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YOUNGSTERS COMPETE IN PLOWING MATCH



The North York plowing match, held on the farm of Oliver Diceman, Queensville, Ont., attracted many visitors as well as participants. Margaret Wrightman of Ravenshoe, Ont., seen with team of horses, was one of many who entered competition. Finer points of plowing are being demonstrated here for Doreen Bond of Queensville by 12-year-old Carl Timbers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Timbers, Whitchurch Twp. Younger set gave oldsters plenty of competition.

Snow Blocks Local Traveller In Wyoming

(By Cliff Salmon)
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Hi! Folks!
Last letter was from Cheyenne, Wyoming. From there to here has been quite an experience. First of all, when we were one day West of Cheyenne, at a place called Rawlins, the weatherman played an awful dirty trick on us. It was cold when we went to bed, but when we woke next morning it had snowed during the night, and it was freezing outside. Had to go and buy antifreeze. The roads were clear, however, so we tried the next lap.....to Rock Springs. Drove through fog, blizzard, slush, rain to get there, which of course delayed us no end. That night in Rock Springs it really did snow.....about a foot thick. The roads were plugged and remained impassable all next day. Every half hour, the Rock Springs radio announcer warned motorists to stay off the highways. We finally got out Monday a.m. under threatening skies.

We had a laugh or two out of it though. Here we were going South to get away from the cold and old Jack Frost catches us off guard without suitable clothing on top of a mountain range. The tragedy of it was the visibility angle. The scenery in Wyoming is said to be really beautiful when the weather is fair. We wouldn't know.....we were lucky to see the cement on the highways. As far as we could tell, the road led over miles and miles of sage-covered land. We passed a couple of accidents, and heard of a Grey Hound bus being ditched nearby. Thanks to our trailer we managed to navigate safely.

The sun finally broke through the fog just before we pulled into Evanston, down at the South West corner of Wyoming. We were congratulating ourselves on running out of the worst of it, when, darned if it didn't start snowing again. From here on it was a gradual down-hill all the way to Salt Lake City. We took local advice and followed the truck route down the gorge from Echo City to Uinta and came into the city from the North, rather than risk the shorter but mountainous highway 139.

A few miles out, and down, from Evanston, the sky was a bit brighter although there was intermittent fog and rain. But even this did not spoil the thrill of the Utah mountains. There were places where the scenery was so terrific that words could not possibly describe it. Apart from snowcapped mountains and stupendous foothills, it seemed that the whole area must have been the scene of some tremendous churning of the earth's surface. We saw near-vertical walls of solid granite reaching up hundreds of feet into the air. Even if sky conditions had permitted picture taking, it would have been absolutely impossible to get the camera in any suitable spot to take in enough.....short perhaps of taking aerial photographs. This would like to see some shots of this gorge taken from the air. We saw places where the prehistoric sea-bed of shale rock had been pushed up into an up and down position. The most notable instance of this was at Devil's Slide.....and here luckily we were able to take a couple of pictures. On down through Morgan City was just about the prettiest valley I have ever seen. Lovely farms, tree-lined river, with breath-taking mountain scenery on both sides.

Soon after turning Southward at Uinta, we sighted the waters of the Great Salt Lake to the right of us. Here, with the mountain range on the left, we went for miles through a lovely country, slightly rolling, and filled with peach orchards, vineyards, and beautifully kept homes. There were numerous sheep and cattle ranges visible on the distant mountain slopes. I can quite understand the conviction of the first Mormon settlers that this was the "promised land." It is truly a land flowing with the proverbial milk and honey.

In closer to Salt Lake City, the highway is in process of being widened and for some miles the torn-up roads and modern machines of road-building were in striking contrast to the peaceful countryside. Soon we were through the suburb of Woods Cross, where we stopped to re-fuel and ask questions and then entered the famous Salt Lake City. It deserves to be famous from many angles. Its setting is wonderful beyond description, being almost entirely surrounded by coloured

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FOUND COIN NEARLY HUNDRED YEARS OLD

Mr. Jim Smith who recently acquired the Delos Graham farm at Ringwood, was surprised the other day while plowing to turn up a coin in the species of an Upper Canada one penny piece. The coin is as large or larger than a half dollar and bore date of 1852, indicating the money is close to a hundred years old, yet it did not give indication of being worn at all. Evidently the penny had rested in that field at Ringwood for a great many years, and had been lost there by some early settler.

New York Man Edward Stouffer Brought Here for Burial

Edward Stouffer who died at his home in New York on Friday was a native of Stouffville district and a brother to our Mr. D. L. Stouffer. Edward died following a stroke and was in his 83rd year. He was brought to Agincourt for burial from Knox United Church on Monday. Owing to ill health his wife was unable to accompany the remains back to Canada.

The late Edward Stouffer was born in Uxbridge Township a son of Christian and Jane Stouffer who later farmed on the 8th concession at Ringwood. There were three other sons, besides Edward, they being Andrew of Newmarket, Chris. of Bradford and David L. of Stouffville, also one sister, Mrs. George Barkey, all of whom survive Edward, together with his wife whose maiden name was Mary Paterson.

Although he left here about fifty years ago, Edward had made several visits to the home district. He was an accountant during his active life, but had lived retired for some years.

NEIGHBORLY CO-OPERATION NOT DEAR IN THE COUNTRY

On Friday afternoon of last week a number of farmers east of Stouffville took time off to help out a neighbor when a ploughing bee was held on the farm of Mr. Clarence Read.

Mr. Read had the misfortune to be laid off during the fall rush with an attack of appendicitis which necessitated a trip to the hospital for an operation. While he was recuperating in Toronto East General twelve neighbors with tractors took over the fall ploughing on the Read farm. With thirty furrows being turned over at one time the fields were blackened in record time.

Mr. and Mrs. Read only last spring moved to the farm purchased from Mr. Louis Slack, just east of Stouffville. Their many friends wish for Mr. Read a speedy recovery.

Big Duck Season Comes to An End

The Bromé Lake Duck farm has completed its production for the season after turning off over 30,000 ducks since last spring. While most people prefer dressed duck in cold weather, it is explained that it is not feasible to handle ducklings in cold weather, and Bromé Lake ducks for winter use must of necessity come from cold storage. Popularity of the Bromé Lake ducks may well be estimated from the terrific turnover in one short season.

Will Mark 102nd Anniversary Occasion

On Sunday next, October 30, the congregation of Bloomington Christian Church will observe its 102nd anniversary of the founding of the congregation, with special services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Rev. Denzil Ramer, B.A.Sc. has been secured as special speaker. He is from the Toronto Bible School, and all who know him realize they are in for a great treat.

Rev. Gibson Brown, pastor, promises some stirring music, that will assist in making the services occasions of great joy and blessing. Special music is by Toronto Bible College students.

It is hoped that the brick church in which this congregation has worshipped for the past 58 years will be filled to capacity at both services on Sunday. It will be only the very aged who will recall the first anniversary held in this building.

On September 23, 1891, a Mr. Elijah Johnson offered to build the new house of worship, provided the other members would agree to furnish the land, and do all hauling of materials and all team work in connection with the building. Mr. Johnson was also to be allowed to use any suitable material from the old building in the new one. At a business meeting in May 1892 Bros. Jacob Fockler, Samuel Hoover, and Jonathan Baker were appointed a committee to go to Newmarket to the registry office and search the records there, in reference to the title of the land in question and that \$50.00 was to be paid down and the balance settled by note. It was to be regretted that Mr. Johnson passed away in July 1892 so was not spared to see the edifice completed. But it was recorded that his sister Eunice Johnson was the donor of the organ, which was placed in the church and which has been used for nearly fifty years. The Trustees of 1892, were Jacob Fockler, John Stapleton, Daniel Burnett and to these were added Arthur Stapleton and Samuel Hoover, as the building committee, the latter, Samuel Hoover, being the only surviving member today. The deacons were Jacob Fockler and Arthur Stapleton, and in 1926 Mr. Earl Davis was appointed Deacon in the place of Arthur Stapleton, deceased, and likewise in 1938 W. A. Fockler succeeded his father. Elder C. H. Hainer served the church as pastor eleven consecutive years, each year adding new members to the church. Rev. Orland Hathaway followed Elder Hainer in 1909, then Rev. B. A. Willoughby, then a group of students from McMaster University, Rev. C. R. Duncan, Rev. A. T. Mercer and Alex. Chisour, who gave his life in the first Great War. Rev. D. V. VanNorman was the next pastor and following him Rev. E. Morton was the next resident minister. Serving with him were Rev. Llewellyn C. Fletcher, Rev. Stanley Paisley and Robert Hamilton. Rev. Cockburn came next and today Rev. Gibson Brown, Conference President, is the pastor the church.

Mrs. Ralph Forfar who recently moved to Northern Ontario was taken ill, and removed from Thebeson hospital to the Dunlop Building, Toronto, where she has undergone special treatment. Her rapid recovery will enable her to return north as soon as possible.

Popular Ballantrae Merchant Passes in Prime of Life

Widespread regret is heard on every hand over the sudden death of Gilbert O. Wright, Ballantrae merchant for the past 27 years. Only in the prime of life, Mr. Wright suffered a heart ailment for some years, and recently was removed to the Western Hospital, Toronto. Visited by his wife only a day or two before his death, he appeared to be progressing well, but a sudden relapse with a clot of blood in the lungs proved fatal, and he passed away on Wednesday evening, October 19, 1949.

Generally liked by his wide range of customers, Mr. Wright built up a thriving country store business, aided by his faithful wife and his only child Joyce who both survive him. He was born in Pickering Township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright who later farmed in Markham. He is also survived by three brothers and one sister, namely, William Wright, Port Credit, Fred of Green River, Walter of Capon, Alta., and Mrs. G. C. Gostick of Stouffville.

Mrs. Wright and Joyce intend to carry on the store business in which they are both well skilled.

The late Gib. Wright married Muriel Baker, daughter of a section foreman at Ballantrae, Mr. Dan Baker of Goodwood, whose wife has been dead some years. They were married 27 years ago the 4th of October, and immediately took up the store business they have carried on over the quarter or more century. During all these years Mr. Wright was postmaster, and only a few weeks ago was recognized for having served 25 years for which the postal department presented him with the quarter century pin.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon was one of the largest seen in the district in years, some 65 cars in the procession. Rev. D. Davis and Mr. Fred Gould, the latter pastor of the Churchill Christian Church taking the service at Churchill Church and adjoining cemetery. Pall bearers were Messrs. Henry Davis, Clifford Wallwork, Luellan Peterson, Herman and Delbert Kidd. The floral offerings were beautiful and formed a great bank, as Mrs. Wright observed, "a silent message of sympathy and respect from so many friends and neighbors, and business associates."

Masons Hold an Official Night

Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred Pipe, D.D.G.M., came out from Toronto on Friday evening and made an official visit to Richardson Masonic Lodge. He was accompanied by the district Secretary, Wor. Bro. Percy Bell. The Masonic Hall in the Lehman block was taxed to capacity to accommodate the brethren and members from surrounding lodges. Wor. Bro. R. R. Pearse, ruling master of Richardson Lodge, presided and warmly welcomed the officials and other visitors. Following the work of the evening in the lodge room, the members retired to the banquet hall and enjoyed a banquet served by the junior warden and his officers.

Public Skating And Hockey

This coming Monday, Oct. 31st, the doors of the Stouffville Arena will swing open for the opening hockey game, when Stouffville Clippers and Maple Leaf Juniors, local OHA entries will make their initial appearance here in an exhibition game. There will be public skating next Wednesday night and Friday, Nov. 4, Markham Millionaires will play Peoples' (Toronto Major Mercantile). Flooding is beginning tomorrow, and barring accidents, public skating may be possible this Saturday night. If so, the public will be advised by radio.

ELECTION OFFICERS NAMED IN CASE POLL DEMANDED

An emergent meeting of the municipal council was held on Monday evening when the annual bylaw was passed providing officers to conduct a poll of the electors of Stouffville in case one is demanded following the nomination meeting in November for reeve, councillors, and school trustees, also a cemetery commissioner.

If a vote is taken K. R. Davis and E. R. Good will act as deputy returning officers, and Cecil Davis and Lud Hoover as poll clerks.

The election for Stouffville would take place on Monday, Dec. 5th.

Appeal For Supervised Leadership

"Leaders of Leisure" was the subject of the illustrated lecture given by Mr. O. Stalter of Markham at the recent Horticultural meeting. The pictures showed the need for supervised recreation. It is not a case of providing the playground and equipment, but with proper leadership, much good can be done. Rev. D. Davis spoke briefly on the "Flowers in England." Mrs. R. Fleury gave an amusing reading and Miss P. Stallwood an instrumental. Mr. Geo. Topper of Richmond Hill judged the bouquets with the results as follows:

- Dining Table Centre—M. Mertens, Mrs. M. Storey, Jean Pipher.
- Living Room Bouquet — Mrs. Timbers, Mrs. Tait, Mrs. Storey.
- Modern Floral Arrangement—Mrs. Timbers, M. Mertens.
- Bouquet in old-fashioned container—Mrs. Storey, M. Mertens, Jean Pipher.
- Basket of Mums—Mrs. Timbers, M. Mertens, Mrs. Tait.
- 3 Sprays Mums—Mrs. Timbers, Lorne Gillion.
- Best Mum in show—Mrs. Timbers.
- Bouquet of any other variety—Mrs. P. Stover, Mrs. Roy Grove, Mrs. Storey.
- Thanksgiving Table Centre—Mrs. Storey, Mrs. Klinck, Jean Pipher.

EVENING SHOP CLASSES
Evening shop classes will re-open at Stouffville High School on November 1st, at 7.30 p.m. Register with the Principal or by telephoning 373j or 131.

Ballantrae Child Saved By Girl of 13 Years

Three-year-old Andrew Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Watson, who a year or more ago took over the Rush farm right in Ballantrae on the 8th concession of Whitchurch, was saved from drowning at the bottom of an old well on the farm at Ballantrae, when he was hauled from the water by Jessie Crowhurst, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crowhurst.

The plucky girl somehow got down the side of the old well, but slipped into the water herself which she said was just to her shoulders, and fished the wee laddie out with one hand while she held fast to old curbing with the other, and helped the child into the waiting arms of Vivian Wickert, 10 year-old daughter of Mrs. Arthur Wickert. The children were none the worse for their ducking when they reached home, it was reported.

The little boy was badly frightened, however, and wept over the loss of his new cap and an all-day sucker, rather than the possibility that he might have been drowned. Of course, Andrew is too young to realize what might have been his fate.

Vivian Wickert and Jessie Crowhurst are pupils of Mrs. Robt. Windsor, teacher at Ballantrae school, and who was responsible for bringing the matter to public attention. The brave act of the two children is worthy of public recognition, Mrs. Windsor declared to the press.

The children mentioned and one other child Freddie Watson were in search of a flock of ducks which they intended to drive home, when they came across the well. Andrew intended just to take a look down when he slipped and rolled in.

HUGH PERCY SELLS ONE OF HIS FARMS

Mr. Hugh Percy has sold his 100 acre farm at lots 24-25, concession 9, Pickering to Mr. Eddie Hoover. The property which lies about two and a half miles southeast of Altona has been in possession of Mr. Percy for 13 years, although it has been rented lately, since Mr. Percy owns and occupies another farm in the same township.

The sale price is reported around the \$10,000 mark which indicates that it is a good farm. Mr. Hoover is holding a wood lot sale which he owns on the 6th concession of Whitchurch on Saturday, Nov. 5. His new farm is at present tenanted by Mr. Harold Elson.

100 Acre Farm Near Holt Changes Owners

Farming only three years Mr. Eric Hudson has just sold his fine 100-acre place in East Gwillimbury to Harvey Ewan, formerly of Uxbridge. The sale was negotiated by George Allison of Stouffville, and the sale price is \$8,000.

Mr. Hudson was a Toronto man who came to the country only three years ago, and was developing a fine herd and wonderful equipment, but the death of his mother whom he relied on to run the house, forced him to give up farming, and he will hold a big sale on Tuesday, Nov. 8, when the herd of Holsteins and other cattle, the horses and implements will be disposed of without reserve. The farm is one-half mile north of Holt.

New owner to succeed Mr. Hudson is Harvey Ewan who knows the farm well, since he has been employed on the place for some time by Mr. Hudson.

JUNIOR CHAMPION



Margaret Reid, who captured the Junior Girls' championship for Stouffville High School, at the inter-school field meet held at Markham last week. Markham took the school championship held last year by Stouffville.