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FIRST STORE HERE OVER 75 YEARS AGO



Mr. Doner stands before store he has operated for over 30 years.

Doner Family Gives Up Storekeeping at Gormley

In 1923, Mr. Samuel N. Doner purchased the Gormley store, a landmark which had served the hamlet for over seventy-five years. Now, after thirty years of ownership the business has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milsted of Queensville. The new owners will take over on Saturday, August 1st.

Although there are no definite records to relate the exact origin of the store it is known that in the year 1880, the business was operated by Mr. Colin McKenzie. He later moved to Toronto and Robert Johnston took over. Other proprietors have been John W. Wilson, Cecil Keyes and E. J. Webb.

In 1935, a disastrous fire swept through the store and adjoining house destroying practically everything. Following the outbreak, contractor Mr. Clarence Steckley and four carpenters, Stuart Duncan, Geo. Lyons, Walter Beynen and Harvey Bond commenced work on the new structure which was erected in four months at a cost of \$8,500. The new establishment is somewhat larger than the former place of business and two years ago the interior was completely modernized. In 1945, the business was taken over by Mr. Allan B. Doner.

Mr. Samuel Doner has operated the post office in Gormley for the past thirty years and expects to continue in this

line of work. When he first took over the mail, back in the early 1900's distribution was made by horse and buggy in the summer and by sleigh in the winter. Now the two routes are covered by truck. The corner where the store is situated was often a very busy centre as the 4th concession road did not veer to the east as it does now but passed directly in front of Mr. Doner's house and store.

Mr. S.B. Doner has always been a regular attendant at the Gormley United Missionary Church where he has served as deacon for the past thirty years. There are two sons and one daughter in the Doner family, Earl on the 10th concession of Markham near Mongolia, Allan and Grace. Although Mr. Samuel Doner expects to continue on the mail routes, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Doner will leave for the African mission field in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Heatherwick of Toronto visited on Sunday with their cousin Miss A. Duncan. Mrs. Heatherwick is remaining for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Moyer, Karen, Helen and Ian, visited on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer, Church Street.

Prog-Conservative picnic in the Stouffville Park next Wednesday.

New School is Proposed For the Vivian Section

At a meeting of the ratepayers of Whitchurch School Section No. 5, Vivian, last week, it was agreed by a vote of fourteen to twelve, that a new school should be erected there. Clerk Jack Crawford who attended the meeting, made this announcement to council on Thursday evening. There was considerable debate on the advisability of adding to the present school or erecting a new structure, but residents of Cherry St. were said to strongly favour the latter proposal. Fifty-six pupils are presently attending the school.

It is estimated that a new two-room school will cost from \$35,000 to \$40,000, and would be erected on a four-acre site much closer to the 8th con. The expenditure is considered quite considerable for the section which has but \$92,634 assessment. It was further pointed out that Public School Inspector Hallman is of the opinion that Whitchurch Twp. may stand to lose \$10,000 to \$12,000 in school grants under the newly-constituted County of York. In connection with the Vivian School, the construction grant would be reduced from 51% to 70%. For this reason Whitchurch recent-

ly joined with other municipalities in making representation to the Department of Education for a more equitable school grant arrangement than that set forth in Bill 80.

Some mention was made during the school discussion of the 8th concession becoming a four-lane highway since it has been assumed by the provincial road system. However, Reeve McLaughlin believed this was looking considerably into the future.

A deputation from Fergus Ave., Wilcox Lake, waited on council with a petition for road improvement and ditching. The street is not in the township system and would be paid for directly by the ratepayers concerned. Council agreed to provide an estimate of the work required and a representative of the group was asked to return at the next meeting.

An estimate of \$1,000 was presented to council as the probable cost of lowering the large culvert crossing Yonge St. at Oak Ridges and which is backing up the water on the Whitchurch side as it is presently located. This long-standing job is to be proceeded with shortly.

Well-Known Painter And Decorator Dead

Funeral service will be conducted from the L.E. O'Neill Funeral Chapel this Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the late Harmon Hoover, Baker Ave., Stouffville.

Although in precarious health for some time, Mr. Hoover's death, late Monday afternoon, July 27th, came quite suddenly. He had suffered a coronary thrombosis on Sunday, and although he rallied slightly for a time, he passed away the following day. Harmon Hoover was in his 65th year.

Deceased had been a resident of Stouffville for the past thirty years and has been engaged in the painting and decorating for the past quarter century. Prior to coming to town Mr. Hoover farmed on the 7th con. of Markham. He has been a most active worker in the Stouffville United Church and served several terms on the Church Board. Mr. Hoover was also serving his second term as Cemetery Commissioner and was chairman of this body.

While not participating in any sports, deceased was an ardent follower of the various Stouffville teams in baseball and hockey.

Besides his wife, the former Edith McMullen, deceased is survived by one daughter, Blanche (Mrs. Archie Stover) of Milverton and two grandchildren; there also survive three brothers, Tilman, Jacob and Albert, and three sisters, Mrs. Ab Smith, Markham Twp., Mrs. Jake Wideman, Bethesda, and Mrs. John Grove, 8th con.

The funeral on Thursday afternoon will be conducted by Rev. Douglas Davis and interment will be made in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Conservatives Active In North York

With political activities beginning to warm up as August 10th, voting day for the Federal election, approaches, candidates and their workers are stepping up the tempo of vote-getting.

Besides attending an executive meeting at Newmarket last Monday Progressive-Conservative candidate C. A. (Tiny) Cathers attended a house meeting at the home of Ian Baxter, Pine Grove. Numerous other house meetings were attended during the week, during which Mr. Cathers also attended the St. Anthony's Church carnival at Sutton, and the field day at Keswick. A visit to the Redelmeir farm at Richmond Hill was among the many direct calls made by candidate Cathers, who also met many of the riding's electors at a garden meeting at the home of Dick Edmunds Richmond Hill. Other events included the party staged at Schomberg on Saturday night, when many youngsters were entertained, and a wetter roast at the County Park on Wednesday. He was surprised at the large number who had turned out to meetings, especially in view of the hot weather, said Mr. Cathers.

Council Moves to Ban Sunday Dancing in Whitchurch Twp.

Because of various complaints and council's desire to maintain what still remains of the Sabbath Day, Whitchurch council moved on Thursday to ban any further public dancing on Sunday throughout the township. The action stems principally from the "poor type" clientele which is brought into the local summer resorts of Wilcox Lake and Musselman's Lake. Clerk Crawford reported to council that one hall proprietor who had promised to shut down his juke box at supper time, continued to operate on into the night and such actions made it undesirable for those who were endeavouring to conduct their business properly.

"Do you approve of this type of thing on Sunday?" asked Reeve McLaughlin.

"Well I for one, don't," replied Councillor Graham.

"It only draws the riff raff," remarked Councillor McCarron.

"You know I've always been against it," said Deputy-Reeve Timbers.

"I don't see anything wrong in playing the juke box, but not the dancing," said Councillor Legge.

After further discussion and reports on the situation council instructed Clerk Crawford to advise all proprietors of public places that there shall be no further dancing on Sunday. Such places are licensed by the municipality and can be governed as to conduct.

New Beach at Musselman's. Council was informed by communication on Thursday evening of the organization of a new ratepayers' organization,

the Church Hill Dr. Ratepayers' Association at Musselman's Lake. Mr. Eric Hadfield is the president of the new body and Mrs. R. Brown, the secretary. The group petitioned council for the use of fifty ft. of lake frontage opposite the Pidgeon establishment at the east end of the lake, for use as a beach. The land at this end of the lake is owned by the municipality. The group agreed to bring in sand and put the beach in order for bathing as soon as permission was given, and council agreed.

Need More Dust Layer. Wilcox Lake Golf and Country Club has asked council for additional dust layer for the road from Ash's pavilion east. Road Supt. Davis reported that two applications of calcium had already been made there and that the township only had five tons left which would not go very far. The road budget which had been reduced this year by the Dept. of Highways, was going down.

"We can't buy dust layer without the money no matter how badly it's needed.

"We might have to get more and cut the budget somewhere else; we could write the department for more money; the roads need more work every year and the department gives us less money to do it with," commented Councillor Legge.

The road supt. revealed that \$2,076.50 had been spent in bulldozer work this year and he believed that this was all the budget would stand. Weed and brush spraying was completed.

Fred Carruthers Spent Lifetime on 6th Con. Markham

Fred James Carruthers, lifelong resident of the 6th con. of Markham, passed away on Friday, July 24th after being in failing health for some two years. The late Fred Carruthers was born 62 years ago on the Carruthers homestead, lot 2, con. 6, Markham, where he died. He was a son of William and Nancy Carruthers.

Mr. Carruthers has farmed his picturesque Markham acreage for over forty years. He was identified with the Church of Christ. Deceased was well-known in Stouffville where he was for many years an enthusiastic member of the Lawn Bowling Club. The late Mr. Carruthers was never married.

Surviving are two sisters, Jennie and Mary and a brother Harold. The funeral on Monday afternoon was conducted by Rev. Geo. Robins. Pallbearers were, Leslie Zimmerman, Harvey Houck, Peter Stickley, Edgar Steckley, Telfer Wagg and Alf Smith. Interment was made in the Melville Cemetery.

Jack Smith Speaks To Aurora Ladies

"There is good sense and sound reason behind the slogan 'For the best years of your life, vote Liberal,'" said Jack Smith to an enthusiastic meeting sponsored by the Aurora Ladies Liberal Association Monday afternoon. "It isn't just a catch phrase, nor just an election slogan, it's just a plain statement of fact," said the North York member.

"Under Liberal government policy," he said, "Canada has soared to new heights in population, employment, production, trade and prosperity. We have risen to world eminence as the third leading nation in production, an ambitious height for a country of less than 15 million people. There is no reason why we should not aspire to new heights of progress and prosperity as long as wisdom, courage and good government prevail at Ottawa.

Canadians everywhere must admit, regardless of party, that the Liberal government's record is an outstanding one. "This fact," said Mr. Smith, "is reflected in our daily life and everywhere evident through-

Public Meeting For New School

Dep. Reeve Alf LeMasurier and councillor W.L. Clark of Markham Twp. introduced a resolution at a combined meeting of representatives from Markham and Vaughan Townships, Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Richmond Hill High School Area Board on Tuesday evening, which stated that due to the high expenditure involved in the building of a new high school at Thornhill and the varied opinions presented concerning the type of school required it was therefore desired that the Richmond Hill High School Area Board approach the Ontario Dept. of Education and request a complete survey concerning the educational needs of the district. The resolution further stated that when a recommendation was received from the Department a public meeting recommendations with the taxpayers. Reeve Marshall McMurry should be called to discuss the phy of Vaughan Twp. supported the resolution but felt that the motion should be referred back to Markham Twp. for approval and separate copies should be forwarded to the other municipalities concerned. The amendment carried.

Fred Redshaw Dead

REDSHAW, Richard Frederick—at Oshawa General Hospital on Tuesday, July 28, 1953, Richard Frederick Redshaw, husband of Cora Mantle and father of Harold of Claremont, Percy of Ashburn daughters Alma (Mrs. D. Coates) Brooklin, Phyllis (Mrs. V. Ellicott), Lillian (Mrs. Lloyd McGregor) Joyce (Mrs. Melville Norris) of Brougham, Marion (Mrs. Allan Taylor) Goodwood. Resting at McEachnie's Funeral Home, Pickering. Service in Claremont United Church 2:30 p.m. Friday. Burial Claremont Union Cemetery.

out North York and Canada." The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Angus Gordon, President of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association, Mrs. F. F. Greenwood, Past President, and Miss Laura Naughton, Secretary. An interesting film on the life of Prime Minister St. Laurent, Canada's great leader, was shown.

The "Eppley Sisters," quintette from York, Pa., will be at the United Missionary Church here, Aug. 3rd.

Local Plowing Match Judges Ready for Show

Plowing judges, Fred Timbers, W.L. Clark and Win Timbers have been making individual tours of eastern counties in preparation for the big International Match this fall which is slated for Cobourg. The judges of Ontario have been meeting for the first time since 1948 in an effort to agree on a more uniform system of scoring.

The three local men have been visiting counties where coaching classes are starting. They report considerable enthusiasm among the farmers with as many as eighteen and twenty out to some classes.

Stouffville Rink Wins District Bowling Championship

A Stouffville bowling rink comprising Tom Rae, Murray Lord, Bert Lickorish and W.R. Sanders (skip) captured the district bowling championship on Tuesday night at Allandale. The local rink defeated Stayner to win the honors.

New Manager

W.T. Rennie was the successful applicant for the position of Manager of the Stouffville Arena and was engaged at a meeting of the company directors on Monday night. Mr. Rennie will continue to operate the Rennie Transport business as before.

Bylaw Completed Banning Garbage from Highway

A bylaw which prohibits the transporting of swill and garbage from other municipalities into Markham Township, was given the required three readings and passed by council on Monday evening. The bylaw provides a penalty of \$50 for each infraction. Passing of the bylaw was brought about by the insistence of a large delegation from the 8th con. south of Markham that something be done to prohibit a swill feeder in that vicinity from operating due to the stench being created.

Council had previously attempted to ban pig swill feeders by bylaw and had held a public hearing on the matter, but without avail. The large 8th con. delegation, led by Elmer Fairty and Frank Robb returned on Monday evening, but did not come before council on being informed that the bylaw banning transporting of swill had been passed.

Mr. Cosburn Protests. Mr. Howard Cosburn who keeps what is declared to be one of the cleanest and most up-to-date piggeries anywhere, appeared before council and protested vigorously council's action.

"You men don't realize the scope of what you're doing," he told council. "You're putting a man out of business," he declared.

"There are other things you can feed pigs or you could get the garbage in Markham Township," replied the Reeve.

Mr. Cosburn explained that

Native Stouffvillite Passes in U.S.A.

The death occurred in Miami Florida, on July 25, of Fred Spofford who was born in Stouffville sixty years ago. He was stricken suddenly with a heart attack.

The deceased made his home in the United States for the past thirty-two years. He studied at the Royal College of Dental Surgery in Toronto and was in Guelph during the First World War. Moving to Florida he engaged in the real estate business in St. Petersburg, Tampa and finally in Miami.

In February 1945 he married Barbara Schmidt of Jefferson City, Missouri, who survives him. There remains one member of the family, the youngest, Margaret, (Mrs. R.S. Baker), Sebring, Fla., which is 165 miles north of Miami.

Funeral service for the late Mr. Spofford was conducted at Philbrick Chapel, Miami, following which the deceased was taken to Missouri where services were conducted in the church. Dr. Angel of Central Baptist Church, Miami conducted the service.

The late Mr. Spofford visited briefly in Stouffville about three years ago and friends and elder folk will regret to learn that another of the town's "old boys" has passed away.

Remand Youth In Fatal Shooting

Charged with the murder of his brother, Roger Corbett, 18, of Uxbridge, was remanded until Aug. 5 when he appeared before Magistrate Ebbs in Whitby Tuesday. He was represented by A.W.S. Greer of Oshawa.

Corbett was arrested last week after his brother Ted, 26 was shot to death in their Uxbridge home. Acting Crown Attorney George Boychyn told the court police still are investigating the shooting, and that a further remand will be asked for next week.

Miss Dorothy Moyer is holidaying in Kitchener for the week with relatives.