

93-YEAR-OLD CHURCH IS DEAR TO MANY



The Presbyterian Church on the second concession of Pickering a mile and a half north of Dunbar was opened in 1854, over ninety years ago, and last Sunday's annual memorial service at the cemetery there was held. The ancient little church retains exactly the same furnishings that adorned it on Sunday in June 1854. At Sunday's memorial service about 1000 people were present and the collection amounted to \$300, indicating that many people have a material as well as a sentimental interest in the place. Miss Isabella Thompson, baptised in Erskine Church 85 yrs. ago, talks with caretaker Frank Mitchell

Costly Altona Fire Has Mysterious Origin

A fine circus truck being fitted up for a Toronto customer at Fletcher Goudie's, Altona, was totally destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning, as it stood close to the south side of the Goudie brick store and house.

A short time before the outbreak a strange car was seen cruising in the locality and strong suspicions are held that its occupants are responsible for the trouble.

The superstructure was a fine piece of work, mounted on a new chassis, it had as many wire outlets as a modern home, fitted with latest plumbing, and gadgets for cooking. It is said the owner operates a chain of such circus wagons over the country.

Only the fine work of neighbors saved the Goudie house, in their successful efforts to tow the flaming mass away from the building. Stouffville fire brigade was summoned, but arrived too late. However, the engine was saved, it is believed. N. W. Byer recently completed the wiring, and Mr. Goudie was just putting on the finishing touches prior to completing the contract.

Fire damages estimated at several thousand dollars resulted.

WHERE IS THAT DRESS?

Mrs. Allison Robinson of Claremont is puzzled over the disappearance of a good white silk dress from her place there one afternoon last week. According to Mrs. Robinson the dress was placed on the clothes line outside before she went to work, and on her return around 5 o'clock the silk garment had disappeared. Any possibility of its blowing away is discounted by the fact that it was securely pinned and there was scarcely a breath of wind.

DOING PART-TIME PRACTICE

Dr. S. S. Ball who has been in rather poor health since a recent motor accident, is now doing part-time office practice and is giving his patients attention from one to four o'clock every afternoon. Friends are glad to learn that the doctor is steadily improving.

Miss Ann Lever of Richmond Hill visited last week with W. R. and Mrs. Dougherty.

MRS. H. J. MALLOY ILL

Friends will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Howard Malloy who was stricken with a severe stroke on Saturday night, and removed to the Brierbush Hospital, has rallied some, although her condition is still very critical.

Wedding Anniversary For Gormley Couple

About forty relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wilson met at their Gormley home on Saturday afternoon, June 7, the occasion being their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Mr. W. S. Wilson married Gertrude Nelson, the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Nelson of the third line on June 6 in the year 1917, a year it is recalled, with much more discouraging prospects of a crop than this one. At that date even the lilacs were not in bloom.

The officiating clergyman, Rev. J. Aikenhead, tied the nuptial knot before forty or fifty guests at the bride's home. To them were born one son, Nelson Woodrow, and one daughter, Muriel. Nelson has one son, Donald, a bright three-year-old and the daughter, Mrs. William Stoeckel a charming little three-year-old daughter, Dianne. Mr. Wilson is a salesman for Evan's Motors of Birch Cliff and is well versed in the qualities of Ford products.

For some years Mrs. Wilson has not enjoyed good health and this spring her life was hanging in the balance. She took a miraculous turn for the better and is now enjoying better health than she had for years.

After a short meeting of the friends in the home on Saturday they motored to the Mayfair, Stouffville, to enjoy a tasty wedding dinner in the attractive dining room of the restaurant served by courteous efficient and charming waitresses. Seated with the honored guests were Woodrow and Muriel, Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Curry, the spiritual adviser of the family.

A few after-dinner speeches followed the dinner, with Rev. E. A. Curry as toastmaster. Words from his cousin Louis L. Nichols expressed his joy at rejoicing with them; as did also his uncle Ralph Boynton. The impressive addresses were made by William Stoeckel, his son-in-law, and his son Woodrow who in no uncertain words said they had an excellent father and mother whom they loved even though they hadn't told them so before.

Mr. Wilson conducted this feature in his usual witty manner by thanking everyone for their good wishes and recalling interesting events connected with many of the guests.

Later at the home an hour or two was spent in good fellowship, with chocolates and other delicacies in abundant supply.

A pleasant feature of the anniversary was the fact that Mr. Homer Wilson, the father of William, was able to enjoy the occasion with son, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. From Toronto came Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Britnell, Mrs. Lorne Perkins; from Edgeley Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stong; from Unionville Mr. and Mrs. B. Wagg and Miss Gertrude Wagg.

Dame rumour says other anniversary occasions may follow this month.

Town Assessment Near Three Quarter Million

The total assessment for Stouffville is nearing the three-quarter million mark it was revealed by the assessor at the court of revision on the assessment roll held on Thursday evening. Total assessment for 1947 is \$722,160.00, which is an increase of \$21,490 over the 1946 figure.

Two appeals against the assessment were heard by the municipal council sitting as a court of revision. Walter Brillinger appealed against an assessment of \$1700 on lands exclusive of those on which he lives while Mr. Edw. Lloyd appealed against an assessment of \$2000 on lands in the Lloyd subdivision at the foot of Fair St.

Mr. Brillinger's assessment showed an increase of \$350 over that of last year and Assessor Blake Sanders, stated that he had arrived at the figure due to the fact that the land had been sub-divided. However, Mr. Brillinger contended that the land on the east side of the new sub-division street had not been made into lots and was still being worked as farm land. Council pointed out that farm lands within the corporation would always be assessed higher than those outside, particularly when they were of value as residential sites. However, they wished to check over Mr. Brillinger's assessment against other farm lands within the town boundaries in order that a fair and equitable figure of assessment could be arrived at. Mr. Brillinger stated that although he had sold off a portion of his land, his assessment was raised.

Mr. Lloyd's assessment was an increase of \$1000 over that of 1946. However, the assessor pointed out to Mr. Lloyd that he sub-divided his land into thirty-five lots which according to the Assessment Act makes each individual lot liable for a separate tax bill, and in the case of Stouffville, of an assessment of not less than \$100 on each lot. This would have brought Mr. Lloyd's assessment up to \$3500. In view of the fact that only four of the lots had been sold and the greater part of the area was still being worked as farm land, the assessor stated that he had only increased Mr. Lloyd's assessment \$1000, rather than \$3500 as the Act allowed.

In addition to the two appeals, forty-two changes of ownership were also heard by the court which then stood adjourned until July 3.

"Three Gallons of Rye Liqueur, and as Much Butter as She Standeth In Need Of"

Part of Remarkable Will of One of the First Mennonites to be Born in America—"Hog Meat and Beef Too" Must be Made Available to the Widow

When John Heisey, probably the first of the clan to arrive in America, provided among many other things, two barrels of whiskey a year for his widow, it provided the most amazing recital of a will one could ever read, and reveals that those early emigrants to America were great providers, and that at that early stage in this country they believed it was necessary to have their strong drink. The will was drawn in the year 1800.

It is noted in the history of the Heisey family that the name has had no less than eighteen different spellings, running through Hayse, Heise, Heeze, Heisey, Hisey, Hissy, Heisse, Highzy, Heistand, Hissy, Hissly, Hisy, Heisy, Highsly, Hissa, Heising.

John Heisey whose will we are about to recite was born in Lebanon Township, Pennsylvania, in the year 1730, and is the forerunner of all the clan who later came to Ontario, and are today among our best citizens.

John evidently possessed considerable of this world's goods, and intended that his widow should be well provided for. Here is the contents of his will as published in a family record issued in 1930 at Lancaster, Pennsylvania:

"The Will of John Heisey
In the name of God amen this second day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred ninety-seven I John Heisey of Lebanon Township Dauphin County and State of Pennsylvania yeoman being at present of bodily health and of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding thanks be to God nevertheless calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I recommend my soul in the hand of God
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NEW DEVELOPMENT IN MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

Probably an all-time peak in the amount of building permits issued in any month in the township of Markham, is recorded by Building Inspector Archie Fleming, who issued permits totalling over \$100,000 in one month this spring. Ninety per cent of applicants are bent on erecting houses, while the chief industrial development will be the new powder plant at Unionville, where six or seven small buildings will be constructed for this work.

Junior Farmer Judging Competition

Highlights of the past week in agricultural circles was the York County Junior Farmer Livestock Judging Contest and Girls' Achievement Day held at Newmarket last Wednesday and attended by an enthusiastic group of Juniors. Forty-seven young men registered in the boys' section representing all six local Junior Farmer Clubs. The girls' section, featuring the units "Cottons May Be Smart," "Summer Clothes for Girls" and "Dressing Up Home Grown Vegetables" and presented in the Parish Hall, contained many very attractive exhibits.

The farms visited for the livestock classes this year were: Elton Armstrong, Armitage, Draft Horses; Walter Woods, Aurora, Belgian Horses; Geo. Rodanz, Ringwood Hereford Heifers and Young Bulls; Lloyd Turner, Stouffville, Holstein Cows; Ean Walton, Newmarket (continued on page 5)

Whitchurch Sunday School Executive

A report in this issue omitted the newly elected officers of the S.S. Association which are:

Pres. Mr. C. H. Doner, Gormley R.R.2; Vice-Pres. Mr. Lloyd Grose, Mount Albert R.R.3; Secretary, Treasurer, Mr. Jacob M. Grove, Ringwood; Assistant, Mr. William Paisley, Stouffville R.R.4; Nursery Roll and Children's Division, Mrs. Geo. Smalley, R.R.3 Stouffville Girls' Division, Mrs. Grant Morley Stouffville R.R.4; Boys' Division Mr. Joe Sheppard, Newmarket R.R.2; Young People's Division, Mr. Arthur Starr, Newmarket R.R.3; Adult Division, Mrs. R. J. Flyer, Stouffville R.R.2; Missionary Division, Mrs. Allan Hoover, Gormley R.R.2; Total Abstinence Division Elma M. Starr, Newmarket R.R.3; Home and Visitation, Mr. William Yake, Gormley R.R.1; Assistant, Mr. E. Eade, Gormley R.R.1; Church Vocation Bible School, Rev. E. C. Moddle, Aurora; Religious Education in Public Schools, Rev. Norman Rowan, Stouffville R.R.4.

Horticultural members are asked to keep in mind the June Flower Show to be held in the United Church basement on Tuesday, June 17th. See prize list in this issue.

O'Brien Ave. Residents Petition for Storm Sewer

A well signed petition was received from residents of O'Brien Ave. and Fair St. asking council to look into the matter of a storm sewer to service properties in that area. At the June meeting held last week, considerable difficulty has been experienced by these ratepayers in draining their properties, particularly those on the west side of the avenue. Many cellars had water in all this spring.

Council agreed that the county engineer should look over the situation and report on possible cost of such a project. His findings will then be given to the ratepayers for consideration. The principal portion of the cost would be borne by those ratepayers involved, while any share paid by the municipality would be decided by the engineer who would be called on to estimate to what percentage the entire municipality would benefit, the reeve stated. Such undertakings are handled in this way under the Local Improvement Act.

Councillor Jack Smits stated that he had been receiving a number of complaints about flooded ditches and inadequate crossing pipes in the west end, and it was agreed that along with Councillor Frank Rowbotham, he should investigate the complaints. The Veterans' Construction firm

Large Funeral for Mrs. Martha Boadway

Resident all her life in the Stouffville district Mrs. Martha Boadway died at her home next the M.B.C. church on Main street on June 6, 1947, in her 79th year. The funeral on Sunday afternoon proceeded to Altona cemetery for interment. It was largely attended, and the service was in charge of Rev. H. S. Hallman, assisted by Rev. Samuel Goudie and Rev. S. S. Shantz. The pall bearers were Fred Raymer, Isaac Lehman, Jacob Reesor, Harmon Hoover, Reg. Stover, Levi Forsyth.

Mrs. Boadway was twice married, her first husband being Wilnot Barkey, a local preacher and farmer who died at the early age of 39 years in the year 1906. To this union there were five children, four of whom survive the mother, namely Messrs. Charlie and William Barkey (twins), and two daughters, Mildred at home, and (Mary) Mrs. Clarence Hoover. There are six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Her second husband Jacob Boadway, druggist, passed away in December, 1930. A devout member of the M.B.C. church Mrs. Boadway strove to live an exemplary life, and was keenly interested in both her home and church.

Mrs. A. Raymer Buried at Dickson's Hill

A bed patient for more than a year, Mrs. Abraham Raymer died on Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Pilkey, Altona, in her 89th year. A stroke suffered a few days before her death was the culmination of a long sickness.

Born in Whitchurch township Mrs. Raymer was the former Matilda Steckley and was married from her parental home at Gormley over 65 years ago to an enthusiastic young farmer, and the couple settled at Lemonville where they farmed for 40 years or until their retirement in Stouffville in 1925. Mr. Raymer died at the late home on Baker avenue in October 1936, leaving besides his wife a son Albert and a daughter Mrs. Fred Pilkey, both of whom survive the mother. Mrs. Raymer is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Fred Coakwell, living at Box Grove.

A faithful member of the Mennonite faith, Mrs. Raymer possessed a very charitable disposition and was a kindly disposed woman, and faithful helpmate. Until late in life she possessed excellent health and took an effective place during the pioneering years on the old farm at Lemonville.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon was largely attended from the residence of her daughter at Altona where she was tenderly nursed during this last prolonged illness. Service was conducted by the pastor Rev. S. S. Shantz, assisted by Rev. H.S. Hallman. The interment was made in the family plot at Dickson's Hill.

Brethren in Christ Travellers Pay \$1 for Drink of Water

"Continuing our motor trip through mountains and desert lands on the way to Upland, California, we paused at an ancient well dug by the Indians 400 years ago, and here we paid \$1 per person for a drink of water," relates Mr. O.L. Heise from the conference headquarters, to The Tribune. Urged to send us a word picture of the trip South Mr. Heise writes:

"Our trip had been contemplated six months ahead of starting on May 26. I read articles on necessary preparation, and observed carefully suggestions supplied by the oil company who provided maps and courtesy credit cards and we anticipated the possibility of a new fan belt, spark plug, etc., being needed.

We set out on a Monday morning from home around 6 o'clock and I believe reached London for a late breakfast via No. 7 highway. We crossed the border at Detroit with no difficulty as we have necessary permits and arrangements for funds in advance. We took No. 112 highway across Michigan, weather very warm in afternoon, and we were advised to change tire pressure by ten pounds. We reached South Chicago at 7 o'clock, and as darkness was falling we sought shelter for the night, and took cabins at \$5 for a double. After breakfast next morning we travelled south on the boulevard over a new highway across Chicago heights heading for Mt. Carmel Orphanage where Mr. Albert Cober, formerly of Victoria Square, is manager of the institution. Finer farms are not to be seen any place.

From here we travelled south through Illinois through the 'corn belt. Many acres are not planted on account of wet weather. Around noon we found ourselves in Mis-

souri and rain began to fall which continued for hours and made driving difficult. However, we kept on moving and arrived at Hamlin, Kansas, the home of my cousin that evening at 8 o'clock.

We had notified them of our intended call, so it was not entirely a surprise. Heises settled in this state sixty years ago, obtaining land when it sold for much less than it brings today. Mr. Arthur Heise has just recently purchased 240 acres for \$35,000, so land is not cheap.

Another cousin Milton Byer is farming the easy way feeding 85 steers which he expects will bring in \$20,000 next fall. He also raises alfalfa and they just commenced cutting a field. They put it in windrow fashion, then through a cutter all chopped ready for the mill where it is dried and used for mixing feeds for poultry.

From this point we headed west to Colorado Springs, and Pike's Peak (not in Whitchurch,) began to show up possibly 75 miles away. This peak is snow capped, and is very beautiful to look at. We had now travelled 1,500 miles, and are seeing points of interest as we continue southward through the mountains and across deserts. Sometimes sand was like snow storms. We paused at the ancient well dug 400 years ago by Indians. It is 12 feet wide and thirty deep, with eight feet of water. We had a drink at \$1 per person, but were shown the old relics without additional charge.

We travelled the Santa Fe on to the Grand Canyon, Marble Canyon Boulder Dam, and what an engineering feat. Finally we reached Upland Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, delighted and everybody feeling fine."