

# The Stouffville Tribune

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## Muir Family Bound For China



Rev. Frank Muir and Mrs. Muir and two children are now enroute to Western Canada, where they will visit her parents in Alberta, then proceed to the Pacific coast in August on their return to the mission field in China. During their furlough in Canada Mr. Muir was minister to the Stouffville Christian church people.

## Bertha Reesor at Journey's End, 82 Yrs. on Same Farm

When the funeral cortege bearing the body of Miss Bertha Reesor left her farm home at lot 7, con. 5, Scarborough, just below the Markham townline at Cedar Grove on Tuesday, all that was mortal of this devoted daughter of the soil passed out the farm drive and gateway for the last time after over 81 years of coming and going. Had she lived until the 12th day of November this year Miss Reesor would have reached her 82nd birthday, and every one of those years have been spent on the farm there where she was born. She followed a devoted life and held membership in the "Little White Church," as it is called, but, officially, in church records referred to as "The Risser Mennonite Church," in the south-east corner of Markham. Since childhood to the very end she enjoyed membership there. The church was built by her grandfather who donated land on the corner of his farm, and who was its first preacher. He was J. E. Reesor, but since he died the year before Bertha was born, she never knew him. She could recall, however, every other minister beginning with a son of the first pastor who was appointed the year she was born. Her father being a saw-miller he made all the coffins in the early days of the increasing number who were laid away in the church yard.

Bertha Reesor died in the Brierbush hospital at Stouffville on Saturday, July 30, 1949, where she had been taken only a few days before her death. She was a daughter of Simeon Reesor (grandson of the original Peter who came from Pennsylvania) and her mother was Susannah Nighswander. Like her elder sister, Bertha never married, although a third daughter in the family (Emma) became Mrs. Sammy Ramer. All three girls are now dead, and of four brothers only one survives, David Reesor who left the homestead where Bertha died back in 1930 to live in Markham. He is 79 and still very active. Bertha spent all her long life on the farm for after the death of her father she was possessed by his last will and testament of certain comfortable living quarters and a garden plot which she cared for actively until this year when declining health set in. Her brothers who have answered the great call were Tilman, Menno, Isaac, mentioned in seniority of their ages.

The Reesor farm at lot 7, con. 5, Scarborough has been in the family since 1820. One John Hall obtained the crown deed, and Grandfather Reesor acquired it from Hall soon after. Now the third and fourth generations occupy the fine acreage. Mr. and Mrs. Russel Reesor. Russel married Faye Hoover and they have one daughter Merna. The farm is across the road to the west from the well known Woodland park.

The funeral on Tuesday afternoon this week left the homestead after a house service conducted by Abram Smith for public service at the Reesor church a mile or two eastward from the farm, where Thos. Reesor, veteran minister, and Fred Nighswander also a preacher, conducted the service. Interment was made in the family plot in the church yard. Pall bearers were Messrs. Albert Reesor, Ora Ramer,

## Life Was Young and Gay In Days of Peg Top Pants

Remember the good old days when ladies squeezed their necks into tight collars four inches high, when men had to take off their boots to get their trousers on or off because their cuffs were so small, and when gramophones with "flower horns" were the latest. A Western reader sends us a report in which he says: "My father somehow managed to have a reminder of those days, for at the bottom of an old trunk I recently found a T. Eaton Company Limited mail order catalogue for the spring and summer of 1912. Able to bring wistful smiles to old lips, and loud guffaws from young throats, the battered book is positive proof that things have changed in the 37 years that it lay hidden.

It was 1912. Saskatchewan was then a fledgling province just seven years old, and Walter Scott was its premier. The world was living in the shadow of a war cloud that was to break two years later. King George and Queen Mary returned to England from a visit to India.

At the south pole, Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his party of four fellow-explorers died from cold and starvation. And on April 15, the world was electrified by the news that 1,595 lives were lost in the iceberg-chilled waters of the North Atlantic after the Titanic sank.

Such are the events that the old book recalls to those whose memories go back to the year that the Duke of Connaught visited Saskatchewan.....the year that the water filtration plant was installed, the street railway system constructed, and the pavements laid.....the year that men worked here 10 hours a day for 30 cents and meal tickets cost \$4.50 a week.

Imagine Second Avenue if every woman wore a \$14.80 plumed hat 19 inches in diameter, and a \$1.50 waist of fine white lawn elaborately trimmed with Plauen lace and fine tuckings, with a tight collar that sheathed the neck from collar bone to chin! Imagine those ladies in high button boots that hugged ankles that were seldom seen because of long slim skirts that featured "the habit back and the panel front!"

The best men's suit in the book cost \$25. The finest ties of American silk were only 50c each, when knotted around stiff linen collars that could be had two-for-a-quarter. A dress shirt was \$1, as was a pair of overall pants. And hats sat high on top of heads, often covering toupees that were advertised (with before and after pictures) for \$27.50.

For the farmer, Eaton's best farm wagon, complete with 28-inch double box, spring seat, neck yolk, and whiffletrees, cost \$75.85 delivered in Saskatchewan. Harness for a team of oxen cost \$9.85, and for a team of horses, \$37.50, with (continued on back page)

Simeon Reesor, Joseph Reesor, Chas. W. Reesor, Russel N. Reesor. Miss Reesor enjoyed her reading matter and was a subscriber to The Tribune down through the years, and at the time of her death.

## Trampled by Pony Markham Girl Taken to Hospital

Margaret Michell, fourteen-year-old Markham girl, suffered head injuries and concussion on Monday at Port Perry race track when trampled by a pony. She was taken part in a sports day event to aid the Port Perry community centre.

When a boy riding a pony ahead of her fell from his mount, the girl veered to avoid him, fell from her own pony and was trampled by another pony. She was taken to Oshawa General Hospital by ambulance after receiving first aid from Dr. M. B. Dymond.

Hospital authorities said later that her condition was satisfactory. Margaret has been a horse rider ever since she was five years old, and has won several cups and trophies for her riding.

In the same race, 13-year-old Bert Beckett of Unionville received abrasions to the left hip when he was thrown from his mount. The leading horse veered in front of Beckett causing him to rear up throwing young Beckett to the ground.

Marie Waller, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Waller of Seagrave, R.R.2, was knocked down when she was struck by a horse ridden by Bobby Leggett, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Leggett as he was coming into the infield. Dr. R. S. Irwin of Port Perry said the girl was slightly shaken up. She was moved to her home.

## Unionville Resident Laid to Rest

The funeral service for Mrs. Dukes, widow of John Dukes, Unionville, was held in the Clendingen Funeral Parlors at Markham on Friday afternoon. Rev. W. S. Butt conducted the service.

Mrs. Dukes who was 86 years of age, was born in Norfolk County, England, and came to Canada with her parents in her early childhood. She spent the greater part of her life in Unionville, her husband being an expert drainer and her children attending the Unionville public school.

Her husband and a younger son, Thomas, predeceased her many years. The oldest son, George, who was so well known throughout this district as a clever mechanic and electrician, died of heart trouble less than two years ago.

She was a member of the Anglican Church, and a person who had a high standard of life and was much respected.

She left a family of four sons and two married daughters, namely, Hiram, Toronto; James, Toronto; Victor, Unionville; Robert, Cooksville; Mrs. E. Hawkins and Mrs. Kathleen Scott, both of Toronto. One brother, Mr. Alfred Rush of Unionville, also survives.

The inspiration of her love, Her guidance strong and sure, Her kindness and her loyalty, These blessings will endure.

## Births

BOYD—Mr. and Mrs. Rolph Boyd, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of a son on Tuesday, August 2, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

JACK—Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Jack are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, a sister for Bonnie, on Wednesday, July 27, 1949, at the Private Patients Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital.

TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Taylor, Uxbridge, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Saturday, July 23rd, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

LINTNER—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lintner, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Tuesday, July 26, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

LENEY—Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Loney, Uxbridge R.R.1, wish to announce the birth of their daughter on Wednesday, July 27th, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

HOCKLEY—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hockley, R.R.2 Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of their son Robert Ernest on Friday, July 29th, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

MERRICK—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Merrick, Uxbridge, are happy to announce the birth of a son on Monday, August 1, 1949, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Miss Dorothy Sherk, B.A., principal of Ontario Bible School, Fort Erie, and Miss Jessie Moore, B.A., B. Paed., Stevensville, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs.

## Albert Davis Dead Lived in District For 87 Years

One of the oldest men in the district, Albert E. Davis, died at his home in Altona on Monday following an illness that had made him a bed patient since last February. Mr. Davis was in his 87th year, and enjoyed good health all his active days.

Albert Davis was born in the Stouffville district and at one time operated a draying business in town. His father Philip Davis was the undertaker here 60 years ago and made the coffins for those he buried. His shop is the old building still standing at the entrance to the cemetery from Main street. Albert Davis married Martha Ann Hunt who predeceased him in May 1940. Surviving are five daughters and three sons. They are: Mrs. Joe Wild of Holland Landing, Mrs. Ed. Davis of Glasgow, Mrs. Robert Hook, Markham Township, Mrs. James McDonald of Brooklin, and Miss Esther Davis at home, and Jonas and Willis Davis of Pickering township and Ernest in Whitchurch, where he is the Township Road Superintendent.

The funeral on Wednesday afternoon from O'Neill's funeral chapel in Stouffville proceeded to Stouffville cemetery for interment. Rev. Gibson Brown conducted the service and the pall bearers were all grandchildren, namely, Clayton, Fred, George, Gordon, Thomas Davis and Walter Hook.

## FORMER BOY RETURNS

Winston Laidlaw, elder son of the late Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, pastor of Stouffville United Church prior to the pastorate of Rev. D. Davis, was in town on Tuesday for several hours. Winston is circulation manager for the Evening Telegram having just been moved from the North Bay-Timmins district to York County. He is now a married man with one child.

## Not Our Sid

A news broadcast on Monday and a report in the Globe and Mail stated a one Sidney Smith of Stouffville had been assaulted in the Allan Gardens, Toronto, and had suffered facial and other injuries. A chap named McDonald was arrested on an assault charge. Checking into the authenticity of the story The Tribune could not locate any Sidney Schmidt or Smith connected with the report and we have to report that the police report or who ever made it was in error regarding the address of the Schmidt reported as being assaulted. While the name tallies with our Sidney Schmidt on Church Street south, this gentleman was not in Toronto and had never been victimized in any way.

## Son Of Founder Of Shoe Company Mason, Golfer

William Joseph Sisman, Aurora, son of the founder of the Sisman Shoe Co. and former president of the firm, died Sunday in his 59th year. He had been in ill health for some time.

Born in Toronto, Mr. Sisman spent his early life in Quebec City, Markham and Aurora. After two years' banking experience he joined his father's company in Aurora in 1912. After two years as office manager, Mr. Sisman became secretary-treasurer. With the death of his father in 1931, he was appointed president of the company.

A life member of the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge in Aurora he was also a member and later on the board of directors of Aurora United Church for several years. He was also a member of the Shoe Manufacturers Association. He retired in 1947.

Surviving are his widow, the former Lois Bond, a son, John; two daughters, Patricia and Mrs. Douglas Clark of Aurora; two sisters, Mrs. R. Linton of Midland, and Mrs. G. T. Bishop of London, Ont., and two brothers, Frank of Hamilton, and Herbert at Aurora.

## DRESSES AND YARDAGE GOODS, GET LIBERAL REDUCTION

Spofford & Co.'s big summer dress sale and clearance at reduced prices on yardage goods should be of special interest at this time, when mounting prices seem about all one can read about. Check up on the local firm's display adv. in this issue and see what you think about it.

John Scott, Miss Sherk was the speaker at the evening service of the Gormley Brethren in Christ Church.

## Employees' Pension Plan Discussed for Pickering, Would Benefit Fourteen

Messrs. Aird and Morley of Pickering, insurance representatives discussed a possible pension plan for Pickering Township employees, with the municipal council on Tuesday. Council asked Mr. Cyril Morley to prepare figures for a pension plan to include the road men. There are six office employees and eight road employees.

Representatives from the Provincial Fire Marshall's office spoke to council regarding a proposed fire area or areas, for the township. Frank Prouse, Township Building Inspector, tabled July building figures for the township showing as follows: 16 dwellings, valued at \$50,500; six summer dwellings, \$6,850; and four garages, \$1900, making a total of \$59,250.

Council agreed to grant Markham Fair Board \$50 to cover grants for 1948 and 1949.

A petition from 25 Dunbarton ratepayers, was tabled, claiming that dogs belonging to the Burt kennel, were disturbing the peace, and that the daily burning of manure was deteriorating the value of property in the locality.

Council did not grant a license to Mr. Burt, and instructed the clerk to request him to remove the boarding dogs.

"There's nothing more annoying than a bunch of yapping dogs," commented Deputy-Reeve Disney. "We've no kennel bylaw, but we

don't need one, when they're a nuisance," said Reeve Westney. Council agreed to give the owner 30 days to remove the dogs.

Road accounts for the month amounted to approximately \$4,025. Hospital and welfare accounts passed for payment amounted to \$716.76, which included; \$546.39 relief. Contingency accounts amounted to \$2,134.60.

Elmer Annis, broken front, south of first con., received \$46 for one sheep killed by dogs, and one lamb.

Ross Irwin, chairman of the Pickering High School Area Board, and Sid Pugh, another Board member, discussed the proposed new Pickering High School with council. The site as selected and approved by the Dept. of Education, is adjacent to Pickering Village park, and will cost the ratepayers \$12,000 for 12 acres. The Board expects to receive a 70% grant on the cost of 7 acres.

Council agreed to support the Board and was ready to supply the necessary finances, when called upon to do so.

Four tenders were received for a heating plant for the municipal building. Tenders ranged from \$1000 to \$3000, and council took no action.

A request was received from the Hungarian Assoc. to erect several dozen cabins 10'x10' at lot 17, con. 2. The clerk was instructed to notify the Association that the cabins could not be erected.

## New Arena Closed In, Miles of Pipe Expected Shortly

Stouffville Arena Limited, have their new building closed in and roofed, ready for the finishers to proceed with galleries, dressing rooms, seating, etc. The interior has yet to be insulated and sheeted in.

Sand is being drawn in for the ice surface. Three inches in depth will be levelled off immediately on which rest the four by four creosoted timbers, for the piping. The balance of the sanding will be done after the pipes are laid.

Linde Refrigeration Co. expect to have piping in Stouffville next week. Thirty-five tons of the one and a quarter inch material is being shipped in from Montreal.

The sale of Arena stock is continuing, and less than one quarter of the original \$75,000 worth of shares now remain unsold. However, this last allotment must be sold, if the arena is to hold its grand opening, debt-free. The response of local citizens has turned the project into a real community undertaking, and company officials appeal for shareholders to take up the remaining stock on this ground. The building is finely situated, and will be a credit to the community, as well as an inestimable asset for years to come.

Thursday, August 18th, has been set for the Big Flower Show of the Horticultural Society. Members please keep this in mind and plan to be an exhibitor.

Miss Betty Woodland left Saturday for New Brunswick where she will spend her two weeks vacation.

Mrs. F. C. Whittlesey of Mission, Texas, is spending the summer with her brother and sister, S. J. Foote and E. Foote. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weber of Dover, Ohio, spent the weekend with them also.

## Over 300 at Cober Reunion, Ten Persons Over Eighty

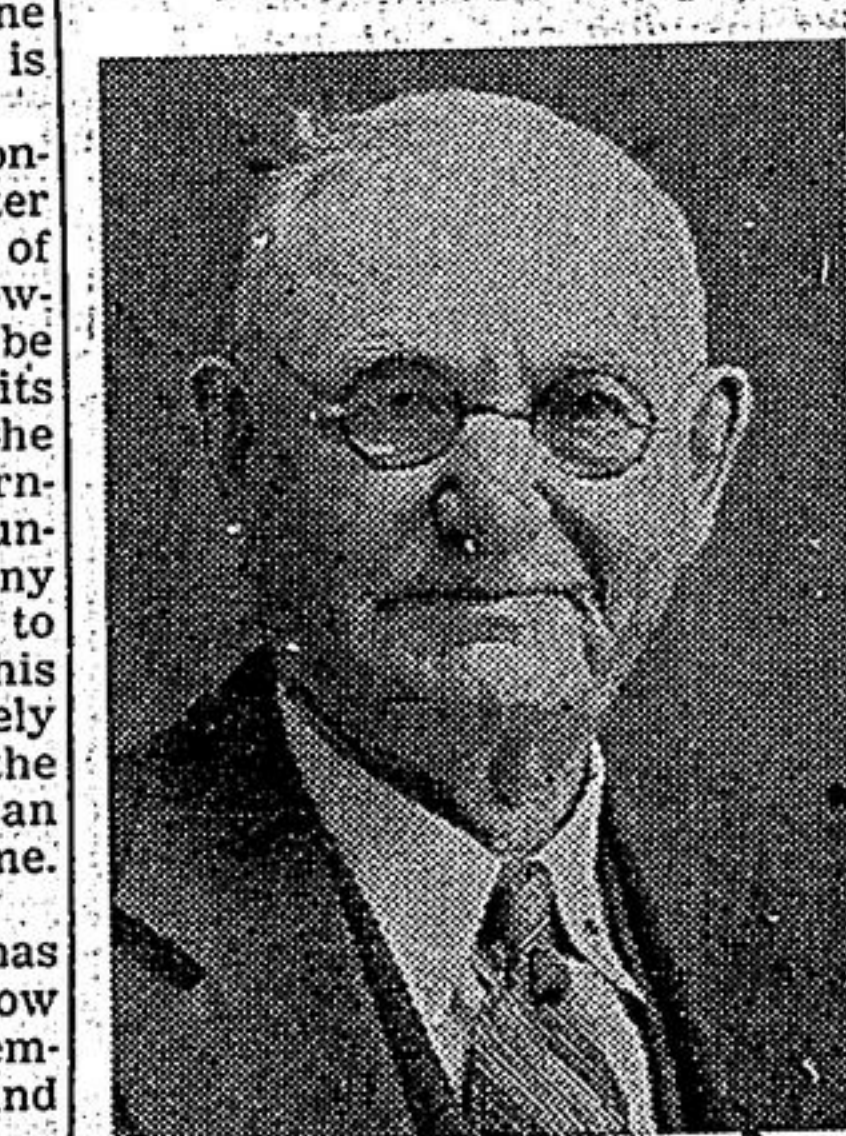
The fact that Ontarians are living longer is not only proven by statistics, but is borne out in fact. At the Cober reunion held in Memorial Park, Stouffville, on Civic Holiday, there were ten persons present all over 80 years of age. They came from distant points, but they were here and were active in discussions of the day. It was the largest reunion held in the park this summer, over 300 Cobers, and their immediate connections were present and enjoyed the wonderful meals and program. Weather was really cool, a great relief from the oppressive heat of the previous days.

Elders present was Christian Sider of Wainfleet, Man., while

Mrs. Ben Cober of Gormley was the eldest woman. Mr. Sider who married into the Cober clan made the trip from the west especially to attend this event. Other guests came from the counties of Welland, Lincoln, Simcoe, Haldimand, Huron, and of course the Counties of Ontario and York. Visitors were also present from New York State, and Oregon, all indicating the wide interest in the group.

New officers were elected as follows: President, J. C. Fretz, Kitchener; Vice President, Ervin Cober, New Dundee; Secretary, Vernon L. Cober, Kitchener; Treasurer, Aden Eby, Stevensville; Executive, Ernest J. Swalm, Dunroon, Leslie D. Witmer, Preston, and George Cober, Markham Twp.

## 94th Birthday



George Tran, veteran farmer of Pickering Township, reached his 94th birthday last week, and a party was held in his honor over the weekend. Mr. Tran delights in walking to the barn and watching the progress of work on the farm operated by his son David.