday, at the regular meeting for the month of May. To date 90 per cent of the total 1932 levy is now in, leaving only \$13,000 uncollected. Reeve Geo. Padgett presided over the session at which all other members were present. The Yonge street radial report for the first quarter of 1933 showed a loss of \$2108, of which the Township of Markham's share is \$231.89.

The Department of Highways notified council that the 40% road subsidy would only be allowed on an expenditure of \$12,000 for 1933. The opinion was expressed that the roads would suffer unless an extra grant could be secured.

The assessors delivered their assessment rolls, but failed to remit for all the dog taxes because they could not collect from the owners of the curs. The names were handed over to Constable Walker to lead with.

James McLean, the influential citizen of Richmond Hill came forward requesting a township grant for the Richmond Hill fair, and he was successful to the extent of \$15. A fair day's pay said one in the council room.

Council was informed that up to March 31 the total for relief in the township amounted to \$3,714.87, on which the government had paid \$2100, while it is hoped to draw 40% on the remaining \$1600 odd dollars. The relief bill for April was paid at \$597.31 but it included some left-overs from March. This brings the grand total over \$4,000.

A motion passed set Monday May 22 as date of Court of Revision, on the assessment roll.

A deputation from the Hubs sub-division appeared to lodge a complaint about condition of some roads in that locality, which council promised to inspect when on their annual tour shortly.

Following general accounts were ordered paid:

Hydro Electric	\$22.32
T. T. C.	231.89
Treasurer of Y.C. Hospital	129.13
I. Williams, Langstaff, refund of taxes	17.38
Constable Walker, salary, etc	33.23
G.A.M. Davison, stamps, etc	9.00
Economist & Sun, adv.	6.00
Beaver Ptg. BookBinding Co.	21.20

Road Accounts amounted \$1300.00
Grant to R.E. White, Agr.

Rept. for Junior Farmers 10.00
Three Tenders were received from Messrs. Martin, Woolfrey and Clements. All were near the \$400 for decorating township hall.

It was felt that this was too high, and no action was taken.

CHURCH HILL

The Church Hill Women's Institute will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Walter Mitchell, on Tuesday, May 9, at 2.30 p.m. Roll Call—pay your fee. Exchange of flowers and bulbs. This is the annual business meeting and we ask that all members endeavour to be present.

At Church Hill Church, on Thursday, May 11th, the four act play "The Country Doctor" will be presented by the Young People of Church Hill, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets 25c and 15c.

Be sure to come and bring your friends, you will enjoy this play.

OFFICE COST OF HIGHWAYS

The Public accounts for the Province of Ontario for year ending March 1932 is just off the press. They contain every item of expenditure for the province and contains a great deal of statistical information which editors with a penchant for details can dig out for the benefit of their readers. In the Department of Public Highways the salary of the Hon. Leopold Macaulay as Minister of Highways is \$10,000 with the usual cut this year. R. M. Smith, his deputy, pulls down \$4,800 a year. In the main office there are no fewer than 111 engineers, draughtsmen, clerks, mechanics, stenographers, valuers, secretaries, typists and office boys. The whole cost of the main office, Macaulay's salary not included, is \$198,941.66. Contingencies in the main office cost the taxpayers of Ontario \$103,370.6. The inspector of signs and gasoline pumps pulled down \$2,992.92 and the travelling expenses of the highwaymen amounted to \$32,747.40.

BORNE TO REST AT DICKSON'S HILL

The funeral of the late Abraham Sherrick of Oak Ridges, but formerly of Whitchurch and Markham Townships, took place on Friday afternoon to the Dickson Hill Cemetery. The remains were conveyed from O'Neill's undertaking parlors, Stouffville, at 2 o'clock, and service was held in the church at the Hill. Rev. Mr. Gooding of Markham, and Rev. Mr. Cressman of Stouffville conducted the ceremonies, Mr. Gooding preaching the funeral service in the church.

The pall bearers were all old associates and neighbors in the Bethesda district, being Messrs. Fred March, Ab. Schaffer, Ernest and Wesley Steckley, Clarence Bolender, and Clarence Atkinson.

Having lived all his life on the 5th concession of Markham and the 5th concession of Whitchurch, the late Mr. Sherrick was widely known here. Only a few years ago he moved over to Yonge street where he acquired a property and established a successful fox farm. Mr. Sherrick was a man of splendid business foresight, and at one time was a successful and well known breeder of Holstein cattle. Ten years ago or more when fox farming came to the fore, he immediately became interested, and it is said that few men knew a pet better than Mr. Sherrick and thus his business grew until at the time of his death he had dozens of foxes and puppies, and a large trade built up in the sale of fur.

The late Ab. Sherrick was a son of the late Daniel Sherrick. He was a bachelor, but is survived by one sister, Miss Clara, who lived with her brother at Oak Ridges, and by three brothers, Oliver of Richmond Hill, Wesley of Toronto, and Ezra of Didsbury, Sask. His death, came as a great shock, for he was in the prime of life, being 56 years of age. A severe attack of the flu was followed by other complications which proved fatal.

BETHESDA

Mrs. Moran is still seriously ill and is under the doctor's care.

Miss McCutcheon spent the weekend with friends in our village.

Mr. and Mrs. George Leary visited with Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Foote on Sunday.

Quite a few little tots began their career at the local house of learning last week.

Miss Bessie Bolendar returned home on Sunday after spending a week in Toronto.

Miss Agnes Duncan is in our midst again after having visited friends at Goodwood for some time.

Anyone who has not seen turtles for a long time ought to go to Pike's pond and view the reptiles basking in the sun.

There is the interesting fact that Mr. Isaac Pike was one of the very first persons, in this locality, to install a telephone, when that means of communication was first out, long, long ago.

An appropriate programme is being arranged for May 14, Mother's Day, at our Sunday School. Mrs. McEwen will be the special speaker on the occasion, and there will also be special music.

A large number of people from this district attended the funeral of the late Abram Sherrick, at Dickson's Hill, last Friday. Mr. Sherrick had been a resident of Bethesda until only a few years ago when he moved to Oak Ridges. His sudden death was a shock to his numerous friends here.

Lightning Shattered Lofty Pine

Lightning shattered a tree in a very unusual manner on the 3rd Concession of Whitchurch just north of Gormley during Monday night's storm. The large second growth pine was completely shattered into a couple of hundred pieces. The top of the tree dropped down to the ground at the trunk, while one piece of log that would take a couple of men to carry was thrown 14 feet. Small pieces were found of the wreckage as far as 150 feet from the stump.

Old timers in the district say that of all the freaks of lightning, this one beats anything they ever saw. It was a case of the chips flying and alighting where they may.

Send The Tribune to absent friends

Among The Churches

STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Fuller, B. A.
Sunday, May 7th, 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, Preacher
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
The Kinsmen Quartette from Toronto will be with us again, and Mr. Raymer will preach, at Bloomington on Wednesday night. All who heard them last week will want to hear them this. A male quintette from Altona will sing Thursday night. On Friday, Captain Smith and the Lieutenant of the Salvation Army, from Uxbridge, will be with us for service.

We invite all who can to come to these spiritual feasts.

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. W. Fleischer, Pastor
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
10.00 a.m.—Bible School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
"An Old Preacher's Prayer"
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship
"A Sure Cure for The Blues"
You are invited to the regular Sunday services and especially invited to attend our prayer meetings. Prayer Meetings Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Sunday at 6.15 p.m.
A cordial welcome to all our services

MEMNONITE CHURCH STOUFFVILLE
Rev. S. Cressman, Pastor
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.
Evangelist Shultz is here for special meetings. Support this campaign with your prayers and presence. Week night services at 8 p.m., except Saturday.

BALLANTRAE — BLOOMINGTON LEMONVILLE UNITED CHURCHES
Rev. J. A. O. Kell, Pastor
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
10.30—Morning Service, Ballantrae
2.30 p.m.—Bloomington
7.00 p.m.—Lemonville
The Rev. Herbert Lee, of Stouffville will have charge of the services.

Our Young People are invited to attend the special service at Bloomington Christian Church, Friday evening this week. A hearty welcome is extended to all.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., Pastor
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Sacramental Service
2.30 p.m.—S.S. and Bible Classes
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service
"A Hymn Sermon"
Monday—8.00 p.m.—"Swastikas"
Wednesday—8.00 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Next Sunday, May 14th, Mother's Day Service at 11.00 a.m.
You are cordially welcomed to these services

STOUFFVILLE and CHURCH HILL Chester O. Sommer, Minister
Sunday, May 7th, 1933
Stouffville
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. Harold Warriner, led by Mr. Allen Closson.

Church Hill
2.00 p.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
3.00 p.m.—Worship & Preaching
Thursday 8.00 p.m.—C.E. meeting at the church. Miss Mary Pegg will lead the discussion of the topic, N.B.—Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m. Come and see the young people present their play "The Country Doctor." See local happenings for special announcement.

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