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Prominent Markham Twp. Apiarist, J. L. Byer Is Laid To Rest

Jesse Lewis Byer, who has probably been the largest producer of honey in the Dominion of Canada, passed away at his home 2 1/2 miles north of Markham village on Friday, June 16th.

The deceased was born 77 years ago on June 8th, the son of Peter and Mary Jane Byer, not far from the site of his late home.

As a young man he worked with his father on the farm, and helped care for their bees. Some 57 years ago, he married Emma Haacke, who survives him, and who has been his devoted nurse for the past two years.

Also surviving are 4 sons, Edwin A. and Walter G., and the twins Lloyd and Lorne, and three daughters, Mary (Mrs. Harmon Jones), Annie (Mrs. Russell Grove), and Grace (Mrs. Carson Wideman).

Peterboro. Through the years the late Mr. Byer pioneered in commercial beekeeping on a vast scale.

Mr. Byer was a man of quiet speech, devoted to the local church and home, but he was also a distinguished man, well-known throughout Canada and the United States.

The funeral was conducted from the home on the 8th concession of Markham Township on Monday, June 20th, by Rev. Aaron Grove, assisted by Rev. Mr. Schmucker of Markham.

Receives Degree



The degree of Bachelor of Arts was recently conferred on Stanley R. J. Ball, son of Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Ball of Stouffville, by University of Toronto, Victoria College.

Claims Mile of Bushland Threatened by Ratepayer's Fire Hazard

"It's disgraceful to allow a man to continue to live under such conditions, and create a fire hazard which, once started, would wipe out a mile of bushland, and houses too," charged Chas. Clifford before Markham Township Council on Monday evening.

The alleged shack dweller, Mr. Winger, resides on the 2nd concession, and has for two years. Mr. Clifford claimed that the conditions existing were deplorable. There are no sanitary facilities, and the stove pipe protrudes through a wooden wall and is brushed by the limbs from nearby pine trees.

"After Wednesday there'll be no insurance for anyone in the area," he told council. The insurance inspector had given notice to this effect following an inspection of the premises.

"I've been to this council five times, and there's never been anything done," continued Mr. Clifford. "My deadline for action is Wednesday, and then I'm going to the Fire Marshall's office," he said.

C. R. Hildebrand interviewed council concerning weed spraying equipment, and arrangements are to be made for a demonstration on both roadside weeds and brush.

Doncaster ratepayers headed by Mr. McAlpine brought the matter of illegal roadside dumping on Powell Ave. to council's attention, and action was promised against anyone caught. Mr. McAlpine stated that names could be given the authorities.

The matter of cheques being collected from property owners as bond in guarantee of future building came in for future discussion, and council went on record as being against this system which had been brought into force by last year's council.

Mr. Chas. Hoover, clerk, took issue with Mr. McAlpine over alleged statements made in a recent radio broadcast which charged that cheques were being withheld by the clerk.

This statement was shown to be quite untrue, and Mr. Hoover suggested that the Doncaster representative might have investigated his statements a little more carefully before broadcasting such an allegation.

"This council doesn't agree to take cheques in bond," stated Mr. Hoover. One cheque was in possession of the township building inspector, but the delegation from Doncaster was assured that it would be returned forthwith.

Births

Middleton—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Middleton (nee Doreen Whalen) a son, Herbert Francis William, at Oshawa General Hospital, June 13, 1950. Murphy—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Murphy, Stouffville, are happy to announce the birth of a baby daughter, Nancy Joan, on Saturday, June 17th, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville. Tomlinson—Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Tomlinson, Claremont, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Terry, at Toronto East General Hospital, on Sunday, June 11th, 1950. Fockler—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fockler of Ringwood wish to announce the birth of a son on Friday, June 16th, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville, a brother for Billie. Albright—Mr. and Mrs. Melville Albright of Uxbridge are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Joan Grace, on Saturday, June 17th, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Jacob Pike Buried At Dickson's Hill

Member of a pioneer family, whose grandfather Francis Pike came from Pennsylvania to Markham Twp. in 1821, Jacob Pike passed away on Monday, June 19th. He was in his 86th year, and for some years had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Legge, 83 Thurfield Cres., Leaside, where he died from heart failure. He had been in poor health for some time, but had been able to go for a drive the previous day. He was the son of Peter and Fanny Steckley Pike, his mother being one of the Steckleys of Bethesda. He was born lived and farmed for many years on the 9th con. of Markham Twp., opposite the Mount Joy sideroad.

He was married to Emma Rayer, who predeceased him some 10 years ago, and is survived by seven children, Rev. William, Mina (Mrs. W.M. Willoughby), Fred, Edna (Mrs. Clarence Legge), Chaplain Harry, R.C.N., Arthur, and Laura (Mrs. W. Patterson), by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

When Mr. Pike left the farm, he went to work for Simmers Seed House, and stayed on with Rennie, when they took over the business, retiring some time ago.

When the deceased farmed on the 9th of Markham he was a faithful worker in the Mount Joy United Missionary Church, where he was Supt. of the Sunday School. Old-time residents will recall the names of the three brothers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Pike. Abram is now over 90 years of age, and lives at Harrison, Ont. Isaac, who was so well known in this district as teacher of the Bethesda Public School for over 45 years and as a local preacher in what was then called the Mennonite Church, passed on ten years ago.

Five Hundred Trucks a Day Grinding Markham Road to Pulp, Councillors Claim

"We certainly shouldn't spend much money on the road from the Boynton gravel pit to the 4th con. if we're not going to get any more revenue out of the property," stated Councillor James, during the regular meeting of Markham Township Council on Monday evening.

Mr. James expressed the apparent feeling of the entire council. "It was one of our best roads before these trucks started over it," commented Councillor W. L. Clark.

Councillor Chas. Hooper stated that he understood more than five hundred trucks a day were hauling gravel from this new pit south of No. 7 Highway.

"It's supposed to be a million dollar proposition," continued Councillor James, "it's a business the same as any other business, and it seems funny that we can't get any more revenue from it."

However, Reeve Timbers told council that he understood from the owner of the pit that they would give 2000 yards of free gravel and a truck to haul, if the township would grade the road.

Road Supt. Brown was authorized to interview Mr. Boynton concerning his proposal for grading and re-gravelling.

"I still think some of those weigh slips should be collected and checked for overloading," commented Councillor James.

Registered Nurse



Leone Honey Isobel Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Wood, Main Street, Stouffville who graduated as a registered nurse from Wellesley Hospital, June 8th, at the graduation exercises held on the grounds.

GIRLS TIE OPENER WITH ELGIN MILLS

They fooled us! The opening game of the girls' softball league in Memorial Park on Tuesday night ended in a 16-all tie. Homers by Eleanor Crossen, "Weiner" Miller and Myrtle Staley helped mark up the score. The local green-shirts held their highly rated opponents scoreless in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings. However, in the top half of the seventh, three of the Yonge Street gang crossed the plate to tie the game. 16-16. Stouffville failed to click in their last innings.

That was a pleasant family gathering at the Ira Burkholder home on Market St. Sunday when Mrs. Burkholder's sisters visited with her for the first time in more than twenty years. Mrs. R. M. Strachan, Gladstone, Man., was present, along with a brother from western Canada, Carl White of Rivers, Man., also Mrs. O. L. Addison, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ross White, Oakville, Mrs. F. Crompton, Belle Ewart, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roberts, Orillia, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hood.

Tribune Installs New High Speed Automatic Press

The Tribune advanced another step this week in keeping abreast with modern up-to-date printing facilities when a Little Giant high speed automatic press was installed in the local plant.

The new machine was manufactured by the Vickers-Armstrong Company, Newcastle on Tyne, England, is distributed through Sears Limited, Toronto, and is capable of 4000 impressions per hour.

The new addition gives The Tribune a total of three job-printing units in addition to the large cylinder newspaper press, and two type-setting machines, and places the local printing concern in a position to handle a growing amount of fine printing.

Graduates



The degree of Bachelor of Applied Science Engineering was conferred on Wesley James on Wednesday, June 7, at Convocation Hall, Wesley, son of Mrs. N. M. James, Stouffville, graduated as an honor student from U. of T. in mechanical engineering and plans on taking post graduate work.

Brillinger Beds Turn Out Acres of Tomatoes

Tomato plants from the Percy Brillinger greenhouses have been moving in a steady stream off to the fields for the past few weeks, numbering in all 365,000 plants. This is an increase in production over last year of 15,000, and 65,000 more than the year before. Mr. Brillinger's production was gradually stepped up to meet the demands of the Campbell Soup Co.

The plants compare well in size with those of last year and the growers report that they are doing exceptionally well. Mr. Brillinger points out there were no cold winds soon after planting to check their growth.

As fewer contracted to grow tomatoes in this district and consequently plants went farther afield, some going as far as Bowmanville. A total of 140,000 plants were sent out during the forenoon of the first day they were ready.

It is estimated that a few million bushels of tomatoes will be produced for the big soup concern, who in addition to providing the plants for the farmers, also provide the fertilizer under the contract.

New Car for Someone At Lions Carnival Next Wednesday

Some lucky person is going to win a fine new Pontiac car if they hold the right admission ticket to next Wednesday's big annual Lions Club Carnival and Dance in Stouffville. The draw will be the high mark of the evening but the Lions promise plenty of other entertainment.

Bill Thompson and his Red-jackets, featuring Oralee, vocalist, will provide modern and old time dance music, and there'll be bingo, games, fish ponds and refreshments. It's also expected that the Stouffville Intermediate Baseball Club will take to the field in the early evening for an exhibition game.

Mrs. Will St. John of Stouffville and Mrs. Charles Bennett of Saratoga Springs have returned home after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rawson of St. Thomas. While there they attended the nurses graduation exercises of Miss Muriel Rawson who is a granddaughter of Mrs. St. John.

Brougham Man Elected Oddfellows' District Deputy

More than 1,200 delegates of Ontario's Oddfellows and Rebekahs elected district officers in Toronto this week as members from all parts of the province convened at the Royal York Hotel. Annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment and Department Militant, were held as the Independent Order of Oddfellows met.

Elected for the Metropolitan district as Deputy Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. was Donald Beer of Brougham. He has jurisdiction over lodges at Markham, Aurora, Whitevale, Sutton, Stouffville, Mount Albert, Agincourt. For the Metropolitan district, Mrs. Dorothy Griffiths of Aurora,

was elected District Deputy President of the Rebekah Assembly. With record attendance, the convention sessions achieved another record in business accomplished. Presiding over the I.O.O.F. sessions is Reginald Thrush of Chapeau, while Mrs. Isabel Carr of Toronto heads the Rebekah Assembly meetings.

Two exceptionally worthwhile public service projects of the Oddfellow groups; the Cancer Poliomylitis and Tuberculosis Fund, and the hospital bed program received special attention at the meetings. Other sessions were devoted to fraternal business and the steady growth of the I.O.O.F. through the year was reported.

Mrs. Fred Cook of Vineland Expires While at Supper

Mrs. Fred Cook of Vineland, whose maiden name was Emma Gayman, collapsed and expired suddenly while at supper in her home in Vineland on Monday, June 19th. Mrs. Cook was born in Dunn Twp. near Dunnville in 1883, and had lived in Vineland for 40 years prior to her death. She was identified with the United Missionary Church in Vineland, where her husband is a merchant.

Besides her husband, one son survives, George Cook of Vineland, and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Bell (Dorothy) of Vineland, and Mrs. Alvin Shuert (Margaret) of Hamilton, and 4 grandchildren; also one brother Melvin Gayman of Fenwick, and Mrs. Wayne Moyer (Arletta) of St. Catharines, sisters.

The funeral service on Wednesday was held in the United Missionary Church at Vineland, with Rev. Herbert Shantz, a former resident of Stouffville, officiating. Interment was made in Vineland Cemetery.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ESPECIALLY INVITED TO MARKHAM CENTENNIAL

All children belonging to Markham Township public schools are urged to attend and take part in the Markham Centennial celebration being held on July 1st and 2nd. A special invitation has gone out to every school to participate in the parade on Saturday at Markham Village.

There'll be cash prizes for base-

Rev. C. H. Way Heads Church Conference

Rev. C. H. Way of Toronto was elected president of the Congregational-Christian Churches of Ontario, at the 124th annual sessions of the conference held last week in the Altona Church. First vice president will be Rev. R. Serrick, Keswick, clerk, Mr. Albert Reesor, Markham and treasurer, William Reesor.

The conference last week was addressed by Dr. Robt. Bruce of New York, and Rev. James Moore also from the U.S. Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Paget, missionaries on furlough from India, gave the gathering an interesting insight into their work in the Far East.

The report on Social and Moral Reform was presented to the delegates by Mrs. F. Steckley.

She stated that at the present time it appears as if violence is breaking out in many places, like a fire which smoulders and although thought to be almost extinguished, breaks out somewhere else. One thoughtful young person said that, "I think young people need an outlet for their energy, and if they find that outlet in the right place, their energy is expended for good; however, if they do not find the outlet themselves or have the proper direction, they go astray and bring disgrace to the community."

Miss Verna Elden of Toronto visited this weekend with W. R. and Mrs. Dougherty.

ball, the best school, decorated bicycles and doll carriages, races, floats and a tug-o-war (east side against the west side).

Nearly Hundred Entries In Local Flower Show

Almost a hundred entries were on display at the current flower show of the Stouffville Horticultural Society this week. Mr. Doug. Boyd of Richmond Hill was the judge and during the program gave a brief talk on his judging as it referred to the local entries.

Roberta and Marilyn Bone entertained the gathering with a duet and solo, and Mrs. Ross Winterstein gave several readings. The following were the prize winners:

African violet, Mrs. C. Nolan, Mrs. P. Stover, Mrs. L. Gillion; house plant (foliage), Mrs. G. Thomas, Eva Hoover, Mrs. P. Stover; house plant (bloom), Mrs. E. R. Good; iris, 1 spike, Mrs. C. James, Mrs. E. R. Good, Jean Pipher; iris, 6 spikes, Mrs. W. Timbers, Mrs. C. James, Mrs. Dixon; basket of iris, Mrs. Timbers; best spike in show, Mrs. C. James; bouquet lupins, Mrs. T. Hobbs, M. Mertens, Jean Pipher; lupin, 1 spike, Jean Pipher; best lupin in show, Mrs. T. Hobbs; lily arrangement, M. Mertens; basket of peony, Mrs. A. Paisley, Jean Pipher, Mrs.

Wm. Ratcliff; peony, 1 bloom, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Ratcliff, Jean Pipher; peony, 3 blooms, Mrs. Percy Stover, Mrs. Timbers, Jean Pipher; best peony in show, Mrs. Stover; flowering shrubs, Mrs. Timbers; basket mixed flowers, Jean Pipher, Mrs. James, Mrs. Timbers; pyrethrum, Mrs. Timbers; bouquet for child's room, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Timbers, Mrs. Campbell; bouquet for sick room, Mrs. Campbell, M. Mertens; floral mantle arrangement, M. Mertens, Mrs. Campbell, Jean Pipher; dining table centre, Jean Pipher, Mrs. Campbell; unusual floral arrangement, Jean Pipher, M. Mertens, Mrs. Dixon; modern floral arrangement, M. Mertens, Jean Pipher; pansies, Mrs. Nolan, Mrs. Paisley; new exhibitors' floral arrangement, Mrs. Carmen Morris; diminutive bouquet, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Timbers; a.o.v., Mrs. Timbers, Jean Pipher; vegetable arrangement, Mrs. E. Nigh, Mrs. Barry, Mrs. O'Boyle; arrangement of foliage, Jean Pipher; rhubarb, Mrs. J. Barry.