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SLAVE TRADE RECALLED BY WHITEVALE MAN

A relic of the days when there was slavery in the British Empire, and that not much more than 100 years ago—is in the possession of Judson Pugh, of Whitevale.

It is a conveyance of four slaves, executed at Kingston, Jamaica, in 1816, an involved legal document, which in its square yard of beautiful copper-plate writing, would seem to indicate that legal language has changed very little in the past century.

It appears that one Wm. Parker bought a number of slaves from an estate and discovered that four of them were mortgaged to another estate. By the time he had agreed to pay estate No. two \$380 to get a clear title he had given some poor lawyer's clerk a very hard day's work.

The same clerk, however, made a very nice job of it, not leaving out a single twirl or squiggle that could be worked in. The ink has not faded in 133 years. The slaves involved were Mrs. Mary Bond, a negress, and her three children, James, described as a mulatto, Sucky and John. With the usual legal caution the conveyance includes any future offspring of Sucky and her mother.

The conveyance is written on a heavy paper of the type known to modern bookbinders as "text," but of a much heavier grade than any made now. It is still uncracked except at the folds and the years have not made it brittle.

How the document came to this country is not known. It was found by Mr. Pugh among a large pile of papers in a farmhouse he had purchased. The previous possessor and all his family were believed dead.

Mr. Pugh also has a number of relics handed down from the first Pugh, who settled at Whitevale in 1837, his grandfather. The blades of the first reaper owned by the grandfather are among them, and a number of Indian arrow and tomahawk heads. One of the prizes of the collection is an old chair which was brought out from an Irish castle about 200 years ago.

Mr. Pugh, at 70, is now probably the oldest of the Pughs of Ontario County. At least he won a prize for that at the last three family reunions.

VETERAN'S SHUN!
Drum Head Service, Stouffville Park, Sunday afternoon, September 3. All unattached veterans please fall in with Stouffville unit, weekend of town at 2 p.m. sharp. The salute will be taken at the post office.

Captain Reesor 97 Years Old

Laying aside his gardening tools for a few minutes, Capt. Robert Reesor, Cedar Grove, Markham Township, recalled many interesting events of his lengthy life as he talked with a neighbor on Tuesday, the 97th anniversary of his birthday.

Capt. Reesor served with the York Rangers in the Fenian Raid in 1866, and is the last surviving member of his company.

Still quite active, he walks with his customary soldierly bearing, and has announced his intention of attending the C.N.E. three days this week.

He is particularly proud of the walnut, maple, pine and other trees he has planted, and can show his visitors trees whose ages vary from saplings to Veterans 70 years of age.

One and one-half years older than Sir William Mulock, Capt. Reesor still takes an interest in politics. He has been a Conservative all his life.

FINEST BASKET AT NORTH YORK WAS SENT FROM STOUFFVILLE SOCIETY.



North York Market was a riot of floral blooms for the annual flower show of the Society there. Among the beautiful displays was the prize-winning entry of the Stouffville Horticultural Society shown below. Upper left is a fine basket by Mrs. A. Sparrow of Willowdale and upper right is a wonderful spike of yellow dahlia from the Pike (Toronto) exhibit. Stouffville Society is being congratulated on every hand for their fine basket which won the admiration of not only the judges, but of the many visitors to the show. On our local page an item indicates the names of the Society members who were responsible for the exhibit and its arrangement.



ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Pennel of Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter Doris Isabel to Harvey C. Maye of Toronto, only son of Mr. and Mrs. George Maye, Goodwood. The marriage to take place on Monday, September 4, at North Broadview United Church at 2 p.m. standard time.

Attractive Green River Estate Sold

The sale is reported of the fine acreage at Green River belonging to the state of the late Albert Hisey to Mr. Eugene Forsyth of Greenbank, who will probably take possession this fall.

The farm of 60 acres is situated on the highway just east of the hamlet itself, and is beautifully fronted by a fine evergreen hedge. The house is modernly equipped, piped water being supplied from a drilled well. All the buildings are equipped with hydro.

The property contains much fruit and is particularly adapted for market gardening on a extensive scale such as the late Mr. Hisey undertook, and which line the new owner intends to pursue. Mr. Hisey occupied the farm for some 20 years, but he died a year ago last July. His widow, who is former Lemonville girl, being a sister to our Sam McKeown, has conducted the farm since her husband's death. There has for many years been an outstanding herd of milk cows on the farm, and these have been largely maintained and will be sold with the other goods and chattels at an

Whitchurch Branch Veterans Picnic

Whitchurch Branch, York County Veterans, held their picnic on August 23, at Appleton's Park, Lake Musselman. B. F. Cox, secretary of the executive committee, Major A. C. Condie, J. Butler, C. Jaynes, Mr. and Mrs. Morley Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jones, W. E. Card wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Miss Marion Turner, and others joined the gathering.

Prizes were presented in the children's races to Eleanor Simpson, Doris Paisley, Douglas Card, P. Paisley, R. Stevens, R. Douglas, Ruby Paisley, Margaret Fine, Henry Jones, Duncan Simpson, Marion Turner, Barbara Fine, W. Fine, Clifford Hollidge. The first prize winners in this grouping were Alma Paisley, John Ferns, R. Rankin, June McLellan, Leo Jaynes, Helen Fine, Ken. Card, Mrs. M. Rankin, Mrs. Paisley and Mrs. Jones were prize winners in the married ladies' race, and T. Fellows, Morley Rankin and C. Jaynes in the men's race. A musical entertainment was enjoyed.

SECOND PLAY-DOWN GAME ON SATURDAY

This Saturday, Sept. 2, Stouffville will go to Ivy for the second game of the O.B.A. Intermediate play-downs. The first game in the home and home game series was played here on Wednesday afternoon.

auction sale to be announced later by Walter Milne, executor.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY

Will Advertisers, Correspondents and Subscribers please note that next week The Tribune takes its customary one week holiday. There will be no issue of the paper, but we will be on hand again for the issue of September 6th. The Job Printing Department and Office will be open as usual for business.

New Inspectors and New Inspectorates

A revision of the boundaries of the public school inspectors in this part of York County is announced, along with certain changes in the personnel of the inspectors. We are informed that Stouffville is placed in a more favorable position, and that any sentiment worked up against the old boundary will be wiped out.

The new inspector succeeding Mr. Gillies is R. F. Cameron of Oshawa whose territory will include all Scarborough, Leaside Forest Hill village, part of North York Township.

Inspector R. J. Mooney, late of Toronto Normal School will take over Newmarket, Aurora, E. Gwillimbury, Whitchurch and Markham. Entrance Boards will be located at Richmond Hill and Markham village, and entrance pupils should write at the nearest entrance centre to their own rural school. Stouffville is part of his Inspectorate.

In the retirement of Inspector R. Gillies the Dept. is losing an official who over the long (Continued on page 8)

Stage Set for Big Holiday Program

Next Monday is Labor Day, and a day of celebrating in Stouffville, when the local veterans will sponsor another big program which for length has not yet been exceeded here. Beginning in the morning at 10.30, two softball tournaments will open and from then on, a regular jamboree will be provided all afternoon. Three bands have been secured to provide plenty of music, but when the men go out after that greasy pig, there'll be enough squealing with out the lads in uniform. Perhaps you will be more interested in the side-splitting fun of watching the ladies catch a rooster. Never fear, its wings will not be clipped, and there's to be some air dives before the prize is awarded. Races galore for the young folk.

In the evening a grand concert in the area presents some of Toronto's best talent. This will conclude with a fine display of fireworks, and if that isn't enough there will be a street dance to the orchestra of Billy Hole and his Live Wires.

This is the last big holiday of the season, and you're going to miss something real, if you are not on hand.

F. L. Fowke, prominent citizen of Oshawa, died last week. He was mayor of Oshawa for eight terms.

BIRTHS

Stover — In Stouffville, on August 27, 1939 to Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot A. Stover, a daughter.

ON WITH THE DANCE, SHOULD HAVE PERMISSION

Councillor Thinks One in a Season is Enough.

Councillor Ira Rusnell wanted to know who gave the authority for use of Main street for a coming street dance, when the Village council assembled on Monday evening. Reeve Weldon said no authority had been given nor asked for, so far as he knew. The local veterans have a big dance advertised for Labor Day, winding up with a street affair, and this is what brought about the discussion. However, the Veterans were in session in another part of the building and were promptly summoned before the council.

"It certainly was an oversight," said President George Myland who said that some of the old brigade each expected the other fellow had attended to the detail of obtaining permission for the use of the street. "It was an error on our part," said George Saunders.

"We do not want to appear high and mighty, but permission should have been secured," Reeve Weldon pointed out. He didn't think council would want to stop them, especially when the advertising had all gone out. He said he also had in mind the splendid work done by the veterans during the winter season in helping those in distressed circumstances.

Councillor Rusnell stated before the veterans arrived on the scene that he would like the street dance cut out. Many people do not like this form of amusement, and anyway the veterans, he said held one dance this year. He was willing to introduce a resolution to put a ban on them, but allowed the matter to drop after the reeve expressed his views that it would create hard feeling and trouble.

The session had little or no other business before them, other than passing a number of accounts. Reference was made by Councillor Brown to a protest from people on 10th street against the dust nuisance. After the road was oiled the grader was allowed to turn over the sides and cover up the oil, with the result that life is not so pleasant for those who have to take the clouds of dust.

Monday evening's council meeting was the regular monthly session, but came a week earlier than usual, owing to next Monday being a public holiday.

MRS. JOHN TAYLOR INTERRED AT VICTORIA SQUARE

Following a lengthy illness death claimed Mrs. John Taylor at her home in Unionville where she lived for 30 years. Interment was made at Victoria Square on Friday. Mrs. Taylor was a daughter of the late John Trugeon. She is survived by husband, three sons Lorne, Harry and Russel of Albany, New York, three daughters, Mrs. Olive Booth, Alberta; Mrs. Harold Harper, Cashel; and Gertrude and Marjorie at home.

Former Bethesda Resident Wins \$190

Our Bethesda correspondent tells of a fortunate turn which came to a former resident of the locality, Melville March of Toronto. On Tuesday night Mr. March was the winner of 190 silver dollars in the "Treasure Trail" radio T program, sponsored by PK Gum. The question which he answered to win the prize was, "What Toronto Boy has won two Canadian Swimming Championships."