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Main Road is Ignored at Expense of Concession Line Complaint of Irked Farmers

Farmers living west of Stouffville, who use the Markham-Whitchurch townline a great deal, are amazed to learn that the sixth concession of Markham is being treated to a new tarvia top when it was in a thousand times better condition than the townline where the work was really needed.

Not only farmers in Whitchurch but yeomen of the 6th concession protest the ridiculous situation. Speaking to the press, they point out that the concession line was smooth and good to travel over, but when they hit the townline, its like the rocky road to Dublin.

The explanation, of course, is that the concession line is being turned back to the township of Markham at this time, and according to agreement was to be left in good condition by the county. This explanation, does not satisfy the farmers and others who are urging that the townline should have at least a tarvia dressing since it would benefit ten times the traffic that the concession line bears.

As one of the main arteries leading to Stouffville the reeve of the village is delving into the matter with the hope that something can be done to save the townline from falling back to a mere gravel road where once a fair tarvia top was built.

LEFT HERE 36 YEARS AGO STILL HOLDS INTEREST IN HOME TOWN AFFAIRS

Writing from Cappon, Alta., to The Tribune, Mr. W. Yake, old Stouffville boy, gives us the following information which will be read with interest:

"The Tribune is like a weekly letter, one that I would not like to do without. It will be 36 years next April 4th since I pulled out of the old town, yet on occasion I see mentioned many whom I knew in the old days.

Crops are fair in this area, but generally hail damage has been heavy over the Western crops this year. Thousands of acres have been hailed out. On July 13th one hundred per cent loss is recorded south of Cappon from this kind of storm. Best wishes to you and the old home town."

80-YEAR OLD COULD SEE SQUIRREL 80 RODS AWAY WITHOUT GLASSES

Walks from Stouffville to Markham and Return is Record of Sammy Ramer

Friday morning the scribe encountered Mr. Sam H. B. Ramer, of Markham village whose flowing whiskers gives him the appearance of a patriarch of olden days. Mr. Ramer was walking smartly down Stouffville's Main street carrying a parcel and heading for his home in the southern town. He explained that because he is 80 years of age he was denied a driver's permit, consequently has to walk, and how he can do it for a man of his age, is simply marvelous. We know a lot of youths who would groan at the thought of walking to Markham because of the distance, but Mr. Ramer only smiles at the idea.

"They said it was my eyesight," explained this smiling old man, "but do you know, I can see a squirrel 80 rods off, and I read your paper every week but do not use glasses."

We had to admit that there are a lot of drivers' permits issued to less capable men than Mr. Ramer. It's a pleasure to meet such men as Mr. Ramer with his pioneering instinct and the hardiness of the early settlers. Mr. Ramer, of course, is native born, first saw the light of day right on the present property at north Markham.

Next Year May See Revival of Intermediates

While it was thought at one stage that intermediate baseball might be revived here this season, it was probably too much to expect so soon after the war. However, other towns are talking of the same move and next year may be the time.

Newmarket is known to be definitely interested, along with Stouffville, who could field a pretty fair team with a nucleus of local players from former intermediate teams and the pick of the junior ranks. While Aurora is not thought ready to enter into competition, Uxbridge, Port Perry and Richmond Hill are said to be ready to fall in line.

The Klincks Try Life on House Boat

A communication from H. O. Klinck now touring Western Canada, states that he and Mrs. Klinck, after a very pleasant stay of over two weeks at Minsirel Island on the Pacific coast, at the home of his daughter Agnes (Mrs. Hugh Herbi-board), arrived back in Vancouver aboard the S.S. "Venture" on July 15th. Mr. Klinck says the visit to the island was marked by many interesting experiences. Foremost, was the thrill of seeing for the first time the little granddaughters, Kathie and Wendy, who with their parents emerged from their cosy brown bungalow, clambered down the barnacled rocks to their boat, and rowed to greet us as our steam-er rounded the point into the cove.

That same evening a great whale announced his presence by several resounding phosphorescent "blows," but a few yards from shore immediately in front of us, the rise and fall of the tide reaching a variation of over 23 feet proved very interesting, as did our efforts at trolling aboard a salmon packer on Knight Inlet where we landed some particularly fine specimens. The district knows no roads, all travel and transport being by means of boats or aircraft. Boats are of great variety in size and construction, and present a scene of activity all the time. Passenger carrying seaplanes and flying boats alight several times each week, circle and take off in full view from the cottage.

On our second day we had the novel experience of travelling in Hugh's gas boat, to witness his conducting of a 3 p.m. marriage ceremony on a float house about 12 miles distant. Bride and groom were duly gowned and groomed for the occasion and the knot fitting and securely tied. The proprietor and his wife fairly bubbled with hospitality. Their spacious home, replete with rich furnishings and every conceivable modern appointment, was thrown open to the loggers and their wives and families from a wide area, and most delectable and abundant wedding supper was served. The ensuing merriment was getting well underway when we thought it advisable to start on the journey home before the setting of darkness at 11 p.m.

On the third day after our arrival in Minsirel, Hugh having set his mind on a special summer course at the U.B.C., set out in his little gas boat for Vancouver, 200 miles distant, accompanied by an elderly and inexperienced man from the prairies who was seeking a means of getting back to "town." Engine trouble, continuous rain, head winds, a desperate struggle with the whirling eddies and mighty onrushing tides at the treacherous Yucletaws narrows, a final break-down and towing into port behind a swift naval boat, would appear to have set the high point in thrills.

There is great charm about the little clearing on which are situated the tea-charge (the Brown house) the children's dormitories (the green house) and the "shed" (over-time float house dwelling partially destroyed by fire) used as workshop and wash house.

A profusion of garden flowers bedeck the foreground and towering forests rise from the upper margin of the vegetable gardens.

The little village of float houses across the small bay, mountains all about, forested or capped with snow, small islands studding the inlet to the left—all make a picture to be remembered.

Our last week at Minsirel found us packing and crating all the household goods for moving to Vancouver. All was piled upon the rocks awaiting high tide, then loaded on a log float and taken to the pier for placing aboard the steamer.

Now we are all back in the big city. Space will not permit a recital of our activities here, but I must record that on Friday, July 26, Dr. and Mrs. Klinck kindly and quite lavishly held a lawn buffet supper at which over twenty guests attended. They included members of the Klinck clan from Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia. The affair was climaxed by a musical program in the rumpus room where Agnes and Mrs. L. S. Klinck entertained at piano and violin, while others joined in the singing of Scottish and southern airs.

Thanks for any of this you may print.

Sincerely,
H. O. Klinck.

Visitors from United States and Western Canada at Fretz Reunion

Reeve Extends Cordial Welcome to the Clan

Jos. C. Fretz, who is connected with the Mennonite publishing house at Kitchener, a subsidiary of the U.S. concern, told the Fretz clan gathered in Memorial Park at Stouffville in annual reunion on Saturday, that early records indicated first members of the Fretz clan to migrate to this country landed in Pennsylvania in the early seventies. They came, probably three brothers from Amsterdam or Switzerland, also other Fretz families came, but whether all were related he could not say. In any event they were among the best stock of immigrants and 125 years ago some of them came on to Ontario. We find them settled in Lincoln county, Welland, Vineland, and York County as well as elsewhere over the province.

Four great virtues, the speaker held up, as characterizing those early pioneers, which he admonished all to adhere to. They are wholeheartedness, true heartedness, faithfulness, and loyalty.

Mr. Fretz said he was of the 8th generation, and that it was the second generation that came over to Ontario. It was an interesting fact that seven generations are residents in Ontario now. He felt that the early settlers possessed supernatural powers in their ability to choose land in a great wilderness of trees, as events have shown how wisely they chose.

He thought someone should investigate the possibility of a Fretz insignia being in existence, something not uncommon among old families in European countries. The insignia is used on letter paper on documents, etc., in connection with the clan.

Speakers followed the sumptuous dinner served when Reeve A. V. Nolan was called on by the chairman Sam Fretz, to give the visitors a formal welcome. He made special mention of the American visitors, said the committee chose wisely in deciding on such a fine day, and on selecting Stouffville as their meeting place. The guests were invited to visit the business section when he foresaw that all would go home with a knowledge that they had been in a friendly town where their presence was appreciated.

A welcome letter was received from the Fretz cousins in Pennsylv-

vania where they are meeting in reunion on Aug. 10, a gathering where Ontario visitors would be made welcome.

The business part of the gathering was conducted by President Sam Fretz, with Ira D. Russell as secretary. The new officers elected the folks enjoyed the ball diamond the swings or just visiting around.

Names of the clan who passed away were read and two minutes silence observed in their memory. Among the ten or twelve name was that of Mrs. Sarah (Fretz) Ratcliff of Stouffville. This part of the program was conducted by Rev. Lewis Fretz who was recently made a bishop in the Mennonite church.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troupe of Jordan Station were elected president and secretary respectively for next year, when the clan will meet in the Niagara district. Gordon Fretz Vineland, is vice-president.

Guests registered from as far as Saskatchewan, Detroit, and from Pennsylvania. Among the visitors from a distance were:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Elliott, Fenwick; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shrigley of Gorrie; Charlie Atyeo of Sarnia and Roy of Belleville; Mrs. Orval Weber, St. Mary's; Jack and Frank Rush, Streetsville; O.L. and Paul Fretz, Selkirk; Gordon and Mrs. Ed. Fretz, Aaron Hallman, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Smith, Arthur and Neil Smith, George, John and Mrs. Jacob Fretz, Mrs. Ed. Hoover and daughter, and Mrs. Hoover's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Atyeo also Blake and Charlyn all of Vineland, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Fretz, Betty, Marilyn and Doris; Mrs. J.C. Juhlke of Beamsville, Ivan E. Fretz, Kenmore, N.Y.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Fretz, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Troupe Mrs. Philip Wismer, Louis Wismer all of Jordan Station; Ruth Fretz Mrs. J. C. Fretz, Pauline Fretz, Walter and J.C. Fretz, all of Kitchener; Garnet and Bob Troupe, Jordan Station; John Fretz, recently returned from France; Sam Brownberger, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Fretz, Kitchener; Orland and Virgil Fretz from Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Fretz, Simcoe; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fretz of Kitchener. Many members of the clan from the Stouffville-Markham district were also present, also other visitors from distant points who failed to register.

Foto Nite Winner Was from Uxbridge

Miss Dora Brownscombe of Uxbridge, considers she was most fortunate last week when she accepted an invitation to run down to Stouff-



ville and take in the picture show. She signed the slip as she went in, and the next evening her name was called for the \$95 draw, which she may now cash in on. Miss Brownscombe is a sister of Mrs. Harold Spofford of Stouffville.

Sheila Tait didn't have quite the same success when her name was drawn to receive the \$200. Although a very regular weekly attendant, Sheila was away at camp last week and so missed out.

Altogether the winners for Photo Night have been nicely distributed. First, Kathleen Barry of Stouffville won a \$100 draw, then Gordon Chairman of Markham won \$200, and now Uxbridge steps into the picture to win \$95.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Dougherty of Cleveland spent the weekend with her father Mr. M. Leavens and brother, Postmaster Eugene Leavens.

Results Announced in Grain Competition

The annual grain crop competitions conducted for over 30 years by the Markham Agricultural Society have been announced, with Mr. Clark Young carrying off first in both wheat and oats. The judge, H. L. Griffin of Acton stated that the grain was good especially the oats which were mostly of the Ajax variety.

Wheat Competition	
Clark Young	93 1/2
R. Boyington	91 1/2
D. Miles	90
Don Raymer	89 1/2
Chas. Hooper	87 1/2
A. W. Milroy	87
R. P. Armstrong	85
Leitchcroft	84 1/2
Oats	
Clark Young	95
H. J. Couperthwaite	92 1/2
A. & B. Davidson	92
Chas Hooper	91 1/2
Lloyd Turner	90
Walter Reesor	89 1/2
R. Boyington	89
James Boyd	88

Local Juniors Take Second Shellacking From Newmarket

Stouffville Juniors absorbed their second decisive defeat at the hands of Newmarket on Friday night, in a North-York playoff ball fixture here. Newmarket took a four to one lead in the first innings, and were never close to losing command of the game. While Miller pitched a steady game on the local mound his infield support was very lax in the pinches, and run after run was scored on errors.

Brought on the hill for Newmarket kept the homesters down to a few scattered hits, while infield pops were sure outs in the hands of the visitors.

Stouffville did show improvement over their trip to Newmarket, but the Yonge St. team was still much too good. Raxlin, Lewis and Miller crossed the plate with the three local runs, while Newmarket ran up seventeen. The one double play of the game went to Stouffville, Raxlin at second to Jennings at first.

Aurora eliminated Milliken in two straight games, and will now meet Newmarket for the Junior championship of the league. For purposes of the O.B.A. playdowns, both Newmarket and Aurora will have teams in the Junior and Midget sections respectively, and Stouffville and Milliken have the bye in this eastern half of the circuit.

Default Midget Game

Stouffville Midgets defaulted their playoff game with Richmond Hill on Monday night, when not enough players showed up at game time to make the trip.

Mrs. Fred Crossen is a patient in the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, where she underwent a surgical operation last week, and is reported to be making favorable recovery.

Barn, Combine and 500 Chickens are Destroyed by Fire

Many valuable implements, including a combine machine, also in the live stock line some 500 chickens, were destroyed by fire when the barn on the farm of Leslie Dimma was burned to the ground last week around 7 o'clock in the evening. No one was at the building when the blaze started, and its cause is a complete mystery. Fortunately there was none of the season's crop harvested.

The Dimma place is the second farm south of No. 7 highway on the 10th concession of Markham. A few years ago the barn of Mr. Dimma's father's farm nearby was destroyed when struck by lightning.

Insurance of \$4,000 will only partially cover the heavy loss of last week with its attendant difficulties in these days of great scarcity of everything that enters into building construction.

Engagements

The engagement is announced of Anne Christie, daughter of Mrs. S. W. Whittleton and the late Mr. N. Christie, to Ivan Nelson Lobb, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lobb of Toronto. The marriage will take place Saturday, August 17th at 3 p.m. in the United Church, Goodwood, Ont.

LOCAL COUPLE MARRIED IN UXBRIDGE

Quietly married in Uxbridge on Thursday afternoon, July 25th, Mary Cook and Mr. Isaac Barkey, both long-standing residents of Stouffville, left later on an extended trip to Western Canada. Rev. L.E. Atkinson, former pastor of both the bride and groom, tied the nuptial knot, when the couple immediately left for Leaside where they were entertained at the home of Mr. Barkey's daughter, Mrs. Leslie Williamson, before the couple took the night train for Winnipeg.

After visiting there, they may continue to the coast, and on their return will continue their residence in Stouffville. Their many friends extend the best of good wishes for their future happiness.

Lad Drowned at Chalk Lake

Believed to have been stricken with a cramp while swimming at Chalk Lake nine miles due east of Stouffville at the south-east corner of Uxbridge township, Harry Murphy, 22 year-old veteran of the R.C. A.F. of 518 Merton avenue, Toronto was drowned Saturday evening.

The unfortunate lad who was born in Peterboro had gone to Toronto where his parents were visiting celebrating their 25th wedding day. For the weekend the boy went to Chalk Lake to visit friends staying at a cottage there. Out swimming with others, he was seen to give a gasp and sink immediately. His friends could not locate the body and outside help was then sought. Operations at dragging were continued up to Monday night without success. Young Murphy had lived in Toronto for eight years prior to his untimely death.

Grappling irons were loaned by the Oshawa Fire Department and police assisted by firemen and others dragged the lake Saturday night and all day Sunday and Monday.

Provincial Constable J. Maguire, who along with Provincial Constables M. R. Hodgson and H.W. Quantrell directed dragging operations, said that the lake is 60 to 70 feet deep in places and last night it was decided useless to continue the search further.

The lake, which is between 400 and 500 yards wide and about 1,000 yards long is known to have treacherous undercurrents and it is thought that the swimmer may have been caught in one of these.

Pickering Township Council regular August meeting will fall on Tuesday, Aug. 6th.

Radio Styles Postmistress "Canada's Pony Queen"

Last Saturday evening thousands heard with delight and interest a radio broadcast over CFRB featuring Mrs. G.A.M. Davison of Unionville, whom the sponsors styled so aptly, "Canada's Pony Queen." The expert manner in which the late Art Davison could drive his standard bred prize winners to victory, and Mrs. Davison, her ponies to the top of their class is something admirers will never forget. The radio narrator's story, intensely interesting, said:

"If you step into the pleasant postoffice in the Toronto suburb of Unionville you're sure to notice that paneled walls are covered with coloured ribbons.

There are 170 of these trophies and each represents a triumph by a Canadian pony. You might therefore conclude that the postmistress, Nancy Matilda Davison, had enjoyed a successful career as a horse-woman.

In this you'd be right but so far short of the whole truth that you wouldn't even be in the proper street. Those 170 ribbons mark but one year in the winnings of Canada's Pony Queen.

No man, woman or child, in all the records of Canadian horsemanship ever won so many prizes with her ponies as did Nancy Davison of the Daveyburn Stables.....and she can still win.

Today, to add to the 2000 ribbons and 200 cups carried off by the queen her granddaughter, Betty Rae, is Canada's best rider and the Daveyburn barns hold a coming champion.

As Nancy Canning this Headliner was born, a farmer's daughter, at Hagerman. Her father had many horses and Nancy could ride as soon as she could walk.

At that time the general store in Unionville was run by a Davison who was also postmaster. Nancy and the son of that house, G.A.M. Davison were married in 1895. At that time they had no horses but the lack was soon remedied.

Before long horses became a passion with both Nancy and Art. That was a puzzle because the motor car had come in and G.A.M. Davison had become the first Ford dealer in York County. Later he became the champion tractor salesman for the whole of Canada, but horses, particularly ponies, were his real love. He'd often spend his motor car commissions to buy another horse or another pony and this would be done, groomed and trained by Nancy. During the first war they sold doz-

ens of fine horses to the army. In 1920 the Davisons acquired "Whitegate Smile," a stallion whose pedigree went back to 1755. With such a fine animal they decided to raise their own stock. Today that stock is famous from coast to coast in both Canada and the United States.

The Davisons, as we mentioned, have won more than 2000 ribbons and have never in their lives come home empty handed from a show. In these shows G.A.M. Davison handled the business, while Nancy handled the horses.

From the time they first bred a horse until now they never missed a showing at the Canadian National Exhibition and from the time the Royal Winter Fair opened its doors until now they never missed a win.

G.A.M. Davison's greatest triumph came in 1934 when he took 35 of his own ponies to the Royal, and most of them won.

The following year Mr. Davison died but his widow carried on with both horses and the post office. In fact the Unionville Post Office has been in Davison hands since 1885.

The Davisons always had a flair for stirring names for their horses; names like "Strutting Bantam," "Whitegate Britannia," "Manor Smile" and many another. But Nancy Davison saved one brilliant name for eight long years. She saved the name awaiting that colt who could one day wear it with assurance and confidence. The name was "Dress Parade." Three months from now the Royal Winter Fair will again open its doors for the first time since before the war, and Dress Parade will be taken there by his breeder to again compete for Canada's top owner.

HONORING RETURNED MEN

This Friday evening, Aug. 2nd, Uxbridge township will honor its returned soldiers and those who did not return with a special function at Goodwood, when about one hundred will be presented with some sort of memorial.

Warden Jack Rae, members of the council, and numerous visitors will participate in the program.

To Bowl at Chicago

Mr. J. C. Burns, hydro chief for Markham Rural, is leaving on a trip to Chicago to attend the big International Lawn Bowling tournament there. Several Canadian rinks will participate and Mr. Burns will be the only participant from this locality.