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## Son of Early Hotelman Amos Yake, Dead

Amos Yake, 73 years of age, died at the home of his brother-in-law, William Thorne, south of town on the 10th concession of Markham about the supper hour on Sunday evening. He had been in ailing condition for a couple of years, and friends trace his decline to an automobile accident a couple of years ago when he was struck on a city street and knocked down. Taken to the hospital at that time, he apparently soon recovered, but his accustomed good health was of short duration.

Born in the old hotel known as the Yake House at the corner of Main and 10th streets his parents were Calvin Yake and his wife Susan Moore, who have both been dead for some years. Of a family of seven children born to the late Calvin Yake, there survives three daughters and two sons, now that Amos has passed on. They are Ira Yake, Toronto; Bruce in Western Canada; Mrs. Edith Lamb, Vancouver; Mrs. Bertha Thorne, at whose home the brother died; Mrs. May St. John, wife of Wesley St. John, Aurora.

Excepting for a brief time homesteading in Western Canada Amos always lived in Stouffville and in the same property. When the liquor business was removed from hotels, his father continued to occupy the old hotel as a private residence and Amos lived with him. He never married, and save for a little farming, did not follow any occupation. He was a great walker, and frequently would strike out for Uxbridge town, then west to Siloam and home for a day's hike. While not a churchman, he was a bible student, and could readily quote scripture. Last summer his sister from Vancouver came down to see him and spent the summer here.

Conditions fifty and sixty years ago were frequently spoken of by him. He recalled the long line of teams hauling logs from north of here down the tenth and to Frenchman's Bay for shipment to England, where they went into ship masts. These teamsters frequently put up at his father's hotel over night and were off bright and early in the morning. Amos did a good deal of work about the barns in those days, and a good hostler was appreciated.

Amos once said "I was born in the shadow of the bar room, but I never became a victim of the bar," and this his friends know to be right. He was a temperance man.

## THEFT OF CATTLE CHARGE WITHDRAWN WHEN THE ACCUSED PAYS \$10

Wesley Eves of Whitchurch Township, charged by Carl Reynolds of Cedar Valley, with theft of four cows, valued at \$200, pleaded not guilty through his counsel, K.M.R. Stiver, in Newmarket Court last week.

After hearing all the evidence the case was adjourned until Tuesday this week, when it was dismissed when the parties reported they had reached a settlement by the accused paying the \$10.00 amount in dispute.

"Eves came to my place about a week before the 27th of January," testified the complainant. "We were buzzing wood at the time. He wanted to see the cattle so I showed them to him and priced them at \$200. He came back again on Saturday night, January 27th, between four and five-thirty. He walked behind the cows and said 'I'm going to buy them. Here's \$10 on them and I'll come Monday or Tuesday and get them.' He came back (Continued on page seven)

**THE FARM SUPPER**  
The U.F.O. Oyster Supper this Thursday evening promises to attract a big attendance.

Arthur G. Corscadden



DIES SUDDENLY

who died in Toronto, was well known in Stouffville fraternal circles.

## Hand Crushed Under Sleigh Lad Loses Finger

Falling from a farm bobsleigh coming from school, Stanley Schmidt, son of our theatre proprietor, had his fingers crushed when the heavy sleigh loaded with a couple of head of cattle and a number of school children, passed over the tips of his fingers. He was rushed to a doctor by Ben. Raxlin when it was found that one finger had to be taken off at the first joint, but while another is badly crushed an effort will be made to save it. The full extent of the injury is not just certain. Stanley is withstanding the shock very well, but has suffered a great deal of pain. Being his left hand, he is worrying about how he is going to play his saxophone. He is an outstanding member of the Junior Band.

The accident happened at noon hour on Monday. It is not ascertained who the farmer was that drove the sleigh, but no blame is attached. The farmer was coming into town, and naturally the school boys made a rush for the sleigh. In the tumult of getting on, Stanley somehow slipped, and fell. It was some moments before his pals realized his awful fate, but when they did, he was picked up and rushed into Ben. Raxlin's nearby, and then on to the doctor.

## FAREWELL TRIBUTE PAID TO THE LATE RALPH BRUELS

Almost everybody locally is familiar with the beautiful avenue of shade trees just south of Ringwood which flank the highway at this point. They also mark the birth place and home of Ralph Bruels, who after 70 years died on the farm there on Friday evening, February 16, in his 70th year. He was a son of Julius Bruels who married Helen Forsyth, and they had a family of three sons and four daughters. Timothy and William are dead also two daughters (Selina) Mrs. Fleury and (Esther) Mrs. Bothright. The surviving members of the family are (Josie) Mrs. Charles Wismer, and (May) Mrs. Bramwell, both, living in Toronto.

Forty-four years ago Ralph Bruels married Annie Ogilvie, a Toronto girl, and they located on the homestead at Ringwood, one daughter born to them died in infancy, while another and only daughter is Mrs. Fred Steckley. Frank Bruels on the homestead is the only surviving son, one other boy, Clarence, having died

## JACK FORSTER BUYS SEAGRAVE FARM

Mr. Jack Forster of Markham has purchased the Orchard farm at Seagrave in Reach Township, east of Blackwater, and will move there about the middle of next month. Mr. and Mrs. Orchard who have owned the place for 27 years, are retiring to Stouffville. The property contains 100 acres and is regarded as a very desirable property. Friends in Markham and Stouffville will be sorry to see Mr. and Mrs. Forster leaving the home district, especially Mrs. Forster's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cober of Stouffville. May the best of luck attend their efforts as they take up a farm of their own.

## RETURNS TO FARM

Vernon Lewis who has been living in town as a tenant in Miss M. Valentine's house on Victoria street, has rented the 50 acre farm on the ninth concession of Markham now being vacated by Jonas Lewis, and belonging to Frank Timbers. The place is well equipped and Mr. Lewis will be moving near the boyhood scenes where his father the late George Lewis farmed for many years. He takes possession in a few weeks. Vernon has been assisting his brother in the garage business in town.

## Tories Nominate Robt. McGregor

Robert H. McGregor was unanimously chosen National Candidate for East York at the convention held Monday night in the east end of the riding. Harry Meighen and John A. Leslie, both nominated, retired in favor of Mr. McGregor, who has been the sitting member for some time. All Markham township and the village of Stouffville vote in East York for this election.

Capt. Reesor, 97 years old, was given a place on the platform.

Principal speaker at the convention was Denton Massey who criticized the King administration, saying Mr. King had done more than any other person to discourage or dampen the impetus on enlisting.

The convention hall was jammed, the attendance being the larger ever accorded Mr. McGregor.

## REPORTED OUT OF LINE-UP

It is reported that Bradley Uxbridge defenseman will be out of the line-up here Monday due to fractured jaw, he received in a game there on Tuesday night.

## SELLS HIS HOME ACRES TO YOUNGER BROTHER

Mr. Win. Timbers has sold his father's homestead at lot 3-4, con. 7, Whitchurch, to his younger brother Fred who takes possession next month. The property, an ideal dairy farm, is one of the choice 100 acre farms in the township. The buildings are well equipped. There is hydro and plenty of water available.

At the death of Matthew Timbers his widow acquired the property, and sold it to Win, who intends to hold an extensive public auction sale next month to dispose of his stock, grain, and implements, as the small acreage he lives on just west of town is already fully equipped.

Fred Timbers also has a full complement of stock and implements on the Morton farm just west of town, which he will move to his new holdings, on the farm where he spent his childhood.

## Jos. Kirk's Death Recalls Old Toll Gate

Joseph George Kirk, resident of Markham township for the last 40 years died at his home on the 8th line last Thursday. In his 73rd year, he was born in Toronto, and took up farming in Vaughan. For 32 years he farmed the present place at Wide-man's, a mile and a quarter south of Ringwood, and retired only two years when he continued to reside on the same place.

The late Jos. Kirk married Minnie Reesor, and to them a family of three sons and three daughters were born, namely, Misses Elva, Freda, and Garnet all at home, Harry in Toronto, Mrs. Wm. Paisley on the 6th of Whitchurch, and Reg. in Markham. The sorrowing wife also survives to revere the memory of a kind and indulgent father. Mr. Kirk often recalled his boyhood days in Toronto, when his parents kept the old toll gate on Davenport Road at Dufferin

There were two boys in the family, and his brother Anthony survives him, but his parents are long since passed on. The lads were frequently charged with the duty of attending the toll gate which required constant watch that travellers be not delayed in getting on their way. At night a bell alarm signal often aroused them when someone had to get down and attend the gate. The fee was very small, and the revenue was used for maintaining the road.

## BOUGHT QUEBEC SIRE

D. J. Tran and Robert Bone neighbor farmers, have purchased a valuable registered Holstein bull, which is being shipped from the Province of Quebec. These farmers are taking the right step to breed into high class registered stock.



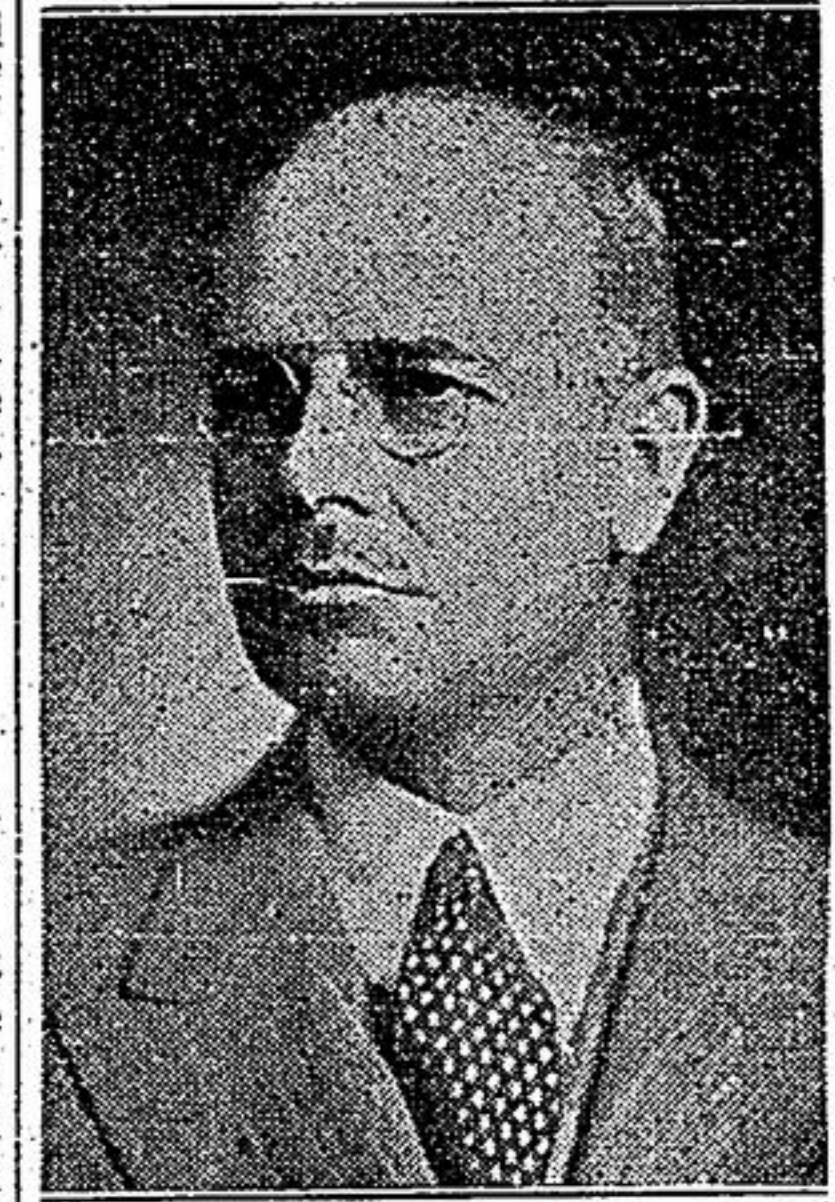
MARCH BRIDE-TO-BE

Miss Elva Sybil Bracken, R.N., whose engagement to Ernest James Dodd has been announced. The marriage to take place the latter part of March. Miss Bracken is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Bracken, of Markham. Mr. Dodd is the only son of the late James J. Dodd

## Old Boys' Association Passes From Existence

### Rousing Convention Greeted Col. Mulock

Although delegates to the Liberal North York Convention held at Newmarket on Saturday were asked for their credential cards as they entered the hall, it



Col. W. P. Mulock

was all unnecessary, as events proved later. When President J. E. Smith called for nominations for a candidate for the forthcoming federal election there was one name, only one submitted, indeed, only one name was in the minds of the delegates who jammed the hall, Col. W. P. Mulock.

George Mitchell, Deputy reeve of North York township and a returned soldier, and Jos. Vale public citizen, Newmarket, proposed the name of Mulock, when with one accord the delegates rose, cheered and cheered again. On the platform with Col. Mulock was Morgan Baker, and numerous vice-presidents.

"This is the largest convention I have ever seen in North York" said Col. Mulock in opening his address and warmly expressing thanks for confidence placed in him, then promptly launched into his address by outlining conditions and events from the close of the last war—Here was Britain leading the way to disarmament, and our own people demanding reduced expenditure for war purposes. Unfortunately one country failed to follow the example of others, and Germany rushed to arms. Today we face a war that is our greatest world calamity. The Tories are holding a par-

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The Stouffville Old Boys and Girls Association of Toronto is no more. After thirteen years of pleasures and struggles, ups and downs and many other experiences the association executive wrote finis to its existence at a final meeting held recently.

It seems that some good things have to come to an end, and this association has apparently been one of them. In its earliest phase the new organization took a large part in the celebration of Stouffville's (and Canada's) jubilee in 1927. Then for years and years it struggled on with increasing difficulties and finally reached a low water mark in membership and prospects.

At the end there was little lamentation and much pleasurable reminiscence. The president Miss Edith Johnson and Miss Elsie Johnson, were kind hostesses at the final meeting. There was much regret that the founder, Mr. F. W. Mertens, could not be present; he loved the old town and still does, and had done so much for the association.

Let the workers be not sorrowful but satisfied that their loyalty and efforts have set a splendid example for the successors of some day that is to come. Thirteen years, be it remembered, is a long, long time for old boys association to remain alive. When war work is demanding so much time and effort of the faithful ladies of the association the decision to disband became inevitable.

## Sudden-Death Game to Settle Play-Offs

Packed Arena Expected to Witness Show-Down with Uxbridge

The quandary cloud which has been shadowing the heads of the three intermediate hockey teams, Uxbridge, Markham and Stouffville, over the outcome of the County League schedule, is finally to be decided on Monday night.

Uxbridge and Stouffville will play a sudden-death game to settle the issue and decide a winner to enter the O.H.A. play-downs.

Uxbridge who only last week unceremoniously withdrew from the league with the intention of entering the Ontario play-downs immediately, found the O.H.A. unwilling to accept their entry, (Continued on page eight)

## WILD POLICE DOG DEFIES SHOT AND SHELL OF WHITCHURCH POLICE

The large police dog which attacked the herd of cows belonging to Carl Reynolds of Cedar Valley was shot dead last Wednesday after defying shot gun and bullets like an army tank. On two or three occasions shot gun charges were emptied into the animal, but it kept right on going as though nothing had happened. People were beginning to doubt that the aim was good. Then after several days had elapsed the animal was tracked down by Constable Bob Windsor and Bob Over. Armed with a good rifle, they poured four bullets into the dog before they brought him down. The first shot struck into the rear quarters of the dog, but he only fell, then got up and streaked away. Manoeuvring around the side roads and concessions they again met the animal coming along the road. Hidden behind a fence they waited and when the beast came up with them, Over sent a bullet in behind the front leg aimed at the

heart. The dog fell, and the hunters were sure of their quarry. But no, up again got the animal and away like a flash. Again they boarded the car and gave chase. They rounded a few side roads, and headed him off once more. The final shot went into his head, and he dropped dead.

Just to vindicate the story that the many shots had struck home, the police dog was skinned and it was found that the hide was just punctured by the gun shot pellets, and the bullet which lodged behind the front leg, had passed out the breast bone breaking it completely.

The dog had evidently been at large all winter for he had a remarkable under-coat like down, to repel the cold, and had been known to sleep in a snow bank.

A calf belonging to the Reynolds farm was badly chewed, also a registered cow, while the beast had bitten an ear off another, and left its fang marks on still more cattle. The one cow with a serious wound in the leg was registered.