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Abner Baker Buried, Lived 86 Years at Baker Hill

The death of Abner Baker on Thursday, October 28, removes a widely known resident of Whitchurch township from this sphere of activity. Mr. Baker who was in his 86th year spent all his long life on the 8th concession at Baker Hill, and was born on the next farm to where he lived at the time of his death. Active until the very last, he was seized with hernia and went to the hospital in Toronto to undergo an operation. He left his home only a week before his death in general good spirits, and was even passing out some of his dry humor in his good-natured way, as he prepared to leave the home place for the last time.

Abner Baker was a son of Jacob Baker who was of Scotch descent. Abner is the last of a family of seven children born to this pioneer family of his native township. Successful farmer, Abner accumulated a goodly share of this world's goods, since he was a good farmer, and a man of keen foresight. Despite his unusual reserve nature, he came forward to offer himself as a councillor in Whitchurch and served in that capacity for several years some 25 years ago. He also served as a school trustee at Ringwood for several terms, and was a deacon in Baker Hill church for many years. In fact he spent all his manhood as a worker in this church. As was testified at the funeral Mr. Baker took it upon himself to do the menial chores as well as hold high office in God's house when he could have chosen others to do it.

Twice married, his first wife was Isabella Tyler, who died in 1903. To this union two daughters survive, namely, Mrs. Earl Davis, 8th concession, Whitchurch, and Mrs. Earl Nash, Eastend, Saskatchewan. Mr. Baker is survived by his second wife who is a total invalid, and by two sons, Harry and Jake, both at home. The late Mr. Baker possessed an enterprising spirit. He saw the possibility of Northern Ontario and dealt in its timber limits. Fifty years ago when the section around home was in need of a creamery to provide an outlet for the cream that was being produced in greater quantity here, Mr. Baker was one of the first to invest in the plant that is now the Stouffville Creamery. His money helped build the plant, and he was one of the first directors to serve on the Board. It was an uphill road to find an outlet for butter in those days, and a representative was once sent to England to explore a market overseas.

Mr. Baker was buried on Sunday afternoon at Baker Hill cemetery where so many of his acquaintances have found a last resting place, and overlooking the lands which the deceased hued from the virgin forest more than half a century ago.

Rev. W. S. Whitcombe, pastor at Baker Hill 20 years ago, preached the sermon and testified to the sterling qualities of the deceased, who was held up as a pillar of the church, and a man whom the younger generation might well emulate. Pastor Cox read the lesson and assisted in the service. Rev. D. Macgregor participated in the private service at the home.

The pall bearers were Messrs. Eugene Baker, Thos. Simpson, Merlin Baker, Gordon and Harry Ratcliff and Bert Baker. Two of the mourners, in addition to all members of the family being present were Mrs. Lemon Baker, 56, sister-in-law, and Mr. Seneca Baker, cousin, the latter in his 93rd year. All three were children in this section of the township when the municipality was being organized.

CLAIMS FOR \$26 TRAVERSED TO NEXT COURT

In Division Court at Markham on Monday, the case of Dr. Hore vs. the Village of Markham was traversed to the next sitting of the court in Markham. Dr. Hore is suing for \$26 alleged due him for taxoiding in 1942 when he was M.O.H. The case was set aside, we understand, because of the absence of the village reeve. Dr. Hore intended to conduct his own case, while the village is defended by Mr. J. A. Cattanaich.

SURVIVED HIS BROTHER ONLY SIX MONTHS

Following the death of his brother, Rev. Herbert Lee little more than six months ago, Edgar R. Lee passed away in Toronto on Monday this week. He had been in delicate health for some years, and it was generally conceded that he would never survive his brother which he did. Mr. Lee's home was at Killworthy R.R. 1, and he had lived a retired life for a good many years. Funeral on Wednesday was to the Toronto Crematorium.

Lintner Brothers in the Service



Ted Lintner

Ted Lintner, R.C.A.F. son of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Lintner of Stouffville, who is undergoing training at Fingal, Ont. Ted is married and has three sons and a daughter. His brother Harry, is training with a motorized infantry unit in Nova Scotia. He is also married and has two daughters. There are now four sons in the Lintner family represented in the armed forces. In addition to the brothers above, Charles is with the army at Debent, N.S. having enlisted some two years ago. Bruce the first and youngest member of the family, is a prisoner of war in Germany, having been taken prisoner at Dieppe.



Harry Lintner

See Your Banker Friday

Throughout Canada this Friday is being marked as "Bank Victory Loan Day" when people are asked to go to their Bank and pick up their bonds (\$50 and \$100 bonds) which the banks will be prepared to hand out at that time, registered as to principal.

Before you visit your banker see that you look over your present bond holdings. Many people are holding Dominion of Canada Bonds of 1945 which are now payable in full. If you do not cash in on them you lose interest from October 15th this year. If you hold 1945 bonds take them along to your banker FRIDAY.

While at the bank ask about the plan that will give you another \$50 or \$100 bond by making small monthly payments without interest. You may be able to secure another bond this way, thereby helping yourself and helping Canada put over the 5th Victory Loan.

Local Potato Crop To be Valuable Next Spring

A large potato grower in the Ballantyne district estimates that about one-third of the 1943 crop in that district was in storage, and if this is correct those who have a 1000 bags, more or less, should not lose anything since there is a potato shortage in Ontario. New Brunswick is Canada's best hope of averting a potato shortage this year from coast to coast such as that which developed last winter. Of course ceiling price may prevent the farmer from reaping any other extra profit from his foresight in holding his crop, yet most of us would not be adverse to seeing the agriculturalist score a hit in his own behalf.

New Brunswick growers increased their potato acreage around 25% last spring. Nature took a hand and increased the yield per acre by an estimated 50 to 60%. Average yield in New Brunswick is placed at 150 barrels to the acre, and the quality of stock has never been so good.

Anticipating a short supply in the central provinces, buyers for the big food firms have been travelling through the N.B. potato belt, placing orders for all they can get. One man, representing a national chain store, has been trying to contract for delivery of 25 to 50 carloads of potatoes a week.

Latest figures showed 2,000 carloads of potatoes shipped west from this province so far, at a time when less than half of this quantity is normally shipped. In coming months shipments will likely reach 10,000 carloads.

Meanwhile Nova Scotia is buying heavily in New Brunswick, having had a crop failure in many sections. Buyers from N.S. seek hundreds of carloads for plants which are dehydrating potatoes for the armed forces overseas. They are competing in the market with buyers from New Brunswick's two dehydration plants, and only the rigid application of ceiling holds prices down to the present

Uxbridge Man Plowed Best Land at Sharon Match

Drizzling rain all day failed to spoil the North York Plowing Match but the 41 entries recorded might easily have been much larger had weather conditions been better. The match was held at Sharon Wednesday last week.

For best plowed land in the whole competition Ronald Marquis of Uxbridge took the prize. Best land using an Allis Chalmers tractor went to David Ratcliff, Stouffville, while Floyd Steekley, Stouffville, won the Salada Tea special \$10 prize.

Youngest boy plowman was Jim Hamilton of Ravenshoe, aged six, and youngest with an Allis Chalmers tractor was Melvin Sedor.

Walter Balsdon won first for having the best groomed team, while Harris Wright, Keswick, took first for the best going team.

Other prize winners:
OPEN JOINTER: Ronald Marquis, Sunderland; Floyd Steekley, Stouffville; Ross Marquis, Sunderland; Norman Jarvis, Unionville; Leslie Smith, Gormley; Gard. H. Tran, Whitevale; Crown, Marquis; Finish, Smith.

GREEN JOINTER: Roy Smith, Gormley; Wylie Barry, Manilla; Roy Livingston, Woodbridge; Morley Haines, Goodwood; Owan Breathour, Uxbridge; Wm. Holder, Manilla; Crown, Livingston; Finish, Haines.

OPEN STUBBLE: Stewart Ball, Uxbridge; B. Wylie, Woodville; Jas. Lee, Greenbank; Gordon Orr, Maple; Lloyd Marquis, Sunderland; Ray Ferguson, Stouffville; Ewart Jennings, King; J. S. McLean, Streetsville; Crown, Marquis; Finish Orr.

GREEN CLASS: Donald McMillan, Queensville; Harris Wright Keswick; W. C. Trent, Aurora; Crown and Finish, McMillan.

BOYS 14 Years and Under: Bruce Timbers, Stouffville; Bernard Fockler, Ringwood; Crown, Fockler; Finish, Timbers.

TRACTORS IN SOD 2-Furrow: Ivan McLaughlin, Cedar Valley; A. Logan, Stouffville; Allan Meyers, Claremont.

TRACTORS IN SOD 3-Furrow: Allen Wells, Stouffville; Murray McMillan, Queensville; Howard Henry, Campbell Croft; Crown and Finish, Wells.

TRACTORS: Robert Timbers, Stouffville; Roy Craig, Mono Road; Lewis Wells, Stouffville; Crown, Wells; Finish, Timbers.

TRACTORS, Boys 15 and Under: Geo. Timbers, Stouffville; David Ratcliff, Stouffville; Melvin Sedore, Keswick; Jim Hamilton, Ravenshoe; Jack Hamilton, Sutton West; Crown and Finish, Timbers.

MRS. HAROLD SANDERS CRITICALLY ILL

Friends in Stouffville will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Harold Sanders of Weston, has been seriously ill in Toronto General Hospital and for some days her condition was critical. However, this week she had so far recovered as to be able to return to her home where it is hoped steady improvement will be made.

Loan Objective Hard to Reach

On Wednesday morning a rather gloomy picture was presented from our news gathering efforts on the local progress of the 5th Victory Loan. Not one municipality in the immediate district was anything like reaching its objective. There must be a smartening of the effort on the part of salesmen and buyers alike.

While Markham Township is within reach of its \$290,000 objective, there is still needed \$75,000, while Whitchurch has only reached the three-quarter mark in its race to roll up \$160,000.

Stouffville has subscribed \$70,000 of its \$100,000 objective. Last time the village oversubscribed a \$100,000 objective by 40 per cent.

Everybody must do their best to reach the objectives set before Saturday night, if we are to measure up to what was expected of us. Canvassers are traversing old ground in an effort to get investors to increase their purchases.

Up to Saturday night last 325 persons subscribed through the salesmen in Markham township and 55 made purchases through the banks. In Whitchurch 125 people bought from the salesmen and only three through banks.

In Markham village 142 subscribers bought through the salesmen and 27 through the bank. Stouffville sales made by the canvassers stood at 60 as against 33 through the bank. These figures are interesting especially the high rate of sales made by the banks.

Auction Sale Carried Over Loud Speaker

Something new in the line of conducting public auction sales was introduced last week when a big sale at Stouffville was sold over a loud speaker system. The sale was at the old Mansion House of goods and effects belonging to D. F. Holden & Sons, and was one of the largest auctions conducted in Stouffville for many a day. Big crowds held on all afternoon, from one o'clock until seven in the evening.

The loud speaker facilities enabled Auctioneer Clark Prentice to be heard not only at the sale, but all over town. Women working in the yards half a mile away were said to have hastened the completion of their tasks to hurry down to the sale. It was clearly demonstrated that the loud speaker system is the real way to give service, but no auctioneer so far has one. Mr. Holden had the equipment for this occasion set up by Stewart Beare.

While the total receipts probably topped any previous sale, the number of individual sales was just about half of those made in the recent MacLeod sale, but the nature of the goods, of course, naturally greatly affected the varying receipts, and number of sales.

Not carrying on a garage business any longer large quantities of garage equipment was disposed of, while the sale was opened with a dispersal of dishes used in carrying on the Village Inn, which too, is being discontinued, although the Inn will cater to over-night guests as in the past.

DESTROY MORE FOXES

At Markham Township Council on Saturday the idea was advanced that the bounty for shooting foxes should be increased from \$2 to \$5 per fox, although nothing definite was done in the matter. Bonuses were ordered paid for five foxes killed by as many different people during the month.

The stealthy fox is reported to be committing an outrage all over the township, entering hen houses and grabbing off fowl from the fields. Then it was realized that the fox had killed off so many pheasants that the recent hunt was almost a flop since the pheasants were so few.

One thing, the Department of Game and Fisheries should not go putting costly pheasant in the surrounding townships if something is not done to keep them from the foxes.

Markham Council will confer with Game Wardens on the matter. Perhaps this meeting will recommend an increase in the bonus on fox pelts and at the same time organize a number of fox hunts.

Mrs. Frank Miller, patient at the Brierbush for a long time, has been able to leave the hospital and has secured accommodation at the home of Mrs. George Watson.

Nomination Day Here Will Be Monday, Nov. 29th with Election Day Mon., Dec. 6

Municipal Council Orders Payment for Cement Walks Totalling over \$2,000. New, Union School Board Forseen.

New sidewalks laid in Stouffville this summer cost the ratepayers \$2,000 or slightly more, according to the accounts tabled at the council meeting on Monday evening. The Jupp Construction Co. who held the contract received the entire payment. Members of council felt the charges were steep, but found them according to the contract entered into, and since the work is guaranteed to stand up, the walks should give service for 25 or 30 years.

The treasurer was authorized to invest \$500 of Cemetery Funds in the Victory Loan. This is money belonging to the perpetual care investment fund.

The nomination bylaw was passed calling for a public meeting on the last Monday in November and in case a poll is demanded it will be taken on the first Monday in December. If there is an election the polls will be manned by Morley Barker and Lud Hoover for the south side, and K. R. Davis and George Baker, north side. The early election was so popular last year, that no one raised the issue of going back to the Christmas election time. Reeve Weldon said he was greatly in favor of the early election period.

Dr. Freeland came before the council to discuss the formation of the school board that would be instituted next year by reason of Stouffville having a High School instead of a Continuation School. It was decided that a union board would meet our purpose best, and this calls for the election of the same number of trustees for next year as in the past. The union board would be enlarged by appointments to the High School end. These appointments come from the municipal councils and county council.

While there was no desire to create additional personnel on the board, this cannot be avoided since the Act must be followed.

Reeve Weldon presided over the meeting with members present being Councillors Hugh Boyd, Walter Brilinger, A. V. Nolan.

Curfew Bylaw is Ordered For Unionville Village

Councillor Reuben Stiver introduced a resolution at Markham Council meeting on Saturday ordering the introduction of a bylaw requiring children to be home at a stated hour in the evenings. The resolution followed the reading of requests from Unionville United Church W.M.S., the W. Institute, Lutheran Ladies' Aid, and the W.A. of the United Church.

Some of the organizations suggested the hour be 9.30 and the age 14 years, but this will be decided when the bylaw is introduced at a later date.

Council also passed nomination bylaw calling for the statutory meeting on the last Monday in December and if an election is demanded it will be held one week later, as in previous years. Three more boundaries were named in the bylaw since the township added three more booths to total 14. Following are the polling places and the Deputy Returning Officers:

- 1—Findlay's Hall, Thornhill, N. J. Smelle.
 - 2—J. E. Francis.
 - 3—Mrs. E. Townsend's, Langstaff, W. C. t. John.
 - 4—Emmerson Reesor's, Richmond Hill, G. Topper.
 - 5—Community Hall, Buttonville, C. Burr.
 - 6—Hall, Victoria Square, Jas. Smith.
 - 7—Hagerman's Corners, Jas. Muirhead.
 - 8—Unionville, Wm. Noble.
 - 9—Powell's, Cashel, Herbert Spofford.
 - 10—Geo. Cowie's, Con. 8, Geo. Cowie.
 - 11—Munno Raymer, Alvin Wideman.
 - 12—Wm. Groves, Dickson Hill, Edw. Brownsberger.
 - 13—D. Ramer's, Con. 8, D. Ramer.
 - 14—James Cowan's, Jas. Cowie.
- A number of road accounts were ordered paid, including an item of

COMES TO GORMLEY



Evangelist Rev. M. T. Sellers of Lockport, New York, is booked for Special Revival Services at Mennonite Brethren in Christ Church at Gormley, from Nov. 8 to Nov. 21st. He is known to many as an outstanding Evangelist and Soul Winner.

To Dedicate Flags at Memorial Service

Four new flags, the Union Jack, the R.C.A.F. flag, the Canadian Navy Flag and the Christian flag will be dedicated at a special service to be held in the Stouffville United Church this Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. The flags have been donated to the church by Mrs. Jas. McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker and E. A. and F. L. Button.

It will be the occasion of the annual Armistice Day service, and members of the Stouffville Branch of the York County Veterans Association will parade to the church in company with the Stouffville Air Cadet Squadron, and the Canadian Girls in Training.

Rev. Capt. Allen Ferry will be the guest speaker, and there will be special music. Following the church service the parade will move to the Memorial Park Gates where the wreaths will be placed.

Child Collides with Motor Car

Running across the road at the west end of the town on Saturday evening, 11-year-old Elaine Rae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Rae, west of town, collided with a car driven by a Gormley man. The little girl suffered a slight concussion as well as a fracture of both bones of the left leg just below the knee. She was rushed to Dr. Ball's office, and later was removed to Toronto. Constable Rusnell investigated the accident.

Come on Stouffville! let's maintain our good record. Put this loan over before Saturday.

Mrs. David Russell of Markham, is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Dougherty of Stouffville.

Some practical jokers on Halloween hung a sign in the window of Bill Harding's barber shop reading thus: "Harding's butcher shop."

\$1948.50 to Mr. Roberts for 1299 yards of gravel at \$1.50 yard. A pleasant announcement was read showing a profit for Markham township from the Yonge street radial of \$1858.89 for the third quarter. "Who said the road should be scrapped?" asked one of the councillors. The radial made a total net profit of \$16,862.62 for the three months period, which is divided between Markham, York Township, Richmond Hill, Vaughan Township. Reeve Chas. Hooper presided, and wound up the session in two hours. Deputy Reeve W. L. Clark, and Councillors Albert Reesor, R. L. Stiver, and Dalton Rummy were all present.