

Bloomington Man Starts his 99th Year

Ninety-eight years old, and all of them spent within about one mile of where he was born, is the unique experience of William Hill, who celebrated his 99th year on Saturday at the family home in Bloomington. Numerous cards, and the good wishes and congratulations of the whole neighborhood combined to mark the occasion.

Mr. Hill was born on the farm owned by his father, the late John Hill, who came to this country from Ireland.

Mr. Hill cleared his farm and teamed the wood into Stouffville, where he says he sold it at practically every house in the village. He attributed his long life to "lots of hard work and a good appetite. He is very fond of pork."

Mr. Hill comes of a long-lived family on his mother's side. His grandfather, Abram Lewis, who came from the United States, lived to be 102, and his mother died at 96 years, making 297 years for the three generations. He recalls his grandfather plowing 1-2 rounds of a field when 100 years old.

Mr. Hill married when well past the prime of life, and has raised a family of nine. His eldest grandchild is little Alma Hill, of Peterboro, who is 12 years old. He has in all four grandchildren, and one brother living, David, of Midland, who is 86. Mr. Hill is in the best of health and has perfect hearing. He has lost the sight of one eye but still enjoys reading.

Several of the family were home for a quiet celebration on Saturday. They are, Russell, of Peterboro; Miss Edna and Alex. of Aurora; Miss Alma and Walter, Toronto; Mrs. Watson Fairles, Mrs. Ernie Davis, Whitchurch, and Miss Laura and Howard, at home. His wife formerly Jennie Rush, died ten years ago.

Mt. Albert Bride to Live in Markham

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Oldham, Mount Albert, was the scene of a pretty wedding on April 5, 1939, when their daughter Eva Margaret became the bride of William Kirby Hackney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hackney, Goodwood.

Attired in a brown tailored suit with accessories to match, the bride entered the room promptly at 3 o'clock and was given in marriage by her brother Nathan. Rev. Mr. Wilson tied the nuptial knot. The bridesmaid was Miss Mae Oldham, sister of the bride, wearing a mauve dress trimmed with white. The bride and bridesmaid carried bouquets of roses. Mr. Harry Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Holden of Stouffville, officiated as best man. Little 7-year-old Betty Oldham, sister of the bride acted as flower girl wearing yellow taffeta trimmed with blue and blue accessories. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

The home was attractively decorated for the occasion with pink and white.

At 5 o'clock a sumptuous wedding supper was served partaken of by the immediate family and friends. The tables were nicely decorated in pink and white, and the bride's mother received in a wine crepe and the bridegroom's mother in navy crepe. The bridegroom's gift to the bride was a wrist watch, to the bridesmaid a gold locket, and to the best man a gold tie pin.

Amidst the good wishes of the happy gathering the young couple left on their honeymoon—the bride travelling in a brown suit with gold top coat. They will reside in Markham.

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of business men and all others interested in the formation of a Service Club or Board of Trade for Stouffville will be held in the Municipal Hall on Monday evening, April 24. Every man in business and other citizens concerned about the welfare of the village have an obligation to meet in attending this meeting, and are expected to be on hand.

The decision to hold such a meeting was arrived at on Monday evening at a meeting of the Lions Club and other men who were invited to attend. It was felt that at least every business man should be on hand next Monday to hear the discussion and the advisability of forming some kind of organization designed to deal with public matters concerning our municipality.

Geo. Rodanz Buys U.S. Herefords

An outstanding shipment of cattle arrived in Stouffville this week for Burnbrae Farms, Ringwood, purchased by the owner Mr. George Rodanz, whose fine herd is fast coming to the forefront since Mr. Rodanz purchased his foundation stock just a few years ago as successor to the late Robert Miller.

The imported cattle this week came from Wyoming and Colorado specially selected Herefords. One heifer in the 26 head purchased was first prize winner at the famous Denver show, and her high qualities were characteristic of the entire importation.

Just recently Burnbrae Farms shipped a couple of Shorthorns to a New Brunswick stock farm.

The April meeting of the W.C.T.U. will be held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Atkinson, Church street, on Thursday afternoon, April 20th, at 3 p.m. An excellent program is being prepared and a large attendance is expected.

Mrs. A. J. Wells' 84th Birthday

Mrs. A. J. Wells celebrated her 84th birthday on Thursday at the home of her son Councilor Herb. Wells on the 2nd concession of Whitchurch. Over 20 relatives and friends gathered to spend the evening.

Mrs. Wells was born in Yorkshire, England, and spent her first birthday in mid-ocean as her parents sailed for Canada. The journey in a sail boat took nine weeks. Farming first near Mt. Pisgah, they later moved to King Township. Mrs. Wells was married 57 years ago to Chas. Wells of Vandorf, and has been a widow for 24 years. A family of four are living, being Alfred, Herbert, and Elmer Wells, and Mrs. W. Lundy (Edna) an only daughter living on the 3rd con. of Whitchurch.

Mrs. Wells enjoys excellent health, has good eye sight and has always been industrious, having some highly prized patch work quilts made over the years. She is a member of Wesley church, and is admired by a large circle of warm friends.

Sunkist Navel Oranges—Sweet and juicy—only 10c a dozen at Ratchiff's Store this week.

Mrs. Geo. Freeman Buried at Markham

Highly Esteemed Family Bereaved

The death of Mrs. George Freeman at her home in Cedar Grove on Sunday afternoon brought grief to a prominent family of Markham township and to many friends. Following an illness of some months, Mrs. Freeman passed away in her 65th year. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon to St. Andrews Cemetery, Markham, service being conducted by the family pastor Rev. D. H. Woodhouse before a very large concourse of friends at the bereaved home.

Born in the locality where she died Mrs. Freeman was a daughter of the late James and Anne Dimma, who came from Scotland. She was married 37 years ago to George Freeman and besides the sorrowing husband there survives two daughters, (Anne) Mrs. Bruce Rowbotham of Cornwall, and (Helen) Mrs. Archie Little at home. Mr. Gordon Dimma is an only brother of a family of four sisters and three brothers. There are four nieces and ten nephews, also one grandchild surviving.

Mrs. Freeman as a young woman taught school for some years prior to her marriage. For years she had been actively identified with the work of the Cedar Grove United Church where she will be sorely missed.

Unionville Wins Drama Trophy

First prize in York County's fifth annual Junior Farmers drama festival staged at Pickering College, Newmarket on Monday night, was won by Unionville, who carried off the silver trophy with a dialect play, "Old Bull." Victoria Square Club was second with "Memory Rose" James E. Dean, adjudicator, declared the clubs are showing more imagination every year. He praised the Unionville Club, the winners, for a "fine production of a difficult dialect play."

"A Stranger and They Took Me In"

When Rev. Eber Rusnell reaches his home acres in Western Canada the subject of his first address may fittingly be, "I was a stranger and they took me in."

Leaving Stouffville where he visited his brother Ira Rusnell, his sister Mrs. Jake Reesor and relatives, he journeyed through the States, but encountered bad roads about 200 miles over the boarder. The heavy trailer which had been his rolling home for months past, broke loose from the car and smashed up in the heavy sea of mud. Mr. Rusnell had to abandon the trailer and travel some miles for assistance. Reaching the scene of the break-down again he was amazed and chagrined to find that thieves had broken in the door and made off with a good suit of clothes, \$25.00 in cash, a quantity of maple syrup and other delicacies given him by his friends to take back west.

At the time of writing he was awaiting the arrival of the police, but it is not likely that anything will be recovered, as it is feared the sneaks who perpetrated the robbery on a man who it was apparent, was already in dire trouble and a stranger in those parts, a fact which would be revealed by his license plates, would be far removed from the scene before the police check-up.

Baseball Season to Open Here May 24

Several members of the newly formed Stouffville Athletic Commission were in attendance Monday evening at a meeting of the North Toronto Baseball League.

Four teams will enter the running for the T.A.B.A. honors in this Intermediate A. group. The teams are Ostranders, Hillcrests, Miracles and Stouffville. An advance schedule will be sent to the various clubs this week for approval. Stouffville will engage in twenty-four games, twelve at home and twelve away. The local's home games will be played on Saturday afternoons with their games in Toronto on Wednesdays. The schedule is expected to commence May 17, with Stouffville's first home game on May 24th.

The league as conducted by the Toronto Association lifts considerable burden from the shoulders of the local management, in that all arrangements regarding umpires, balls, finances, etc., are handled by the League executive. T.A.B.A. umpires will be supplied for all games.

A meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held at the home of Mrs. B. Doten on Monday night, April 24th, at 8 p.m. Those interested kindly plan to be present.

Her 82nd Birthday

While her physical appearance does not reveal the fact, Mrs. Lemon Baker on Sunday celebrated her 82nd birthday. The occasion was marked by a family dinner served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratchiff at which no less than seventeen sat down, all members of the immediate family and intimate friends. Mrs. Ratchiff, of course, is an only daughter of Mrs. Baker's. The honored guest enjoys every moment of life because she has good health and an active mind. We know that her many friends will wish us to extend for them sincere good wishes for the future.

RETIREES FROM DELIVERY ROUTE AFTER 18 YEARS

After eighteen years on the road delivering the "staff of life" for Stover's Bakery in Stouffville Walter Gray gave up the job last week to take up farm land at Lemonville. Eighteen years in one position of this kind is almost a record for these days of frequent changes. When Walter started delivering bread, he drove a team of horses, and the area covered was only half of that served today by motor truck. Since the truck came in expansion started, and costs to produce must have gone up too. "I sold as much bread every day with the team covering only half the territory, as we sell today giving the wider service," said Mr. Gray. The position so long and faithfully filled by Mr. Gray will be taken over by Mr. Herb Stover of Markham.

Goudie's Hardware, Stouffville, is staging a spring hardware sale of real merit which should commend itself to the public at this particular season of the year, just when you need the goods. See page seven.

Local Dairy Business Changes Hands

An important business change took place on Tuesday when Maple Leaf Dairy owned and operated by Mr. Clayt. Baker purchased the Farm Dairy business conducted for the last six years or more by Mr. Lloyd Turner who will now devote his entire energy to his fine herd of cattle. In taking over the opposition business Mr. Baker will honor all outstanding milk tickets sold by the retiring firm, hence there will not be the slightest inconvenience to the patrons. Further, there will be no changes in price, despite the fact that milk at 9c per quart is lower in Stouffville than in any town we know of.

So far as we know the business may be wholly operated from the plant of the Maple Leaf Dairy, but if the brick building belonging to the Grubin estate is remodelled to conform with the needs of the new enlarged dairy business, Mr. Baker states he will be glad to use the premises. Nothing definite on this score could be learned at present.

Reesor Funeral is Attended By Great Throng

Six employees of the firm he headed bore Alvin E. Reesor 46, of Markham, to rest in the Wideman cemetery on Friday afternoon. The president of Reesor's Marmill Ltd., which grew into a thriving concern due largely to his efforts, Mr. Reesor died in Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday as reported in our last issue.

Rev. Frederick Kaufman of Vineland, assisted by Rev. D.H. Woodhouse, Markham, and Rev. Derstein of Kitchener conducted the service. Several hundred motor cars lined the 8th concession for half mile either way on both sides so great was the crowd, and the church proved quite inadequate to hold the many friends.

Surviving are his father, David N. Reesor of Markham, his widow, three children, one sister and two brothers.

DEATH

Baker, Nathaniel—At his late residence, Second Concession of Markham Township, on Wednesday, April 12th, 1939, Nathaniel Baker, husband of the late Minnie Chatterley, in his 64th year.

Interment Heise Hill Cemetery, April 15th.

Bullet Strikes Car of Florida Party

Mrs. Ira Freeland and Miss Ada Robinson arrived home from Melbourne, Florida, on Tuesday, after a safe but somewhat unusual experience on the journey. Motoring through Virginia a stray bullet, presumably from a hunter's rifle shattered the windshield in their car, and glanced off doing no further damage. Miss Robinson was sitting in the front seat with the chauffeur, James Melton, and might easily have been injured by the bullet had it pierced the shatterless glass. The motorists saw a party of negroes with dogs and guns and it is believed they were responsible for the firing.

Mrs. Freeland is feeling quite fit after the long journey and is taking up residence in the home on O'Brien Avenue formerly occupied by her son Dr. H. B. Freeland, who since his father's death is occupying the large Freeland residence on Main St.

LOCAL WITNESSES ARE CALLED IN AT UXBRIDGE BOOZE CASE

Police court in Uxbridge focussed considerable local interest because several local men were summoned as witnesses on a booze scrape. None of the Stouffville contingent however, were called to the stand.

Elwood Simpson of the town of Uxbridge was charged with two offences, firstly, with having unlawfully permitted drunkenness to take place on the premises known as "River Valley Court" of which he was the tenant, on the 17th of March, and secondly with unlawfully having in his possession a quantity of wine which had not been had or acquired by him pursuant to the provisions of the Liquor Control Act.

The trial was proceeded with before Magistrate F. S. Ebbs of Oshawa at Uxbridge on Thursday the 13th and by consent of Crown Counsel A. F. Annis of Oshawa and Arthur W. S. Greer of Oshawa, acting for the accused, it was agreed that the evidence in the one case would be taken as evidence in the other and that both charges would be heard at one and the same time. Provincial Constable W.H. Clarke gave evidence in which he was corroborated by Chief of Police Vesey of Uxbridge, that upon the premises of the accused being kept under observation and raided in the early morning hours of the 18th of March, eleven persons were seen to be in a large room in the accused's home which had been rented by these persons for the purpose of staging a party subsequent to the hockey game between Stouffville and Uxbridge the evening of the 17th.

It was disclosed that beer was being consumed by the occupants of the room and that a partly filled gallon jar of wine was in the cellar, of which the accused disavowed all knowledge. It was said that some of the occupants of the room were "more or less" under the influence of liquor.

In cross examination by Arthur W. S. Greer, Clarke was forced to admit that he had not questioned the mother of the accused, Mrs. Susan Simpson, and it was shown that she had previously lawfully purchased from the liquor store the wine in question and that she and another party were the purchasers of the property of which the accused was the tenant, and that she had reserved unto herself two rooms and a portion of the cellar, and that the wine was actually found in her part of the cellar which she had not rented to her son. The articles of agreement to purchase were produced and also the lease to her son.

It was also disclosed that later on in the evening the eleven persons at different times vacated the premises, leaving in their own motor vehicles without being molested or interfered with by the police officers. This evidence concluded the Crown's case. Defence counsel moved for dismissal of the charge against Mr. Simpson of having liquor in his possession which he had not lawfully purchased and after argument the magistrate granted this motion and dismissed the illegal possession charge, adjourning the other charge of permitting drunkenness until Thursday, May the 11th.