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County Taxes to Cost Local Ratepayers an Extra \$700

County taxes will cost the ratepayers of Stouffville \$700 more than last year, it was revealed at the regular meeting of the town council held on Thursday evening. The rate is up approximately a mill. In 1945 the sum of \$2,563.00 was collected here in county tax.

"This tax might have been increased three mills," the reeve stated, "if it had not been for the school grant of 50% from the government." He added that the county had been doing little road building during the war years, and that an extensive program in this department as well as heavy hospital grants increased taxes.

Mr. F. L. Button presented subdivision plans for Edw. Lloyd, for the area which Mr. Lloyd is opening into a residential district, south of Fair St. The plans show that the Fair St. extension will have two outlets onto O'Brien Ave., the one at Burkholder St. and the other further south at Rose Ave. The plans were given the approval of the council.

Report of M.O.H. Received
The annual report of the Medical Officer of Health was received, and showed the following statistics, population, 1,340, an increase of 200 since 1939. There were 61 births and 36 deaths. The report stated that the Board had noted improved garbage disposal from the local stores, and that a general immunization campaign had been carried out at the school by the M.O. Dr. Freeland. A total of fifteen samples of town water were tested during the year, and none was found lower than A-2 dairy inspection was carried out by Dr. S. T. Bodendistel, who found no infections in twelve visits.

Dr. Freeland attended the council meeting and told the members that he strongly favored the appointment of another medical man to take charge of health work at the school, to enable a fuller immunization program to be carried out, and a closer check to be maintained as the pupils advanced through the school.

Drops Dead at Work, H. Pointon Buried Today

Engaged unloading a car of coal into the bunkers at the High School on Monday afternoon Harry Pointon, retired farmer of Stouffville, dropped over and expired almost in a moment. Ernest Smith said that he and Mr. Pointon had been shovelling back the coal. Smith went outside for a moment, and returning saw Mr. Pointon doubled over and down. He assisted him out of the bunkers, but he died immediately.

The shock was a terrible blow to Mrs. Pointon who has been ordered to bed. The ill-fated man had been confined to his home for several days with a cold, but never at any time complained of a weak heart. He considered himself in very good health. Mr. Pointon would have been 70 had he lived until May 20th.

Born in Whitchurch Township, near Aurora, Harry Pointon was a son of the late James Pointon, farmer. Harry followed the same occupation as his father and farmed in Whitchurch Township until 1928 when he moved to the Millard farm at Altona. He retired from this place and bought a home on Church street in Stouffville four years ago.

Mr. Pointon united in marriage 35 years ago with Lillian Tovey who survives together with a daughter, Mrs. Millard Reesor, and a son Gerald. There are two grandchildren. During the time the family resided at Altona they attended the Union church there, and since coming to town, adhered to the United Church.

The funeral this Thursday afternoon will proceed to Stouffville cemetery, service being conducted by Rev. D. Davis and Rev. E. Morton.

Coming Events

Plan to attend the display of Work and Program at the Bloomingington School on Friday, March 15, at 2 p.m., also open night at 8 p.m.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY
A St. Patrick's party will be held at the school on Tuesday evening, March 19. Come and enjoy a good program, which includes a Young People's play, "Are We Dressing?"

PIE SOCIAL
A drama and Pie Social will be held in the Brougham Hall on Wednesday, March 20, at 8.15 in aid of the Boy Scout movement. Everybody is invited to attend this popular event.

A Mixed Chorus from the Ontario Bible School at Fort Erie will give a program of Gospel Singing at the Wideman Memorial Church on Sunday morning, March 17th at 9.45 a.m. Free will offering. Director, J. N. Hosteller, assistant director Verna Climenbaga.

WRIST FRACTURED

Robert Steckley of Gormley, is nursing a fractured wrist on the right arm, injured when cranking a car a few days ago.

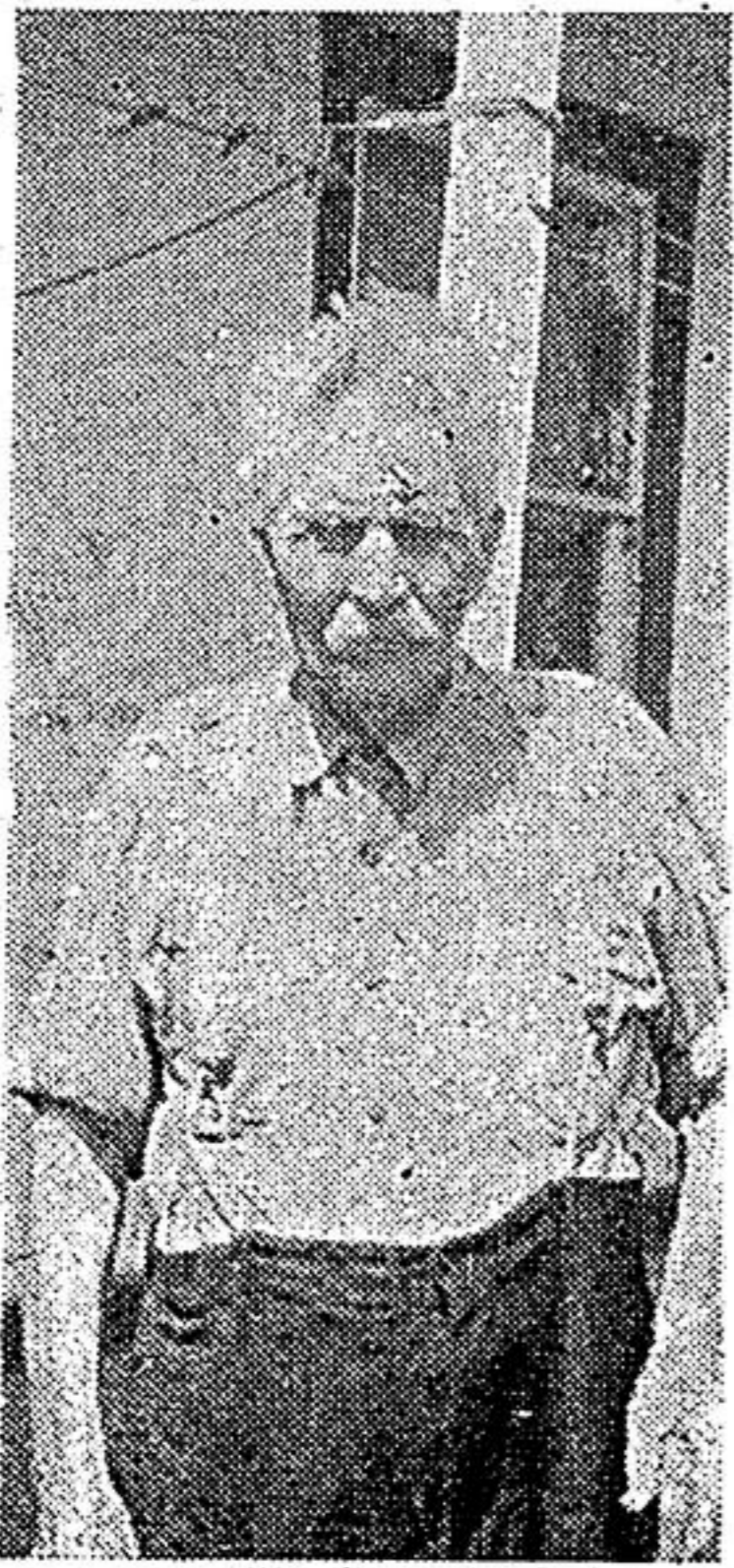
\$3,000 Raised for Carload of Flour

"We wish to take this opportunity of thanking all who had any part in raising the finances for the shipment of a carload of flour for overseas relief," so stated D. N. Reesor and S. S. Shantz, on Monday. The amount raised up to date is \$3,000.00 in Markham and Stouffville districts. The carload was shipped a week ago to Holland, and is being matched by another carload to be shipped shortly and financed from the Central Office at Kitchener of the Ontario Non-Resistant Relief Organization.

This channel is still open for those interested in this relief project. Large shipments of clothing and foodstuffs are continually going forward through the above named Central Office. Distributing centres have been established in different countries where the needs are the most apparent, and young men and women have volunteered to go out as Relief agents to assist in the organization and distribution of clothing and food-stuffs.

Grim Reaper Robbed Couple of Completing 70 Years Together

George Vaughan died at his home in Bloomingington on Monday at the great age of 90. Had the grim reaper not intervened Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan would have celebrated 70 years of married life together on May 25 of this year. On the occa-



sion of their 60th wedding day a message was received from The King at Buckingham Palace extending congratulations on their diamond wedding event.

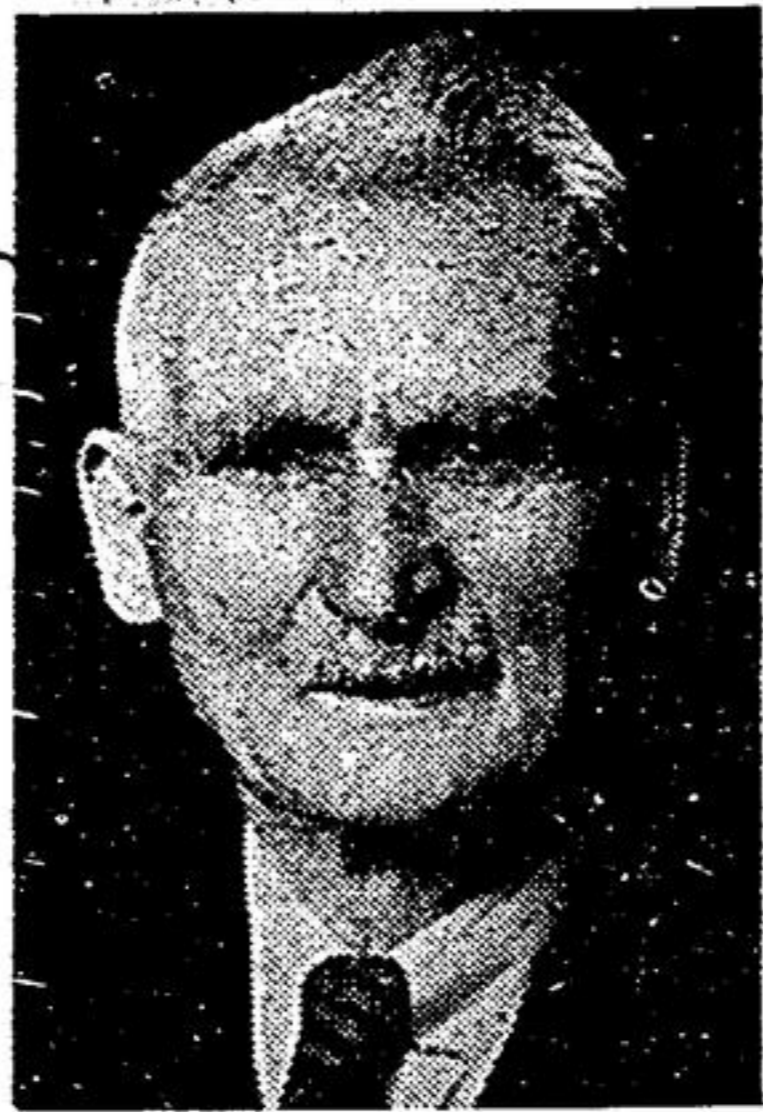
Despite his great age Mr. Vaughan kept one of the finest gardens in the neighborhood where he lived, and it is equally true to say that Mrs. Vaughan who is just a few months younger, cares for a spotless home and asks for no assistance.

The late George Vaughan was born on Yonge street in the neighborhood of what is now St. Clair avenue, but when he was a lad it was farm land district. It was here his parents located when they came across from England. His father was a gardener, and George when a young man became a farmer, and with his young wife they drove their team and wagon into the wilderness of Scott Township, but later farmed around Musselman's lake. Forty years ago they retired to the place where he died.

It was always a pleasure to call on the venerable couple, to meet this man with the pleasant countenance and merry twinkle in the eye, despite his rheumatic condition of more recent years. A family of five sons and one daughter survive the father. They are: William, Robert, and George Vaughan, Toronto, Arthur and Wallace of Whitchurch. The only daughter is Mrs. John Paisley, Ballantrae.

The funeral this Wednesday afternoon proceeded from the late home to Churchill cemetery for interment.

NATHAN FORSYTH DEAD



Nathan Forsyth died on Monday evening in his 94th year, and will be laid to rest in Stouffville cemetery this Thursday afternoon, following a public service in the United Church at 4 o'clock. He was the oldest citizen living in Stouffville, and his death followed within a couple of weeks that of Harmon Yake who was the oldest living person born in the village, being in his 95th year. Mr. Forsyth who was born in Uxbridge Township, leaves an interesting history which we hope to publish in our next issue.

William Peters Dies of Injuries Received in Railway Accident

Markham and Cherrywood communities were saddened at the tragic death of William Edwin Peters, 32, of 37 McFarland Ave., Toronto, railway fireman who died at the Toronto Western Hospital, Wednesday, March 6th, as a result of burns suffered in an accident in the C.P.R. Lampton yards, in York Township, early that morning.

William Peters was the only one of a family born to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Peters of Toronto. Shortly after losing his mother, he lived in Cherrywood and district where he was educated and was later employed at farming. He attended the Cherrywood United Church and was a member of the choir for a number of years. Leaving the community about a year and a half ago with the comment, "He was a thoughtful, willing worker," he was employed by the C.P.R. where his enthusiasm for his job was rewarded in rapid progress. He was a member of the Queen City branch of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers Lodge; he attended St. Clair Ave. United Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Letitia Payne, and his father, Mr. Sydney Peters.

The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon, Rev. Fred Smith of Queen St. United Church and formerly of St. Andrew's United Church Markham, conducted the service at the R.G. Clendinning Funeral Home, Markham. Interment was at the Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers were: Mr. Jack Mitchell, Clarendon; Mr. Wilbur Barkey and Mr. Wilfred Reesor, Pickering; Mr. Dean Percy Markham; Mr. Wilbert Dean and Mr. Melville Reid, Toronto.

Juniors Dropped Return Game to Lucknow 9-6

The Chin brothers proved the undoing of the local Junior hockey squad when they invaded the Lucknow ice palace on Monday night for the long-awaited return game to the northern town. The Chins notched three fast ones in the last period of the game to take the contest 9-6. Stouffville was short-handed while two of the goals were scored. The game was similar to the match in Stouffville, in that again the teams battled on even terms in the last twenty minutes, while the Rumney brothers scored two fast ones to take the initial contest 7-5.

Both Stouffville lines were outlucked repeatedly around the Lucknow goal, while the Chinese lads were a threat every time they got inside the local blue line, and Doug Moore in the Stouffville net drew a generous slice of applause for the way in which he stood off these boys time and again. About a thousand fans were in attendance.

The Stouffville players were provided with the finest accommodation for the trip which is about 300 miles there and back, one of the newest Hollinger Bus Line pullman coaches being used. Weather conditions were ideal, and some fifty fans accompanied the team on the long jaunt which speaks well for the support being received here, considering the fact that an exhibition game was being played.

Hired Man Missing Decked in Boss's Best Clothes

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Campbell returned from a function in Toronto late on Friday evening to discover that the hired man who had been in their employ two months had decamped, after outfitting himself with the boss's new blue suit, spring overcoat, shirt, tie, and other articles of wearing apparel. Just to show that he appreciated Mrs. Campbell too, the sneak took about \$60 in cash hidden in the dining room.

Well known farmers at Dickson Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had gone to Toronto for the evening to attend a school function at Toronto Normal, and the hired man, a stranger to the district, who had been with them for a couple of months, was more or less the man in charge of affairs. Unfortunately, he exceeded his authority in a very bad way, by proceeding to pack up and leave for parts unknown. They are still unknown despite the efforts of police.

The culprit was a "choosie" individual. He didn't start off with a grain sack over his shoulder, no sir. He selected a new leather suit case, packed it with underwear, and extras he didn't for the moment have need of on his back. He walked to Stouffville since the boss had the car in Toronto, and engaged a room at the Mansion House for the night. He was recognized at the over-night place as a man groomed for a wedding, but there is no girl missing in the district. He is said to be 22 years of age, and was considered by Mr. Campbell as a good average worker.

FREEMAN SLACK RETIRED FARMER DEAD

Engaged in attending the poultry at his home at Goodwood, Freeman Slack, 80-year-old retired farmer was suddenly stricken on Thursday and fell lifeless to the ground. When overcome Mr. Slack fell into a pool of water, and took a small amount into his lungs, but not sufficient to cause his death, which was due to heart failure. The presence of a very small amount of water in the lungs, since he was found with his head completely immersed, indicated that he only took a breath or two when he fell before death overtook him.

Born on the farm north of Claremont, his parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James Slack. Freeman married Alberta Alsop 53 years ago, and the couple farmed at Glasgow until 16 years ago when they retired to live in Goodwood. Besides Mrs. Slack there survives two sons and one daughter. They are Edgar Slack of Saintfield, Reach townships; Stanley of Claremont, and Elva, Mrs. Levi Hopkins of Brougham. Also surviving are three brothers James Slack of Stouffville, Albert of Claremont, and William living in Western Canada.

Mr. Slack was a man of quiet disposition, a successful farmer, and while taking a keen interest in municipal affairs, he never sought public office.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon from the late home proceeded to Goodwood Baptist Church for divine service then to Goodwood cemetery for interment.

Sale Clipped Off at Over \$20 a Minute

The Albert Wideman farm auction on the 8th concession of Markham on Tuesday attracted an enormous crowd for the sale which opened by Prentice & Prentice at precisely 1.01 o'clock, and the last sale was made at 5.15.

As the grand total reached \$7,000 the auctioneers clipped off the sales at the rate of over \$1200 an hour. The best cow brought \$190 and a string of milkers ran \$150 and \$160. Horses did well, the black team bringing \$280, a road mare \$185, and a chestnut \$175. Chunks of pigs \$14.75.

A transplanter used for planting cabbage bought by Mr. Wideman from Clarke Prentice for \$77 five years ago went at \$150. A wagon gear \$111, and the Ford tractor six years old \$790 without extras. The milking machine realized \$255, a buggy \$55. There was no grain or hay offered.

It is interesting to note that the Wideman farm last had a sale on it back in 1876 when a man named Joe Coe sold the farm to Albert Wideman's grandfather; the late Jacob Wideman. Jacob was succeeded by his son Isaac in 1883, and Albert took over from him in 1908. Now Albert's son Lorne will succeed his father, being the fourth descendant, a pleasing record.

Wood lots at the Talbot sale in Whitchurch last Saturday sold at an average of \$40. The best lot brought \$52.50 and the lowest priced one went for \$15.

Sugar and Wheat Should Not be Taken to Make Alcoholic Beverages

395 Persons Sign Petition Asking that these Commodities be Retained for Normal Food Requirements.

Nearly four hundred people signed the petition circulated in Stouffville through the churches, protesting the taking of wheat and sugar stocks that are so sorely needed, and using them for the manufacture of alcoholic beverages. Other badly needed commodities go into the manufacture of liquor that is in short supply, and these are also included in the protest made.

The petition was forwarded to the Attorney General of Ontario and to the Liquor Control Board and was signed by exactly 395 persons, members and adherents of the various churches.

The claim is that millions of tons of wheat and sugar that are needed for food, are consumed in the manufacture of liquor, and any reduction in the output of alcohol would leave that much more for food channels.

PARENTS OF CANADA'S 'BLUE BABY' SUMMER IN WHITCHURCH

Even though the first operation on a "blue baby" in Canada ended several hours later with the death of 13-year-old Isabel Douglas in Wellesley Hospital Saturday night, her parents, and fellow physicians and surgeons, have nothing but praise for the Toronto surgeon who fought a four-hour battle on the operating table in an attempt to re-route blood streams and restore the child to normalcy.

Parents of the child Mr. and Mrs. Robert Douglas are quite well known at Ballantrae and other parts of Whitchurch since they have a summer home near the York County forest on the 8th con. A post-mortem was performed yesterday and death attributed to cerebral thrombosis—a blood clot on the brain. This post-operative danger had been foreseen and parents of the child had been advised of it.

Pathologists who performed the autopsy, however, are of the opinion the operation itself was a success. Further examinations will be made.

"If medical science has benefited, then the sacrifice will not have been in vain," Robert Douglas, 344 Brookdale Ave., father of the child, said in paying tribute to Dr. D. W. Gordon Murray, internationally known surgeon, who performed the operation.

Sight of the girl on the operating table suddenly turning pink when clamps were released sending blood flowing through her body was the climax of what was thought to have been a successful operation.

The disease is a congenital defect in the arterial channels which interrupts the normal flow of blood through the lungs to the heart. With the regular flow of blood retarded, the lips, fingers and toes of the victim remain a bluish color. Death usually occurs in early teens.

Mr. Fred Reynolds, west end resident, was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday evening in Good's ambulance. He has been unwell for some time.

A smart looking well bred Persian cat prized by its owner Mr. George Smith, Church street, met death this week by poisoning. One can scarcely imagine that anyone would poison such an animal, which may have come across a decayed piece of meat that would have the same effect as bait poison.

Miss Norma Stover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Stover was home over the weekend. Norma is in training at Hamilton General Hospital.

Deaths

LEADBETTER—On Thursday, March 7th, 1946, John Leadbetter, brother of the late Charles Leadbetter of Markham, in his 93rd year. He died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Nelson Smith, 7th line Markham.

Births

CARTER—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Thursday, March 7th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Brougham, Ont., a daughter.

FOOTE—At the Brierbush Hospital on Sunday, March 10th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Foote, (nee Mary Pilkey) a son, James Edward.

PEARSON—At the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, on Tuesday, March 12th, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pearson, Stouffville, a daughter.

MARKHAM GAME POSTPONED

A hockey game scheduled for to-night (Wednesday) between Markham Junior B team and Stouffville C.C. was postponed when injuries received by several of the Markham players in a commercial game in Toronto, made it impossible for them to play.

Mrs. Hamilton Died Sitting in Chair

Mrs. Ralph Hamilton who lives with her sister Mrs. Robert Brown on Edward Street, Stouffville, died with shocking suddenness on Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock. Mrs. Hamilton was sitting in a rocking chair when she was seen to throw her head back, and was gone instantly. Only her sister Mrs. Brown was present at the time. Both women had been having an after-dinner nap, when Mrs. Brown heard her sister stir in her chair and at that moment she passed away. Prior to this she had appeared quite normal during the morning and noon period.

The funeral on Monday afternoon from the Brown home was attended by numerous old friends, the service being taken by Rev. Chas. Montgomery, pastor.

During her active days in Stouffville Mrs. Hamilton had been a devoted worker in the Christian church here in any manner she was called on to serve. In the home too, she was greatly interested in quilting and sewing, and since suffering a stroke some months ago, was determined to quilt recently when she thought she was able to occupy her time in this way.

Mrs. Hamilton's sudden passing recalls the fact that her husband died with the same terrible suddenness twelve years ago. He had gone to Markham to take a trial at driving his car in order to get his license renewed, when he suddenly expired behind the wheel.

Mrs. Hamilton was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ramer, her father being well known as the proprietor of the Richmond Hill elevator, which is today being operated by his son.

After her marriage to Ralph Hamilton the couple took up farming on the 9th concession of Markham just south of town, and when they retired the late Jacob Heise built them the red brick cottage they enjoyed as their home at the south end of O'Brien avenue until the passing of Mr. Hamilton 12 years ago. They had no family.

Surviving are three sisters Mrs. Jos. Grose and Mrs. Robt. Brown of Stouffville, Mrs. Roy Bassingwaite of Maple, and one brother Ira Ramer of Richmond Hill.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IS A REAL SURPRISE

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Grove were overwhelmed with surprise last Wednesday when a gathering of the family and immediate relatives converged on them at Ringwood to mark the 70th anniversary of Mr. Grove's birth. The three daughters and their husbands present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Steckley and son Burnice, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Ratcliff, and Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Stouffer and Baby Joanne.

Others on hand for the occasion were Mr. Grove's two sisters Mrs. Elias Hoover and Mrs. Wm. Conner together with Mr. Elias Hoover and Miss Eva, also Mrs. Grove's two brothers Isaac and Edward Barkey and two sisters Mrs. J. M. Grove and Mrs. John Lee.

Everybody enjoyed the delightful buffet luncheon arranged by the daughters, and an evening long to be remembered was enjoyed in singing and chatting over old times.

Truman Grove was born just south of Ringwood on the Jake Grove farm. He was one of four children, and married Edith Barkey, native of Mongolla and member of a well known family of the district.

Mr. Grove declared that it was a real surprise to him that such an event was being planned in his honor. There was no leaks in the secret arrangement whatever. For some time he has been indisposed following a fall last summer and is able to chore about the place a little.

Some very nice gifts were presented and many complimentary wishes extended, paramount of which was one for quick and permanent recovery.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lazenby announce the engagement of their only daughter Leone Rose to Mr. Leo Stafford Wagg. The marriage to take place quietly on March 23.