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LAST OF APPLETON FAMILY PASSES ON

In the death of Byron Appleton on Thursday, November 25, in his 77th year, the last surviving member of a pioneer family of Whitchurch Township is gone. The Appletons settled on the west side of Musselman's Lake around the year 1850, coming from Richmond Hill.

Byron was the youngest of several sons and daughters born to the late Chas. Appleton, who established a saw mill on the farm-adjacent to the west shore. It proved a hive of industry for a quarter century, but with the gradual thinning of virgin trees the business became extinct. Byron was regarded as an expert saw mill hand and worked in Northern Ontario for some years.

He was a Presbyterian and member of the old church established for years at Ballantrae. At the time of Union he never followed the great body into the new church.

His fatal illness was a gradual break-up of the system, and his decline was quite definite over recent months. He had been staying at the home of his niece Mrs. Walter Talbot in Stouffville where he passed away. Deceased was a bachelor, and a man of sterling quality.

The funeral on Saturday from the Talbot residence proceeded to Church Hill for service and interment. Rev. Chas. Jeffery preached, and made fitting reference to the deceased. The pall bearers were: Messrs. Robt. Windsor, Floyd Fairles, David Gray, George Talbot, Thos. Simpson and Milford Rose.

Whitchurch Twp. Relieved of 14 Miles

The Township of Whitchurch has fared well at the hands of the York County Council this session in the matter of taking over a portion of their roads into the county system. In all this year the township expect to be relieved of some fourteen miles.

At the June session it was decided to take over the Lake Wilcox road from Yonge street to the fourth concession, and while there has been some hitch in the government end of it, this is expected to be brushed out right away.

At this session of the council of York it was decided to take into the county system the north townline for a distance of seven miles, and the Aurora road from the Uxbridge townline to Vandorf, a distance of nine miles. With these two roads improved as county highways, the government will be given an open hand in selecting the one they wish to incorporate into a cross-county highway from Peterboro to Orangeville.

Reeve Toole and Deputy Reeve Cook may well be congratulated in being able to transfer the above roads to the county. They are heavily travelled roads, and to be relieved of them will mean a great deal to Whitchurch.

BIRTHS
Burton—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Friday, November 26th, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burton, Ringwood, a daughter.

Carpenter—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Wednesday, December 1st, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Carpenter, Stouffville, a daughter.

Forsyth—In Stouffville, on Nov. 23, 1937, (at the home of Mrs. O. Forsyth), to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Forsyth of Uxbridge, a daughter, (Donna Marlene).

Smith—At The Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Saturday, Nov. 27, 1937, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, Unionville, a son.

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SWEARS POUND KEEPER DAVIS GRABBED HER BY THE HAIR, THREW HER DOWN AND THEN KICKED HER

Were the Charges Made by Mrs. Ethel Brown in Glasgow Quarrel—Dr. Darling Says Injury to Knee Not Fresh and was not Made on Day Fight Took Place.

In the criminal action brought by Mrs. Ethel Brown of Glasgow against her neighbor Mr. Walter Davis opened in the Music Hall in Uxbridge on Thursday afternoon, she charged that Davis had called her a D-lar, struck her across the face, and threw her to the ground by the hair of the head, the result of which she alleged was an injured hip and scratches above the knee. These she had shown to Dr. Darling of Goodwood, but which the physician swore were too old to have been inflicted on Nov. 11. The Doctor had seen them on Nov. 12. Such was the nature of evidence which the court had before it.

The case opened at two o'clock before Magistrate Ebbs of Oshawa, and adjourned for a week after going on all afternoon. Crown Attorney Annis of Oshawa prosecuted, and F. L. Button K.C. defended Davis.

Mrs. Brown was assisted into the Court on the arm of a couple of young men, and was allowed to sit outside the witness box because of her condition.

Two actions had been entered. Mrs. Brown charged Mr. Davis and later Davis entered a similar charge against Mrs. Brown, each being "assault with intent to do bodily harm." It was agreed on consent of His Worship that they should be tried together.

Mrs. Brown took the stand as the first witness. She explained that she was a widow living on a small acreage in Glasgow and the defendant, Davis, was neighbor. On Nov. 11 she said her cattle were on the road having just been let out of its stable. They walked into Ralph Davis' gate across from her home, and he took them to pound at the home of his brother Walter whom she alleged later assaulted her. Walter Davis, she continued, "Called at my door and notified me that my cattle were in pound. The notice was in writing. I closed the door, read the two sheets of paper, and opened the door again when 'Davis' had reached a point away from the house near the barn." The notice also contained a warning about Mrs. Brown's fence having holes in it which allowed Davis' pigs to get through into the Brown place. It demanded that this be repaired.

Says Davis Struck First Blow
Mrs. Brown said, was about five rods from the house when she called to him demanding to know why her cattle had been impounded while others said to be at large had not been so treated. Mrs. Brown went down to where Davis was standing to make this enquiry. An argument ensued over the pigs. "He called me a liar using profane language and struck me on the nose and made it bleed," Mrs. Brown then said she grabbed him by the collar of the coat and slapped him on the face once, then she said he grabbed her by the hair of the head, threw her down and kicked her just above the knee. Next she grabbed a board, but Davis pleaded "don't hit me," thereupon she went to the house got washed up and walked to Stouffville to lay a charge. She saw Mr. Button who said he had been retained by Davis. She went next day to Dr. Freal and to Dr. Darling at Goodwood. Mrs. Brown said the following day her hip was bruised and swollen. She couldn't get around after Saturday, the day following the fracas. She told that "bad blood" has existed between the families for some eight years, and most of this arose because he couldn't go into her house and do what he liked.

"What do you mean by that statement, asked the Magistrate?" Mrs. Brown then said Davis hadn't been in her home only two or three times in years.

To Mr. Button she said she had been a widow eleven years, and had five children at home, ranging in age from three to thirteen years. It was also brought out in cross examination that she had had trouble over her boy's behaviour at school last summer, he having been suspended. Davis was a school trustee, but she denied telling George Brown that she was laying for Walter Davis. She had a lame back prior to the time of the trouble, but it had all cleared up.

The First Touch
Louisa Brown, daughter, saw her mother about half way between the house and barn. Mrs. Brown, she said, seemed to touch Davis on the elbow. Then he struck her. Never saw mother strike until he hit her. Then she hit him in the

face. Thereupon he grabbed her by the hair. Her mother went down. Walter Davis, charged, said he was a farmer, pound keeper and school trustee. He admitted trouble with Mrs. Brown's boy, and told the same story about handling in the note at the door to Mrs. Brown. "She came at me in a rage as I was leaving," he said. "Said she hadn't money to pay, and I said they could come over and milk the cows. I didn't want to be hard on her. Then she argued about the school trouble. I refused to discuss that. I asked her to fix the fence. She grabbed me by the collar and called me a damn liar and struck me in the face." The magistrate observed that the scar he saw the week previous looked like a pimple.

Davis continued: "After I pushed her down her daughter came down to where we were. I said, she isn't hurt. Mrs. Brown jumped up and grabbed a stick and I warned her not to strike." He denied grabbing her by the hair or using profane language. He never saw any blood on Mrs. Brown but his own cheek was bleeding from the claw he alleged she gave him.

What explanation do you make for putting this woman's cattle in pound and letting others go, Davis was asked. Her cattle were the only ones in the berry bushes.

To the crown attorney he explained having sent a private notice about the fence needing repairs under the signature of pound keeper in defence of his sows which he alleged had gotten into the Brown place and came out badly bruised. He feared one had a broken leg. He didn't want his animals beaten up. He served the notice in person because he didn't think Mrs. Brown would accept it through anyone else. He had been a pound-keeper for two or three years and this was the first stock impounded. "Then you just happened to have as first cattle in pound this woman's with whom you are not friends, and you included a private notice with it," observed the crown prosecutor.

Old Marks Above Knee
Dr. Darling told of seeing marks above the right knee on Mrs. Brown. They were not fresh marks, and were not black and blue, but a greenish brown, which follows after black and blue. This was the day after the accident. He wouldn't say they were inflicted on the day of the trouble but would say they were not made on that day.

Saw Mrs. Brown First Attack
Mrs. Ralph Davis said she saw Mrs. Brown make a lunge at Walter grab him by the coat and slap him in the face. He shoved her back. She stood there for a second, then seemed to sit down. She got up in a few seconds when her daughter came to her. Mrs. Brown grabbed a board and he dared her to hit him. Walter then went to the road. She denied that Davis used his feet.

To the Crown she said she just happened to see the trouble from her home right across the road. It hadn't been arranged, but she had talked with Walter about three hours before the trouble, and he said he would see the township clerk Mr. Roach, about what to do with the cattle.

Witness said she couldn't understand certain questions being put by the magistrate who intimated that the witness was dodging "the questions," admonishing her to give straight-forward answers.

Witness Fainted
Marion Davis, daughter of Ralph Davis, corroborated the story told by her mother. In so far as the fighting goes, and was positive her uncle never did more than push Mrs. Brown away. Lorraine Hisy visiting at the home of Ralph Davis was another eye witness from across the road in the Ralph Davis place. Her evidence was much the same, other than that she said Mrs. Brown was laying down, not sitting. Lorraine, aged 11 years, fainted, and His Worship decided to adjourn the case at this point for one week.

The auditorium of the hall was filled to capacity, the case having gained widespread interest.

ENGAGEMENTS
Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Scott, Stouffville, R.R. 4, announce the engagement of their daughter Dorothy Helen to Mr. Chester Henry Graham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Graham of Aurora. The marriage will take place quietly on December 4th.

VILLAGE BEST BUYER AT TAX SALE

The final scene in the Stouffville tax sale was enacted on Monday afternoon at two o'clock when four properties were put up at auction, and although an audience of 25 had gathered in the municipal hall, bidding was decidedly slow. As prescribed by law the treasurer, J.S. Dougherty, acted as auctioneer. The town bought all property at the sale excepting one.

There were four vacant lots on Russell street put up first. These were taken at \$24.85 by the corporation, the only bidder. The lots are located south of Market street and East of O'Brien Avenue, in what is known as the flats.

The second sale was also for a lot in the flats against which was \$4.01 and again the corporation was the buyer.

Lot No. 25, on Main street, on which is a good brick house and basement cellar located at corner of Main street and 19th concession, was also sold to the corporation, there being no other bid. Against this place was \$309.47, and it provided probably the only surprise of the sale. It was thought that the place was a most attractive buy and would have been snapped up, but such was not the case. However, it is believed the place will sell at a profit when the town disposes of it. At one time this was a popular hotel site.

Jonathan Morgason bought the next and last property offered, being known as the Valentine house on Stouffer street. The taxes and charges were \$152.82, but Mr. Morgason had opposition in the buying and paid \$180 for the place. Anything realized over and above the taxes will revert to the original owners of the place. The property consists of quarter acre lot with a frame house.

MECHANIC "JUMPS" JOB, DISAPPEARS

As the old saying goes, "he silently folded up his tent and rolled away," so went Ken Patterson, employee at W. S. Widdifield's garage last week. Ken Widdifield hears that Ken has gone to Nova Scotia or somewhere to start life anew, and he wishes him the best of success. Of his whereabouts, however, he has nothing authentic. Employed by Mr. Widdifield for two years, Ken packed his tools on a recent Sunday and walked off the job without the usual formalities of saying "good-bye."

During his last week Patterson had been advised that his right to drive a motor vehicle had been cancelled and could not be renewed until a guarantee was posted for any future mishaps he might have. This was the result of having run into ill-luck the past few years in a series of accidents, one of which proved the death of a young man.

Mr. Widdifield has engaged another skilled mechanic who is now on the job at the Standard Garage. Patterson, too, was said to be an expert in his line and his best testimony comes from the employer whose premises he vacated so unceremoniously. He was civil with the public and altogether a splendid chap, excepting as his friends testify, "he had a mania for fast driving."

A civil action is pending against Patterson to be heard next spring. The case arises over the death of young Petty, who was struck by Patterson's car, and involves a libel suit of \$5,000.

Cattle Poisoned Owner Charges

Through the courts the public is likely to soon learn of a cattle poisoning incident in Whitchurch Township. Ted Pettoveny, an Austrian lost four cows by reason of having been given arsenate of lead it is claimed. It is alleged that turnips were picked up in the pasture field on Pettoveny's place in which this poison had been ingested.

The owner is said to have enemies among his own countrymen but is not at liberty to make any public charges just yet. The Tribune is informed. Whoever the perpetrators of the inhuman act, they should be sought out, and brought to account.

COMING EVENTS
The Atha Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 23. Watch for further particulars. —Edna Foskitt, teacher.

THREE PIONEER LAYMEN BRING CONVINCING MESSAGE TO CHURCH

A service such as probably has never been seen in the annals of any local congregation was held in the United Church on Sunday evening when three laymen, whose combined ages totalled 265 years, and the youngest of whom is 86, addressed the congregation along the lines of the pioneer and the early church of the local settlement.

All widely known in the locality, the speakers were Seneca Baker, Isaac Pike and James Ley, the latter being a resident of Markham village, and native of Scarborough. The first two mentioned spent their years in Whitchurch, and as Rev. L. E. Atkinson stated in introducing the speakers, Mr. Pike had taught him in the public school at Bethesda.

Not only was the situation unique, but the addresses of those pioneer men, simple, convincing, and sincere, struck home to the hearts of the listeners in a telling manner.

Mr. Baker, 86, being the youngest of the three lads, was placed first in the list of speakers. He said he was not present with the thought of talking on theology, but when the invitation was given him by the pastor of the church, he looked on it as an opportunity to witness for Christ, at which time he might drop a word that might intensify the zeal of some listener. He recalled the days of the Primitive Methodists 80 years ago. Only a lad then, he realized since that things were crude perhaps, but there was an intensity of purpose in the Christian folk of the settlement and an indwelling of the holy spirit that marked the churchman. They would speak on the street about their religion, endured great hardship, walked many miles to worship, and not infrequently did they approach others of their friends about their spiritual welfare. Mr. Baker thought, perhaps, we had gotten too much away from these things today.

James Ley has just celebrated his 93rd birthday, and save for being a bit hard-of-hearing, possesses excellent faculties. He gave some interesting history on the early days in Scarborough. The township was settled over 100 years ago, but strange to say Markham was settled before Scarborough, the early pioneer having followed the trail up Yonge street first. In 1795 David Thompson and wife Mary came from Toronto as first settlers. They had four children born in the forest there. The people had great faith in those days, and prayer and praise were never forgotten. There seems little time for these things today, he regretted. There is nothing like the motor car, said Mr. Ley, and he sometimes wondered if it were a great aid to commerce or a great curse. The flying machine is coming so the worst is not yet, he prophesied.—Speaking seriously Mr. Ley claimed that prayer and praise in the

home featured those early days. People walked seven miles to a place of worship, while today we go the same distance in a motor car in just a few minutes, still we have less time for family prayer. The message he would like to leave his audience is that we love one another and love thy neighbor as thyself. If we do this we will surely love God too, and if we love one another as ourselves, how can there be any war?

Opening his remarks with the words of Elizabeth Akers Allen, "Backward turn backward, Oh time in thy flight Make me a child again, Just for tonight."

Mr. Pike maintained the high calibre of the addresses previously heard. He was pleased to look back 75 years when he lived on the 9th of Markham. An outstanding person he recalled was Abraham Raymer, a simple man with a knowledge of the scriptures. Folks held prayer meetings, got acquainted and so were in good company. There were no movies and we were not allowed to attend even the occasional circus. Perhaps that was all for the best. Denying us the circus at least taught us discipline, he thought. "The old Methodist meetings were full of inspiration. There were Baptists there too, and I was one of their first Sunday School scholars when they became established. He recalled there were 23 families of Millers at this end of Markham Township, in the one settlement, but they have all gone.

"I am not so particular about theology, so long as a man reads his bible and does what it tells him to do. Here we have Baptist, Presbyterian and Mennonite. They may all be wrong, so we shouldn't quarrel, but do the Lord's bidding." Speaking about temperance Mr. Pike said, "If temperance comes into the world, it will only be through the church, the Christian people."

MRS. R. FAIRLES DIES IN 77th YEAR

A very fine type of Christian motherhood succumbed to a long siege of illness when on Sunday, Nov. 28, 1937, Mrs. Robert Fairles passed away at the home of her son Watson at Bloomington. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon took place to Stouffville cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. L. E. Atkinson, assisted by Rev. H. Lee and Rev. C. B. Jeffery. The pall bearers were Messrs. Everett Barnes, Newton Rae, Clifford Lemon, Arthur Story, Edgar Story, Wm. Fockler.

Born near Nobleton, 77 years ago the late Mrs. Fairles whose maiden name was Adeline Watson, was educated for the teaching profession, and taught public school some years prior to her marriage to the late Robert Fairles who predeceased her in 1921. They located at Bloomington in 1887 and spent all their married life there, the first five years being on the farm now occupied by Mate Ramer, when they purchased the homestead where Watson Fairles now lives. After Mr. Fairles' death the widow lived in Stouffville until her health broke up. The family of three sons and two daughters were all present for the funeral, they being Floyd, Watson and Eldon all living in the Stouffville district, and Mrs. Hassard of Toronto, and Mrs. Jordan in Springfield, Ill.

The late Mrs. Fairles was a woman of high Christian character, an untiring worker in the former Methodist church at Bloomington, Sunday School teacher, for long years, and when she came to Stouffville following the death of her husband she continued in active church work so long as her health permitted. Her kind and sympathetic disposition won for her a warm place in the hearts of many people.

PROMINENT CITIZEN IS LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late Ralph Baker held on Friday afternoon was attended by many people from Stouffville and all over the Township of Whitchurch. The spacious home at Baker Hill also the large grounds surrounding were filled with people, and the fine old house is one of the largest farm homes in Whitchurch. Mr. Baker's untimely death on Tuesday was a great shock, he having slept away in the night. Thus the circumstances awakened the sympathy of all.

The service at the late home was taken jointly by Rev. W. E. Smalley and Rev. C. B. Jeffery. One of Mr. Smalley's churches is located virtually on the Baker farm, while Mr. Jeffery and his United Church are neighbors on the west side of the Baker estate. At the graveside members of the I.O.O.F. conducted their fraternal ceremony for a brother who had passed to the Grand Lodge above. Rev. Robt. Young and Mr. Jess Cook, Deputy Reeve of the township, officiated in reading the ritual service.

Pall bearers were members of both the Masonic Order and the Oddfellows, namely, A. C. Burkholder, Harry Spang, Wm. Griffiths, Ed. Logan, Sam. Armstrong and S. Foote.

Interment was in Baker Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Baker and only daughter Miss Jean, together with the aged parents Mr. and Mrs. Sylvanus Baker, have the heartfelt and sincere sympathy of everybody in their hour of bitter sorrow and irrepairable loss.

WHITCHURCH FARMER SHIPS FINE HOGS
Roland Scott of the 5th con. of Whitchurch shipped 16 hogs which graded 13 select and 4 bacon, the best load delivered to any abattoir in Toronto. These hogs were shipped through the Aurora Stock Yard says The Banner.

Among The Churches

CHRIST CHURCH, ANGLICAN
Rev. F. Herman, Rector
Sunday, December 5th, 1937
1st Sunday in Advent
2:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer
The W. A. will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry Johnson this Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.
Everybody Welcome.

STOUFFVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
Rev. W. H. Fuller, B.A.
Sunday, December 5th, 1937
2:00 p.m.—Sabbath School
3:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
The public are invited to worship with us.

SIXTH LINE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. E. Smalley, Pastor
Phone 2203
Sunday, December 5th, 1937
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Church Service
Subject: "The Purpose of The Sacrifices in the Old Testament."
12:00 Noon—Communion Service
Friday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m.—Y.P.S.—at Baker Hill. The Young People from Claremont are putting on the program.
Bible Thought For This Week
Heb. 13:15, 16

BLOOMINGTON and RINGWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Rev. E. Morton, Preacher
Let us not allow ourselves to believe that Jesus Christ "is a joy-killer," as many seem to think. He is rather a giver of eternal joy.—Matt. 25:21, 23
Sunday Services, Dec. 5th.
11:00 a.m.—Bloomington
7:00 p.m.—Ringwood
God has provided a sound Gospel for an unsaved humanity. Let us seek to know what His will is concerning us.

STOUFFVILLE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Arthur Greer, Pastor
Sunday, December 5th, 1937
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Subject: "Atonement"
This is the first of a series of sermons on the great doctrines of the Faith.
7:00 p.m.—Gospel Service
Church Hill
2:00 p.m.—Sunday School
3:00 p.m.—Worship Service
Friday 8 p.m.—Senior Christian Endeavour.

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
L. E. Atkinson, Minister
Sunday, December 5th, 1937
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
Rev. T. H. Arnap, Secretary of Foreign Missions of the United and author of "A New Church Faces a New World," will speak.
2:30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible Class
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship
Rev. Dr. Arnap
Mrs. D. Wallace Christie, guest, soloist morning and evening.
Monday 8 p.m.—Weekly Y.P.U.
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Prayer and Fellowship Meeting
Wednesday 8 p.m.—The Garrett Evening Auxiliary will meet in the home of Mrs. Jas. Ridout.
You are cordially invited to come and worship with us.

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