

Drew Sues Star for Libel

A writ for \$100,000 damages was issued on Tuesday on behalf of Premier George Drew against Joseph E. Atkinson and the Toronto Daily Star.

In explaining issue of the writ Mr. Drew said it was to put an end to outrageous attacks on men and women in public life "of the kind I have been subjected to and the libel action which commenced today will be pressed to final judgment for the protection of honest journalism and decency in public life."

In a statement Mr. Drew said:

"The people of Ontario have given so decisive an answer to the villainous attacks which were made upon me by the Toronto Daily Star that I have no need for further personal vindication, but this goes far beyond a personal issue.

"If public men with families, and particularly young children of school age, are to be subjected to false accusations of the most despicable character, it will become impossible to persuade men and women of the kind we need in public life to expose their families and their children to the taunts and

abuse which grow out of such slanders. No matter how false the statements may be, they do leave an impression with many people, who find it difficult to believe that a newspaper which boasts the largest circulation in Canada could be so utterly unprincipled as the Toronto Daily Star and its publisher have proved themselves in this election.

"In the interests of public decency and particularly with the hope that those best qualified may take an active part in public affairs, I have decided it is my duty to put an end to outrageous attacks of the kind to which I have been subjected and the libel action, which commenced today, will be pressed to final judgment for the protection of honest journalism and decency in public life."

A spokesman in Ottawa has made the charge that about 200 temporary houses built under wartime housing scheme cost an average of about \$3,200 and these houses, he claimed, would be probably torn down in time after the war, lacking furnaces, foundations, and other conveniences, though in the same area private contractors were offering solid permanent type dwellings, complete with furnaces, foundations, etc., at prices ranging as low as \$3,800 so that he alleged that the government had paid a few hundred less, getting no comparable values to those offered by the private contractors.

Real Estate Leader E.T. Stephens Dies

Widely known in livestock circles and head of a large real estate firm, E. T. Stephens of Richmond Hill, aged 62, died suddenly after suffering a heart seizure during a bowling



tournament at Agincourt recently.

Born at Mimico, he moved to Richmond Hill 25 years ago, where he became interested in breeding Holstein cattle. He later established Roseiawn dairy, subsequently enlarging his business to include fruit, fox and tobacco farming. He was a frequent visitor on the Stouffville bowling greens.

He was a member of the Milk Producers' Association, Holstein Breeders' Association, Toronto board of trade, Granite club, Richmond Hill Masonic lodge, Knights of Pythias, Richmond Hill United church, Richmond Hill curling club and bowling club. In 1919 his real estate firm was established and was known to be largest in Toronto and suburban area.

He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stephens, Mimico. Surviving, besides his widow, the former Annie Isabel Moore, are four sons, Stewart, Donald and John, at Richmond Hill; P.O. Bruce Stephens, with the R.C.A.F. at Dartmouth, and a daughter, Mrs. Robt. H. Jones, Syracuse, N. Y.

GREENWOOD

The church service and Sunday school will be held as usual next Sunday, but one week from then, Decoration day at Salem, there will be no service, that will be Sunday, June 24th.

Miss Marion McVey spent the weekend at her home, she was accompanied back to the city by her mother, who was taking in the United Church rally at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Miss Smith of Toronto, visited over the weekend at the parsonage.

Mrs. Delaney, and son, spent Sunday at the home of her aunt, Miss E. Ormerod.

Miss Edna Green, attended the Miller-Moon wedding at Port Hope last Saturday.

Lawrence and Mrs. Wismer of Toronto were with the latter's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart, and other relatives, over the weekend.

Miss Marjory Byers and friend attended the Graham-Gauslin wedding at Markham on Saturday last.

JUNIOR FARMERS HELD ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Enthusiastic and spirited competition and greatly increased enrolment prevailed in both the girls and boys' sections of the Annual York County Junior Farmer Live-Stock Judging Contest and Girls' Achievement Day held at Richmond Hill last Thursday. With one exception the six local Junior Farmer clubs were represented; making a total entry of 56 boys and 46 girls. The coaching work of experienced and energetic Junior farmer leaders in each local club was particularly evident in the splendid showing made by the juniors competing for the first time.

Chas. Haines of Newmarket, President of the York County Junior Farmers acted as chairman for the large banquet in the evening. A spirited sing-song led by W. M. Cockburn, preceded the announcing of the awards by Miss Lulu Row, Home Economics coach for York and J. D. Moore, Assistant Agricultural Representative from Newmarket.

Miss Mary Lavolette of Pefferlaw won the girls' senior award for her excellent progress in community leadership and dressmaking. The Eckardt Memorial Trophy was won by Lois Graham of Highland Creek. Gordon Orr of Maple won the Hon. Geo. S. Henry Shield as high Senior man. His brother Alan, was high Junior boy and won the Geo. B. Little Shield as well as one of the two pure-bred Yorkshire Gilts donated by the Canada Packers. The other was awarded to Don Pearson of Agincourt, as coach of the winning Junior team which consisted of Bill Preston, Walter Thrd and Roy Preston, all of Agincourt.

The inter-township team award was presented to the Vaughan Township team consisting of Gordon and Allan Orr of Maple and Carman Livingston of Woodbridge.

To the high school boy in each class in the Junior competition the following challenge trophies were presented: Horses—E. T. Stephens and Jas. McLean Trophy—Milton Savage, R. Hill.

Percy Ash Gets Garbage Contract

Percy Ash was again given the contract for collection of garbage at Wilcox Lake and Ed. McNelly is again the contractor at Musselman's Lake for the season of 1945, according to the bylaws passed by Whitchurch Council on Saturday.

Aurora Fire Brigade was paid \$40 for attending the fire at Edgar Dennis' place and relief accounts totalled only \$48 distributed between recipients.

George Drewery, presented the only sheep claim amounting to \$20 for one animal killed by dogs and one injured, on April 26.

Road accounts totalled \$654, and after being scrutinized were ordered paid.

Reeve George Leary presided over the session, and members were all present being Deputy Reeve Lorne Evans and Councillors Ed. Logan, Les. Harper and Ivan McLaughlin. A special meeting will be held at the latter end of this week to give consideration to several matters for which there was not time to deal with at this session.

LET ANIMALS STARVE \$500 AND 6 MONTHS

Simcoe, June 11—Harry Gehring 27, Middleton township farmer, this morning was sentenced by Magistrate H. P. Innes to six months indeterminate in reformatory on a charge of cruelty to animals. Gehring pleaded guilty to the charge two weeks ago. In addition to the reformatory term he was fined \$500 with full costs and in default of payment, will serve an additional three months determinate.

When the case was heard two weeks ago, evidence disclosed that Gehring had allowed 13 cows, two horses and one pig to starve to death in a barn on his farm. Six other cows, one horse and another pig were still alive when police investigated.

Beef—John Gardhouse Trophy—Ewart Jennings, King Dairy—Gordon Duncan Trophy—Jack Wauchope, Kettleby Sheep—D. W. Baxter Trophy—Russel Livingston, Todmorden Swine—Boynnton Bros. Trophy—Roydne Preston, Agincourt.

The free trips to the Boys' and Girls' Conference at Chicago about December 1st for this high standing in the two competitions were awarded to Gordon Orr of Maple and Mary Lavolette of Pefferlaw.

At a time when the United States Government and others are seriously worried about meeting their domestic meat requirements, it is most interesting to report that information in Ottawa seems to indicate that Canada's domestic meat needs are being met in a relatively satisfactory manner, though there may be shortages in some sections, especially in the big cities. Nevertheless, it is noteworthy that under present conditions, Canada has not even considered continuously a policy of meat rationing.

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