

# Tells of Lemonville Churches 50 Years Ago

I left off at Lot 7 on the old Hamilton Cook farm last week and will now refer to the old Methodist Church. I have made some mistakes on the rotation of the packers of that district but it is not the only time I have been wrong. The first one I mentioned was Mr. Learoyd who later had the Wesley charge. I am quite certain on that but if anyone knows the exact rotation, please set me right. There is one preacher I failed to mention, Mr. Clement. He was there along about 1912 or 1913. He left Lemonville about that time and was stationed at the Church Hill appointment directly after he left. He had three charges up there. Churchhill, Gifford and Deerhurst on No. 11 Highway.

Some of the older ones around Stouffville would well remember the good musicians and singers who used to come to that little church. A few of those people are still alive. Dr. Barker and a friend of his, Mr. Nelles, who was a machinist in the old Fleury foundry in Stouffville, used to come up there often and put up some first class music.

There were several extra fine single ladies living in that little hamlet at the time. Dr. had a very fine bay driver as did some others in Stouffville. In those

days all the boys had good road horses. I could mention dozens of them, but those times are gone. I well remember some of the quartets that used to be invited there. The Vandorf quartet included Will Richardson, Will Morley, Mr. Brooks and Bert Hawtin. Sorry to say, Bert is the only one of those gentlemen who is alive today. The last time I saw Bert was at a Hereford cattle sale up at Manilla; he and his son were both there. Bert was also one of the choir members. He married a Miss Starr from that district and now lives at Beaverton.

One of Bert's sons built several houses in Stouffville on the subdivision near where the old Curling rink used to stand. His two sons ran a lumber yard in Beaverton a few years ago on No. 12 Highway, but later sold out. The one son is in partnership in the cattle business with his dad. Those gentlemen had one song they used to sing—Come to the Church in the wildwood. O come to the Church in the Vale, but they changed it to Come to the Church at Lemonville. Another quartet came up from Unionville on several occasions—the station agent there, Flummerfeldt, the baker Brown and two farmers, Camp-



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lin and Empringham. Two of them are still living. One, Mr. Brown the Baker is still in Unionville and the other, Archie Empringham now lives on Church Street in Markham. Archie is caretaker of the bowling green and runs the old gasoline-driven green roller that the late Richard Ward designed and built about the same time as he made the one for Stouffville. The one in Markham is still running as well as ever.

I well remember one of the songs those Unionville gentlemen sang. It went in four parts. The first would sing "I like a farm, a farm well tilled;" the second would come in with "I like a barn, a barn well filled;" the third would sing "I like a wife, a wife so small;" and Archie Empringham would finish it with "Give me no wife, no wife at all," but he must have changed his mind, for he married the daughter of the late William Noble who owned Lot 5 at Hagerman's Hill. Archie is also caretaker of the United Church in Markham and is going strong. I understand he sometimes sings a solo at the morning service there. The quartet attracted large crowds. I have seen the little church at Lemonville well filled on Sunday nights. Some of the young people would walk two or three miles to service there and think nothing of it. They had good speakers then the same as they have today, though perhaps not so highly educated. They had a very good choir and Mrs. Gideon Baker was leader for a long time. Of the 10 or 12 choir members, to my knowledge there is only one alive today. Miss Jessie Lemon in Stouffville on Church St. It hardly seems possible. The grim reaper gathers them in.

That is another of the old-time churches on which no date appears to indicate when it was erected. They also had a good Sunday School there. Tommy Mahon was superintendent for several years. He lived on Lot 16 east of the seventh and his two fine daughters often walked from the farm to Sunday School in the afternoon and back to Church at night. How many girls would do that now, I wonder, and the same distance to public school? One of them is still alive, Otto Trammer's wife. Edgar Story married Nellie and they are both gone. Joseph Martin was another good superintendent there. The late James Lawson, the public school teacher, was the adult Bible class

# Cedar Grove Cider Mill Sold — In Family 75 Yrs.

The Cider Mill in Cedar Grove has been in the Lapp family for over 75 years. Not too long ago wagons and carts were lined up and down the tenth from the village nearly to the highway piled high with fall apples ready for pressing. Every year as far back as any one here can remember, the children have stopped in for a glass of cider after school and received, along with it, Aubrey Lapp's, and recently Bob Lapp's, cheerful smile, the wonderful smell of apples and the thrill of seeing the presses lowered. This week there are new faces in the Cider Mill and new hands at the presses. Mr. and Mrs. Viackuf (pronounced Vicus) have taken over the mill. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Lapp will enjoy more leisure while still within the shadow of the mill, and we welcome the new owners and wish them every success in their new venture.

Many in Cedar Grove heard with sadness the news last week of the death of Mrs. W. R. Auld, Mrs. Auld and her husband, Rev. Auld lived for ten years in Markham and were connected during that time with Zion Church. Last year Rev. Auld gave one of the Centennial sermons in Zion Church and Mrs. Auld accompanied him on this return visit. The master plan for Markham Township does not include industry in this corner but this week there is rumour that some British industrial firm is negotiating to buy up to a thousand acres for this purpose.

Winners in last week's Euchre were: Mrs. Swain, Mrs. Jewett, Irene Riddell, George Carr, Artie Milroy, Carson Armstrong. At the next Euchre to be held on July 2nd there will be a Freeze-out.

The monthly meeting of the WMS was held at the home of Myrtle Hamill with Mrs. C. Whittaker presiding. Thou Divine Companion opened the meeting, followed by the Lord's prayer. The Annual Apron Sale will be held at Mrs. Allan Reesor's on the evening of June 26, Tuesday. Mrs. Frank Sewell took the Study Book and spoke of missionary obligation of the church at the Willing Conference held in Germany in 1952, with assistance from Mrs. M. Milroy, Mrs. L. Taylor, Mrs. F. Clark, Mrs. Jack Walton took the devotional period and Mrs. R. Miller read the Scripture. Meditation was read by Mrs. M. Hamill. The hymn, "Across the Crowded Way of Life" and prayer brought the meeting to a close after which Mrs. Sewell's group served a delicious lunch. Dates to Remember:

June 21—Mother's Club Bowling party in Markham Bowl, 9 p.m.  
June 25—Community Club meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Little.  
July 2nd Euchre in Cedar Grove schoolhouse.

Recent measurements show the circumference of the earth to be shorter by one half-mile than former measurements had shown it to be. It may be that the earth, like the taxpayer, has had to tighten its belt.

Alex Bissett, Q.C., of Toronto, has been re-elected chairman. The vice-chairmen are: Dr. Robert King, Newmarket; Miss Lillian Holborne, Sutton, and Mr. McMurchy of Vaughan. Ralph Corner, Georgina, is treasurer.

# Argentine Work Described

Raul Garcia, Buenos Aires, Argentina, opened the second day's activities for the Mennonite Youth Fellowship Convention at Elmira.

Mr. Garcia, former president of the Argentine Mennonite youth group, described the various activities carried out and also the problems in the organization formed in 1954.

Rev. J. B. Shenk, Elkhart, Indiana, spoke on the necessity of individual worship of Christ. He maintained that vital Christian living must be backed by daily meditation and worship through Bible reading and prayer.

Continuing the theme, "Worshipping Christ," Rev. Urie Bender, Scottsdale, Pa., emphasized group worship. "Group worship is not only attending Sunday school and church or even family worship," it includes small groups of young people gathered around a campfire after an evening of fun, or the regular weekly meeting of the young people.

The afternoon meeting using the theme "Discussing Christ," was arranged in a workshop session. Two skits in charge of Kermit Derstine, MYF vice-president, emphasized the necessity of effective program planning. The entire group of delegates was then divided into 4 groups to discuss various problems in the fields of Christian faith, service, fellowship and adult sponsorship of youth groups.

The concluding session of the convention included a consecration service for all people entering the voluntary service program. These folks are giving several months or perhaps a year of their time in teaching summer Bible School, in hospital work, mission work or other service areas asking help.

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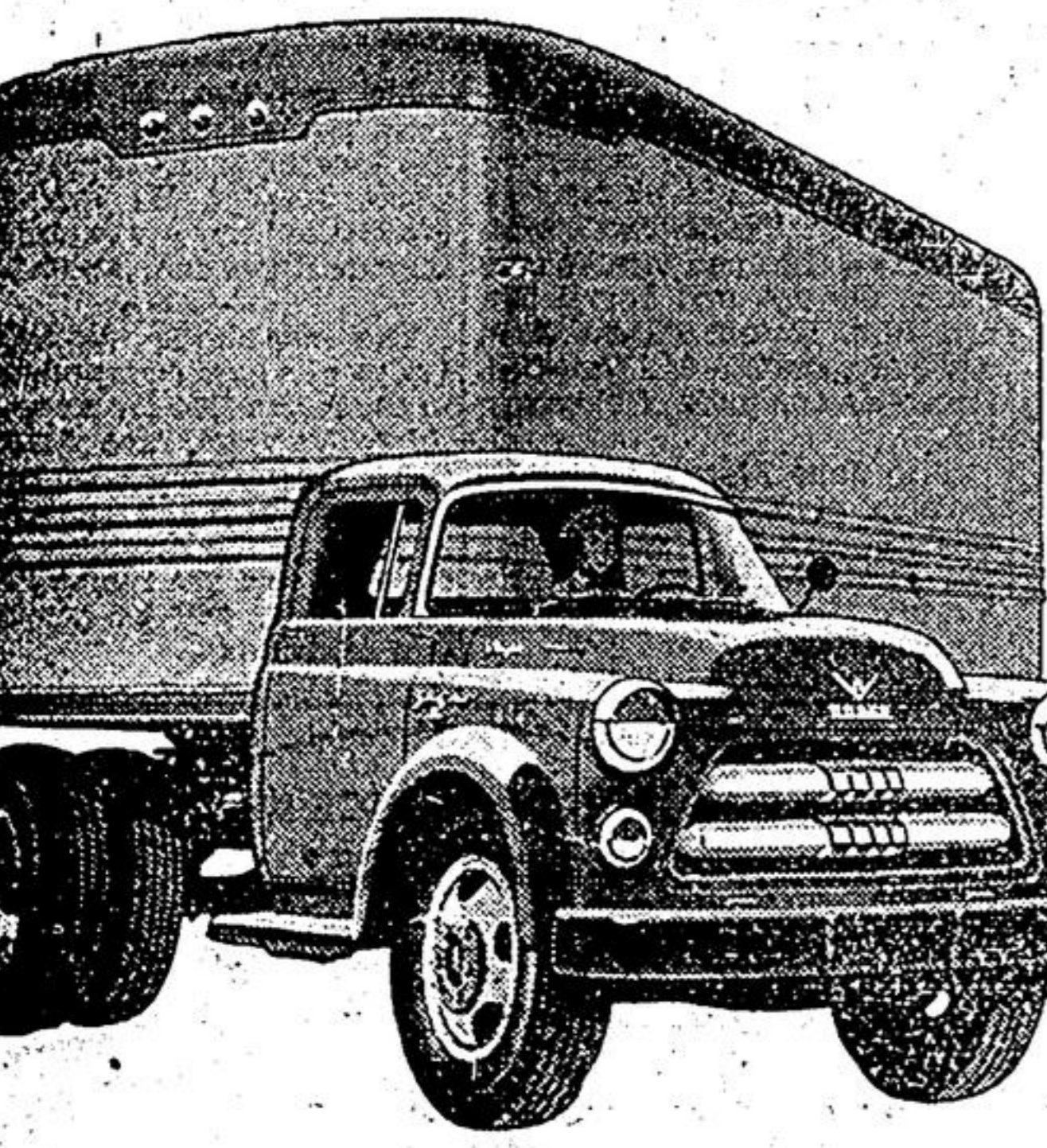
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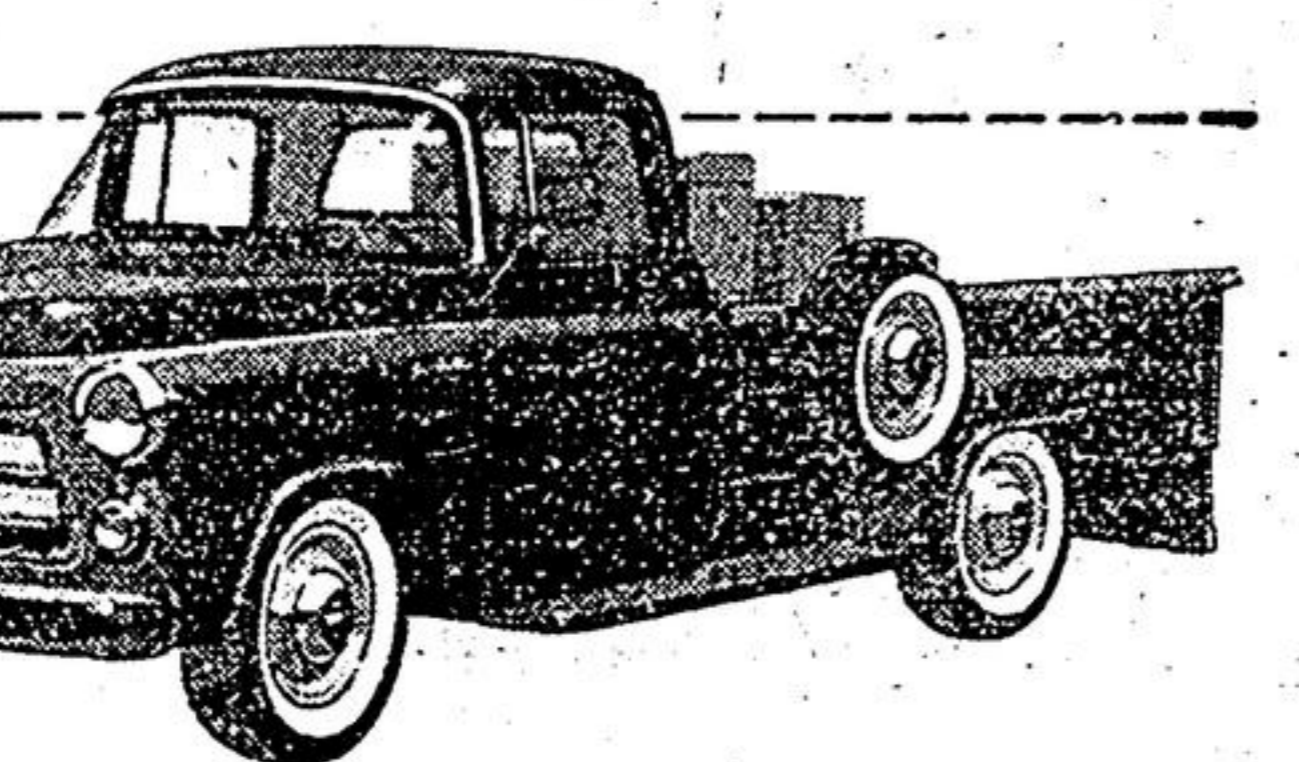
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