

Two Pairs of Twins Born Here In Five Days



Constituting what is believed to be an Ontario record for hospital births this year at least is the arrival of two pairs of twins within five days at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. Shown here are the happy

mothers and their babies. Mrs. John Leary, Gormley, (left) holding Edward Thomas and William Henry born March 4, and (right) Mrs. G.W. Curwood of Markham with Iris Louis and William David,

the later weighing only four pounds, is the smallest of the quartette. All four are thriving. The Curwood twins born March 9, arrived just five days after the Leary twins.

Fatal Crossing Accident Grieves Markham Homes

The tragic death of John Wesley Wilson following a level crossing accident in Toronto last week, brought grief to more than one home in the Township of Markham, since Mr. Wilson and his sorrowing wife were both former residents of the Buttonville-Victoria Square district.

Mr. Wilson, one of two victims of the accident, was killed by a passing train when they drove over the tracks at Dupont where the crossing is supposed to be guarded by gates, which reports indicate were not let down by the watchman, who was placed under arrest for negligence.

John Wesley Wilson was president of both the Wilson and the Carwell Transports and is survived by his wife, the former Nettie Brown, daughter of the proprietor of Brown's Store at Victoria Square some years ago. Also surviving is a son in business with the father, and a daughter attending college. Mr. Wilson was only in his



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54th year. Also surviving is his mother (Janet Wilson) now Mrs. Robt. Agar on her second marriage.

Two surviving sisters are Mrs. William Bruce, townline west of Stouffville, and Mrs. Stanley Young of Toronto, whose husband is an old Sunderland boy, and now president of the Christie Brown Co., Limited. Born at Buttonville in Markham Township Mr. Wilson spent his boyhood days there and at Victoria Square. He first entered school at Gormley and is still well remembered by many in the district where he lived.

Many old friends from the local district were in attendance at the funeral in Toronto on Tuesday. Interment was made at Park Lawn cemetery.

Markham Couple Surprised on 25th Wedding Day

Twenty-five years of wedded life for Mr. and Mrs. (Pat) Reid wasn't overlooked by the neighborhood when last Monday evening they surged in on them to celebrate the event. Mrs. Reid was busy with the evening chores, while Pat sat waiting for a neighbor who was expected to call, when about 30 landed in a manner that indicated it was something more than a mere coincidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid received a metal bridge set, table, four chairs, also gifts of silver, while the evening was enjoyed in games and

Will Get Water

Pickering village voted Monday for a domestic water system with only ten dissenting voters. Water will be brought a mile and a quarter from Ajax where a first class system is in operation. The debenture issue will be \$93,000, cost of installing mains in Pickering, and the trunk line to Ajax.

W. T. Garrett & Son are arranging a big tire sale which will be announced in our next issue. Watch for the liberal discounts and visit the sale place at Garrett & Son, next C.N.R. tracks, Main street, Stouffville.

The Youth for Christ will reopen their Saturday night services again this week with a bang-up program. Refer to display adv. in this issue for details, it will interest all young people.

There will not be a euchre in the Oddfellows Hall this Thursday night, March 17th, as advertised last week, but one week from Thursday, March 24th, the affair will again be held.

Mrs. Christie Armstrong is leaving Friday to spend the weekend in New York, visiting her niece, Miss Ruth Nendick.

5-Yr.-Old Tractor Sells for \$2000

The five year old International tractor with loader attachment sold for \$2,000 flat at the public auction on the farm of Joe Olszewski (former Tarr farm, con. 9, Markham) last Friday afternoon. The tractor was clipped off at \$1,875 and the plow at \$125 to round out the two thousand dollars. "Just a nice price," admitted Auctioneer Ken Prentice after he pleaded with the big crowd to pay fair prices, and to not stand idle and pass up a gift at anything short of \$2,000.

Other implements sold well, the binder bringing \$325 and the onion and carrot topping machine \$600. "Farmers are planting more and more vegetables, and this is the answer to quick handling," so claimed Clarke Prentice who was gathering bids. When the vegetable topper touched \$600 the man with the gavel cried, "sold!"

Despite the depressed market for horses and few buyers the team of aged animals touched \$100 each and others sold at \$99. The best cow price topped \$325 which farmers standing around agreed was "stiff." Anyway, the auctioneer soon reached the price with apparent ready buyers. Other good milkers went around \$250 and \$260 which onlookers said was pretty high on a falling butter market.

Oats sold at 75c a bushel, but most of hay and fodder was fed on the farm. Mr. Olszewski, as previously reported in this paper sold

refreshments all in honor of this much esteemed couple.

During the day their son Allan telephoned congratulations from Moose Jaw. The Reids also have two daughters and one son at home, and a daughter in Toronto.

HOCKEY HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Toronto Meteors will visit Stouffville for an exhibition hockey game with the Clippers this Friday night, Mar. 18th.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Binstead, Claremont, wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Violet Doreen, to Ronald Clark, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clark, Greenwood. The marriage will take place quietly on Saturday, March 19.

Under new legislation now passing the Ontario legislature Stouffville and Markham villages will receive a grant of 50 per cent on all road expenditures, similar to that paid to township over recent years. This should make it easy for Stouffville to complete its road surfacing job this year, on those streets which were heavily gravelled last year in readiness for a hard top. When this work is completed the annual expenditure of hundreds of dollars for road oil with its attendant nuisance will be a thing of the past.

Births

BENTLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Elmor Bentley, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

CURWOOD—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Curwood, Markham, Ont., are happy to announce the birth of their son William David and daughter Iris Louise on Wednesday, March 9, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

LEMON—Eugene and Grace Lemon are happy to announce the arrival of their son Jonathan Eugene, on Friday, March 11, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

HARE—Mr. and Mrs. John Hare, Markham, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Sally Diane on Saturday, March 12, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

SHERIDAN—Mr. and Mrs. John Sheridan, Claremont, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Margaret on Saturday, March 12, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. Allan Taylor (nee Marion Redshaw), Goodwood, wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Dianne Elizabeth on Tuesday, March 15, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital.

Big Real Estate Deal at Claremont When White Farm Sold for Rest Home

The widely known Graham farm at Claremont has been sold. Owner for some years Mr. Winton White disposed of the place of 66 acres with the big mansion built about forty years ago to Mrs. Clara Austin of Gormley Sunny Acres, who with her husband plans to develop a similar place at Claremont on a more pretentious plan. The Graham farm embodies one of the finest residences in Pickering Township. The house is very large, with expansive rooms overlooking lawns and spring creek, designed by nature to be just the ideal spot for a "Rest Home."

Graham Bros., in the days of their Clydesdale business, built the place in fitting manner in which to entertain their overseas distinguished guests who were buyers or importers of Clydesdales.

The firm of Jones Hardware in Uxbridge built the house at a cost

Former Goodwood Farmer 93 Sunday

One of the long established families in or about Goodwood was that of the late George Field, one of the pioneer settlers from the old land. George had two sons, one Darius who farmed the home acres just north of Goodwood on the 3rd concession, and who later retired in Stouffville where he died ten years ago.

The other son Lyman is still living and on March 5th reached his 93rd birthday, celebrated at the home of his son Frank Field at 47 East Avenue North, Hamilton. The aged gentleman divides his time between the homes of his two sons in that city, the other son being Stewart L. Field.

Lyman Field farmed for many years south of Goodwood on the 3rd, and in later life retired in Goodwood. After the death of his wife who was a member of the Collins family of Uxbridge Township, he gave up the home and went with his sons in Hamilton. Old friends will gladly join with The Tribune in extending congratulations to this venerable citizen of Uxbridge Township who is well remembered by the older residents of the district.

Fred March Never Knew Illness 77 Years in Whitchurch

All his long life of 77 years Fred March, lifelong farmer of Whitchurch township never experienced any illness, not even a headache, until the last week of his life, when he was suddenly stricken and died at the Brierbush Hospital in Stouffville on March 3rd.

A bachelor and farmer, Mr. March was a man of very mild temperament. He was a son of English pioneers to the township, his father John March, settled on the 5th concession at Bethesda on the south-west corner of the hamlet. Here Fred was born and lived until nine years ago, when he moved to the Jack Steckley farm to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hicks. The old homestead passed into the ownership of the late Capt. Roy Brown.

He is survived by two brothers, Percy March of Newark, N.J., William of Aurora, and one sister, Mrs. Steckley, wife of Prof. J. C. Steckley of Ridgeway, Ont.

He had attended the Bethesda Methodist church in the early days and later the United Church, and was one of the longest-standing members of this congregation.

The funeral on Saturday following his demise was largely attended. Public service in the Bethesda church was taken by Rev. Roscoe Chapin, Rev. Mr. Currie of Victoria Square and Mr. Currie's sister, Miss Erla Currie, the latter two being cousins of the deceased. Pall bearers were Messrs. Jas. Gibson, W. Empringham, Edgerton Clubine, Clifford Burkholder, Clarence Atkinson and Albert Scott. Interment was made at Aurora cemetery.

THINKS LITTERS OF 19 AND 22 PIGS IS RECORD

Wellesley, March 9—A sow belonging to Seibert Schneider, R.R.2 (Wellesley), has given birth to a litter of 22.

Mr. Schneider believes the sow to hold a record, having given birth to a litter of 19 previously.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gibner attended the birthday party at Brown Hill, north of Mount Albert, for Mrs. Andrew Miller who reached her 106th year. She is a native of Brougham district.

Rev. and Mrs. Carl Lehman and family were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. John Lehman.

Record Sheep Claim of \$500 Presented to Whitchurch Twp. Council

On the night of March 3rd two dogs attacked the sheep fold on the farm of George Drury at lot 30, con. 3, Whitchurch and brutally assaulted the big flock. Twenty breeding ewes were mauled and torn and were found dead by the owner. Compensation was allowed in the sum of \$500, plus \$50 additional for flock damage suffered by the remainder. Mr. Drury told the council they tracked the two dogs some distance, but the tracks became indistinct on a travelled road leading south.

The sheep were cornered in the sheltered fold, and the brutality of the kill was terrific. The animals were torn with skin stripped into ribbons, indicating the brutality of the attack. There may be a further claim for flock damage after lambing time, when it is more clearly indicated.

Council in session on Saturday sympathized with the farmer, but was helpless to locate the identity of the dogs.

Reeve Ed. Logan presided over the meeting, while Deputy-Reeve Ivan McLaughlin was storm-bound at home, and other councillors experienced great difficulty in reaching the hall at Vandorf, then experienced still more trouble getting home.

At a ratepayers meeting held in Vandorf of school sections 1, 2, and 6, it was decided to ask council to contemplate a bylaw amalgamating the three sections.

This led to a general discussion wherein council decided to instruct the clerk to issue a letter to the 12 school sections in the township outside the union sections, asking if they would favor a township school board or school area, such letter to set out the purpose of the proposed school area.

It was pointed out that in one instance, that of Ballantrae, the school is overcrowded with two teachers where there is only accommodation for one teacher. Yet, in the section due north there are only half a dozen pupils. If a township board was operating and school boundaries wiped out, some of the pupils in the Ballantrae school could be transported to the north where they would find ample accommodation. This is just one instance where a township school area would save money for the taxpayers.

Clerk John Crawford has a good grasp of the situation, and will undertake to prepare a letter or circular explaining the situation.

The request from the ratepayers' meeting read: "That on Feb. 28 ratepayers meeting was held in Vandorf of sections 1, 2 and 6, and requested that council consider passing a bylaw to make one school area of the three." The sections are Hartman, Vandorf and White Rose.

Another school matter under consideration was the Aurora high school area recommendation that Whitchurch agree to the sale of the Aurora High school, which was done by resolution, because it is realized that the Aurora school is greatly overcrowded. Councillor Legge submitted the resolution which found favor and carried. It read:

"That this council having been fully informed by our representatives on the Aurora High School of the present state of overcrowded class rooms, and the result of a survey made in respect to prospective school attendance over the next eight years, hereby endorse the recommendation of the Aurora High School Area Board."

It was reported to the meeting that a private offer was made for the present building of \$100,000 and which if accepted would find the place of an apartment house some day. This offer it was stated could have bearing on the valuation when it comes to deal with Aurora.

The county tax rate for 1949 is slightly increased and stands at \$20,662.40. Secondary education accounts for \$6,112, and vocational training \$329. The balance \$13,316 carries on county administration, county roads and county debenture issue.

Herbert Smith asked to be relieved as road foreman in the Wilcox Lake area, and the clerk was authorized to execute an agreement for repairing a road from Yonge street to the lake as a local improvement. A cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of ratepayers in the area was presented to council as an initial payment on the undertaking.

Councillors Legge and Baycroft introduced a motion authorizing an expenditure toward purchase of a plaque with names of those who were killed in War II inscribed and put in the new Legion Hall at Aurora.

Councillors Timbers and Legge moved a motion to purchase a small tractor equipped with power and front end loader. Tenders will be called to carry out this order provided it receives the approval of the Department.

58 Years Married Couple Parted by Death

Mrs. W. H. Eby who was laid away in Stouffville cemetery last week, was a life-long resident of Stouffville and district. In her 58th year, she was born at Altona, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Vanzant. An only brother surviving her is Washington Vanzant of Toronto, while two brothers predeceased her, namely Nelson and Leonard Vanzant.

Fifty-eight years ago the then Albertina Vanzant married W. H. Eby, U.S. born husband who met his wife while he visited Stouffville travelling with a medicine company. Mr. Eby recalls the occasion of their first meeting in Stouffville park on a lovely summer evening. This meeting grew into a fast friendship which culminated in marriage soon after. The couple resided in the United States some years before settling in Toronto, and later in the old Vanzant home in Stouffville about 12 years ago.

The funeral service on Friday at O'Neill chapel was conducted by Rev. D. Davis, and the pall bearers were all nephews.

School Area Operations Outlined to Council

Uxbridge Council met on Monday with all members in attendance. Outside of dealing with the road and general accounts very little business came before the meeting.

Mr. Lorne Tindall, local representative on the new High School Board, called in at the meeting and gave an outline of the business that had been dealt with by the Board, and also some idea of the probable cost of operation during the current year. It is quite evident that the cost of providing secondary education will be higher, as many children, who under the former system could not attend High School, are now able to do so, and more accommodation and other facilities will be required.

The road account for February amounted to \$1,486.70, and payment was authorized, along with general accounts amounting to \$464.20.

Constable Kidd Stationed at Richmond Hill

Transfer of Sergt. Sidney Barraclough to Toronto from Richmond Hill, where he was stationed 15 years, is the first step in a shake-up of York county police personnel, Chief George Stuart said last week.

Chief Stuart said the move to reorganize personnel is the result of a series of break-ins and thefts



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in the northern sections of the county "which threaten to become an epidemic at any time."

Constable Edgar Kidd who is an old Ballantrae boy, whose wife is a daughter of Mrs. Bacon, Stouffville, will replace Sergt. Barraclough at Richmond Hill and the sergeant will take over an administrative job at the department's Toronto headquarters, the chief said.

Constable Kidd said he feels the four break-ins in his territory within the past two weeks "may be the result of good weather conditions. The roads are clear and these thieves can get out into the country from Toronto," he said. He said recent break-ins include an attempted robbery of the Stouffville post office, theft of a safe from the order office of a large Toronto department store at Richmond Hill