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Uxbridge Township Clerk Died Early Last Sunday

Hezekiah Roach, native of Township, would have celebrated his 83rd birthday in three weeks.

Few men of the great age of Hezekiah Roach remain in the public eye as long as this man who was the clerk of the township of Uxbridge at the time of his death last Sunday morning, following an illness of some duration. Although not very well Mr. Roach carried on his duties until only recently. Had he lived another three weeks he would have reached his 83rd birthday. For a year and three months, or since the death of his wife, he had lived alone in Goodwood where he died.

Born on the Roach homestead at lot 6, con. 4, Mr. Roach was the son of Alexander Roach who came from the U.S.A., and his wife Caroline Eastgate, a native of Uxbridge township. He only had one brother and he died at the age of 12. Hezekiah remained constantly in the township all his long life and was a successful farmer. In 1923 he retired from the farm to become township clerk, succeeding the late Jos. Millard. Few municipal officers were more conscientious and painstaking with their work. He was a past master and honorary member of the Loyal Orange association at Goodwood.

Mr. Roach was twice married. His first wife was Martha Gourley who died 44 years ago. In 1899 he married a widow, Mary Taylor, who bore her marriage was Mary Alsop. Ten children were born to the late Mr. Roach, five of whom survive him they being (Christina), Mrs. Wm. Tindall, Stouffville; (Emma), Mrs. Fred Betz, Hezekiah and Robert all of Toronto; and Orval of Markham, also one step-son Walter Taylor.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon was attended by so many friends that the capacity of the United Church, Goodwood, was taxed. The preachers were Mr. Mather and Mr. Taylor, United and Baptist ministers, while the pall bearers were members of the Township council and one ex-member, former Reeve R. Ashenurst. The remains were taken to the family plot in Uxbridge cemetery where they were laid beside those of his first wife.

FORMER SCHOOL BOY IS STOUFFVILLE WED

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Robert Young, Church street, when Lawrence Dack, formerly of Cobden and nephew of Mrs. Young, was united in marriage to Melba Costa of Toronto. The happy couple were attended by David Kirk and Doris McGregor both of Toronto. After lunch Mr. and Mrs. Dack returned to their new home on Brunswick Ave., Toronto. Mr. Dack entered the R.C.A.F. this week.

HEIFER CAUGHT IN CULTIVATOR STRANGLER

A peculiar accident happened to a young Jersey heifer belonging to Mr. Peter Steekley, 7th concession, Markham, when the animal was strangled to death after getting its head caught in the farm cultivator which was parked in the orchard.

After its head became caught, the animal apparently fell and was strangled as a result. The beast may have been dead a day before it was noticed.

Gormley Contributes 21 Students to First School Bus

The first passenger bus service ever inaugurated to carry students to Stouffville High School was placed in service last week, and is being operated by Mr. Jos. Sider of Gormley. His bus seats twenty-one and he now has a capacity load, while still others would come to this school if they could obtain the transportation in this bus.

Cost of transportation is borne by the five sections from which the students come, and those sections are Nos. 3 and 6 in Whitchurch, and 4, 5, and 6 in Markham. The cost is divided, and the sections obtain a grant from the Department toward the expenditure, so that the net outlay to the individual taxpayer is

Ballantrae's Eldest Resident Laid to Rest

The death of Mrs. Jackson Elliott at the advanced age of 92 occurred at the home of her daughter in Toronto last week, and the funeral was held on Saturday to Lemonville cemetery from the Trull Funeral Par-



lors. The many flowers showed the esteem with which she was held both in Toronto and Ballantrae where she spent so many years. Dr. R. S. Stewart of St. John's Presbyterian church Toronto, officiated. The pall bearers were Messrs. George Wood, Roy Andrew, Milford Rose, Ross Hood, Thos. Simpson, and Leslie Feasby.

Mrs. Elliott was born in Glasgow, Scotland, coming to this country at the age of four years. The family settled in Markham Township, and since her marriage she lived in Ballantrae district, and in the present home there for 63 years. Mr. Elliott died 19 years ago.

On Oct. 9 (this month) Mrs. Elliott returned to the city as was her custom each winter to live with her daughter Mrs. Geo. Feasby. She suffered a stroke the following day, and passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Of nine children there are four living, all in Toronto. They are Miss Laura Elliott, Chester Elliott, Mrs. George Feasby (Blanche), and Floyd Elliott. There are 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Elliott was a remarkable woman for her great age, and was always surrounded by a host of friends who will sincerely miss her cheery company. "Age never dimmed her interest," said one of her neighbors.

Drive is On!

The canvassers are now out selling the 5th Victory Loan, and within the next ten days every man and woman in Stouffville, and all Canada too, will be called upon to make a purchase. Stouffville's objective is a hundred thousand dollars. Last time we went over the top of this same objective by forty thousand dollars. Let us do as well this time.

Whitchurch, Markham, Uxbridge, and Pickering townships are all hoping to reach their objectives, so whatever municipality you subscribe in, do your best.

For all Canada in the first two days, eight million more was subscribed than in the first two days of the last loan, but the average is below the amount required to reach the total for all Canada in two weeks.

very small. The trustees make their own contract with the bus owner, and make payment to him, obtaining their grant from the Department on the basis of the outlay by the section.

The plan is not new on Yonge St. where Newmarket and Aurora receive bus pupils, but it is the first local attempt of anything of the kind, and is likely to be enlarged and extended to other sections. Efforts to obtain a bus service from Goodwood three years ago, is now likely to become a fact if similar effort is made again. It is also reported that a bus service in that section of Markham serving Dickson's Hill would be well patronized.

NORTH YORK OBJECTIVES

The list of objectives for York County North in the coming fifth victory loan has some interesting comparisons. Stouffville is asked to raise \$100,000, Whitchurch Township \$160,000, and Markham Township \$290,000. The complete list is:

Towns and Villages	Amount
Aurora	200,000
Newmarket	335,000
Stouffville	100,000
Richmond Hill	100,000
Markham	85,000
Woodbridge	110,000
Sutton	60,000
Townships	Amount
N. Gwillimbury	65,000
E. Gwillimbury	160,000
King	225,000
Markham	290,000
Vaughan	290,000
Whitchurch	160,000
Georgina	65,000

Character Reference Saves Man From Jail Sentence

Character evidence of former Reeve Earl Toole of Whitchurch saved a resident of the township from a possible jail term, after being found guilty of stealing. Magistrate Robinson at Newmarket court found Elmer Druey, Cedar Valley, guilty on a charge of theft of some tools from Fred Bowser's farm, and on payment of costs was given suspended sentence. Earl Toole, farmer, gave evidence that he had found Druey honest, and the magistrate said that in view of this evidence and the small value placed on the articles, he would suspend sentence.

William Goode testified that he had been at the farm as a hired hand and that he had not given Mr. Druey permission to take any articles. Mr. Druey said that Mr. Goode did give him permission to take certain articles.

Fred Reynolds, a neighbor, denied Mr. Bowser's statement, made at the hearing two weeks ago, that Mr. Druey had taken himself and Mr. Bowser to places where some of the articles were hidden along the roadside.

Frank Bowser, son of Fred Bowser, said that he could not put a valuation on the articles stolen. "I have never even bought a second-hand monkey-wrench in my life," he said.

"Then you wouldn't know whether they were worth 50 cents or four or five dollars?" asked Defence Counsel Charles Evans, Bradford.

"No, it's not the value in money of the articles," said Mr. Bowser. "It's that some of those articles are very old and valued as keepsakes. What's four or five dollars to you or me, Charlie?" Mr. Toole said, "I don't know about that, Mr. Bowser, speak for yourself, not me," joked Mr. Evans.

Frank Bowser said that Mr. Druey had told him that he had taken the articles away each evening on his way home and that he had advised Mr. Druey to put them back.

"I must accept the evidence of Mr. Fred Bowser," stated Magistrate Robinson. "I wasn't impressed with the evidence of either the accused or Mr. Reynolds. I was impressed with the evidence of the complainant's son, Mr. Frank Bowser."

FANCY JERSEY PRIZES

At the public auction on the T. E. Rigler farm at Buttonville in Markham township this week, Auctioneer A. S. Farmer said, that, without a doubt the herd of Jersey cows was the finest he ever held a hammer over. The fancy priced cow went at \$170 to Maurice Eby. Elmer Baker from Whitchurch took home three beauties and paid substantial prices for them.

WHAT STYLE OF GOVERNING BOARD?

The school trustees in session Monday evening decided to consult the Department of Education about the proper composition of the board at the first of the year, since at that date the continuation school will officially become a high school. Will we require the setup of a High School Board or a Board of Education, instead of just a trustee board as at present. This is what Chairman Aldred and the other members want to know.

Only routine business was transacted, and members present other than Chairman Aldred were Trustees Riches, Stover, McMullen and Turner

FIELD DAY CANCELLED

Due to the shortening of the school term caused by the government order allowing students to help with the farm employment situation, the annual field day held by the Stouffville High School has been cancelled for this year.

At one time this school usually held a meet of its own, the winners competing later in a competition with those from Markham, Agincourt and Richmond Hill Schools. Last year Stouffville dropped from the inter-school meet, but carried on with their own day.

Fires Threaten Twp. Bushland

Dry Spell Leaves Whitchurch Bush Like Tinderbox

The rains of last weekend came just in time to stem several threatened fires in the country. In Whitchurch township a rather serious fire broke out north of Lemonville in the Dan Hall bush, and spread to adjoining properties before it was under control. Neighbors rallied for miles to aid in subduing the blaze, which was finally brought under control. The fire was believed to have started from a roadside fire set by some hunters.

Another fire broke out north of Roy Morley's farm, when again a goody number rallied and put it out before it got beyond control. Everything was so dry that even the slightest blaze could travel over fields and bushland at terrific speed. The weekend rains allayed the threat.

Mrs. Louise Nattress who has been visiting her sister Mrs. David Watson for several days, returned to her home in Delevan, Illinois, U.S.A., last week.

Claremont Man Awarded \$10,000 in Alienation Suit

Claremont was almost deserted for a day or two last week during the hearing of the trial by jury before the Supreme Court at Whitby in which Fred C. Mowder brought action against Robert G. Roy, formerly a dealer in arts in Toronto and who had operated a chicken farm near Claremont for alleged misconduct toward his wife that was of sufficiently grave a nature as to alienate her affections for him.

It took the jury 50 minutes to reach a unanimous verdict although the trial itself opened on Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-two witnesses were summoned and the following gave evidence for the prosecution: Ken Ward, John Scott, Chas. Cooper, J. Nesbitt, R. McLeod, Glen and Mrs. Flowers (who formerly worked on Mr. Roy's farm), Mrs. Lloyd Turner, and Mr. Edw. Evans. Mr. Mowder also gave evidence on his own behalf, but Mrs. Mowder testified along with Mr. Roy and one or two other witnesses from Toronto. The case was the sensation of the Claremont district for some time, since Mr. Mowder is a leading storekeeper and widely known in the district and Mrs. Mowder, too, was very popular and recently was actively engaged in the store business with her estranged husband.

Upon the return of the jury's verdict a judgment was entered for \$10,000 and costs by Mr. Justice Kelly who presided. A. W. S. Greer acted for the plaintiff and J. P. Mangan, K.C., for the defendant.

The jury found by their answers to the questions put to them by the judge that Roy had committed adultery with Mrs. Elsie Mowder, the wife of the plaintiff, Fred Mowder, at Roy's farm on the 29th and 30th days of May, last. When the presiding judge read to the jury their written answers to the questions submitted, defence counsel asked that the jury be polled, whereupon all twelve jurors signified that their verdict was unanimously in favor of the plaintiff in their \$10,000 award.

The evidence disclosed that the plaintiff was married in 1932 and had been the operator of a farm in the Claremont area since 1934 and also since March, 1942, the operator of a general store in the village of Claremont. The plaintiff alleged that by reason of undue and unwelcome attentions and the conduct of Roy,

Government Ban is Lifted from Local Church Group

The ban against Jehovah's Witnesses has been lifted by the King Government which blotted this organization out of business in 1940. The great preponderance of people will be pleased with the present action.

A branch of Jehovah's Witnesses operated in Stouffville, meeting in a hall over Les Rowbotham's work shop, but closed up as soon as the order came out in 1940. No one could point a finger at any wrongful word or act committed by this little band of people which would warrant the action taken against them. On the other hand real benefits were to be seen in this town, where they had touched some followers in such a way that not only the father of the home "got religion" as they say, but the whole family benefited by the change, since the earnings of the bread winner went to them at a renewed rate.

However, Witnesses were witnessing too aggressively in the Province of Quebec where their heretical doctrine was resented, and pressure was soon exerted in high places, which induced Ottawa to act against these people.

It could not be learned at the time of going to press what action would be taken locally to reorganize the group here, if at all. Some of the followers have found their way into other churches, and others have never darkened a church door since they were put out of action.

Lifting the ban at this time seems to be an admission that it was never warranted in the first place. Of course, so far as the local situation goes, Stouffville does not need any more religious groups, since we now have five from which to choose.

CLAREMONT BOY OVERSEAS



Earl "Curly" Cook, son of Mrs. Blanche Cook of Claremont who is now in England with a branch of the Ordnance Corps. Earl has lived in Claremont practically all his life, attended school there, and was a popular figure in the local field of sport. Prior to enlisting he was employed at Cooper's Hardware for some years.

Farm Buildings Sell For \$1675 to Be Taken Down

William Greene's farm stock auction on Friday a mile and a half north of Lemonville, was featured by the sale of the various buildings, even the dwelling going under the hammer. The farm was recently bought by George Rodanz who will use it for the pasture land, hence he sold every building on the place. The frame house went to W. Patterson for \$310, the steel barn 30x50 to Ross Hood for \$630, a hog pen to L. J. Harper for \$140, and a barn 50x38 sold for \$545. W. Warren of Mount Albert being the buyer. Driving shed attached to the house brought \$50, from A. Carruthers of Atha. The buildings making five separate sales brought a total of \$1675, a price which indicates that buildings are really valuable today.

Greene's receipts ran to \$2900, the high cow bringing \$90, but pigs just weaned went for \$3.50 each, and sows \$25.

The following day, Saturday, Herbert Mitchell provided a second sale in Whitchurch which totalled short of \$1000 for stock and implements offered. The farm advertised was not offered since the crowd was very local. There were two big sales on Friday and four on Saturday all within a radius of 25 miles of Stouffville. Mitchell's Southdown sheep went for \$10 each, just market price, while the binder brought \$70.

BIRTHS

HEISE—On Saturday, Oct. 9, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Heise, Gormley, a daughter.

RICHARDSON—At Cottage Hospital, Pembroke, on Oct. 18, 1943, to Capt. H. J. Richardson, R.C.A.M.C. and Mrs. Richardson, (nee Margaret Shank, Markham) a son.

Brodie Sheep Canada's First Entry at Chicago Show

Canada's first entries for the forthcoming Chicago Market Fat Stock and Carlot Competition, to be held at the Chicago Stock Yards, Nov. 29th to Dec. 2nd, were made by W. J. Brodie, internationally famous sheep breeder and feeder, of Stouffville, Ontario.

He will exhibit in both the individual and carlot classes of this event which takes the place of the regular International Live Stock Exposition, cancelled last year as a war measure.

The Brodies, C. J. and W. J., have a record of winning the carlot lamb championship at the International Live Stock Exposition every year in unbroken succession since 1934 to

1941, an all-time record since the first Exposition was held in 1900; and last year at the substitute market competition, W. J. Brodie again won the grand championship on a carlot of Southdown lambs.

The market show, which will comprise all the fat classes that have been featured in past years at the International, in both open and junior divisions, will offer the same prizes in these classes that have been paid at recent International shows.

Sponsor of the competition is the Union Stock Yards and Transit Co., operators of the Chicago market where the show will be staged. The International amphitheatre, built as a home for the amphitheatre, is now being occupied by the army.