

Farmers Enjoy Supper and Address

The unusual large crowd enjoyed the U.F.O. oyster supper in Ratcliff's Hall, despite the bitter cold night and heavy roads. It has come to be one of the looked-for feasts of the season which was followed this year by an extra interesting program with William Rennie acting as chairman.

Jos. McCully, headmaster of Pickering College, Newmarket, told the farmers that we are living in an age of changes, comparable only to that of the fall of the Roman Empire, and that we are fortunate in having the opportunity of helping to shape, mould and create the world of the future. He said that the League of Nations may be dead, but the ideals for which it stood are not. The hope of the farmer, he declared, was in co-operation, and the way to get acquainted along this line, was by the study groups or neighborhood meetings which are it stood are not. What greater inspiration can there be than to ask the youth of today to take its share in the preservation and propagation of those principles which more than any other in history have given value and dignity to human life.

The struggle in which we engage to-day is basically a struggle between spiritual power and those forces which emphasize the value of material things. The only values of importance in our western civilization he said, are those tangible ones which are spiritual.

Gormley Mourns Life-long Resident

Employee as a sectionman on the old Canadian Northern at Gormley for 25 years and retired for the last ten years, Jabez Thompson was laid to rest at Heise Hill cemetery on February 12. He had been in declining health for some time before his death. The funeral was largely attended, service being in charge of Rev. I. Brubacher in the Mennonite Church at Gormley, assisted by Rev. A. T. Gooding.

Born in Yorkshire, England, the late Mr. Thompson came to Canada as a young man of nineteen. In 1885 he united in marriage with Eva May Williams of Musselman's Lake. For 25 years he was employed at Gormley on the section, being foreman of the division first with the Canadian Northern and latterly with the C.N.R. since they took over the line. He was converted and joined the M.B.C. church there 40 years ago, and was a sincere christian gentleman highly esteemed.

Thirteen years ago he suffered the loss of his beloved wife, but there survives the parents two daughters, Mary at home, and Mrs. Sutton of Mt. Dennis, also three sons, Fred of Montreal, and Frank and William in Mount Dennis. There are four grandchildren.

For ten years now Mr. Thompson had enjoyed a retired life around Gormley where he was known to everybody and to a large number of close friends who with the family mourn his departure.

Stricken in Church Dies Within Few Hours

Stricken while attending the morning worship service in the Stouffville Mennonite Church, last Sunday Mrs. Byron Boake, aged 46 years, died within less than eight hours, passing away between seven and eight the same evening. She never regained consciousness from the moment she was seen to be in distress in the church pew. She was carried out by her husband, and so little disturbance was made that the minister Rev. H. Shantz, who was reading the morning lesson, never stopped and did not notice that anything serious had taken place.

Mrs. Boake was a daughter of the late Albert Widdifield and his wife now Mrs. Charles Branden of Pine Orchard. She was born on the place where the mother still resides on the 6th of Whitchurch and is also survived by an only brother Mr. W. S. Widdifield, General Motors dealer in Stouffville and by a half-brother Dean Brandon of Cedar Valley. Mrs. Boake's mother at the present time is seriously ill, and the plight of her daughter was not communicated to her for some time. Monday the step-father Chas. Brandon was trampled on by a horse and had to be rushed at once to a hospital.

Over 25 years ago Mr. and Mrs. Byron Boake were united in marriage to take up farming in the local district. Besides the grief-stricken husband there are five children, three sons and two daughters surviving, being Albert, Cecil and Harold, also Mrs. E. Strong (May), on the O'Connor Drive, and Miss Blanche at home.

Mrs. Boake had not been feeling well for some time, but did not consider she was in a serious condition. She attended to her household duties as usual on Sunday, then prepared to attend church. Once there she chatted and greeted friends in the usual way. The service got underway, and had reached the point where the pastor was reading the morning lesson from the 55th chapter of Isaiah. Pri-

or to this Mrs. Boake had knelt in prayer as is the custom here, but had to be assisted up by her husband, indicating that she was in some distress at the time. The sudden ending under such tragic conditions came as a tremendous shock to the whole neighborhood and especially the family and church friends.

Tells of Submarines

The guest speaker of the local Lions' Club at their regular luncheon meeting was J. Brown, a member of the staff of the Toronto Daily Star.

Mr. Brown served for several years in a submarine during the Great War and he gave a very thrilling talk on his experiences at the Dardanelles, and while stationed at Malta and other posts of the Mediterranean.

His speech concluded all moved back from the tables and for the next hour he was plied with questions.

Having spent years on various types of warships prior to becoming a member of the sub-crew he was right in his element, answering all questions and volunteering much extra information.

ENGAGEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Tomlinson of Claremont announce the engagement of their only daughter Grace Elizabeth to Richard Frank Cooper, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cooper of Claremont. Wedding to take place Friday evening, March 10th, in Claremont United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Maye of Goodwood wish to announce the engagement, of Edna Frances Brignall, daughter of Mr. Newton Brignall, to Walter Bryan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bryan of Goodwood. The marriage to take place in March.

Congratulate Couple Married Fifty Years

Over 160 guests called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner next to the public school on Saturday afternoon and evening to offer congratulations to the happy couple on their fiftieth wedding day. Tea was poured in the afternoon by Mrs. W. A. Cook, Uxbridge and Mrs. Joliffe, Toronto, and in the evening by Mrs. William Turner, Markham, and Miss Martha Turner, Toronto. In addition to the guests telegrams, and letters were received from friends far and near.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Turner were enjoying excellent health and took part in the festivities with the keenest interest. While it took only one minister to tie the nuptial knot at the home of the bride's parents in Scott Township 50 years ago; no less than



six ministers and their wives participated in the event of Saturday by calling at the home with other guests during the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner are life-long residents of this part of Ontario, Mrs. Turner being born in Scott Township and Mr. Turner in Pickering. For over 30 years they farmed on the 10th concession of Markham and Stouffville was their home town as it is today. They were successful farmers, Mr. Turner always having an eye for first class live stock. Since their retirement about twelve years ago they have taken an active interest in community affairs, and because of this they are known to many of the younger generation who admire the folks up on the school hill.

Enjoys Party on 86th Birthday

Mr. James Mowat thinks he lives in a very fine neighborhood, and with his opinion in this matter few, if any, would think him wrong. Last Thursday these neighbors and a number of other close friends surprised Mr. Mowat with a birthday party to mark the 86th milestone of his life. Naturally a wonderful time was enjoyed, and each guest expressed the hope that the event might be repeated a year hence. James Mowat was born in Toronto when the place was called Muddy York, but his mother later became a resident of Cashel on her second marriage and here Mr. Mowat met his future wife who is to this day his faithful partner. The Mowats originally came from the Orkney Island where they raise what Mr. Mowat thinks is the finest Scots. It is now 37 years since Mr. and Mrs. Mowat came into Stouffville to live, and their home on Main street is outstanding for its hospitality and good-will. May both these highly esteemed residents live long to enjoy the respect and love of a wide circle of friends.

Whitchurch Hockey Nears Finals

A triple hockey card in the Stouffville Arena on Thursday night will decide the Whitchurch finalists. The teams playing on Thursday night will line up as follows: Lemonville vs. Ballantrae; King vs. White Rose and Vandorf vs. Pine Orchard.

Respected Citizen Passes at 82

Early Monday morning of this week Darius Field succumbed to a long illness at his home in the westend Stouffville. He was in his 82nd year, but had the appearance of a man much younger in years. The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was held from his late home to Goodwood cemetery for interment. Rev. L. E. Atkinson conducted the service, the bearers being Messrs. Walter and Harry Brillinger, Wesley Schell, C. Cadieux and Fred Reynolds, all neighbors, and William Reesor of Altona.

Raised in the Goodwood district Mr. Field was a farmer, and son of the late George Field. By his first marriage to the late Annie Lehman in 1885 two children were born, one surviving being Mrs. B. Madill living in British Columbia. Forty-four years ago he married Aldie Nighswander who survives him with an only daughter at home, Mrs. Ruth Kaiser.

Seventeen years ago the family located in town, where Mr. Field continued to find employment for he loved to work on the farm and did so up to last summer; being employed all summer by Brillinger Brothers. He attended the former Methodist church at Goodwood, but of recent years, due to poor hearing, he did not attend church. An only brother Lyman Field of Goodwood, also survives.

The passing of Darius Field removes an honest, steady-going citizen from our midst, and despite his defective hearing he kept himself abreast of what was going for he was an ardent reader. He enjoyed many good friends in his local neighborhood.

Prominent Citizen to Be Buried Thursday

Public Service in Anglican Church for Dr. Ira Freeland who Died in His 79th Year—Last of Family of Four Sons Who With Their Father the Late James Freeland Entered Professional Life.

Suffering from a stroke sustained just two months ago while holidaying in Melbourne, Florida, Dr. Ira Albert Freeland passed away peacefully at 11 o'clock on Monday morning this week at his residence in Stouffville. He was stricken on the golf course in the South on December 26, and never regained use of the paralyzed limbs again. Four weeks ago his son Dr. Herbert Freeland went South and brought his father back to his home here. He was conscious up to the last day. Because of her invalid condition Mrs. Freeland, wife of the deceased, is remaining in Florida for the present.

Although death seemed inevitable, the passing of Dr. Freeland on Monday almost daily expected, fairly shook the community here where he had spent all his active life. He was in his 79th year.

Dr. Freeland was the last of a family of four sons and two daughters born to Dr. J. G. Freeland and his wife Elizabeth Lloyd. J. G. died in 1888, and later his widow was laid to rest beside him in Stouffville cemetery.

The passing of Dr. Ira A. Freeland recalls the fact that there have been practically four generations of Freeland practicing medicine in Stouffville continuously for over three quarters of a century. Dr. J. G. Freeland was succeeded by his son Dr. S. L. Freeland who being 20 years older than his brother Dr. Ira Freeland was like another generation.

Following Dr. Ira, of course, is his son Dr. Herbert who carries on the practise today.

Dr. Ira Freeland is the last survivor of the four sons, the others being, Dr. S. L. Freeland, Dr. Eugene Freeland, and Dr. Byron Freeland, V.S. There were also two sisters, Miss Ada Freeland and Mrs. Wesley Robinson, both deceased.

The demise of Dr. Ira Freeland creates a vacancy in our community that will be keenly felt. He took a live interest in all promotional work for the advancement of Stouffville. For years he served as president of the Board of Trade, he was one of the sponsors of the Community Park, a strong advocate and booster for the hundred thousand dollar pavement through Stouffville, and was chairman of the committee for the erection of the municipal tower the success which depended on the gift of the fine clock from Miss E. Percy.

Dr. Freeland's executive ability was recognized outside his home town too, for he served on the directorate of Ontario Medical Association and induced that important body to hold a meeting here on one occasion. He was a past county master of Ontario County L.O.L., and in politics a Liberal with quite independent views.

Dr. Freeland is survived by his wife who was before her marriage Miss Jane Barnes, and who as stated is still in Florida in quite a frail condition. Dr. Herbert Freeland is an only son and Mrs. W. Verner (Kathleen) of New York City an only daughter. Mrs. Verner is home for the funeral which will take place this Thursday afternoon from the late residence on Main street to Christ Anglican Church for public service at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Stouffville cemetery.

Rennie Again Heads Forestry Committee

Sir William Mulock Gives an Address to Group and Sees Necessity for a Full-Time Ministry—Reeve James Rennie Again Elected President.

Criticizing the Provincial Government for "its lack of energy in reforestation," Sir William Mulock, addressing the annual meeting of the Ontario Reforestation and Conservation Association in York County Municipal Chambers on Monday declared that leadership must come from the government, which should appoint a minister for that purpose.

"At present reforestation is something tacked onto another job, and the necessary work is always sidetracked," he said. "There would be no political objection to the appointment of a minister, because everybody favors it."

Sir William made little of the work of York in planting 125 acres of trees a year, pointing out that in Bruce County as much as 2,000 acres was planted in a single year.

Hon. Peter Heenan, Minister of Lands and Forests, differed slightly with Sir William, pointing out that the government was willing to give leadership, but that municipalities themselves were not interested enough. "At present all we have is individuals who are willing to give advice through the newspaper columns as to what the government should do for them in the way of reforestation," he declared.

"We are issuing an open invitation for more municipalities to take part," he said. "We are in a position to supply 22,000,000 saplings this year." Last year, he stated that some 12,000,000 trees had been planted, of which one million were on government property.

Last year's officers were returned by acclamation for a second term. They are: Chairman, James Rennie, Reeve of Markham Township; vice-chairman, Bill H. Casselman, Reeve

of Chesterville, Dundas County; secretary, W. H. Porter, managing editor of the Farmers' Advocate, London, and treasurer, W. W. Gardhouse, York County Treasurer.

GEORGE SCOTT'S DEATH REMOVES PIONEERS' SON

George Scott, son of the late Francis Scott and Elizabeth Lambie and member of an honored pioneer family of Scarborough died at his home, Agincourt, Monday, aged 71.

Born on the homestead, "The Wylies," Agincourt, Mr. Scott lived all his life in Scarborough and spent the last 19 years in Agincourt.

He was past master of Markham Union Lodge and Scarborough Lodge and a Scottish Rite Mason. He was a member of Knox United Church. Surviving are his widow, Margaret Bell Scott, one son, Allan at Atlanta Georgia, and two sisters, Misses Margaret and Agnes, at Agincourt.

Hog Prices Feature Spence Sale

Despite threatening cold weather and more or less bad roads a good crowd attended the auction sale at John Spence's farm on the 6th concession of Whitchurch Wednesday of last week. The outstanding feature of the sale was the price paid for hogs. A sow with eleven young sold for \$80, the buyer being a Scarborough man, who also bought other sows at from \$50 to \$75 each. Young pigs under 85 pounds sold at \$9.75. The sale totalled close to \$2500. Mr. Spence is advertising the farm for rent this week, as it was not sold at the sale when offered by Auctioneer A. S. Farmer.

Star carnival Wednesday, March 1st, Stouffville Arena.