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Local Honey Crop Looks Like a Total Failure

According to present estimates the local honey crop will be the lightest harvest within the recollections of the oldest bee keepers. J. L. Byer & Sons, when contacted by this paper, admitted that they would have practically no local honey but because of the expanse of their business, they will have honey from other counties where the drought had not dried up the flowers and clover crop.

The Byers look to Madoc district in Hastings county to supply them with any honey they may obtain, since their hives in that area give better promises than any other district. In a normal year new crop honey comes from the Byer apiary about the 15th of July.

It has been said, "There is no new thing under the Sun," and this is certainly true of beekeeping which is known to have been a flourishing industry in Ancient Egypt 4000 B.C., and probably much earlier.

In very early times bees apparently lived in the natural state, building their nests in hollow trees or other suitable cavities. In warm climates such as India, the nests would be found hanging from the branches of trees. Wherever the nests might be they were hunted for and robbed of the honey and wax they might contain because in ancient times these commodities were highly prized.

It would be interesting to know how man first conceived the idea

of keeping bees in hives rather than hunting them in the forests, but once developed the practice probably spread rapidly. No doubt the first hives were hollow sections of trees in which swarms of bees had established themselves. The hives used by the ancient Egyptians were hollow tubes made of clay and since that time bees have been housed in almost every conceivable thing that could hold them. Virgil spoke of hives made of wands and a similar hive or skep made of straw is still in use in European countries.

The first instructions on the care and management of bees were given by Plato, Aristotle, Virgil and others living just prior to the Christian era. These instructions were copied and handed down, with little or nothing changed, until about the middle of the seventeenth century, when Swammerdam, a Dutch scientist, devoted part of his life to the study of bee behaviour. During the latter part of the eighteenth century Francis Huber, a blind Swiss naturalist, with the help of his servant, Francois Buren, laid bare most of the secrets of the hive.

But it was the work of the Rev. L. L. Langstroth of Philadelphia who invented the first top opening, movable frame hive, thus enabling the beekeeper to study his bees and control their activities at will. It was his invention that marked the beginning of modern apiculture.

The Timbers Reunion Was Held Saturday

Stouffville, July 2 — The 15th annual reunion of the Timbers families in Canada was celebrated on Saturday in Ratcliff's park. While the family is not deeply rooted in Canada, it has blazed a record in the agricultural world as having members among the best plowmen in Canada and the U.S. Matthew Timbers, father of the famous plowmen insisted that his sons plow a straight furrow and he taught them the art. The original Timbers of which the clan has record is John and Mary in Norfolk, England. They had ten sons and daughters. Matthew was the first son to migrate to Canada, following a sister who had settled here. He located in Scarborough but soon took up land for himself at Mongolia in Markham. He married Sarah Walker of Armadale who proved a wonderful wife. They had six children, Mr. Win Timbers, the eldest, is the deputy-reeve of Markham Township. A younger brother Fred is a councillor in Whitchurch, and both are plowmen of note. Fred won the Canadian-United States championship, while Win of recent years has been an acting departmental judge of plowing all over Ontario. Fred won a trip to England because of his prowess, and Win's son Bob won the same trip last winter. Another brother Frank lives at Locust Hill. Mrs. Balsdon of Newmarket and Mrs. Fred Mortson of Whitchurch are two sisters. One other brother died.

Of the ten sons and daughters born in Norfolk, two remained in the Old Land, one of the boys coming to America, one became a Methodist minister in the U.S., and was expected to fly over for the reunion. However, he failed to arrive. Uncle Joe another of the lads now 85 came up from Armadale to join the celebration.

Gordon Timbers of Aurora is president and Mrs. Fred Mortson (Mary Timbers) is secretary. Being a school teacher for many years she proves a good secretary and keeps track of the clan membership and records.

Ted Williams who spent his early school days in town at the home of his uncle, the late Rev. C. E. MacLeod has been successful in passing his Normal School examinations, standing among the top 20 students out of 400. Ted has been appointed to the staff of Hester Howe school in Toronto, and will be distinguished as being the only male teacher on the staff.

Bring your child for that free portrait at Carload Groceries, opposite the clock tower, this Friday. No obligation to buy anything.

Fire Threatens Cottages At Musselman's Lake

Two or three acres of grass was burned over at Musselman's Lake on Saturday evening which threatened to engulf some fifty cottages on the Davey estate, owners of Cedar Beach Dance Gardens. A fortunate wind blew the fire in the opposite direction from the big hall, and the Stouffville brigade protected the cottages and finally got the blaze under control.

"I was standing right there, but couldn't see what started the fire in the long grass," said Mr. George Davies who explained it was only a yard or two in size, but in a flash it raced through the long dry grass over acres of ground. Two acres were in flames when

the brigade arrived, and the breeze was heading it directly to the cottages.

The fire engine was able to race up and down ahead of the flames, and subdue them with a fog nozzle using water from the storage tank on the engine. In half an hour the fire was under control, but it took constant watching for some time against fresh outbreaks.

Mr. Davey treated the fire ladders, to refreshments at the booth when the heat of the conflict was over. This was appreciated said a member of the brigade, since the alarm was sounded at the supper hour and several of the boys missed their meal to respond to the call.

Patrols Street but Misses Gunmen

Constable Rusnell patrolled Main street in the very early hours of Monday morning after receiving a warning that four armed men had attempted to rob the service station of John Brooks & Son on the 10th of Markham at No. 7 Highway. No suspicious characters were picked up here and the would-be robbers made their escape.

Brooks said the four men called him about 1 a.m. and asked for a gallon of gasoline. His son, Roy, went down to get the gasoline and as he bent over to lift the gallon can one of the men struck him on the jaw. "My son yelled and I rushed down to see what was wrong," he said.

"We grappled with the men for several minutes and although they had guns they did not fire any shots. Then they fled to a nearby car. There was a driver in the car and the men jumped in and sped down the road," Brooks said.

Police Constable E. J. Shepherd, Markham, investigated.

Neck Broken In Whitchurch Sunday

Diving into three feet of water at Preston Lake, Vandorf on Sunday afternoon, Robert Griffin of Victoria Square struck bottom and broke his neck. He is in York County Hospital, and his condition is said to be fair.

The 24-year-old man is just out from England four months. He had gone with others to the lake and was rescued by bathers otherwise he might have been drowned. Dr. C. Rose of Aurora was summoned and attended the stricken man.

Mrs. John Madill Eldest at Reunion

About sixty-five members of the Madill clan gathered at Stouffville Memorial Park for their annual picnic.

Mrs. John Madill of Stouffville received the prize for the eldest lady present. Little Connie Tate of Orangeville received the prize for the youngest person present. Prizes were given for each event of sports.

After a very bountiful supper served by the Refreshment Committee an election of officers was held for the year 1950.

Officers are as follows: president, Clarke Bunker, Stouffville; vice-president, William Madill, 136 Shanley Street, Kitchener; secretary, Mrs. Bert Petty, Markham.

Tries Out With Montreal Royals

Bob Hassard, who has been a standout performer with Stouffville Intermediates has been in Toronto this week trying out with the Montreal Royals who are currently in a series with the Leafs. Hassard pooled several long ones against Montreal relief pitchers in his turn at batting practice on Tuesday.

Elderly Man Attacked By Ground Hog

Mr. Nathan Tarr, Albert street, while walking along the 9th concession of Markham was attacked by a ground hog, which he beat off with his cane. The animal bared its teeth and came right for me," declared Mr. Tarr, who could not understand the strange action of an animal he had been familiar with for 70 years or more, and never knew one to attack before. "I believe I must have walked between the ground hog and its young," opined Mr. Tarr.

The over 80-year-old man had walked down to his old farm south of Stouffville, and was returning when he had the thrilling experience. He had bent down to tie up a loose shoe lace, and strewn along the road were clumps of grass where the men had been cutting roadside weeds. He knelt on one while tying his shoe and had completed the task when he reached for his cane and rose to his feet. At this moment the ground hog bounded right at him from in front. Mr. Tarr struck with his cane and landed a whack right on the hog's nose with such force as to whirl the little brown fellow completely around. Seemingly more enraged it bared its teeth and came for Mr. Tarr again. Fearing his cane would not hold out, and fortunately seeing a maple limb at hand he grabbed this and struck again with good effect. "I never stopped until I killed the ground hog, although it retreated to the ditch after I gave several blows," said Mr. Tarr.

"Those who are very familiar with the timidity of ground hogs are of the opinion that the little brown fellow got mixed up and thought he was cornered, for only then will he offer resistance to anything. Not a very speedy runner, he is very willing to use his legs to get away from danger at all times.

In any case, Mr. Tarr is sure he would have been severely bitten when the animal made for him twice with its teeth showing had he not beaten it off.

Local Brigade Called Out To Fight Two Grass Fires On Sunday Afternoon

The scorched earth last Sunday created a serious fire menace in the country, and the Stouffville firemen were busy all afternoon working hard to stamp out disastrous fires in Whitchurch and Markham townships.

Around two o'clock in the afternoon they were summoned to the farm of Charlie Forsyth to fight a blaze on his lands on the 10th concession of Whitchurch. Three acres of hay had been overrun, 40 rods of fence along the railway, and 5 telegraph poles burned when the fire ladders were summoned by the C.N.R. to stop the runaway fire which they did after a tough fight against smoke and heat. The C.N.R. was appreciative and will reimburse the brigade for their

work instead of leaving it to the township taxpayers. Fire is said to have started from a passing train. Just after refilling their 250 gallon water tank at a town hydrant following the Forsyth fire, the siren sounded again, and the boys still assembled on Main street rushed to the farm of James Brignall, 10th concession, Markham, where another grass fire was overrunning the farm. It had been going since morning, but was being fought by hand methods. When the fire got into stumps and undergrowth outside help was sought, and it took a real water soaking to quench the stubborn blaze. The heavy fire engine travelled over the fields to fight at close quarters. Cause of this outbreak could not be ascertained.

Bank Manager Retires After 37 Years Service

On the termination of a three weeks' holiday which he is now enjoying Mr. A. G. Thompson will retire from active banking. He has been manager at Stouffville for seven years, previously at Campbellford for the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

It is thirty-seven years since Mr. Thompson first took up banking as a youth, being first with the Standard Bank which later amalgamated with the Canadian Bank of Commerce. During his managership in Stouffville Mr. Thompson took active interest in many public undertakings. He is at present a member of the high school area board, and served as chairman of the Stouffville Board of Education prior to that. In fact before he came to town he served in this capacity in Campbellford covering in all a period of 25 years. Likewise, Mrs. Thompson has been interested in other pursuits besides her home. She is now serving as president of the Synodical Society, Toronto and Kingston, of the Presbyterian Church, which meets weekly in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are on their vacation spending holidays with their family at their cottage on Weslemkoon Lake.

Cow and Baby Beef Brought \$264.00 at Chalk Lake Sale

Top prices were realized for cattle at the auction sale of Spence Bros. property at Chalk Lake, east of Claremont, on Monday. Top cow with baby beef at side sold for \$264.00, with heifers going at \$215.00, and calves \$55.00. The cattle were grade Herefords and Poll Angus. They had all been stabled-fattened and were in prime condition.

A sow with seven pigs, two weeks old brought \$196.00. The Ford tractor, not new, but in good condition, sold for \$800.00; a rubber-tired wagon and rack \$100.00; side-delivery rake \$180.00, disc drill \$300.00 and cultivator \$100.

Hay, baled in the field brought \$30 per ton.

Buyers were on hand from considerable distance. Messrs. Wade & Son of Pickering, Love of Lindsay and Frank Bennett of Gormley being among the prominent buyers. Mr. Bennett purchased over \$1400.00 in cattle. The total amount of the auction was \$8,500.

Ted Jackson of Port Perry was the auctioneer with Messrs. John Scott and Ralph Faulkner acting clerks.

Considering Public Health Unit Here Again

The fourteen northern municipalities in the County of York are considering the formation of a Health Unit, under which a permanent Medical Officer would be employed together with necessary nurses, sanitary inspector, etc., to operate the unit. Undoubtedly such an organization would do more thorough work for the children in our schools than the present hit-and-miss arrangement, where busy Medical Officers of Health give what spare time they can to looking after the general health of children.

It is not likely when the fourteen municipalities meet this Thursday that all will go for the Health Unit. At least not enough of them to warrant the project going forward. For only eight or nine places, cost could be too high, for in a scheme of this kind there must be many people in order to keep the costs down. Fact that the Ontario Government will pay half the cost, is not sufficient in itself to encourage eight or nine municipalities to form a unit if the cost to those places is unreasonable. One mill on the tax rate of any municipality would be the limit of charges if the fourteen enter, hence if four

SISTERS AND BROTHER REACH GREAT AGES

Of a family of ten children born to the late Rev. Samuel Doner and Mrs. Doner, pioneer workers in the Mennonite Church during the last century, four still survive, and one of them is a resident of Stouffville. Mrs. Priscilla Lageer, Church street, although 83 years of age is the youngest survivor. One of her sisters is Mrs. Elizabeth Schell of Stayner aged 98, another is Mrs. Fanny Heisey of Toronto 93, while a brother Samuel Doner of Luse-land, Sask., is 90. Members of this remarkable family planned a reunion this summer.

Member of Pioneer Stouffville Family Blake Sanders Dead

The passing of John Blake Sanders at his home on Second street this Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, was a matter for general regret. A town boy born and raised in the village and who spent all his days here, Mr. Sanders was a member of a pioneer family. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, Blake was born in Stouffville 65 years ago, and was an outstanding figure in lacrosse days nearly fifty years ago, when this town carried a champion team. In business he was associated with his father in the coal trade, and in very recent days became town assessor which he gave up due to declining health. He was active in all progressive movements for the advancement of the town.

He married Evelyn Stratton who survives him together with two sons Jack and William of Stouffville, and one daughter Ethel, (Mrs. Cecil Carpenter of Sutton), and by six grandchildren. Also surviving is a brother William, local photographer, another brother, United Church minister, died in Western Canada.

The funeral will take place this Thursday afternoon from the Chapel of L. E. O'Neill at 2.30 o'clock, for interment in Stouffville cemetery. Rev. D. Davis will conduct the service.

Births

WAGG—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wagg, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Shirley Elaine, on Friday, July 1, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

High School Exam. Results Announced

1-75-100; II-66-74; III-60-65

C-50-59
In a few cases of Grade XI and XII students may be permitted to take the work of the next grade where failure was not too great.

Grade XII
Alice Barkey—Eng. II, Hist. III, Geom. II, Lat. C, Fr. C, Chem. II.
Margaret Barry—Eng. III, Hist. I, Geom. I, Chem. II, French C.
Paul Barry—Eng. C, Hist. II, Geom. II, Chem. III.

Lorne Boadway—Eng. C, Geom. I, Chem. II.
Clarkson, Phyllis—Eng. II, Hist. II, Geom. III, Chem. I, Fr. C.
Elda Gray—Eng. C, Chem. III, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. C.

Patricia Haley—Eng. II, Hist. II, Chem. II, Lat. C.
Roy Heisey—Eng. C, Alg. C, Geom. C, Chem. III.
Margaret Hisey—Eng. I, Hist. I, Geom. II, Chem. I, Lat. I, Fr. II.

Erla Holden—Eng. I, Hist. I, Geom. I, Chem. I, Lat. I, Fr. II.
Wallace James—Hist. II, Geom. II, Chem. C, Lat. C.
Patsy Lehman—Eng. III, Hist. C, Geom. II, Chem. III, Lat. II, Fr. II.

Connie Lewis—Eng. III, Hist. III, Geom. II, Chem. II, Fr. C.
Fay O'Neill—Eng. II, Hist. I, Geom. I, Lat. I, Fr. II.
Murray McMullen—Eng. II, Hist. II, Geom. I, Chem. I, Lat. C, Fr. II.

Donna Stouffer—Eng. III, Hist. C, Chem. III, Lat. II, Fr. II.
Murray Wagg—Eng. C, Hist. II, Alg. III, Geom. C, Chem. II, Fr. C.
Lois Weldon—Eng. C, Hist. II, Geom. C, Lat. C, Fr. C.

Grade XI

Barbara Bagg—Eng. II, Hist. C, Alg. I, Lat. II, Fr. II, Ag. Sc. III.
Joyce Barkey—Eng. II, Hist. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Shirley Bone—Eng. III, Hist. C, Alg. C, Ag. Sc. C.

Bruce Margaret—Eng. C, Hist. C, Lat. C, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. C.
John Davis—Eng. C, Hist. C, Alg. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Vera Doust—Eng. I, Hist. II, Alg. I, Lat. I, Fr. I, Ag. Sc. I.

Jean Empringham—Eng. II, Hist. C, Alg. C, Lat. II, Fr. III, Ag. Sc. C.
Norman Fairles—Eng. II, Hist. III, Alg. II, Lat. C, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. I.
Clarence Fockler—Eng. C, Hist. III, Alg. III, Lat. III, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. II.

Agnes Forfar—Eng. III, Alg. III, Lat. C, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Norman Fretz—Eng. I, Hist. I, Alg. II, Lat. I, Fr. I, Ag. Sc. I.
Donald Green—Hist. C, Alg. C, Lat. C, Ag. Sc. C.

Jessie Harding—Eng. I, Hist. I, Alg. I, Lat. I, Fr. I, Ag. Sc. I.
Charlie Hill—Eng. C, Alg. II, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. III.
Lloyd Hoover—Eng. III, Hist. C, Alg. III, Ag. Sc. II.

Bud Lehman—Eng. III, Hist. II, Alg. II, Lat. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Barry Mackay—Eng. III, Hist. C, Alg. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Barbara McCreight—Eng. I, Hist. C, Alg. C, Lat. II, Fr. III, Ag. Sc. C.

Willard Moyer—Eng. II, Hist. I, Alg. I, Lat. I, Fr. I, Ag. Sc. I.
Janet Noxon—Eng. II, Hist. I, Lat. I, Fr. II, Ag. Sc. II.
Murray Redshaw—Eng. II, Hist. II, Alg. C, Ag. Sc. II.

Barbara Smith—Eng. II, Hist. II, Alg. II, Lat. II, Fr. III, Ag. Sc. II.
Ronald Smith—Eng. C, Hist. C, Alg. C, Ag. Sc. C.
Alma Steckley—Eng. I, Alg. C, Lata. C, Fr. III, Ag. Sc. C.

Shirley Steckley—Eng. I, Hist. II, Alg. I, Lat. I, Fr. I, Ag. Sc. I.
George Timbers—Fr. C.
Dean Watson—Eng. II, Hist. II, Alg. C, Lat. C, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. C.

Betty Wideman—Eng. I, Hist. II, Alg. C, Lat. II, Fr. II, Ag. Sc. C.
Allan Winn—Eng. III, Hist. C, Alg. C, Lat. C, Fr. C, Ag. Sc. II.
Keith Clarke—Hist. III.

Grade X
I — Marlon Atkinson, Floyd Doner, Helen Hisey, Murray Pipher.
II — Ruth Atkinson, Pauline Barkey, Barbara Dixon, Lorne Emmerson, James Hewlett, Isobel McCreight, Douglas McWhirter, Clifton Morris, Helen Paisley, Jean Rae, Edna Sanderson, Ronald Smith, Ronald Walsh.

III—Roger Black, Arlene Bolender, Helen Campbell, Donna Keeping, June Steckley, Keith Steckley, Marie Stover.

C—Allan Anderson, Grace Barry, Robert Bruce, Douglas Card, Ernestine Cooper, Clifford Dunkeld, Gerald Heath, Doreen Ogden, Phyllis Spofford, Margaret Steckley.

Grade IX
I — James Bodendistel, Eldon Brillinger, Reg. Cox, David Hoover, Billie Murphy, Eddie Murphy, Walter O'Boyle, Doris Steckley, Glenn Thompson, Doris Whitty, Mary Wideman.

II — Ray Atkinson, Florence

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