

# Tries to Rescue Grandson, Drowns with Him at Udora

Double tragedy struck in the mill pond of Udora in the Pefferlaw district when a grandmother drowned in a futile attempt to save the life of her six-year-old grandson, who had ventured beyond his depth.

Dead are Mrs. Lorne Bagshaw, 59, lifelong resident, and Michael Snodden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Snodden, who live on a farm in Georgina Township.

Michael and his cousin, Donald Bagshaw, six, were visiting their grandparents' farm on the Black River. Excited and anxious to explore, the two boys had left their lunch unfinished and ran down to the river.

They had only been gone a short time when their grandmother went outside, looked around and then suddenly heard Michael's voice down by the river crying for help. She ran down the road from the house, across a timber bridge and upon reaching the river, found Donald in the water, crying and trying to reach Michael, who was floundering and slipping farther out.

The grandmother, who could not swim a stroke, plunged into the shallow side of the millpond and struggled to get to Michael, who by this time had gone down. A few feet farther and she stepped off the ledge hidden under the water which drops about 12 feet. She, too, went down.

Donald scrambled out of the water and ran up the road to get his grandfather, who was on his way from the house. Donald screamed at him that his grandmother was in the water with Michael.

Then Mrs. Leonard Bridger, Mrs. Bagshaw's youngest daughter, and Mrs. Betty Rogers, a friend, staying in a cottage nearby, heard the cries and slid a rowboat into the stream and rowed toward the two drowning persons. But they said each time they got the boat near Mrs. Bagshaw she would go down and come up farther away. Michael had disappeared.

Neither woman can swim, so each feared jumping into the

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nigh and Mrs. G. Hiltz of Gormley, visited with Mrs. Beach and her sister on Sunday.

Mr. F. C. Rowbotham returned Saturday after 5 days of eye treatment in Toronto General Hospital. We are glad to report he is somewhat improved.

Vincent Baker of Altona has purchased a farm five miles north of Oakwood to which he plans to move next March first. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker lives in that district.

Markham District Veterans' Association is presenting "Hay-loft Jamboree", a home talent show at Rainbow Gardens, Markham, July 21 and 25. Contests for amateur talent are part of the show and anyone in the vicinity is welcome to come to the trout on Friday, July 21, at Markham Veterans' Hall.

Mr. Rex Frost, your favourite radio announcer will be in Stouffville, July 25. He will be speaking on agricultural broadcasting and his recent trip to Scandinavia. This open meeting is being sponsored by the Altona Women's Institute and will be held in the Veterans' Hall.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Jarvis was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, last Friday afternoon.

water. They did all they could to reach the elderly woman until she disappeared and never came up again. Lorne Bagshaw, the grandfather, who can't swim either had exhausted himself in a frantic effort to reach his wife.

"I shouted at her to come back and that I would get a boat, but she walked on into the dark water, fully clothed. She didn't seem to hear me. Her only idea was to save Michael. Then she disappeared," sobbed Mrs. Bridger.

To the daughter, the scene held

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## Births

Rae—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Rae, Stouffville R.R.2, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Friday, July 14, 1950, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Clarke—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Clarke, Greenwood, are happy to announce the birth of their son on Friday, July 14, 1950, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

Elson—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Elson, Stouffville R.R.3, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter on Monday, July 17, 1950, at the Brierbush Hospital, Stouffville.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Frederic H. Hamilton of Brougham announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Beula Mary to Donald William Duncan, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Duncan of Green River. The marriage will take place Saturday, August 12th, at 7 p.m., in the United Church, Brougham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gostick wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nellie Jean, to William James Hopkins, eldest son of Mrs. Hopkins and the late Wm. Hopkins of Ashburn. The marriage will take place on Saturday, August 19, at 2:30 o'clock, in Green River Baptist Church.

## GORMLEY

Miss Eva Schlichter of New Dundee is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Winger and family visited on Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lebeck of Stayner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cober, Mr. and Mrs. John Cober, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Steckley, Carol and Mary, visited on Monday and Tuesday of this week with relatives at Fordwich.

Miss Mildred Brillinger is spending two weeks at Nottawaga Beach near Midland.

Miss Betty Glover is having some holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Horde of Brown's Corners.

## LEMONVILLE

Harvesting peas seems to be the order of the day. Some report good returns and others poor.

Mrs. A. E. Williams and Miss Ruth Williams were guests at the Hastings farm last week.

Messrs. Keith Hutchinson and Fred Harwood are busy at the Vinery at Richmond Hill. Sorry to hear Mr. Roy Graham has been laid up again with a back injury.

Mrs. S. W. Hastings spent the weekend with her daughter in Muskoka.

We are glad to welcome the Wicks family back for the summer.

## Crosier Reunion In Memorial Park

The 19th annual reunion of the Crosier family was held on Saturday, July 15, 1950, at Stouffville Memorial Park. The day was perfect for the occasion and a most enjoyable social time was spent.

During the afternoon an interesting program of sports was held including baseball. Supper was served and while at the table with the Honorary President, Mr. Cecil Crosier, Toronto, in charge, special prizes were given to Mr. and Mrs. John Albright, Uxbridge, for the oldest man and woman present, and to Ronald Wesley Crosier, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Crosier, Blackwater, for the youngest person present.

The following officers were elected for another year: honorary president, Cecil-Crosier Sr., Toronto; president, Wesley Crosier, Blackwater; vice-president, Roy Hart, Uxbridge; secretary-treasurer, Delbert Catherwood, Claremont.

It was agreed to hold the 1951 reunion at the same place and on the first Saturday in July.

## New Type Bridge On 2nd of Markham

A new-type multi-plate bridge culvert was placed at the corner of the Elgin Mills sideroad and the 2nd concession of Markham on Tuesday afternoon. This multi-plate steel installation is one of a half dozen of this new type installed in the township within the last couple of years. One is in use in Whitechurch and one in Uxbridge Township.

The new construction which does away with concrete butments and piers, is manufactured by the Armo Co. of Canada, and is made up of heavy-gauge steel arches securely bolted every few inches in a tubular-shaped culvert pipe. The one laid on the 2nd this week was thirty feet in length and seven feet in diameter.

## Mrs. R. H. Camplin Was 97 Years of Age

Funeral service for Rachel Horne Camplin, widow of James W. Camplin, was conducted by Rev. W. S. Butt in the Central United Church, Unionville, on Saturday July 15.

Mrs. Camplin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Horne who lived in the Township of Reach near Greenbank. In 1875 she was married to James Camplin and they farmed near Greenbank until 1911 when they moved to Unionville where Mrs. Camplin lived until about 18 months ago when failing health caused her to give up her home.

She died in the Bradford Nursing Home on July 13, at the age of 97 years. Although she had reached a great age, her mental faculties were quite normal until a few days before her death.

She led an exemplary Christian life, was a member of the United Church, a member of the W.A. and a life member of the W.M.S. She is survived by one grand daughter, Mrs. Eileen Cooke Cunningham; Her husband, two sons, Russell and Arthur, and one daughter, Laura, Mrs. Cobke, predeceased her.

Following the service the funeral proceeded to Greenbank for interment in the family plot.

## The Toronto East Rural Presbytery Y.P.U.

As you may have noticed in the coming events the Toronto East Rural are having a musical open air service in Stouffville Park. There will be music for everyone to enjoy and Bill Hiltz who has recently returned from College in the States will bring a short message. The program committee has planned a splendid service and these are some of the numbers. The Youth for Christ Choir will give several selections, Evelyn and Harold Lapp will sing that lovely number, "Heart Divine," John and Gordon Murison will play their French horn and cornet, a treat you will not want to miss, and last but not least, Edna Jerman will sing the Lord's Prayer.

We know as many as possible will want to be at Stouffville Park Sunday night, July 30th, for two reasons, to enjoy a splendid service and to encourage the Young People in their great work. The Young People are anxious to carry on this work, they have a great deal of work in connection with summer camps and training school.

## Life Long Resident Of Whitchurch Twp. Passes in 88th Year

Mrs. Margaret Foster passed away on Sunday, July 16th, two days prior to her 88th birthday, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Preston of lot 16, con. 7 Whitchurch. She had made her home with Mrs. Preston for some 4 years. Mrs. Foster was born in Whitchurch Township, her parents being Mr. and Mrs. John McClelland of Scottish origin. Her husband, George Foster, predeceased her 28 years ago.

Two years ago the late Mrs. Foster suffered a stroke, and during the past winter had pneumonia. She had been bedfast for two weeks.

The Fosters farmed north of Bethesda for years on the farm now occupied by Fred Preston and lived in Aurora some 30 years. The deceased was a member of Bethesda United Church. She is survived by three sons, George and Earl of Aurora, Walter of Sutton West, and by one daughter, Mrs. Chas. Preston (Laura) of Stouffville R.R. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held in Thompson's Funeral Home in Aurora by Rev. Mr. Moddle on Wednesday, July 19th, followed by interment in Aurora Cemetery.

## Double Drowning At Udora



Two persons drowned in the Black River near Udora last week. Michael Snodden, front row, right with brother, lost life as did grandmother in vain rescue attempt.

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