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## A Town Benefactor Dr. Walter Sangster is Honored in Death

Mourned by All Citizens this Country Doctor Leaves Behind Scores of Unforgotten Deeds of Kindness and Generosity.

Although his professional services to the district, and his public generosity and help virtually ceased over two years ago when he suffered a nervous breakdown, the death of Dr. Walter Sangster at his home in town early Thursday morning, came as a profound shock. He had never regained his old buoyancy over the past two years, yet he did come down town for the morning mail, and made his last visit to the office of this paper just the morning before he died. He seemed, if anything, slightly brighter than usual. About 4.30 on Thursday morning he was seized with a heart attack, and passed away an hour later while the doctor was with him.

In his 78th year Dr. Walter Sangster was born in Whitchurch township near Lincolnville, a son of Mr. Robert Sangster, who came from England in 1841 and who operated a farm and a mill until he retired in Stouffville in 1885.

He was the father of a "professional quintette" for his five sons all followed the professions. Walter was educated at Toronto University and had the honor of being the only one in his class in medicine of 150 students to receive first-class honors. On graduating in 1911 he established the Market Drug Store, but he sold out the next year and took post graduate work for three months in New York. He returned to town and practised here ever since until his health broke two years ago.

He was President of the Liberal Association of this town for many years, and it was said of him that he could sway the whole electorate, and there is no doubt but that he thoroughly enjoyed a political battle back in the old days when persons had to be Grit or Tory, otherwise they were scarcely respected. It was no wonder that Dr. Sangster possessed great political influence. He was a man who practised charity as few others did. The poor had no fear if they could not pay, for they got service at his hands, but seldom an account. He made no profession of religion and attended no church, but it remained for a former M.B.C. minister to say that this man had religion. He was known to have read the scriptures to patients and to have remained all night to comfort them.

When his own aged mother was critically ill, it was his idea to sleep in the sick room, in order that he might minister to her every hour of the night if the need arose and what he did for his own mother, he never hesitated to do for anyone in distress.

He served the village as a councillor for years and as reeve for five terms, 1906-7, and in 1914-15-16. Perhaps one of his greatest public feats was his participation in bringing a domestic water supply to the village in connection with his colleague Mr. J. H. Ratcliff. Our present system stands as a monument to both these men, for had it not been for their determination and foresight, we might never have enjoyed the domestic water service with all its advantages that is ours at this time.

Dr. Sangster gave to Stouffville the southern end of the park property which added to the park area at a time when there was great demand for soft ball diamonds. It also provided a piece of the wooded property that is a prized part of our park today.

He was always found on the side of advancement when it came to promoting the town's welfare, just as he did when the water works was installed over 40 years ago. He took an advanced stand on bringing the pavement to town in 1930, and stood behind the promoters at that time. No good work of a charitable nature or no subscription list ever passed by him without getting a boost. His religion might well be said to have been wrapped up in charity and kindness.

Surviving are two brothers, Frank who lived with the doctor in the old Sangster home, and Dr. Albert Sangster of Chebogan, Mich. Dr. Sangster was a bachelor.

The funeral service on Saturday afternoon was taken by Dr. Thos. Mitchell, an old friend, and the pall bearers were Messrs. Harvey Moyer, Levi Forsyth, F. E. Rae, T. B. Rae, Dr. S. S. Ball, Dr. E. S. Barker. Interment was made in Stouffville cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steckley, Mr. Ernest Ratcliff and Miss Helen Ratcliff enjoyed a motor trip to the North Bay district last week.



Late Dr. Walter Sangster

## LIVED HERE 70 YEARS MRS. D. LATCHFORD DEAD

Native of Ballantrae, and a resident of Stouffville for seventy years, Mrs. David Latchford, died at her home here on Wednesday morning. She was 82 years of age on the first day of September last, and has been in failing health for some time. The funeral this Friday afternoon will be from her late home at 2.30 o'clock. Interment in Stouffville cemetery.

## BATTLE SCARS NOT SERIOUS

A letter received this week by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fairles indicates that Sergt. Pilot Leland Fairles is recovering nicely from his first brush with the enemy over England. Arriving in the old land only five days before, it appears that Leland figured in some sort of skirmish, for his plane came down up against a tree although not out of control. Leland's censored letter described the fray as "a bit of a bump." He wrote from his hospital bed and reported leg and face injuries requiring stitches.

## Pretty Saturday Wedding Here

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Whitchurch, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, on October 10th, when Olive Roberta Johnson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson became the bride of Harold Gordon Boardway, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boardway.

The marriage was solemnized under an arch of evergreens and calla lilies by Rev. Norman McLeod, of Brampton, uncle of the bride. The wedding music was played by Miss Dorothea Boardway sister of the groom. The bride given in marriage by her father, was attired in a powder blue street length dress with navy accessories and wore a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Muriel Lister, bridesmaid wore a matching powder blue dress, with navy accessories, and wore a corsage of red roses.

The groomsmen were Theodore Boardway, brother of the groom. The bride's mother was dressed in a brown crepe dress with matching accessories and the groom's mother, wore rose crepe with navy accessories.

A reception was held, attended by thirty guests.

Miss Hazel Brander, Miss Phyllis Winn and Miss Isabel Flemming, school chums of the bride served.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will reside in Hancover, where the groom is assistant pastor of the M.B.C. church.

The bride travelled in a tailored blue coat, with matching accessories.

## BIRTH

NESBITT — At Markham on October 11, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Nesbitt, of Stouffville, a daughter. Both doing well.

HOOD — At Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Oct. 10th, 1942, to Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Hood (nee Rowena Taylor), Atha, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams and daughter, Peggy Jane, also Miss Grace Ratcliff, Kirkland Lake, were Thanksgiving guests with Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ratcliff.

## Junior Band to Give Mrs. Rowbotham Concert Next Week Laid to Rest

Under the sponsorship of the Stouffville Lions Club and the Stouffville Junior Band Committee, the band will hold a concert in Ratcliff's Hall, here, next Thursday evening, Oct. 22nd.

In addition to group numbers by the band, and other numbers by the entire organization, the Chansonettes of Toronto, vocal medalists and prize winners will render several selections. A short war film, one half hour duration will also be shown and two lucky prizes will be given away, valued at \$15.

The entire proceeds will go to the upkeep of our band who are in need of the generous support of all citizens. Tickets are now on sale at 25c, and children will be admitted at the door on the night of the show for 15c. Program commences at 8.15.

## DEATH CALLS JOHN FERGUSON, CITY FARMER

John Ferguson, president and managing director of the Oriental Carpet Manufacturers (Canada) Limited, died on Thursday at his farm residence after a heart attack, on the 7th con. of Markham, at lot 24.

Mr. Ferguson was considered an outstanding expert in the carpet industry in Canada. He came from England more than thirty years ago to establish the business of which he was head and which is located on Wellington Street, Toronto. He was a native of England and was a veteran of the first Great War, serving overseas with the Royal Canadian Artillery. A resident for many years of Toronto he has commuted to his farm in Markham daily for the last eight years. Mr. Ferguson was a member of the National Club, the Toronto Board of Trade, the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, the Empire Club and St. Philip's Anglican Church, Unionville.

Surviving are his widow, Edith Hunter Ferguson, and three sons, John, Donald and Douglas, who is training with the R.C.A.F.

## Over \$5,000 for Whitchurch Schools

Whitchurch school sections will be richer by \$5,015 when Township Treasurer John Crawford disburses this amount as authorized by the council in session on Saturday at Vandon. Under a recent ruling of the Dept. of Municipal Affairs, townships holding clergy reserve funds must disburse them as the capital comes in from investments. Over the years Whitchurch had conserved this fund and paid the interest to the sections. The reason for making the sections spend the money is not clear. The amount for each section varies according to attendance and runs up to a few hundred dollars, and the trustees must decide on how the money is to be spent.

The National Revenue Dept., Ottawa, advised council that 7 per cent must be deducted and forwarded to them from any debentures the township is paying on, so that the interest holder will get that much less. This would affect the holder of debentures on Ballantrae school.

An account from J. M. Walton for \$37.50 premium on the collector's bond of \$5,000, was ordered paid.

Four sheep claims totalling \$84 were also settled. Dr. C. J. Devins, lot 16, con. 5, was compensated for the loss of six sheep killed by dogs in a series of three raids. Chas. Denie on the 7th concession will receive \$10 for one animal killed by dogs. At the same time H. Bush, was awarded \$5 for killing a dog found chasing his cows. Verification of the killing was placed before the council.

North York Plowmen's Association was granted \$25 for their match to be held at Ringwood on October 28th, on motion of Deputy Reeve Leary and Councillor Eugene Baker. Councillor Lorne Evans moved that \$60 be forwarded to the collector on his postage account for the bills shortly to be issued. This was passed.

To date road expenditures paid total \$10,079, and a small number of accounts were ordered paid at this meeting.

P. Pattenden was told that he might have the work of operating a township snow plow on the same basis as last year. Mr. Pattenden was present, and stated that he would be prepared to take on the operation.

## WELL-KNOWN MARKHAM LADY DEAD

Markham Village lost a well-known lady on Oct. 12, in the death of Mary Jane Beare, widow of the late James Daniels in her 86th year. Four sons and one daughter survive.

A resident of this town for more than 35 years, or since her marriage in 1905, Mrs. Leslie Rowbotham succumbed to a fatal illness under which she had suffered for some time, on Thursday last, October 8, in her 65th year. Her passing is a distinct loss not only in the home, but to her church, and within a wide circle of friends. Mrs. Rowbotham was the personification of kindness. Her place in the Christian Church work will be hard to fill, as she was an untiring worker in its various women's departments.

Born at Altona her parents were Elias Reesor and his wife Annie Burkholder. Her only brother was the late Barkis Reesor, while Reeve William Reesor of Pickering is an uncle. Surviving besides a grief-stricken husband is one son Donald.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon from the late home next the Bank of Nova Scotia to Stouffville cemetery was very largely attended. Service was in charge of Rev. A. B. Stein of Newmarket, a close friend of the family. Pallbearers included three representatives of the fire department of the village, namely Roy Curtis, Everton Smith and Chief Del. Jennings, also Capt. Percy Stover, Morley Barker, and J. K. Agnew, friends of the family. Floral tributes were numerous and lovely.

## LAST MINUTE REMINDER

The Stouffville Red Cross organization which takes in Stouffville and a portion of Whitchurch Twp. will be packing boxes on Thursday afternoon, October 15th, for the boys overseas. Boxes are placed in the stores and any donations in these boxes, or in money, will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Margaret Smith, R.N., has taken a position at York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mr. Harold Hisey of Toronto, formerly of Stouffville is attending Western Technical School.

## ARRIVES IN ENGLAND



Pte. Bill Mantle, son of Mrs. F. Campbell of Lincolnville has arrived safely in England according to a cable received last week. Bill is a member of the Lorne Scots Regiment.

## Bruce Lintner Missing Now Prisoner of War

Chums Who Went Overseas Together, Both Prisoners

Never was Thanksgiving Day more filled with the spirit of the occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lintner of this town than Monday of this week. They had just received a message from Ottawa, informing them of the fact that their son Bruce was a prisoner of war in Germany. Ever since the Dieppe raid he had been reported missing, and as the days dragged into weeks, hopes began to fade, and the parents were resigned to hear the worst. Then out of a dark sky on the eve of Thanksgiving Day, the message came that the young lad is safe, although a prisoner.

With his chum Pte. Fred Castle also a prisoner of war Pte. Bruce Lintner enlisted and went overseas with the Royal Regiment, and the boys apparently went into action together and possibly fought beside each other. Now their address is Camp Stalag, somewhere in Germany, and their regimental numbers have been changed, but the respective parents have been furnished with the new identification figures so that they may communicate with them.

## Accused Freed on Local Theft Charges

## HERO OF BIG RAID ON KIEL THIS WEEK



Sergt. Bruce Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Boyd, 9th Con., Markham, was described in overseas despatches this Wednesday as one of the heroes of a mass attack on the chief German Naval base Tuesday night. Sergt. "Red" Boyd enlisted in January 1940, received his wings in Sept. 1941 and has been in England for a year.

## CRITICALLY ILL

The many friends of Mrs. Wm. Thompson, (Laura O'Brien) Newmarket, will be sorry to learn that this former Stouffvilleite, is lying critically ill in the Western Hospital, Toronto. Her condition was reported as low on Monday, but since then she has rallied slightly, we learn from the home in Newmarket on Wednesday morning.

## A SERIOUS TUMBLE

Falling about ten feet from off a ladder last week Walter Briard, one door west of the public school, fractured two ribs last week, and sustained other injuries. However this veteran is gradually getting about again, despite his affliction.

## FARM WOMAN CAPTURED HUGE OWL AT MUSSELMAN'S LAKE

Mrs. John Windsor of Musselman's Lake captured a great owl in the bush on her farm there one day last week, and thereby established something of a record for disposing of such a huge bird without the aid of a gun or a man to help her. When she came upon the rather fierce looking creature in the bush, Mrs. Windsor grabbed a club or stick, and went right to bottle. The bird put up a real fight, but was somehow hampered, or its attention distracted by a piece of fence, wire fastened to its one wing. A few clouts over the head and the bird was stunned into submission. It had a wing spread of five feet, indicating that it was a large bird.

## MARRIAGES

Stiver—Phillips

On Saturday, October the 10th, 1942, in the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto, by Reverend G. S. Despard, Myrta Ethel, daughter of Mrs. Phillips and the late Mr. John Phillips to Lloyd Homer Stiver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. B. Stiver, of Unionville, Ontario.

## ARRIVED IN ENGLAND



Pte. Ralph Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cooper, 2nd Concession of Uxbridge, arrived in England a couple of days ago, according to a cable received by the soldier boy's parents on Thanksgiving Day. Ralph joined the Royal Regiment two years ago last February and had been training steadily in Canada up to the time of his departure.

Allowed to Go on False Pretense Charge Brought Against Him by the Crown.

"The evidence of the two women in the case is not sufficient to prove you guilty so I discharge you from custody," said Judge J. Ambrose Shea in County Criminal Court on Tuesday, in acquitting Frederick Dudley of two charges of theft and one of attempted theft.

Dudley was tried on a charge of stealing \$105. from Mrs. Katurah Murrison, 83, attempting to steal \$500 from her and theft of \$125 from Mrs. Murrison's sister, Esther Stouffer, 74. Both women live on Church street, Stouffville.

Mrs. Murrison testified that Dudley obtained the \$105 from her as fees and expenses for trying to sell bonds for her, and the transfer of her bonds from her husband to herself. As to the \$500, she claimed that Dudley by trickery got her to sign a cheque. This was stopped at the bank. Esther Stouffer claimed that Dudley received \$125 from her with which to purchase a bond, and that she got neither bond nor her money back.

Dudley, in defense, claimed he had earned the money given him by Mrs. Murrison, denied any trickery in trying to obtain the \$500, but said Mrs. Murrison had offered it as a loan, and stated that the \$125 obtained from Esther Stouffer was a loan for 12 months, for which he had prepaid interest. Complainant admitted receiving \$5.00 from Dudley at the time he received the money.

"The evidence of both women suggests that they gave the money freely," His Honor remarked to Dudley, "so I must accept it and acquit you." Norman Borins appeared for the Crown, J. J. Glass, K.C., for the defense.

## CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE NEXT WEEK

Great interest is being centred on the annual fall rally of the Christian church conference to be held in Bloomington church on Wednesday next week, October 21. The afternoon service at 2.30 is especially for women with Mrs. D. C. Percy as speaker. The evening session is open to the public and will be addressed by both Mr. and Mrs. Percy, recently returned from Africa.

## J. F. Madill Dead Left Here in 1916

For some years an employee at the Ratcliff store in Stouffville, and an uncle of Mr. O. M. Madill, Altona merchant, John F. Madill died in the Wellesley hospital, Toronto, last week. His home was at 61 Pendrith Avenue. Mr. Madill was born at Brougham, near Pickering, and has lived in Toronto since 1918. For ten years he had a grocery on Woodbine ave., north of Danforth, and more recently has been established on Pendrith ave. He was a member of the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Oddfellows. Surviving are his two brothers, Wixon and S. S. Madill, both of Toronto. His wife predeceased him 15 years ago and he had no children.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ratcliff, and Mr. and Mrs. George T. Lee, attended the funeral from Stouffville.

## Surplus Furniture Sold for \$700

Saturday afternoon was a lovely day to be outside, and it had something to do with the great crowd that wended their way to the Jos. Cherry farm at Gormley for the auction sale of household furniture, being sold because Mrs. Cherry who is moving to Barrie could not possibly accommodate the goods from the big farm residence in her new city premises. Goods were of an unusually high class and were in excellent condition, which added to the soaring prices. An electric refrigerator bought five years ago, and labelled "Hostess" sold for \$190, while Findlay cook stove that cost \$75 a few years ago realized \$80 at the sale. The china cabinet was knocked down for \$24, a Marshall mattress ten years old but like new sold for \$25, chesterfield suite \$34, electric washer in use quite a number of years \$34.50. The sale totalled \$700 which was high considering the fact that it was a surplus sale.

The lovely farm with its substantial brick dwelling has been sold to a man named Chadwick who comes from Bayview avenue, and who takes immediate possession.