

"Church" Padlocked. Meetings are Outlawed

Following the announcement from Ottawa that the religious group known as Jehova's Witnesses would henceforth be considered outlawed and banned and forbidden to carry on their organization in Canada, the local section of this body has found it necessary to fold up and disband their church which had held forth for six months next the fire hall over Mr. Leslie Rowbotham's work shop.

Mr. Rowbotham, when contacted by this paper, admitted that he had padlocked the door, as the only possible thing he could do in view of the Ottawa edict. He felt that he might leave himself open to be charged with harboring or aiding that which had been labelled as illegal.

Mr. Percy Brillinger, leading member of the group, when interviewed, had no condemnation to offer. It is his firm belief that we are living in the last days of this dispensation, and that while the devil is having his fling today, it will not always be so. The world will go on, says Mr. Brillinger, but there will be a new order.

While Jehova's Witnesses have stirred up considerable agitation against themselves in many quarters of Canada, particularly in Quebec, we have not heard a single complaint against the Stouffville group. On the other hand, they have been a blessing to some people whose lives have been changed for the better. However, these are war days, and the law must and will be obeyed. The gathering of people who have identified themselves with the group in Stouffville, are all good law-abiding people toward whom no one will point a finger, and they stand ready to obey the order from Ottawa.

FREE THEATRE NIGHT HELP WIN THE WAR

Keep Monday, July 15th, open. That's the night of the gala free show at the Stanley movie theatre in Stouffville. All you have to do is buy a couple of War Savings Stamps, which you know is an investment in your own future and freedom. The Government will give you five dollars for four dollars worth of stamps and, if you buy them at your local theatre between now and the 15th of July, you'll get, in addition, a free courtesy admission to this special gala performance. Movie theatres from coast-to-coast in Canada are co-operating in this great money-raising effort to swell Canada's war fund.

Eldon Gooding, teacher at Mongolia for the past six years has secured a position in the two-roomed school at Bala, Muskoka. Leland Fairles, graduate of Stouffville, has been appointed to the Mongolia charge.

COSTLY CONTEST LOST BY THIS HOCKEY TEAM

Suit for \$1,000 damages entered by Morris Breslin, of Bowmanville, against Wallace Campbell, Sunderland trucker, was dismissed in Supreme Court at Whitby by Mr. Justice Hogg. A counterclaim for \$120 costs was allowed against the plaintiff.

The action arose out of an auto accident on No. 12 highway on January 30th, 1939, when a car driven by Breslin and containing members of a Bowmanville hockey team, collided with a truck owned by Campbell. The Campbell truck was stopped on the side of the road in a snow-storm, while the occupants were assisting another motorist stuck in the drifts.

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200 AT MADILL PICNIC

Nearly 200 members of the Madill clan attended the annual picnic held in Memorial Park, Stouffville, Wednesday afternoon of last week, when it was found that our own citizen Theo. Madill, aged 88, was the eldest person present. Guests were on hand from Toronto, Hamilton, Belleville, Peterborough, Port Credit, Claremont, Balsam and other localities. Mr. F. C. Madill of Toronto, and one-time editor of this paper was elected president and Mrs. George Smith of Sandford, secretary-treasurer for another year. Two minutes silence was observed in memory of the dead. Games and amusements of many kinds was evolved for the younger people and was enjoyed by the older ones too. George W. Madill, son of the late Benj. Madill, Long Beach, Calif., sent the following air message: Greetings from California to the Madill family Reunion. May the British tradition, "they shall not pass," be the slogan of those competing in the contests.

May the day be fair,
The frowns be rare,
And nothing to compare
With the joyous time you'll have

Stroke Takes 75 Year Old Citizen

Born in Pickering Township near Cherrywood 75 years ago last January, Martin Reesor, died from a stroke on Monday at his home on Main street east. He had been subject to heart trouble for some years, especially since the death of his wife two years ago.

A farmer most of his days Martin Reesor married Sophia Fretz 52 years ago, and they lived for many years on the old Reesor homestead where he was born. Eight children born to them survive the parents, namely, Mrs. E. Shirk of Claremont; Mrs. Ira Rusnell, and Mrs. Stanley Lewis, Stouffville; Mrs. J. Glover of Redrivers, Sask.; Mrs. V. Gambrell, Geraldton, Ont.; Jacob of Stouffville, Percy of Dauphin, Man., and Harold in the Flin Flon. There are 20 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren. An only sister of the deceased Mrs. Fannie McDowell of Rosetown, Sask., also suffered a stroke last week and lies seriously ill.

Martin Reesor was a consistent christian, and was highly regarded by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral will take place this Thursday afternoon from the home of his daughter Mrs. Rusnell, opposite the Brierbush Hospital, to Stouffville cemetery. The service will be at 2 o'clock.

The annual Lawn Bowling Tournament is set for July 17.

ENTRANCE RESULTS

Stouffville
Stanley Ball, Orma Banks, Dorothea Boadway, Hazel Brownsburger, Kenneth Burkholder, Betty Davis, Margaret Freil, Jean Halman, Jack Harding, Merle Hoover, Audrey Lageer, Evelyn Lotton, James Miller, Bert Paisley, Engene Paisley, (hon.), Irene M. Pilkey, Bernice Redshaw, Alan Sanderson, Harry Schell, Kenneth Schell, Stanley Schmidt, Harold Steckley (hon.), Donna Tait, Ruth Wagg, (hon.), Margaret Wahl, Jean Wideman, Betty Williams, (hon.)

Lemonville
Evelyn Beach, Herbert Beach, Nellie Betz, Elsie Birchall, Celeste Bright, Donald Brown, Margaret Couperthwaite (hon.), Roy Cullen, Janet Cummings, Bruce Forfar, Willa Forrester (hon.), Evelyn Gilroy (hon.), Mervyn Gilroy, Norma Gray (hon.), Muriel Harmon, Arnold Harper, Eldred King, June MacLennan, Margaret Peterson, Dorothy Radford, Helen Smith, Eileen Switzer, Elsie Taun, Harley Timbers (hon.), John Wallwork, Ruth Wideman.

MILDRED FOOTE MARRIES LORNE WIDEMAN

Summer flowers and orange blossoms decorated St. Paul's Anglican Church, Uxbridge yesterday afternoon, for the marriage of Miss Mildred Louise Foote, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Septimus Herbert Foote, Stouffville, to Mr. Lorne Martin Wideman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Wideman of Markham. Rev. O. E. Twiss performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Grace Foote. The bridal gown of white net over taffeta was made with tight bodice and full skirt, and her veil was shoulder length. She carried red Briarcliffe roses. Mr. Walter Foote, brother of the bride, was groomsman, and the ushers were Mr. John Nigh, nephew of the bridegroom, and Mr. Joseph Foote, brother of the bride.

On their return from Huntsville, the bride and bridegroom will live in Birch Cliff.

DAY LABOR BELOW CONTRACT LABOR

Five hundred feet of new water mains laid in the east end of Stouffville on the north side of Main street from Montreal to the Brierbush, cost the system \$688.93, according to the best figures that could be obtained at the council meeting last Wednesday evening. In the light of experience of other villages, one is bound to admit that the price work was done for by day labor, was below contract price. Richmond Hill recently awarded tenders for digging 800 feet for water mains, and let the contract at 40c per foot, whereas Stouffville's cost for digging is 30c per foot. Under contract a neater finish would have been demanded than was obtained here, but a man and shovel for a few hours could put the boulevards back into fair condition, unless they are neglected too long.

"I think you ought to attend to that right away," said Reeve Weldon to Councillor Rusnell who is responsible for engaging help for this work. Mr. Rusnell said the delay in finishing up is due to inability to obtain workmen.

Council met on Wednesday evening instead of the usual date which came on Dominion Day. An account from A. E. Jupp for \$321 for road oil and scurfing, was ordered paid. Councillor Brown was congratulated on securing a good job at very reasonable cost.

Reeve Weldon advised the road committee to waste no time in adjusting the drainage difficulty on Mill street, recently complained of by Rev. S. Goudie.

Members congratulated Reeve

STREET CORNER SIGNS

The Musselman's Lake Association have had twelve neatly painted signs printed by L. Rowbotham, and these will be placed at the entrance to the twelve streets, drives, or parkways that are around the lake. The move is a good one, and will enable strangers to locate their friends more easily when they come to visit them. The cost will be small, but the service rendered will live on for a long time.

Gravel Contract Let in Markham Tp.

Roy Brillinger of Gormley has been paid \$625 for the strip of land taken from his farm where the 4th concession crosses the townline in the village of Gormley. The matter of price was in dispute for a long time, Mr. Brillinger wanted more than \$625 which he has now had to accept. Markham, Whitchurch and the government all contribute. At the July meeting of council Markham Council instructed the treasurer to make payment of the amount mentioned. It was reported that good progress is being made with the new tarvia top for this road from Gormley to Vandorf, and that it will be finished in a very short time.

Reeve Rennie presided at the meeting and all members were present.

Building Inspector Craig reported that building permits for June totalled \$15,000 made up of one residence on Bayview Avenue.

Relief for June hit a new low at \$180.67.

It was reported that the gravel contract for the year had been let to Hoover and Roberts at the rate of \$1.22½ cents per yard delivered anywhere in the township.

There was considerable discussion re the application for permit for rebuilding of the Brillinger barn just south of Richmond Hill. Decision was against issuing of permit for rebuilding the structure.

Mrs. George Thomas was called to Toronto Wednesday owing to the death of her sister Mrs. A. O. W. Harris.

Robert Taylor was electrocuted Monday night at Brougham when changing a fuse on the hydro lines during a storm. He was the father of four children.

QUIET JULY WEDDING

Last Saturday, July 6th, Miss Beatrice May Chapman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randa Chapman and Mr. Walter Elwood Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston, went to the home of Rev. Edgar Morton's, where they were united in the bonds of matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will make their home in the community of Pine Orchard, where they have been as neighbors for some years. A host of their friends extended to them all good wishes as they go life's journey together.

Nesbitt—Lageer
On Saturday, July 6th, at Goodwood, the marriage of Murray J. Nesbitt and Grace Evaleen Lageer, of Stouffville, was solemnized by Rev. J. W. Holmes. Their many friends extended to them best wishes for many years of happiness.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boadway announce the engagement of their daughter Virginia Lorraine to Lambert H. Malloy, the marriage to take place the latter part of August.

Weldon on his appearance at the meeting after an absence of eight weeks or more. They were glad to see him back in his chair with business swinging along as before.

Remarkable Crowd at Edwin Hoover Burial

CUT OUT REUNIONS UNTIL AFTER WAR

Harry Brillinger, Richmond Hill, was elected president of the Brillinger Reunion at the third annual gathering at the Markham fair grounds. About 300 were in attendance. It was decided that no more reunions would be held until the end of the war.

Tom Mantle, 85, 3rd con, Uxbridge, was the oldest man present, and Mrs. Eli Smith, 82, the oldest woman.

The youngest present was Shirley Underwood of Markham—Shirley represents the seventh generation from the first settlers, Peter and Catherine Brillinger, who came to Whitchurch township in 1785.

Widowed Mother Borne to the Grave

Living in town for about 35 years, and life-long resident of the immediate locality, all her life Mrs. Aaron Burkholder who passed away on Friday at the home of her daughter Mrs. Edward Lintner, Main street east, was 80 years of age last March. The funeral on Sunday to Stouffville cemetery was in charge of Rev. D. MacGregor, pastor of the Baptist church, the faith to which the departed mother had strongly adhered since early girlhood. The church was filled for the service, the large congregation hearing and impressive message from the lips of Mr. MacGregor.

The pall bearers were six grandsons, Clayton and John Burkholder of Bresleau, Stanley and Gordon, Toronto, and Chas. and Edward Lintner of Stouffville.

Born in Pickering Township her maiden name was Agnes Wood, and at the age of 24 years she united in marriage with Aaron Burkholder who predeceased her six years. To this union seven of a family survive, namely, five sons, Rev. Oscar Burkholder of Bresleau, and Orval and Ira both of whom are employed by the Stouffville Bakery, Ralph and Clarence, both in uniform and serving in the Veterans Home Guard, Ralph being in Toronto, and Clarence at Niagara Camp. The daughters are Mrs. Lintner and Mrs. Walter Miller.

Mrs. Burkholder was a sincere christian mother, and it was a secret source of pride to her to have given one son for the ministry. For the past five years she has been tenderly cared for at the home of Mrs. Lintner.

RED CROSS SEWING

Ladies of Stouffville and district will meet in the Stouffville United Church basement, on Thursday, July 11th, at 2 p.m. sharp.

Bales of material have arrived, and many workers and sewing machines are needed. Quilting also will begin under a capable committee, also the making of clothing for refugees.

The donation of a quilt to the Red Cross by the Helping Hands Class of Ringwood Church is gratefully acknowledged.

YOUTH'S BODY STILL IN WATER AT LAKE WILCOX

Earl Botts, 17 years old Toronto youth, was drowned at Wilcox Lake last week, when he went in for a swim with three young girl companions. One of the first to rush to the aid of the stricken party was Rueben Rawson, formerly of Claremont, who lives close by the scene of the fatality, but the girls were so confused they could scarcely give an intelligible answer to

Just eleven days after witnessing the remains of his departed father being lowered to their final resting place in the Wideman cemetery, friends bore Edwin Hoover to the same plot last Sunday afternoon. He met a sudden death on Thursday afternoon when he suffered a concussion as a result of a fall from a load of hay. He was 40 years of age.

Edwin had been in Stouffville during the afternoon, and on arriving home around 4 o'clock decided to draw in a few loads of hay before the supper hour. One load stood on the barn floor, while Ted Bullock, hired man, went to get a pail of salt. During the interval Edwin fell from off the load about ten feet to the floor. He called to the hired man, and said, "sit me up, I believe I'm done for." Medical attention was quickly on the job, but the doctor said there was no chance. In a few minutes the unfortunate man took a convulsion, and inside an hour of the time of the accident he had passed away. Only a year ago hopes of saving his life in the hospital where he passed through a serious illness, were slim, yet he made fair recovery, only to meet a more sudden and unexpected end. Edwin was the only son of the late Eli Hoover who died at the old home farm on the 9th concession only last June 25. Edwin married Lena Fretz of Vineland, 15 years ago, and to them two children were born John Merle, the eldest, and little Marjorie. They survive together with their sorrowing mother, also the mother of Edwin and an only sister, Reta, Mrs. A. Steiner.

The shocking accident had a profound affect on the whole neighborhood, drawing a crowd of about 800 people to the funeral on Sunday afternoon at the Wideman church and cemetery. Mr. S. F. Coffman, minister from Vineland preached the sermon at the Church, basing his remarks on a portion of the 23rd Psalm, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil." The speaker admonished everybody to contemplate the day when they must pass through the "valley," and that if they were not prepared there would be a great many stricken.

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questions and to where the boy companion went down. Constable John Williamson and Percy Ash dragged the lake without success in recovering the body. The youth is survived by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Dragging operations were continued but the body was not recovered up to Wednesday noon.