

Dedication Recalls Historic Beginning

Fifty-three years tenant in the rear half of the Lehman block upstairs, once a public hall in Stouffville, is the record completed by Richardson Masonic Lodge which on Friday evening had their newly renovated rooms occupying the entire flat, dedicated by Most. Wor. Bro. W. J. Dunlop, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in Ontario. Including the assembly of Grand Lodge Officers, about 150 brethren were present for the unique ceremony.

Interest centred around the fact that the local lodge is 75 years old, and was instituted at Cashol in Markham Township all those years ago. At that time Cashol boasted a hotel which stood on the corner where the store now stands. To the rear were horse sheds and above this was a public hall where the Masonic brethren met. It was the custom to hold meetings when the moon was full in order that the members might have the advantage of moonlight nights to travel the bush roads of those days.

The upper story of the Lehman block was built for hall use in one sweeping sized room. Earlier councils of Stouffville met there, and finally the place became a library. Fifty three years ago the north half was leased to the Masonic Order which has occupied it continuously to this time. Now they have taken over the entire floor and built one of the most modern lodge rooms outside Toronto.

Friday evening's affair was a colorful display of gold lace bedecking the Grand Officers from various parts of Ontario. The actual dedication was a solemn and profound ceremony witnessed for the first time by many of the members.

Later in Ratcliff Hall a banquet was served when the guest speaker was the Grand Master W. J. Dunlop head of the Extension Dept., University of Toronto, who pointed out the opportunities he saw in Masonry, and commended strongly taking and making the most of them.

The toast to Grand Lodge was proposed by Wor. Bro. Dr. H. B. Freeland and the toast to the visitors was given by Wor. Bro. Dr. N. C. Smith. Incidentally it was pointed out that this was the second occasion in which a Grand Master of the Masonic craft had visited Stouffville, Mr. Ray Yake, W.M. officiated as toast master.

IMPORTANT HORSE SALE ON MAY 1ST

Ten registered Ontario bred mares, and another registered mare fit for the show ring, also several colts, and fillies, together with eight work horses, will be offered for sale by public auction at Woodholme Farms, Claremont, the property of Mr. D. M. Forsyth, who must clean out the stables at once.

Most of these mares are in foal, and all in all are a classy, breedy lot. The sale will open at 1 p.m. with W. F. Marquis, Auctioneer.

Distemper Fever Said Raging

Three dogs in town are said to have died last week as the result of distemper, and numerous animals are suffering from the disease which is prevalent over the village. The Tribune contacted Dr. S. T. Bodendistel, V.S., who has had considerable experience in this line, as to the value of serum which is being administered to the animals. He said that if given in the early stages there is a fair chance of recovery, but the trouble is too many dog owners fail to act quick enough when their house pet shows symptoms of the disease. "Dogs should really be inoculated for prevention, and this has proven most successful," said Dr. Bodendistel.

All in all, it is a signal that the time has come to tie up your pup for flower gardens and lawns will soon be taken care of and many owners object to the inherent habit of canine's burying bones in the fresh earth. Certainly people who wish to protect their animals from the apparent epidemic about town, will take precautions to keep them at home just now. Among the dead victims so far are Harry Holden's hound pup and Rowbotham's coach dog.

EARLY POTATOES

George Wilson, well known farmer on the 4th concession of Uxbridge at lot 11, intends planting potatoes this week, although he informs us that his fields will not be really good for working for still a few days yet. Mr. Wilson will plant the Pink Eye variety from New Brunswick stock. Probably Geo. will get the medal in his township for being the first to plant tubers this spring.

Thieves Steal Sawing Outfit

A valuable saw and stand belonging to Mr. William Ratcliff was stolen last week about two and a half miles north of Ballantrae, where workmen left the outfit at the entrance to the bush where working operations had been carried on. The saw was operated from the engine of the big truck, and while most of the valuable parts were intact with the truck, the saw and stand were quite valuable and represent a good deal of money. Police are investigating, but Mr. Ratcliff is faced with buying a new outfit at once, as work must go and being a very good natured man he will say nothing but saw wood.

MARKHAM LAD HERO OF RESCUE

The boy scout training of 19-year-old William Hood former Markham High School student was credited on Sunday with saving the life of Caroline Vanzant, 3-year-old tot of the 4th concession of Markham township.

Little Caroline became fast in the mud of a creek running near her home, and her plight was only brought to the attention of the boys by her pet dog "Lady," which attempted to drag the girl out of the creek and then ran up and down barking.

Wading into the foot deep water Murray Wallen pulled the youngster out and then Hood applied artificial respiration for more than an hour before the youngster regained consciousness.

"There is no doubt the dog tried to pull the little girl out of the creek. They have been inseparable pals ever since they got the dog six months ago. The dog was soaking wet when the boys got down to the creek and was running around, barking furiously."

All the time Hood was applying first aid, the dog stood close to the scene, whimpering and whining, Mr. Vanzant said.

"We tried to pet her but she would have nothing to do with us. When Caroline finally regained consciousness and sat up and spoke to us, Lady almost went crazy. She ran around barking and then ran up to Caroline and started to lick her face," he said.

The girl, according to her mother had become stuck in the creek bottom when struggling to get out of the latter. "I have been ill for some time and was sleeping yesterday afternoon. I awoke suddenly with a feeling something had happened to Caroline. I could hear the dog barking, and when I ran outside I saw the boys carrying my girl up towards the house," she continued.

"I guess this is one time my scout experience came in handy," said Hood, who drives a milk truck. "I guess I was just lucky to be at home. I'm glad I was able to give first aid."

Misses Isabelle Aitchison and Phyllis Rose were weekend guests at F. C. Rowbotham's.

Mrs. Anna Schell who has been staying with Mrs. P. J. Wiebe near Petersburg for the past few months is now with her daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Meyer, Church Street.

EXPLANATION!

The boys of the Intermediate Hockey Team wish us to point out that none of their players were found in or implicated in the Uxbridge liquor case on the evening of March 17 when Stouffville played in Uxbridge.

Big Wheat Acreage Retired Farmer Passes on Sunday at Victoria Square

Prospects Better Than Average Year for Bumper Crop.

It is doubtful if fall wheat ever looked quite so good over the country as it does this spring. With practically all danger from frosts over, every stand of wheat seems to be in a thriving condition. Well covered with snow all winter, the snow remained over the spring period and did much to preserve the excellent catch of last fall, and if nothing unforeseen turns up, a bumper crop may be harvested in the fall.

While the average farmer in Markham Township who sows any wheat at all puts in around ten acres there are some larger acreages. For instance Clarence Donor, Gormley, has 28 acres of fall wheat. "It is in first-class condition, and I never had better wheat at this time of year," said Mr. Donor to The Tribune. At Victoria Square H. D. McCague on a 200 acre farm has 40 acres in and is probably the largest single grower this year in the municipality. At Dickson Hill William Redshaw on the Storey farm has 22 acres and there may be other large patches we do not know of.

Corner Sold for Garage Site

Mr. Ross Lewis has purchased a quarter acre of land on the northwest corner of the 9th concession of Whitechurch and the townline just at the west outskirts of Stouffville, and will erect a garage building on the property. The newly acquired business site formed part of the L. C. Wideman farm tenanted by Jack Davis, and the new owner anticipates capturing a portion of the Musselman Lake trade.

Building operations will commence just as soon as the ground is fit. The new structure will be frame.

UNIONVILLE RINK A SHOOTING GALLERY

Alex. McIntosh and Richard Maynard, two Markham Township youths were arrested on Tuesday in Unionville on a charge of carrying a revolver. The two 18-year-old lads had gone on a spree with the weapon and just blasted a hole in the roof of the Crosby Memorial Rink, when they were apprehended by the arm of the law.

Church is Closed

A petition has gone forward from the officials of Bloomington United Church to the Presbytery asking that the church be closed at the end of the conference year in June. Miss Hannah Fairlie, still a member there, recalls quite vividly in her mind, when the church was built 70 years ago.

MISSING MAN ARRESTED

A charge of deserting his wife and family and leaving them in destitute circumstances was laid by Markham Police on Tuesday against Ross Norton of Unionville. Norton who is a married man, father of eight children left the village on New Year's Eve and was not apprehended until this week. His whereabouts were sought by the constable over the air waves on Monday, and on Tuesday the man showed up and was at once taken into custody.

After three weeks serious illness and delicate health for about two years, Thos. Kellington died at his home in Bloomington on Sunday. Had he lived until May 19 he would have reached his 80th birthday. Prior to the beginning of his bread-down about two years ago Mr. Kellington was like a man of 68, and many people did not realize his more advanced age.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon from the home of his son Garfield, 9th con., Whitechurch, took place to Churchill church and cemetery, attended by many life-long friends of the family. Rev. E. Morton conducted the service.

Born in the Island Lake district north of Stouffville, Thos. Kellington was one of a family of nine born to the late Mr. and Mrs. William Kellington. He was the second of five sons, but is survived only by his four sisters, they being Mrs. W. Paisley of Stouffville, Mrs. J. G. Hart, Toronto, Mrs. J. L. Hodgson, Perron, Sask., and Mrs. Adolph Grenkie, Rosseau, Muskoka. Thomas united with the Christian Church at Church Hill and remained a member of that body until his death. He lived an exemplary life and was highly esteemed in the neighborhood.

He always farmed in Whitechurch, and after his marriage 42 years ago to Martha Paisley, the couple located on the Kellington homestead north of Gravel Hill. It is interesting to note that Thomas married his brother-in-law's sister, for his wife Martha was a sister of Washington Paisley who married Thomas Kellington's sister. The wife Martha passed away six years ago in Bloomington where Mr. and Mrs. Kellington had retired in 1929 to spend the eventide of life. There survives them an only son Garfield and an only daughter Margaret at home with her father.

Among those from a distance attending the funeral were two sisters of the deceased Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Grenkie, and two members of their family, W. A. Grenkie and Mrs. T. W. Wakely, both of Toronto.

Miss Murison Buried

Miss Isabella Murison, beloved daughter of pioneer parents died in Markham village at the home of her sister Mrs. James Malcolm on April 18, in her 82nd year. The family lived in the Highland Creek district but twenty-five years ago a brother John Murison purchased the Tom Carey store business in Goodwood, and later was succeeded by his brother William. The sister Isabella lived with them in Goodwood, until the business was sold ten years ago.

Recently Miss Murison lived in Markham village with her sisters Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. George Duncan. She was highly esteemed and was quite well known in this locality. Mrs. James Murison sister-in-law of Stouffville, attended the funeral in Markham on Friday to St. Andrew's cemetery.

FURTHER GIFTS

The receipt of further donations to the Band Fund which still lacks about \$100 is acknowledged by the committee. Additional contributions will be appreciated at this time in order to meet the outstanding obligations:

- Women's Auxiliary, United \$10.00
- Percy Stover, Brooklin 5.00
- L. C. Murphy, B.A. 2.00
- R. Haste, B.A. 2.00
- G. Bailey, B.A. 2.00
- Miss Hogg, B.A. 2.00
- Miss Miller, B.A. 1.00

Local Ministers to Graduate This Thursday Evening



TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENTS
Samuel Herbert Cockburn, born in Toronto. Now pastor of Ringwood, Bloomington and Alton's Christian Churches.
Russell Kenyon Vickers, born in Hamilton. Now pastor of Stouffville and Church Hill Christian Churches.
Stanley Medhurst, born in Bath, Somerset, England. Now pastor of 6th Line Independent Baptist Church.

To Ask for Holiday on Monday, May 22

May 24, Says Meeting of Business Men

A recommendation that Monday, May 22nd be proclaimed a public holiday, and Wednesday, May 24th a half holiday was drawn up by some fifteen of the Stouffville business men at a public meeting on Monday night, and will be presented to the local council at their regular meeting on Monday night.

There was considerable discussion regarding the advisability of adopting Daylight Saving Time and a committee was formed, comprised of Messrs. Glenn Ratcliff, Del. Jennings, D. F. Holden and Donald Hodgins, to circulate a petition among the business and working men of the town to find out if there is any general demand for the new time. It was quite apparent from the discussion that the strictly mercantile businessmen were very much opposed to any such move, but it was suggested that the petition be drawn up to give all those interested a chance to line up either for or against the measure. Various towns in the vicinity to the south were cited as having taken the step in recent years, but it was also argued that these towns and villages with their surrounding farming communities were in closer proximity to Toronto, while Stouffville has definitely been ahead in keeping to regular time, bringing an increased influx of country trade which will cater to the place which keeps the same time as is kept on the farm.

The meeting failed to raise any kind of move in the way of sponsoring a new organization to either work with, or supplant the Lions Club. There appeared to be such a diversity of opinion regarding the matter that no definite decision could be arrived at, and the idea was shelved for the time being, leaving the Lions to carry on and endeavour to increase their membership.

Cedar Beach is Newly Trimmed

On Saturday of this week, Cedar Beach Gardens, Lake Musselman's, pleasure rendez-vous of hundreds of Toronto folk will open its doors for the inaugural spring dance.

As has been the policy of Mr. George E. Davies in the past, this year of all dance pavilions has been completely redecorated for the occasion, and presents another stunning new combination of colour and lighting effects. The predominating hue this year is yellow and rose, with a mirrored ceiling in the south alcove, which allows for a beautiful reflection of the complete new lighting arrangements.

Eddie Stroud and his well-known Toronto orchestra will supply the music for the opening.

Now that the roads are finally showing an inclination to dry up, people's thoughts will be turning again to picnics, weekends at the lakeshore, etc. Cedar Beach Park, one of the finest equipped resorts, provides every facility for both small and large picnic parties, and is in demand daily during the summer, so any who are contemplating such an outing might do well to make their reservation early in order not to be crowded out of their desired date.

EARLY MILK DELIVERY

Beginning Monday, May 1st the early delivery of milk will commence in Stouffville. Patrons of the Maple Leaf Dairy will please put out bottles the night before as in past summers.

Clayton Baker

Must Consider the Farmer's Convenience

The question of daylight saving time for Stouffville came to the fore at a business man's meeting on Monday evening, and a petition is to be circulated among the merchants to get their views in black and white by a yes and no questionnaire. We would sincerely think the merchants should be all of one accord in the negative to close their places of business in accordance to city custom. Even if it were a greater convenience to the business man were he to adopt daylight saving, he should first consider the farming community. The farmer cannot adjust himself yet to daylight saving, and indeed he may never do so, and until he does a town such as Stouffville should continue to cater to the farmer and stick to the standard time.

It is really of no consequence in Stouffville as to what is being done in neighboring towns. Our business is to favor the farmer, and while such close neighbors as Markham have adopted the fast time it is done only with real opposition from numerous merchants who claim it is a mistake there. But as we say, Stouffville should think only of her own trade in this matter, and first of all protect it. Under daylight saving the picture theatre would be starting its first show on Saturday evening at six o'clock according to the farmer, and it would tend to kill the show, and that's something the merchants do not want to do. Aside from Saturday the show would start at 7 o'clock farmer time and how many would be there?

There is no question but that Stouffville has derived considerable business in the past from remaining on standard schedule, while some other neighbouring towns are slighted for this very reason. There has been built up here a rural trade which must not be endangered by catering to the very few who find the difference in times a slight inconvenience.

GAME OF CHANCE SEIZED

The Franklin House, Markham hotel, was subjected to a raid by local police on Monday afternoon, and a game of chance seized. The proprietor will answer the charge in court on Monday.

REMANDED

Clayton Ebby, Toronto man, arrested at Unionville several weeks ago on a charge of reckless driving and being intoxicated, was remanded Friday for two weeks, owing to the illness of Constable Jackson who along with Constable Gayman investigated the case. Ebby crashed into a culvert at the Unionville corner at the time, and overturned his car, sending two rear seat passengers to the hospital badly injured.

Member at Heise Hill 60 Years

Mrs. John Steckley passed away peacefully at the home of her daughter Mrs. Henry Heise of Gormley on April 15, to await the final resurrection. Death culminated an illness of several months.

Born in Pickering Township on August 26, 1860, Mrs. Steckley whose maiden name was Sarah Cobler, married John Steckley on the 9th of March, 1886, hence they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary two years ago. They lived on the 7th concession of Markham until 14 years ago when they retired to Mount Joy for a short time, but owing to the condition of her afflicted husband and her own advancing years they made their home with their daughter.

Mrs. Steckley leaves a husband, three children, and ten grandchildren to mourn the loss of a loving wife, mother and grandmother. The children are Peter of Almira, Edgar of Victoria Square and Mrs. J. H. Heise (Martha) with whom the parents lived, and where they were tenderly cared for.

The funeral on April 17 to Heise Hill church and cemetery was largely attended despite the downpour of rain and the bad condition of the roads at that time. Deceased was a member of this church for over 60 years and must be among its oldest. Bishop Alvin Winger had charge of the service assisted by Rev. Mr. Gooding.