

Two Brothers of Local Pioneer Family Both Die Within Fortnight

In less than two weeks two members of a pioneer family of this town died in the United States, James Franklin O'Brien of Evanston, Ill., and Frederick O'Brien of Quincy, Mass., both sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, Frank O'Brien aged 74 passed away suddenly in the hospital at Evanston on October 13, while Fred who was an invalid for three years died in his 71st year on October 26, at a private nursing home in his home city. Both brothers were born in Stouffville, and many people here still remember them, still many more remember other members of the family who are now scattered to other parts.

Frank who passed away in the hospital at Evanston had only been ill five days and died from an operation for gall-bladder trouble. His son Franklin gave a blood transfusion, but gangrene had developed.

Frank O'Brien's name will ever go down in history as perhaps the most brilliant pupil ever to pass through the public school of this village. His record is unique. He passed his entrance examination at only nine years of age at the local school, then went on and obtained his third class certificate at the early age of eleven. Too young to attend higher schools according to standards of those days, he worked in Archie Leaney's grocery store.

Frank O'Brien left Stouffville at the age of nineteen, headed for Chicago where he obtained employment with the wholesale firm of Selz Schwartz & Co., who quickly recognized his keen mind, so that he quickly gained a place of importance with the large shoe distributors with whom he remained in active service until ten years ago when he retired.

Fred who was 71 lost his life partner about 40 years ago, never married again. He had no children. As a young man here he worked in George Kemp's butcher shop, and like his elder brother Frank, left home at the age of 19 years. He located in Brockton, Mass., where he first opened a butchering shop, later becoming a salesman for the Cudahy Packing Co.

Frank, is survived by his wife Lillian Chalmers O'Brien, and two sons Chalmers and Franklin, both in Chicago.

There survives Frank and Fred O'Brien three brothers, Edmund of Cape Cod, Mass., Herbert of Newmarket, and Oscar in Chicago. Two sisters surviving are (Blanche) wife of Dr. A. J. Brace of Toronto, and (Laura) Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Newmarket.

A member of the Baptist faith, Frank was keenly interested and active in church work, being a Sunday School Superintendent for many years.

A PHEASANT STRANGER AT THE DOOR

During the hours of the pheasant hunt on Friday Mrs. Kirby Hackney heard a sound at the door of her home, the William Simpson cottage in the north-west section of the village. On investigation she found lying at the steps, a nice plump pheasant doing its last kick. The bird had evidently been shot by one of the hunters in the immediate fields, and was just able to wing its way to the Hackney home before it fell. Kirby Hackney who operates the Ward garage here, can boast of having a pheasant to eat delivered in a manner that no other home in this or any other town, could lay claim to. One hunter from Stouffville shot a bird Friday afternoon, and had it delivered to a friend in Brantford next morning bright and early.

HUNTERS SMASH WINDOWS

During the pheasant hunt last week some stray shots shattered the glass in a double window at the home of our village smithy William Griffiths whose residence is close to the border line of Whitchurch, and in a locality where hunters were in evidence. However, no one was injured by the stray shots, and it was some time after it happened before Mrs. Griffiths discovered the pellets lodged in the glass.

NEXT TUESDAY'S BIG PLOWING EVENT

Ringwood which has been the scene of more than one successful plowing match held by the North York Association, will next Tuesday see another of those popular events by this Association on the farms of Messrs. Edward Logan and W. W. Jacobs on the 5th concession of Whitchurch.

IN TRAINING WITH R.C.E.



Pte. Gordon Lehman of Stouffville who is in training with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Gordon is a married man, Mrs. Lehman and two children residing in the west end of town.

CHILD BADLY BITTEN BY NEW FAMILY DOG

Harold Maynard, 4-year-old son of Charles Maynard, oil distributor at Unionville, was seriously bitten about the face last Saturday by a huskie or police dog, which the father had only purchased a few days before.

The dog was tied, but the child wandered close enough for the animal to pounce on. A hole was nearly bitten through the lad's cheek and serious bits were below and above the eye, but the eye itself was not injured as was first feared.

Rushed to the Sick Children's Hospital by Dr. Hore of Markham who rendered first aid, the lad required 30 stitches to close the wounds, but he is now really making excellent recovery.

Big Pheasant Shoot Free from Accidents, Hundreds Participate

The annual pheasant hunt last Friday and Saturday was promptly brought to the minds of Stouffville people when just around eight o'clock on Friday morning the occasion was ushered in by the crack, bang, bang, of shot guns all around our borders. Hunters were permitted to seek out their game in advance, but could not shoot until the appointed time and there were plenty of game wardens in Whitchurch and Markham townships to see that the law was obeyed.

Notwithstanding the fact there were many wardens, augmented by police and special men detailed for the job, hunters were not charged with breach of the law, and there was not a single accident reported.

The number of birds taken was just fair, some obtained their allotment of three cock birds per day of the shoot, while a few failed to obtain any game. One city chap shot a farmer's rooster, but he promptly went to the town at Bernesda and made restitution. He thought he was getting a pheasant. Plenty of game

was seen by motorists on Sunday following the shoot, which indicates that the birds didn't all get shot. Bruce Easton of Brougham shot a red fox in Pickering Township.

The total allotment of 400 non-resident licenses issued in Markham were taken up, but in Pickering and Whitchurch there was a surplus unsold. It was the first year of a closed season in the latter township.

Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries estimated that more than 10,000 hunters in various parts of the province were out shooting pheasants.

This year 16,000 licenses were sent to the various townships, a smaller number than last year, but no return has yet been made as to how many were sold.

Shooting was permitted during the two days in 20 townships in the Toronto suburban area and in Peel, Halton and Ontario Counties, as well as various sections of the Niagara district and the shores of Lake Erie.

Each hunter was entitled to three cock birds per day.

Good Prices Send Auction Over \$5,300

Ideal weather conditions combined with liberal advertising and an attractive list of stock and implements to offer by auction—the farm stock sale, being the estate of the late Andrew Taylor at the farm home just north of Goodwood, soared in price to reach a total well beyond the reach of the biggest optimist. Many guessed the sale would reach \$4,000 to \$4,500, but the total when the books were balanced at night reached closer to \$5,400. Folks came from far and near, and many of the implements and much of the live stock found new homes outside the township where it was raised.

Considerable interest centered around the sale of horses. There were three teams, the pair of 5-year-old geldings a really prize pair went to J. C. Bently, race horse owner and farmer at Buttonville in Markham Township at \$110 each. When the first animal was offered in the team Auctioneer Farmer accepted the first bid at \$60, it finally got to \$90 and there it stuck. The handsome strong geldings were prancing around. The Auctioneer with tears in his eyes declared it would be an everlasting humiliation to sell one of this pair at any such price. "Take 'em down the lane again, and watch their paces you men," said the frothing auctioneer. Now, he pleaded, "you'll be ashamed to take them out of the lane at any such money, and remember, whoever the buyer, has the right of the other animal at the same money." Bidding started again, the auctioneer taking a shorter bid of one and two dollars until he reached \$110, the sale price. Nels, and Buddy the aged team was a picture. Fat as butter with sleek-looking coats, they looked like colts. Both born on the place in time to go to the last war, the "old soldiers" were sold at \$49

each to Jack Frisby who is starting to farm next spring on the former Holden place on the 8th of Markham. Jack has a good team—with lots of work in them. Fred Yake purchased one of the middle team around \$71, and Bill Hackney the other at \$67.

Cows ranged anywhere from \$60 to \$80. The top animal went to a buyer from Queensville. Heifers sold at \$55 to \$50, young cattle \$30 to \$40, and a young Durham bull went for \$80.

Pigs brought good market prices despite the groans of the auctioneer who declared such well mannered porkers ought to command a premium, and some dealers on hand thought they did when young stuff barely 100 pounds went for \$3.25.

Walter Symes was the chief bidder in the hay mow, and bought no less than three stacks or mows at around \$137, \$175, and the alfalfa mow at \$39. Barley sold at 48c a bushel, oats 36c, wheat 64c, and rye 50c.

Young pullets sold at 60c and 80c for late hatch birds, but very thrifty. The excellent manner in which the implements were cared for added to the value and prices soared high, but the offerings were of the best. A hay tedder went for \$93, hay loader \$60, and a manure spreader commanded \$180. The tractor machine sold to Oliver Zellers of Mongolia for \$410. The power separator went for \$65, all high prices, but the articles were as good as new.

The farm which Mr. and Mrs. Taylor moved onto around 25 years ago, has been rented by Mrs. Taylor to a man named Ruskin from Bradford. The condition of the stock and implements stood as a monument to the farming ability of the late Andrew Taylor and to his wife who carried on the business so well since his death over a year ago.

Uxbridge Loses a Worthy Citizen

A prince among business men, J. F. Brownscombe died suddenly at his home in Uxbridge last Friday evening, after having been at his accustomed place of business earlier in the day. Death was due to a heart condition. He was in his 83rd year, and was quite well known in Stouffville, especially among the bowlers for he was an ardent member of his club.

Almost 50 years ago he went from Mount Albert with his young wife Emma E. Miller to establish himself in Uxbridge, where he quickly came to the front as the leading business man of the district. Brownscombe's store which he established is widely known and in the hey-day of farmers' markets it took 20 to 25 clerks to staff the store on special occasions.

Although he came through the

so-called credit days, the poor man never was let down, nor was he harassed when he could not meet his obligations owing Mr. Brownscombe. He was a prominent churchman, and Christian whom his town will sorely miss.

Besides his wife he is survived by a talented family of girls, most of whom have entertained local audiences on more than one occasion. They are Mrs. F. B. Murray of Calgary, and Misses Dora, Evelyn, Mildred and (Irma) Mrs. J. F. Croskery, Toronto.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon attracted a crowd of sympathizers that filled the large United Church in Uxbridge where the service was taken by his pastor Rev. E. Bishop. The Masonic order of which he had been a member since 1904 also took part.

Telephone Founder Retires From Company Managership After Service Of 34 Years



Last Thursday evening, as the 35th annual convention of the Canadian Independent Telephone Association drew to its two-day close, Alpheus Hoover bid farewell to the management of the association he organized in 1906. To-day, he looks forward to a life which may contain a great deal of fishing, of which he is very fond.

Mr. Hoover, still in excellent health at 75, was the first president of the association which he organized, and for 25 years served as secretary.

He was born in Pickering and has lived there all his life. He has attended every convention of the association.

He has never missed the Canadian National Exhibition. The first one he attended, he said reminded him of Markham fair as it is to-day.

It was shortly after the turn of the century that Alpheus Hoover began to dream of the day when a better means of communication would be available. In 1903 he began to organize a telephone system fourteen miles in length, and having 20 telephones. When he attempted to get a telephone in the station at Locust Hill, he was informed that owing to an agreement with the C.P.R. and the Bell Telephone Co.,

his request could not be granted. Legal advice was obtained, and it was found that in making such an agreement the C.P.R., was committing a criminal offense. Hoover then sent subpoenas for Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., and President Size of the Bell Telephone Company, ordering them to appear in Green River. The proceedings lasted for two days, and no decision was reached.

He then placed his case before the Grand Jury, who brought in a true bill, but owing to the fact that the agreement had been signed in the Province of Quebec, it was out of their jurisdiction. However, the agreement was cancelled and a telephone was installed in the C.P.R. station by paying a nominal charge of \$1 per year.

From then the company grew until to-day there are nearly 600 companies in the province with 110,000 telephones.

The Hoover family are of Pennsylvania Dutch extraction, and came to Markham in the middle of the 18th century. They claim relationship with former President Hoover.

At the banquet held by the association, Mr. Hoover received a chair and a footstool from the company. The presentation was made by Dr. W. Doan and Francis Dagger.

Outstanding Services Mark Anniversary

That the Earth Centre for God as He seeks to come into contact with the feverish activities of the world in these dark and difficult days is the Christian Church, was the declaration of the Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Minister of St. James Presbyterian Church here at the Anniversary and Harvest Home service on Sunday evening. Mr. Rayner insisted that the keen interest of God in the troubled affairs of this world did not centre in the great political or military capitals, nor in the great financial or fashion centres, but in the true Christian Church, by whatsoever name it calls itself. The minister's sermon theme was: "God's Golden Candlestick," from Zechariah chapter 4, verses 1 to 4, and he stated that the true Church is God's Golden Candlestick, as is proven by the Divine message in the Book of Revelation, chapter 1, verses 12 & 20. Although this may appear the day of small things for the Christian Church yet it will emerge triumphant for Christ has Himself declared: "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." The Church's supreme task in these difficult days is to keep the light shining, to make Christ known to the world and to win men for Him.

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TRIPLE CHARGE AGAINST A TORONTO MOTORIST

A Toronto motorist, William Weir was taken into custody on the 10th Concession of Markham last week when he failed to produce a registration card. In addition Constable Gayman found the man without a driver's permit and in illegal possession of liquor. He was found guilty in County Court and fined \$15 on the three counts.

LOCAL CUP AT STAKE

The local High School defeated Agincourt on a slippery field Tuesday afternoon in soccer fixture by a score of 2-1 for Stouffville. Raxlin and Cadieux were the local scorers. This puts the boys in the running again with a total of five points, leading Markham by one point who is behind one game in the schedule.

The boys are fighting hard for the Tip-Top Trophy donated to the soccer league by Tip-Top Tailors, A. E. Weldon, local agent.

A life-long resident of Stouffville, Mrs. Ben. Doten is closing her home on O'Brien avenue for the winter and will reside in Toronto with her daughter (Mary) Mrs. Roy Clark who recently moved to the city.

Request Resignation Pastor Resigns

Last Sunday at the three churches under his charge at Ringwood, Bloomington, and Altona, Mr. S. H. Cockburn read from the pulpit his resignation as pastor of the circuit, which is to take place on the 30th on November this year.

Mr. Cockburn told his listeners that the step he had taken in formulating his resignation, was in accordance with a request from the District Board who had asked for it.

Since being called to the pastorate of these churches Mr. Cockburn has proved himself a pulpit man of more than average ability. "The underlying trouble or difference is with the conference," said a member of the church to the press.

4th CON. COLLISION BRINGS FINES

Following a collision on the 4th concession last week, Eugene Beckett of Galt was fined in County Court \$3.00 for driving without a permit. Harry Thomson, involved in the same accident was charged with careless driving and fined \$10 and costs.