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## PIONEER FARMER BORNE TO GRAVE

In the death of John Yake, which occurred at his late home on Sunday, March 24th, 1935, a farmer who has been no stranger to pioneer toil leaves the scene that has known him for more than four score years. He was born in December 1852 on the farm where he breathed his last, and was therefore 82 years and four months old.

The deceased had always enjoyed reasonably good health up until almost the time of his demise, and the end came as a gradual wearing out of the system, although he retained his good physical appearance almost to the very last.

The late John Yake, it may be said, never changed his abode from the parental farm during the long years intervening his birth and demise, excepting for a few years spent at Highland Creek. He was one of eight children born to the late John Yake and Susan Kester his wife. The father died in 1900 and the mother in 1920. She was a daughter of one Philip Kester.

Of the eight children born to the first John Yake there is today living only Abram who was second in line and who is now 94 years old, and Jacob living in the east end of Stouffville and one time jeweler of this village. Jacob was the second to last son and John who died on Sunday was third to last born.

When a young man John Yake about whom this sketch is written united in marriage with Christina Boyer who predeceased him about ten years. To their union three children were born, all of whom survive the parents. They are Wesley at home, Miss Mina also at home, and Mary, Mrs. Harvey Taylor of Highland Creek. Mrs. Taylor has been at home for a couple of weeks assisting to nurse her father during his last and final illness.

A staunch Liberal John Yake was ardent supporter of all liberal principles and never departed from them.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon of this week was from the late home to Stouffville cemetery for interment. Rev. E. Morton conducted the service at the home and graveside, when all that was mortal of this sturdy type of progressive farmer was laid in its last resting place in the sacred plot.

### MARRIAGES

#### Jones—Bell

On Wednesday afternoon March 13th, 1935, the marriage ceremony was performed at the parsonage, Goodwood, of Miss Verna Laurena Bell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bell, Pine Grove, and Mr. Clarence Fredrick Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Goodwood. The bride was attended by Miss Mary Reesor while the groom was supported by his brother Gordon Jones. After returning to the bride's home a dainty luncheon was served—only the immediate families being present. On their return from a short honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Jones will reside on the fourth of Uxbridge on the H. Roach farm. Best wishes for a happy and successful life.

### \$1,000 CASH FOR SEVEN HORSES

The public auction sale near Unionville on the farm of Wesley H. Johnson, Con. 7, Markham drew a huge crowd of enthusiastic buyers from near and far. The sale was conducted by Alvin S. Farmer and commenced sharply at ten o'clock, and consisted of choice Percheron horses, registered Holstein cattle, all kinds of Farm Machinery, and a quantity of Household Furniture. The seven horses, which were cash, brought in about \$1,000, one team sold for \$475.00, a two-year old colt \$207.50, five year old mare \$152.00. The top prices for cattle were about \$70.00, all the animals were registered or eligible to register. Threshing machine sold for \$440 and I.H.C. tractor \$285.

The proceeds of the sale amounted to over \$4,000. Mr. Johnson, who has farmed on the seventh for the past fifteen years, was well satisfied with the prices of the day. He has rented the farm to his son Lorno who has been on a rented farm south of the homestead for the past year. Mr. Johnson is expecting to remain on the farm for a time at least and enjoy seeing his neighbors plow their fields and scatter the good seed on the land.

### BUSINESS & YOUNG MEN'S UNDENOMINATIONAL CLASS

Will meet in Oddfellow's Hall, Button's Block, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30.  
Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., teacher. Come and find the help you need in the way of fellowship and Christian truth.

## FRANK J. BARKEY

On Thursday morning, March 14th, Mr. Frank J. Barkey passed away at his home on North Broadway street, Tilsonburg, after a lengthy illness. He was in his 67th year. It was the second death in the family within a week, Mrs. Barkey having been laid to rest the Thursday previous. Deceased was a well known and highly respected citizen, born at Green River, Pickering Township, and had been a continuous resident of Tilsonburg for 51 years. In 1889 his father, the late David Barkey, purchased the Tilsonburg electric light plant and later handed the business over to his two sons, Frank and William, who carried on until the advent of hydro. Deceased was an accomplished musician and organized and directed a brass band at Green River at the age of 16 years and when he moved to Tilsonburg, assisted in the organization of the Odd Fellows' Band, later the Citizens' Band, acting as leader for over 19 years. He was a charter member of the Maccabees and also a member of Otter Lodge No. 50, I.O.O.F. Mr. Barkey was an adherent of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. W. A. McNeilly of Brooklyn, Ont., and a brother, William of Tilsonburg. Two sons, Mrs. John Blair and Miss Susan Barkey, and one uncle, Abram Barkey, all of Markham, also many cousins in Markham and Whitechurch Townships.

The late Frank Barkey's mother was a sister of Seneca Baker's mother, while his father was a brother of Mrs. Malcolm Ramer's father.

The funeral was held at his late residence on Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended, many relatives and friends from a distance being present to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. The service was conducted by Rev. Robert Bruce, and the pallbearers were the same as officiated at the funeral of his wife the previous week, as follows: W. C. Brown, W. G. Pow, W. W. McGuire, Charles Minshall, H. F. Johnson, and R. A. Darrow. Members of Otter Lodge, No. 50, I.O.O.F. attended in a body and the cortege was headed by the Citizens' Band, playing The Dead March from Saul. The impressive Odd Fellows' service at the grave was conducted by W. Poplam, N.C. and R. J. Flynn, chaplain. The following relatives and friends from a distance were in attendance: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McNeilly of Brooklyn; Miss Ada Barkey, of Ringwood; Mr. and Mrs. Leo. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fleming, Mr. Murray Jaynes, Toronto; Mr. Fred Jaynes, Oshawa; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Sanders of Buffalo; Mr. Wesley Pipher of Markham; Mr. William Leathers of New Durham; Mr. George Parker, Mr. Geo. Longstreet of Hawtry; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lehman and Mrs. Lehman, Sr. of Delhi, and Mrs. Lockie of Brownsville. Interment was in the Tilsonburg cemetery.

### LEMONVILLE

Miss Jean Stewart of Markham was the guest of Miss Helen Hastings.

Farmers are hustling about preparing for an early seeding. With the fields drying so fast it certainly looks like middle of April seeding.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Drewery, Miss Synthia Cook, and Gordon Lemon, spent a day in Toronto last week.

Mr. Albert Nelghorn, of Montreal has been spending a week or ten days on his farm here.

Gordon Lemon, and Austin Yake are reckoned as real card sharks, and one night recently took on Robt. Snowball, Stouffville barber, and Chas. Barkey of Altona, who claimed they had never been beaten, but our boys whitewashed their opponents.

It may have looked like a convention or something of the sort, but the assemblage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hall, on Sunday was largely just their own family and their offspring. It was the first time the family was ever so assembled, including the eight sons and three daughters. They included William C. Hall, wife and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall and son, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rae, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Kidd, Mr. and Mrs. N. Cloughton with their families, also Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison, of Mount Albert. It certainly was a wonderful event to have this fine large family of 8 sons and 3 daughters all assembled under the parental roof at one time.

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## TORY CANDIDATE IS TO BE NAMED

Several Names Mentioned As Possible Opponents of Mulock.

The third Conservative convention called within two months will meet in Newmarket town hall on Saturday afternoon, March 30. The annual business meeting will take place on the same occasion. The meeting is called by J. E. Nesbitt and Arleigh Armstrong, president and secretary of the North York Liberal-Conservative Association.

The first convention came to an end when Clifford Case, Aurora, former provincial member, objected that there had not been proper notice given. The second did not take place when Earl Lawson, federal organizer, said that it was premature.

Apparently there is no lack of possible candidates. Names mentioned as possibilities include Denton Massey, of York Bible Class fame and federal organizer for Ontario, Joseph McCulley, headmaster of Pickering College, and Bruce Davis, Toronto barrister, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Davis of Newmarket.

It is generally expected, however that Harold A. C. Breuls, who fought the by-election last fall will secure the nomination.

Interest is added to the North York situation with the announcement that Frank Regan, Toronto barrister, contemplates running under C.C.F. colors. Mr. Regan recently scored a heavy vote in the Toronto board of control fight. Col. W. P. Mulock, the president member, will be the Liberal standard bearer.

## Big Cattle Deal

One of the largest individual cattle dealers closed in this district for a long time, was made here last week, when Mr. W. F. Ratcliff, Springhurst Farm, just north of Ringwood, sold forty-eight head of prime beef cattle for export or the United States market. The sale price was 7.20 per cwt. pounds, the highest obtained here for more than five years for cattle of this type and breed.

Fred Ward of Claremont was the purchaser, although a dozen prominent buyers were on hand at the Ratcliff farm ready to bid. The price is regarded as high, and will average around \$85 per head.

### BETHESDA

We are glad to report that the victims of the measles are recovering.

The school has been closed for a week due to an outbreak of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Atkinson and family from Beeton visited relatives here on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Eldon Bolender has received notice that he is to serve on Jury in Toronto starting April 1st.

Mrs. Snider and Miss Clara Sherrick spent a couple of days in this vicinity last week, calling on numerous friends.

These days, smoke can be seen rising from three local bushes where the owners are engaged in making maple syrup. The run, so far, has been very poor.

House cleaning time is coming. If the men are requested to lurch in the woodshed with a sandwich in one hand and a cup of tea in the other, don't object, because when the better half is set in her ways, disastrous results may be avoided by assuming a meek and mild disposition (Signed by one who knows.)

### RINGWOOD

A good programme is on the way, being prepared by the senior girls' Sunday School Class, Ringwood, to be delivered next Monday night at the monthly missionary meeting in the Ringwood Church. Mr. Harry Worling will give a message. The public are invited to enjoy this service.

Mrs. W. Mitchell is mourning the death of her mother Mrs. Emma Sheppard who died in south Edmonton last week. The mother had lived at Newmarket but last summer left to reside with her daughter in the West. The remains were brought back to Queensville for interment there. She is survived by two sons, D. S. Sheppard of Toronto, and R. S. Sheppard of Vancouver, and three daughters, Mrs. John Sprague, Sutton West; Mrs. W. Mitchell, Ringwood, and a daughter, Lulu, in South Edmonton.

## CHILDREN'S AID IN YORK COUNTY

Messrs. A. D. Bruce and A. V. Nolan, members of the York County Children's Aid Society attended a meeting of this organization at the county buildings on Adelaide street last Thursday afternoon. Later the society members (14) were guests of the Toronto Children's Aid at the Granite Club, where lunch was served, and an admirable address heard from Mr. Burn W. Heise, an old Stouffville boy, who is attached to the Welfare Dept. of the Ontario government. Mr. Heise reviewed the history of this particular work since the late J. J. Kelso undertook its re-organization.

A new departure is the grading of societies in the province and closer supervision by the government. The grades run from A to E and draw grants from \$2000 for a grade A society to \$100 for E grade. York county starts out this year in E grade, and a strong recommendation from Hon. David Croll's department that we pep up the work of the organization.

The newly reorganized body of 14 directors are moving fast but evidently not fast enough. During the period that the former society failed to function enormous work piled up. There are 322 children under the care of the society, with many more cases to be investigated. About 30 children are in the Home at Willowdale, 16 in adoptive homes, and 138 in free homes. 98 are in boarding homes.

York County Council paid \$18,000 for maintenance of the society last year, and will be called on for \$25,000 in 1935. Even this increase will have to be augmented by private funds if the work is to be enlarged to meet the demands. A campaign throughout the county is to be launched this spring in an effort to secure private funds, and the help of various organizations.

## Local Happenings

Mrs. Ben. Benynon of Oak Ridges has been spending a few days in town with her sisters Mrs. Nathan Forsyth and Mrs. Herbert Lee.

Mrs. S. W. Hastings attended a tea given by Mrs. E. R. Hastings at the University Women's Club, Toronto, in honor of Miss Lolita Burgess, whose marriage is announced.

The Women of the Missionary Society of the United Church, Stouffville, will hold their Easter Thank-offering on Thursday, April 4, in the lecture room of the church at 2:45. Mrs. Trickey, the new president will be the guest speaker, also Mrs. Hastings will speak. This is an open meeting to which all women are invited.

While preparing to retire for the night in the home of her daughter Mrs. Saunders, in Toronto, Mrs. Joel Nendick was seized with a slight stroke or fainting spell when she fell to the floor. Striking her head, against the furniture several stitches were required to close the wound. Mrs. Nendick is heading for her 88th birthday, and up to the present has been battling against old father time in a manner few have been able to do. Her daughter Mrs. B. Doten was in Toronto the other day and reports her mother recovering from the spell.

## \$20,000 Cash

One does not have to cast about very far to ascertain that conditions are improving throughout Ontario, and right here in our own district there is distinct advancement evident as compared with the disastrous conditions of 1932 and the present time. Particularly is this noticeable in the price of farm commodities.

This month there were three farm stock sales held within a week on farms located within six or eight miles of each other west of Stouffville, the proceeds of which three auctions totalled over \$10,000 spot cash. The Steckley estate sale was one of these while the other two were just over in Markham Twp. a few days later.

It is a fact that the total proceeds in cash from seven farm stock sales held in a short radius of Stouffville during March brought in around \$18,000 or \$20,000. Five years ago all this would have been transacted on credit, with many a heart ache before pay day. But that is another matter. The point we are most pleased about is that our farmers could muster 20,000 bucks to buy stock and implements from their neighbors the past four weeks.

## YEAR'S ILLNESS HAS FATAL ENDING

Following a year of ill health which developed a dropsical condition, Mrs. Joseph Mertens passed away on Saturday morning on the farm just west of the village where she had spent nearly all her 42 years of married life.

Mrs. Mertens was born on the second concession of Uxbridge Township, her maiden name being Emma Hoover, daughter of pioneer parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoover. She is the last of a family of five children. As a girl she came to Stouffville and was a tailoress in the shop of the late W. B. Sanders. In 1893 she married Joseph Mertens, the couple having the nuptial knot tied in Toronto. They settled on the Mertens homestead where they spent practically all the intervening years. To this union two daughters, Miss Marjorie at home, and Ina, (Mrs. Fletcher Goudie) survive, together with the husband.

A woman of more than average hospitable instinct, the Mertens home was ever a rendezvous for friends and relatives, and her reputation as a housewife was known far and near. She had no superior in this, and as evidence, it may be pointed out that her make of butter always demanded a premium on the market. In fact it has been sold privately, and customers were retained for 25 years in town. Mrs. Mertens was a great lover of flowers, a fact that is rightly ended in her daughter, Miss Marjorie, secretary of the local Horticultural Society, thus the Mertens home garden is something to see each summer when in bloom.

On Tuesday afternoon the funeral took place to Stouffville cemetery—Following a private service at the house, the remains were conveyed to the local Mennonite church which was filled by sorrowing friends and life-long acquaintances. Rev. Wm. Moyer, former pastor preached the funeral service in the absence of the pastor Rev. S. Cressman, and Rev. S. Goudie, both of whom were absent through illness. The pall bearers were all relatives of the deceased, and the floral tributes were a silent testimony to the worth and respect of a devoted mother, housewife and true friend.

### MELVILLE

Miss Margaret McEwan and Miss Dorothy Shadwick were home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter of Toronto, were visitors at Bateman's on Sunday.

Mrs. Robt. Mill who has been employed in the city during the winter arrived home Tuesday.

We are pleased to report the gradual improvement of those afflicted with measles in this district.

Our school was closed last Friday owing to the illness of Miss Brown, who we are glad to say is back on the job again.

A large attendance enjoyed the Guild programme last Wednesday. The topic was ably taken by Mrs. Foote. Several selections by the Ratcliff Quartette and readings by Mrs. Winterstein were gratefully appreciated. A social half hour was spent at the close of the meeting in which a delightful lunch was served.

The favorable weather is hurrying the season here. The farmers are rushing around getting everything in readiness for an early seeding. Levi Smith was plowing alfalfa ground last Saturday. We hear rumours of people getting the land ready for seeding. Now won't someone tell us they are spraying their potatoes!

### In Memoriam

Hood — In loving memory of a dear wife and mother, Mabel Hood, who passed away March 28th, 1933.

Time rolls on we are reminded Of a day our hearts were crushed When God took you, oh, so quickly And we in gloom were thrust.

In the bloom of life, death claimed you, In the pride of early days, But we hope to meet you some day And be with you ever more.

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**MELVILLE, BETHESDA, PEACHES  
UNITED CHURCHES**  
Rev. J. McEwen, B.A.  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
10:00 a.m.—Peaches  
11:15 a.m.—Melville  
7:30 p.m.—Bethesda

**STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN**  
Rev. W. H. Fuller, B.A.  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School  
3:00 p.m.—Church Service  
The pastor will be with us  
We cordially invite the public to  
worship with us.

**LEMONVILLE, BLOOMINGTON  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. C. B. Jeffery, Minister  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
10:30—Baltimore  
3:00—Lemonville  
7:00 p.m.—Bloomington

**STOUFFVILLE MENNONITE  
CHURCH**  
Rev. S. Cressman, Pastor  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
The Sunday School Session will  
be lifted this Sunday.  
Communion Services conducted by  
the Presiding Elder M. Bricker  
Services beginning at 10 a.m.  
Praise meeting and ordinances—  
11 a.m. preaching  
Regular Service at 7 p.m.  
Rev. Mr. Bricker will preach at  
Altona  
Everyone welcome.

**STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH**  
Thos. Laidlaw, M.A., Pastor  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
"Is Religious Faith a Real Privilege  
or only a Problem?"  
2:30 p.m.—S. S. and Bible Classes  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service  
"Jesus Christ's Concern for our  
Self-Respect."  
Monday 8 p.m.—Y. P. S.  
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer and  
Bible Study.  
You will find a hearty welcome at  
all these services

**BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD  
CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**  
Rev. E. Morton, Preacher  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
Love is the motive-power of the  
Christian life. If we truly love God  
we will be anxious to express that  
love for Him in service and worship  
and self-denial. Luke 9:23; 2 Tim.  
2:12.  
Services next Lord's Day—  
11:00 a.m.—Bloomington  
7:00 p.m.—Ringwood  
Both services will be full of the  
spirit of praise. "Let us enter His  
Courts with Praise."  
He welcomes all.

**STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Charles S. McGrath, Pastor  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
—Classes for all  
11:00—Morning Worship  
7:00—Evening Service  
A short song service of old familiar  
hymns before the regular  
service.

Wed. 8:00 p.m.—Prayer Meeting  
Prayer is a strong wall and  
fortress of the church; it is a  
goodly Christian's weapon, which  
no man knows or finds but only  
he who has the spirit of grace and  
of prayer.

The Bible Class will meet at the  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.  
We heartily invite the public to all  
of our services

**STOUFFVILLE CONGREGATIONAL  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Harry Worling, Pastor  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
Stouffville

10:00 a.m.—Bible School  
—Classes for all  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service  
Short Song Service of Old Time  
Hymns  
Church Hill  
Sunday, March 31st, 1935  
2:00 p.m.—Bible School  
—Classes for all  
3:00 p.m.—Church Service  
A hearty welcome awaits all who  
attend these services.