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COUNCIL OFFERS \$25 SETTLEMENT

A special meeting of the village council was held on Monday evening to deal with the matter of the threatened suit to be brought by Dr. Ira Freel against the corporation arising out of the construction of a new cement sidewalk in front of John Monkhouse's and the Chinese Laundry. Up to the present time no legal counsel had been engaged, and the council decided to secure Mr. Harold A. Sanders to look after their interest.

A resolution was passed, on the recommendation of their solicitor, to offer Dr. Freel \$25 in full settlement, without admitting any liability. The damages asked is \$335, representing the cost of raising the building to the level of the new sidewalk.

Coming Bible Conference

The annual Bible Conference in connection with the Brethren in Christ Church (Tunker) at Gormley will be held this year on Sunday and Monday, November 12 and 13. Three services will be held each day of the conference for which the printed program just issued reveals a line of capable speakers, including Bishop Lyons of Welland, Elder John Nigh of Hagersville, Bishop Sholtz of Wellandport, and Bishop Swalm of Duntroon. The local committee in charge of arrangement is P. W. Cassel, L. W. Steckley, and J. A. Heise.

VANDORF

Miss Mary Curtis has been visiting with Miss Clara Graham and Mr. and Mrs. G. Geo. Richardson.
Mr. E. Moynihan was thrown from his bicycle on Saturday night sustaining a severe cut over one eye.
Mrs. James Porter and Miss Joyce visited with Mrs. G. Moynihan on Saturday afternoon.

There was a large attendance at the church anniversary a week ago both morning and evening. The services were taken by Rev. Dr. Fenwick. Pine Orchard choir will lead the singing in the morning, and Headford choir at night.

There was a large attendance at Y.P.S. last Tuesday night. Dr. Devins of Aurora taking the topic of "When Should We Stand Against Public Opinion," after this there was a set of slides given by Mr. Lynd.

ALTONA

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Balsam of Port Credit spent Sunday at Robt. Mann's Miss Blanche Resor of Fraserville spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Resor.

Mr. Bruce Bain of Newmarket is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. F. Wags and family.
Miss Elsie Eckardt spent the weekend with her aunt Mrs. Henry Slack.
Mr. and Mrs. F. Raymer spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Raymer of Bloomington.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Mills and son spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Tindall.

Mrs. J. Hutchison spent a day recently with her sister Mrs. Robert Mann.

PEACH'S ANNIVERSARY

The Peach's United Church (Markham) will hold its anniversary services on Sunday, November 5th, at 10.30 a.m. Rev. C. O. Sommer of Stouffville Christian Church, will preach, and special music will be rendered by Peach's Quartette. At 7.30 in the evening Rev. A. M. Dallas of Dentonia Park United Church, Toronto, will be the preacher. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stafford will sing. The public is invited to these services next Sunday.

Keep in mind the date, Friday, November 10th for the play "Crabapple Corners", to be given by the Young People of the Lemoville Circuit at Lemoville Church. This play will also be given at Ballantrae and Bloomington. Dates will be announced later.

Province to Study Metropolitan Area

May Set up Council Like That of London, Premier Henry Says

NEW NORTHERN COUNTRY

A provincial committee will be appointed by Premier Henry shortly to study the metropolitan area question in Toronto and York county as well as in other large centres in Ontario announced last week in discussing the survey made by York county of the metropolitan area system of government for greater Toronto.

"I have had in mind that there should be metropolitan administration of those industrial areas growing up outside of large centres," said the premier. "What we have in mind now is a committee to study the whole situation not only in regard to Toronto but other cities as well."

The premier said that the purpose of the metropolitan council proposed to be set up would be similar to that in London, England, the larger matters such as developments, town planning, policing and major services being administered by that body and the minor matters to the local councils corresponding to the borough bodies in England.

Survey Entire Car Scheme
Complete survey of the metropolitan area system of government for greater Toronto, having regard to all aspects of municipal financing, is contained in the report of York county council's metropolitan area committee just completed. Since the June session of council the report has been in preparation, with the assistance of Dr. Horace L. Brittain of the municipal research bureau, who prepared the figures on assessment, assets, liabilities, debenture debts, levies, etc., forming the basis on which the scheme would be considered by the county.

The report draws no conclusions but brings forward, with a mass of data, what would be the probable taxation with regard to \$1,000 of assessment if Toronto were included in a metropolitan area with the municipalities of Scarborough, East York, Leaside, North York, York, Weston, New Toronto, Etobicoke, Long Branch, Swansea, Mimico and Forest Hill Village.

This grouping of municipalities includes four—Weston, Forest Hill, Swansea and Long Branch—which were not included in the Toronto Metropolitan Act, a bill submitted to the legislature by Premier Henry in 1924 and never acted upon.

This bill would have provided for the creation of a metropolitan council of 24 members, 12 from the city and 11 from the suburban municipalities with the warden named by the lieutenant-governor in council. It proposed that the council would control town planning and public services such as sewage, water supply, police protection, education, transportation and highway development and maintenance.

The system would have provided for a metropolitan board of education and separate school board and would have been financed by a collection of a flat levy of one mill in Toronto and corresponding rates in the various outside municipalities.

Widen Payment ?

There is a rumor about town to the effect that the present municipal council, intend to embark on a program of widening the pavement on Main street from O'Brien Avenue to the station. It has ever been regarded as a big mistake that the road in this block should have been narrowed in, as the wider width was needed to care for the traffic as well as for the general appearance. If the council is to embark on this program at the present time, it must be as a relief measure.

We understand that the necessary bylaw to provide for the work will be given notice of at the November meeting of the municipal council to be held next Monday evening.

BOOKS OF BAKER HEIR'S ARE SEIZED

Thousands of Dollars Contributed Locally to Scheme Now Under Investigation.

Reported to be seeking a definite showdown on the activities of the International Baker Heirs' Association, the Drake, Watson, Springer Heirs' Association, and four other similar organizations operating in this province, the Ontario Securities Commission, under C. George A. Drew, K.C., has seized all the books from the downtown Toronto office from which the associations have been operating; has placed them under departmental audit; and subpoenaed William Baker, former president, to appear at Queen's Park on Tuesday for special examination at a closed hearing. The Baker Heirs' Association, are said to have collected many dollars from descendants living in and about the village of Stouffville.

The matter with which the Securities Commission is said to be chiefly concerned at present is the alleged circulation of stories to the effect that many prominent Britishers—Montagu Norman, included—have been in this country for the express purpose of effecting a settlement of the estates in which the Baker, Drake and other heirs are interested, and that already immense sums of money, for such settlements, have been deposited in the Toronto branch of Barclay's bank. Just who are responsible for such stories, and why, the Commission, it is understood, is determined to learn.

Unit Sales Alleged

Other points which the Commission proposes, it is said, to clear up, are the alleged trafficking among members of the associations in membership units; and the out-and-out sale, as rumored, of units to interests in Buffalo and other cross-border points. A little over a year ago, the Commission, by regulation, stopped the sale of any more units by these associations to new members but considered itself powerless, at that time to interfere with the sale among registered members, of units already held by them.

According to figures which Col. Drew presented last November to a mass meeting of the Drake, Watson, Springer Heirs, in Toronto, former President Baker drew from the six associations in salary and expenses, during the preceding six years, \$92,746. In addition, he had his office and other expenses all paid for him. All told, according to the Commissioner's records, \$400,000 had been collected by the organizations since they came into existence.

Of this amount, \$228,000 was paid Col. Drew stated, to A. Seligson, a Pittsburg estate-settling expert, who has been closely identified with all the heirs' associations since their inception. The Commission has repeatedly and vainly tried to get in touch with Seligson. Baker, it is said, promised on several occasions to put the Commission officers in touch with the Pittsburg man, but never managed it.

James McBride, of the Commission's staff of investigators, made the seizure about a week ago. The audit which followed and is now on the verge of completion has been under his supervision.

GOODWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pugh of Stouffville visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gulliver.

Potato shipping from the point is so far being done by truck, but car lots may be expected to go out soon.

The kindly act of the Churchill Institute members donating their gift to the Goodwood Cemetery Board (in last week's issue) makes one realize that not only the village folk prize their cemetery condition but people at a distance feel that a good work has been done. It is to be hoped more gifts will follow such as this.

Members and friends of the B.Y.P.U. met at the home of Mr. Isaac Wags, on Friday night last, and gave a shower of miscellaneous articles to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woodland, in honour of their recent marriage. The rooms were prettily decorated in white and pink, and the bride, wearing her wedding dress unwrapped the many useful and beautiful gifts, reading aloud the humorous verses accompanying them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woodland thanked their friends. The rest of the evening was spent in contests, and brought to a close with refreshments. Between fifty and sixty people were present.

BIRTHS

Pollard—At Ballantrae, on Sunday, October 29, 1933, to Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Pollard, a son.

GORMLEY ESTATE PROBATED \$16,919

Charles Dennie, late of the township of Markham, who died Oct. 11, left \$16,919.

Legatees are Fred Dennie, brother Stouffville; Joseph Dennie, brother, London, Ontario; Bertie and Harold Foster, grandchildren, Gormley, who receive \$1,000 each; Charles Dennie, nephew, gets \$500; Marion Shaw, daughter, Aurora, \$1,100 and one-half residue; Lily Foster, daughter, Gormley, half residue.

A Hallowe'en Episode

Village Cop Calls out Undertaker and Receives Reserves.

The unusually fine weather Tuesday night brought out one of the greatest crowds of youngsters we have yet seen on Main street prepared for Hallowe'en pranks. Innocent amusement was indulged in until about ten o'clock when the bulk of the kiddies made for home. Constable Pugh's duties did not end at that time however, as future events would indicate.

The chief was making for his home up Church street at around 2.30 a.m. satisfied that he had kept the boys in line for the night until he saw the last of them to bed, when lo! in the stillness of the night a car is heard rushing along Main street, and seemingly coming to a stop in the business section. The chief, knowing all stores were long closed, sensed something amiss and hastened back to peak around the corner of Bowdway's drug store. To his amazement a car is parked right in front of the south side bank, and like a good dog on the scent, the cop was hot on the trail. After seeing two men moving about in the darkened building, the cop was sure a robbery was in the making, and now was the time to call help. Whether or not he anticipated there would be blood shed or murder, he did disturb the slumbers of L. E. O'Neill, undertaker, and passed up Mr. F. L. Button who has had some experience with a gun. Next move was to arouse the reeve so that prompt orders might be issued for carrying off to jail the robbers when once they were got in his clutches.

The reeve and the undertaker came doubtfully to the scene around 3 a.m., minus necktie and running shoes, when all three advanced on the premises of the bank. (No fire arms save the cop's pop gun.) The chief found the front door was slightly ajar, which implied that the robbers anticipated a hurried get-away. Stepping boldly inside, the limb of the law demanded in a loud voice, "Surrender, and come out from hiding."

Hush! There wasn't a sound, and a second demand was made. This time a youthful chap made his appearance from the rear of the building, but he campered the excitement, when he proved to be only the staff's junior clerk. He had to explain that he had just returned from playing in a dance orchestra, and was now on his way home. With this disclosure the vision of the cop making a sensational catch of bank thugs was off.

ARREST BROTHERS ON THEFT CHARGE

With the arrest of Chesley Mapes, aged 28, and his brother Charles, 26, on Monday, police believe they have the two men responsible for many housebreaking and chicken thefts which have been worrying residents of Markham.

Following a robbery at the garage of Fred Slatery, Markham, on Saturday night, in which the burglars escaped with a quantity of gasoline as well as tools and batteries, Chief of Police James Walker, accompanied by Chief Sidney Barraclough, of Richmond Hill, arrested Chesley Mapes in Whitechurch township, while Detectives Hill and McAllister, of Toronto, took his brother Charles into custody at his home at Walton street.

Description of a large truck which had been parked outside the garage prior to the break-in was the only clue given Chief Walker, who traced the vehicle to Ballantrae, where he took Chesley Mapes into custody. The loot, according to Chief Walker, was in the truck. Mapes was taken to Langstaff Jail Farm where, it is said, he later implicated his brother in the robbery.

Chief Walker, in company with the two Toronto detectives arrested Charles Mapes at his home in Walton street. Both were held without bail and appeared in County Police Court Monday.

With the arrest of the two men residents of the district relaxed their vigilance last night. For the past month, following the series of thefts, chicken coops have been guarded by property owners, who have taken turns sitting up at nights with loaded shotguns ready for the marauders in the vicinity of Markham village.

NEW COURIER FOR MAIL CONTRACT

Leslie Wideman has been awarded the contract for carrying H. M. Mail over R.R. No. 2 and 4, Stouffville for the next four years. Mr. Wideman will take over the job in December, when Herb Porter's contract expires. By making the change in carriers the Post Office Department, will effect a saving of over \$300 in the contract price, paid at present of \$900 per year. Mr. Wideman is understood to be the lowest tenderer at \$590. He farms a small acreage a mile east of Stouffville at the extreme end of Main street.

One of the greatest scrambles in recent times for carrying mail was created for this job. It is said that 15 or 20 persons made application at from \$590 to \$1000. Several asked \$800, and one man showed us his tender at \$650, but he was too high by \$60 as the outcome indicated.

The mail route on No.2 and 4 from Stouffville covers a distance of 21 miles, and extends into Whitechurch Township as far north as the Vandorf sideroad, serving patrons on concessions 5 and 6.

GORMLEY

The Mennonite Church Anniversary will be held on Sunday, to be followed by a series of revival meetings each week night.

The Tunker Church (Brethren in Christ) are preparing for the coming Bible Conference, which opens on Nov. 12th.

Roy Brillinger, the potato King, is harvesting his tubers with the aid of a staff of 20 people. His 32 acres will run about 100 bags to the acre, a smaller yield than was hoped for. This decrease is due to the drought last summer. Prices however are better than a year ago.

Our local auctioneer A. S. Farmer performed a more or less outstanding feat this week, which no other auctioneer in York county has yet accomplished this year, so far as we can learn. Auctioneer Farmer sold a house and large lot under the hammer for \$2100. We doubt if there was ever a year when more properties have been advertised by auction than this 1933, but this is the first time a sale has been made in this way in the county of York. It sort of puts our auctioneer in the front seat.

The sale of household goods belonging to Mrs. Eltherington took place on Monday before a large crowd. Prices were very good. Auctioneer Farmer also sold the house and lot of one and two-thirds of an acre located here in Gormley and belonging to Miss Nancy Brillinger, to John Bond of this place. The sale price was \$2100, which was up to the reserve bid. It was a cash transaction. Mr. Bond has since rented the place to Dent. Law of Ringwood who moved here on Tuesday this week. Mrs. Eltherington will also remain in the village for a time.

The third shocking and sudden death among the citizens of this district occurred last week, when Mr. Asa Winger was suddenly summoned by the Great Unseen as he visited at the home of his brother-in-law at Collingwood. This life-long citizen of Gormley was walking back to the bush with his relative, presumably to cut wood, when he was suddenly stricken down, and expired immediately. He was in his 58th year, and is survived by a sorrowing wife, who is a daughter of Mr. Peter Donor. There is no family excepting an adopted daughter Mrs. Peter Steckley.

The remains were brought back home, and the funeral on Sunday was one of the largest ever seen here, and the service was conducted by Mr. Ernie Swalm of Stayner, assisted by Rev. E. Gooding. Interment took place at Heise Hill Cemetery.

GORMLEY ANNIVERSARY SERVICES

Anniversary Services are being held at the Mennonite Church, Gormley on Sunday, November 5th.

Preaching 10.00 a.m. by Rev. W. B. Moyer of Toronto, at 3 and 7 p.m. by Mr. Spicer. Mr. Spicer will also give special messages in song afternoon and evening.

Sunday School 2 to 3 p.m.

The Anniversary services will be followed by a series of revival services commencing Monday at 7.45 p.m. Services each evening of the week except Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. The Sunday children's meeting will be in charge of the Evangelist W. B. Moyer.

Miss Ruth Bowen of Lansing, Michigan, has been engaged as soloist and song leader.

We heartily invite all who are free to attend these meetings.

A. T. Gooding, Pastor

Among The Churches

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday, November 5th.
10.00 a.m.—Bible School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Please remember the prayer services Wednesday 8 p.m.; Sunday 6.15 p.m. You are invited to all of the above services

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STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. W. H. Fuller, B.A.
Sunday, November 5th.
2.00 p.m.—Sunday School
3.00 p.m.—Afternoon Worship
Everyone invited

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MENNONITE CHURCH STOUFFVILLE
Rev. S. Crossman, Pastor
Sunday, November 5th.

The special means of grace offered through the ministry of Miss Yeo and Miss Snider has come to a close, but your church and pastor invite you to keep up your interest, and avail yourself of all services in the church Sunday, November 5.

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—and 7 p.m. Preaching by the pastor.

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BALLANTRAE — BLOOMINGTON LEMONVILLE UNITED CHURCHES
Rev. J.A.C. Kell, Pastor
Sunday, November 5th.
10.30 a.m.—Ballantrae
2.30 p.m.—Bloomington
7.00 p.m.—Lemoville

The minister will continue his series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting of the Y.P.S. is withdrawn this week. Have you seen elsewhere the announcement of the play our young people are getting up?

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BLOOMINGTON AND RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCHES
E. Morton, Preacher
Sunday, November 5th.

This business of taking up our cross daily and carrying it for Christ's sake is a big business. It is the most profitable undertaking in the world.

We are to deal with the subject of temperance next Sunday.

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

The Foe of Intemperance is after a greater foot-hold in our land. Let us be prepared to check Him.

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STOUFFVILLE AND CHURCH HILL Christian Churches
Chester O. Sommer, Minister
Sunday, November 5th,
Stouffville

10.00 a.m.—S.S. and Bible Classes
11.15 p.m.—Morning Service
Mr. John McEwen of Peaches United Church will bring the message of the morning.

7.00 p.m.—Worship and Preaching
Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.—meeting for fellowship in worship and study, at the home of Miss Nora Stapleton.

Church Hill
2.00 p.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
3.00 p.m.—Worship & Preaching
Friday, 8.00 p.m.—Missionary night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Beech. Meeting in charge of Miss Marjorie Clark and Mr. Lazenby. All are cordially invited

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STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., Pastor
Sunday, November 5th.

10.00 a.m.—S.S. & Bible Classes
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Rev. E. Harold Toye, B.A., of Kingston Road, Toronto

7.00 a.m.—Evening Service
Rev. W. M. Mustard, B.A., B.D., of Scarborough Bluffs, Toronto

6 p.m.—3 p.m.—Monday, Nov. 6th
Chicken Pie Supper will be served in basement of church by the ladies of the congregation. This will be followed by a splendid concert in the auditorium of the church featuring Mrs. D. Everton Jones, of Markham, as reader, Rev. Herbert Lee in readings and local talent in musical numbers. Admission to supper and concert: Adults 35c, Children 20c. Don't miss this, let's make our anniversary occasion a big success.

7.15 p.m.—Wednesday—Teacher-Training Class.
8.00 p.m.—Wednesday—Prayer and Bible Study.
You are cordially welcomed to all these services.