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Court Hears of Collision at Ringwood Corner

R. E. Brown was given judgment for a claim of \$76.75 against E. R. Sinclair in Division Court at Markham on Monday, arising out of a car accident, in which the autos of both parties were damaged. A counter claim for \$30.00 against the plaintiff was dismissed. His Honor Judge Honeywell presided.

The damage suit had been pending since last winter, arising out of an accident which happened at Ringwood. According to the evidence Morley Brown, driving his father's car was proceeding west on townline to Aurora to see a hockey match. Bruce Harper, Bruce Winterstein, and Wes. Jack were passengers. At Sinclair's corner in Ringwood they struck Mr. Sinclair's car which was just pulling away from his gasoline tank and travelling west. All passengers in the Brown car gave evidence for the plaintiff, also young Murray Vague who saw the accident from Grove's store. He ran over and said Mr. Sinclair told him he was to blame. Other witnesses also declared Mr. Sinclair admitted being in the wrong. They declared the Sinclair car pulled out from the gas tank allowing no change for the Brown car to save itself from collision.

Mr. Sinclair on the other hand admitted seeing the oncoming car which all agreed was travelling around 30 miles an hour. He denied having admitted being in the wrong, and said that he looked well before he pulled out into the line of traffic and estimated he had time to take up a proper position on the townline before the oncoming car could reach him. This he declared was done before the collision.

In summing up His Honor said he had been inclined to place some of the responsibility on the Plaintiff, but after Mr. Sinclair's admission that he saw a car coming he had changed his opinion. "The defendant says he saw the car coming, he looked. I believe him when he says that. I find that it would just take 10 seconds at 30 miles an hour to travel from where he saw the car until the impact, and therefore find him in the wrong. The claim is allowed in full, counter claim dismissed," concluded His Honor in giving judgment.

The amount of each claim was said to be the cost of repairs to the respective cars which were both insured in different companies through A. C. Burkholder.

D. F. Holden & Sons were given a partial judgment against Charles Homestead of Markham village on a disputed account. In doing certain garage work the plaintiff made charges for material which the defendant claimed he never ordered. Judgment for \$13.31 against claim for \$27.11. One Markham and one Whitechurch farmer was brought up on judgment summons.

MARKHAM TO CURB DOG PACKS IN TOWNSHIP

An effort is to be made to ban dog owners outside the municipality of Markham from bringing large numbers of dogs into the township for hunting purposes, it was revealed at the regular council session on Monday.

Particularly city hunters are forming the habit of letting loose packs of greyhounds and other dogs and bagging up the game wholesale.

A new by-law to prohibit this practice will be drawn up immediately.

Robert Mills, newly located on the Lou Tindall farm at Bloomington, fell from an apple tree and is now nursing a broken collar bone.

WOULDN'T THIS JAR YOUR NERVES

Mr. Dint. Law reports that 30 or more quart jars of fruit were stolen from the cellar of his home sometime last week. The thief or thieves picked the jars over taking what they believed to be the choicest preserves.

Just what kind of a citizen would do a thing of this sort on anyone is hard to imagine, much less to pick on a hard-working man who can ill afford to be the object of such attack. Mr. Law placed the matter before Chief Quibell, but there is little or no clue to work on.

Council Contemplate Purchase of Plow

"The cost of any snow-fence purchased by Markham Township should be divided equally among all ratepayers," stated Deputy Reeve Charles Hooper, when this winter's snow problem was discussed at the regular meeting of council Monday.

"Those ratepayers who are situated on good roads should pay just the same as those who need the fence," Mr. Hooper stated.

Councillor W. L. Clark felt that it was inadvisable to make a large outlay for snow fence which might prove its worth probably only a couple of times in ten years.

Councillor Barber was definitely in favor of purchasing a snow-plow to do the work of keeping the roads open.

Council finally decided that tenders should be called for the purchase of snow-plow suitable for attaching to a truck, and a resolution was passed to this effect.

It was also decided to purchase a limited amount of snow-fence.

SOLD MARKHAM FARM

Walter Bradshaw, 7th Con., Markham, about 2½ miles south of the townline, has sold his 100 acre farm to his neighbor John Ferguson. Mr. Bradshaw located on this property 12 years ago when he bought out Fred Dewey.

Christmas Fair Date Set for Tuesday Dec. 19

Business men met on Friday evening and set Tuesday, Dec. 19 for the Stouffville Christmas market fair, which is the same day of the week as last year when this event met with such unqualified success.

"I think this year we are going completely over the top," said Manager John Hodgins when it was indicated that a fair is to be a regular feature of the Christmas trade. "Every merchant with whom I talked was delighted last year, and the farmers congratulated us on every hand for providing such a good list of prizes," he declared. There wasn't a single refusal for funds last year, and the same canvassers are again asked to do this work. When the merchants have made their contribution another meeting will be held to make out the prize list, which will be duly advertised ahead, so that farmers will have ample time to prepare for the various classes in poultry, etc. The extent of the prize list will depend on the manner in which the merchants subscribe.

It is believed that with the memory of last year, everybody approached will be ready to do his or her part to put over another big day for Stouffville.

Farmer Asks For \$19000 Damages in Crossing Accident

The long heralded suit between Edgar Storry of Bloomington against the Canadian National Railways opened on Monday in the Assize Court, Toronto, before Mr. Justice McFarland and a jury.

After many adjournments the case got under way Monday afternoon. Mr. Storry was the first one called on to testify and was kept in the box 2 to 5 p.m. under a critical examination by the company lawyer.

Plaintiff told the court his automobile stalled on the tracks of an approaching passenger train on the morning of Nov. 5, last. He said he jumped out of his car, and after signalling the engineer to halt, attempted to push his car from the crossing. When he saw the train was not going to stop, he tried to run for safety. The train struck his auto, he said, and hurled it against him.

As a result of the crash, Storry said he suffered body injuries and had to have his right arm amputated. He estimated the damage to his car, a 1932 model sedan, at \$200.

Defendants claim the accident was due to negligence on Storry's part. He disregarded the warning wigwag in operation and the train's whistle, he did not have his car in proper control and did not stop it in a place of safety, it is alleged.

Other witnesses present Monday but not called were R. E. Brown, George Storey, Leslie Wilson and Elmer Barkey, all eye witnesses of the fatality, and Dr. S. S. Ball who attended the plaintiff's injuries.

GOES TO NEWTONBROOK

Elinore Marshall, who graduated this year from Toronto University as an Occupational Therapist, left town on Sunday for St. John's Convalescent Hospital at Newtonbrook where she will spend the next six months as an interne on therapy work with the patients.

JUNIOR FARMERS

The Junior Farmers meet Thursday evening in the municipal hall, Stouffville, will be addressed by one of the editors of a farm journal. All Juniors are asked to rally.

MONTH'S BUILDING IN MARKHAM TOTALS \$11,400

Building in Markham township during the past month totals \$11,400. Of this amount \$6,250 was for dwellings, and \$5150 for other purposes. The largest single outlay by one individual in the township during this period was the new residence of Professor Gould of Agincourt, built at lot 154, in the Highland Park subdivision. The contractor was R. H. Spencer. The Imperial Oil Co., will erect buildings on the Unionville corner to the value of \$3,500. The complete outlay for this new Service Station on the south-east corner of the Kennedy Road and No. 7 highway is understood to be around \$10,000.

DECORATION SERVICE SUNDAY

The Ontario Government wreath sent to town for Remembrance Day will be deposited at the Park Memorial gates on Sunday morning, Nov. 12, sharp at 10.30. The Veterans and citizens will attend, and later proceed to the cemetery to decorate graves of former soldiers. This service is in lieu of the usual Remembrance Day observances on November 11.

Farmer Loses Barns and Registered Herd in Mysterious Fire

When the Saturday night trade was at its height in town, the big fire which destroyed the large barn and pig pen 60x40 on the farm of D. J. Tran south-east of Stouffville, was the signal for a wild exodus of people and cars from Main street rushing to the scene of the disaster. The flames towered into the heavens, and folks in the westend thought the fire was only in the east part of the village, it was so deceiving.

Mr. David Tran had left the barn around 9 o'clock, after locking the dog in the stables, and went into the house. Fifteen minutes later Mrs. Tran saw the reflection of the fire on the window. Even before her husband could rush outside the entire structure was enveloped. He could not reach the barn doors, so intense was the heat, so he ran to the front of the building, and was met by the dog which had escaped. How it got out is a mystery.

The fine herd of ten cows were burned in the stalls, also a bull and a 3-months old calf, the team of horses and a pet pony. The cows were registered animals with one exception.

100 pullets were burned, 3 sows and 10 chunks, the threshing machine, plows and the total crop. This included 8 bags of Alfalfa seed ready to market, close to 3,000 bushels of grain, and about 50 tons of hay. The tractor was in an outbuilding and was only scorched a little.

Fire departments from Stouffville and Claremont responded to the call, and gave some assistance in saving several small buildings from ruin, although the huge barn was reduced to a heap of ashes, with everything in it.

"This is the first fire in the history of the Tran family," said the veteran George J. Tran who still lives on this farm with his son, which he bought in 1912 from Sam Hoover, Stouffville. "I cannot understand how the dog got out if someone did not enter the barn," he said.

The fine building 50x82 was built in 1855 when Mr. Hoover was on the place. The property has seen few owners since being deeded by the crown, the original deed of which is still in existence, held by Mr. Tran.

George J. is 84, but as smart as a cricket, and if you hadn't known you would take him for 73. Even this disaster found him standing up to the problem with all his years of wisdom.

The eight bags of alfalfa were standing ready for de-



Gordon Thompson

One of the first Newmarket young men to join the colors, is a son of J. W. Thompson and Laura O'Brien Thompson, Gordon was born in Stouffville. He is a member of the Lorne Scots.

CHRISTIAN W.M.S. TO HEAR OF WAR IN CHINA

The Annual Fall Rally of the W.M.S. of the Christian Church Conference, will be held in the Altona Church, Wednesday evening, November 15, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. W. E. Tyler, recently returned from China. Mr. Tyler has an interesting story to tell of his experiences during the bombing raids over his station.

Mr. Tyler is the father of a former pastor of the Stouffville Christian Church who resigned his post here to go as a missionary to China.

"JUST CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT"

"I have been taking The Tribune for 45 years, and I just can't do without it. I look for it every Monday morning," so writes Mr. James H. White who only recently moved from Rokeby, Sash., to Saltcoats. Mr. White sends along his renewal for 1940, and we are proud to have this old timer as one of the two or three thousand readers who scan these columns weekly for home news.

livery to Stiver Bros. and were to have been taken to town a few days before the fire, but were overlooked.

Insurance on stock is \$1,000, while the building, machinery and crop are also partially covered. The total estimated loss will run around \$12,000.

Shadow Lake Manager Heads Flower Society

Arthur Williams, Another Enthusiast, Replaces George Saunders at Annual Meeting

Perhaps the most successful annual meeting yet held by the Stouffville Horticultural Society was recorded on Wednesday night last week. A hot supper was served in Ratcliff's Hall, followed by the business session and a program. Mr. A. Williams, Shadow Lake Farm, gave the directors' report which showed that numbers of ash and spruce trees had been planted in the village last summer, and that the Society had won two out-of-town prizes at other shows.

The supper was patronized by many townspeople who, while appreciative of the work done by this organization, are not themselves flower minded. The business session was attended by a better number than is often seen at meetings of this kind. "Dick, the Amateur Gardener," gave an illustrated lecture stressing the juvenile work and its relation to character building.

Officers elected were: Hon. Presidents, Rev. R. Young and Miss C. Wideman; pres., A. Williams; 1st vice, H. O. Klinck; 2nd vice, George Saunders; sec'y., Miss M. Mertens; treas. T. B. Rae; directors, 1939-40, Mrs. A. Williams, Mrs. A. Farthing, Mrs. D. Woodburn, Mrs. H. O. Klinck, Miss Eva Hoover; directors, 1940-41, Mrs. Sander-son, Miss Edna Hoover, Mrs. P. Barrie, J. R. Hodgins, Miss M. Watson.

Born at Musselman's Mrs. Durling Dead

Member of the Well Known Graham Family Passes on in Michigan

Mrs. Sophrona Durling, 60 years old, wife of Frederick J. Durling of Vernon, Michigan, passed away in the hospital on October 31, following an operation performed little more than a week before. The funeral took place at Veron cemetery.

Sophonra Graham was born at Musselman's Lake, Stouffville, a daughter of Frederick and Margaret Graham. She was 60 years, six months and 13 days old at the time of her death. She went to Michigan at the age of 20 years and has always lived in Durand vicinity. She was united in marriage to Frederick J. Durling, Sept. 4, 1902, in Cornubia. She was a member of the Baptist Church of Vernon and also belonged to the Circle of King's daughters of that village.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Cecil and Graham of Durand; Harry, of Vernon; one daughter, Mrs. Ford McMichael, of Lennon; four grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Frank Durling, of Bancroft; five brothers; Isaac Graham, of Ashland, Wis., Edward of Popular, Wis.; Normand, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Delos, of Stouffville, and William of Toronto; one uncle, Andrew Graham, of Stouffville; one aunt, Martha Singer, of Toronto. One son, preceded her in death.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON SUBMARINES

On Monday evening next at 8 p.m., in the basement of the United Church, the public are invited to be the guests of the Stouffville Lions Club, who, in conjunction with the Y.P.S. will have as their guest speaker, Mr. Brown of the Toronto Daily Star. Mr. Brown will from his war experience take as his topic "Submarines," and will also show slides.



Honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

On October 31, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Bramley, pictured here, commenced the 51st year of their marriage. Daughter of the late Timothy Bruels, Mrs. Bramley was born at Ringwood, has one sister Mrs. Charles Wismer and one brother Ralph Bruels. On their golden wedding day many relatives and friends called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bramley at the home of their daughter Mrs. Charles L. Watt, Greenwood Ave., Toonto, with whom they reside.