

# Old-timer Continues On From Lot 14 in Writings

Last time I wrote, I got down to Lot 14 on both sides of the 6th. Lot 13 was owned by Wm. Young, who had a large family of boys, all big stalwart men. Two of them helped to dig the ditch with a pick and shovel, for the Stouffville waterworks in 1897. William also had several fine girls and I heard a gentleman who used to board there tell that when William went to dress up in his best, all those girls had a job. One had to get his boots and see that they were well polished, and one had to get his coat and brush the dust off it. Another had to get his collar and tie and put that on him so it was perfectly straight. Another got his hat and saw that it was perfectly clean—all were kept busy.

business one day. He had to walk past a field of fall wheat. He told William he had an awful fine field of wheat and it was ready to cut. William said he didn't know, for he had never seen it since he sowed it—it was in his back field. William at one time was foreman of the Boys' Reformatory up at Penang.

whiffletree farther forward than ordinarily. Then they got a good strong set of harness with extensions on the lines and went to break in this outlaw.

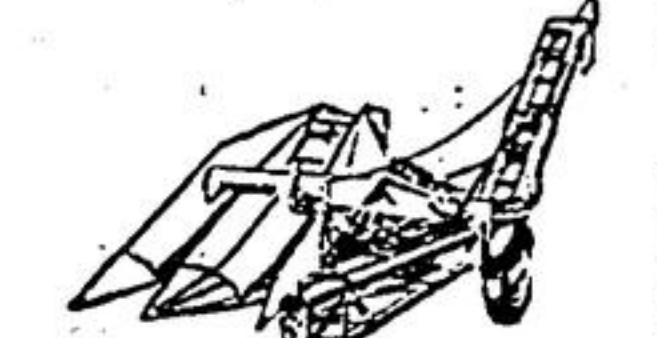
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Mr. A. Reesor of Cedar Grove was a Saturday dinner guest with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby and family.

## Planning for Highway Commercial Development

By F. H. Brennan  
In considering the many miles of roads that traverse Markham Township, it will readily be apparent that three categories of roads exist. Of greatest importance are the arterial or trunk roads like No. 7 Highway and Don Mills Road, linking up the main centres of population.

where vision is masked by trees, etc., are unlikely to be zoned for commercial development at this time.

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Lot 13 on the west side belonged to David Clarke. There are only three farms to my knowledge on that 6th concession that are still owned by the same name—Ratcliff's 100 acres, Mr. Clarke's and Lot 1, the Ratcliff farm. David was a clever man; he had a lot of knowledge about veterinary work and was also a first-class butcher. Of course he had a brother Jim in Stouffville, who was also a practising veterinarian. David had a very clever family of boys and girls. Wilmot, the oldest boy, has passed on and is resting beside his mother and father in the Wideman Cemetery on the 8th of Markham. Bruce and Lorne married Alf. Collin's two daughters. One of those fine girls played the organ in the Methodist Church, and the other in the Presbyterian Church, both in Stouffville. Bruce and Lorne used to ride a bicycle from that old homestead to Markham day after day to get their education. I wonder how many boys would do that now. They were also good workers on their father's farm. One of the daughters married one of the Helsey boys, and the other, Lula, married Ross Ratcliff but passed on several years ago and was laid to rest in the graveyard at the sixth line Baptist Church. Elmer married a Miss Van Nostrand from Vaudor and he and his sons still own the old homestead.

Lot 12 was owned by James Coney and his family. There was a man who came up the hat way. He was an industrious man, worked out for very small wages and had that 200 acres right through to the seventh and all without a dollar against it years ago. He grew good crops, for I have helped to thresh them. He possessed a good family. I have mentioned Eddie several times, who used to ride and break in ponies. He and some of the men who used to work there had big times, breaking them in. He bought an extra bad one and he and Louis Regan attempted to master it. First thing they did was go back to the bush and cut a pair of saplings, bolt them onto the two-wheeled cart and put the crossbar and

married Nettie Cook, an older sister of George. A younger brother Will died years ago and Isaac and his good wife died out in the West at Lovat, Sask. The younger brother, Clarke, is still at Lovat, farming, he and his boys. He married a Miss Pickering from Zephyr. They are still alive, I believe. The oldest sister of those boys married William Ratcliff and engineered the preparation of the supper when the Sandrats beat the Gumbo Clays at the largest crowd I ever saw at a barn raising. The youngest daughter, if I remember right, married a Baptist preacher, a Mr. Scott.

That farm, when Isaac sold out, was bought by Harry Talbot and his good wife and hard-working family. There was another energetic man who started with very little and made good with the help of his family. Harry and his wife had three boys and three girls. Walter is dead but his good wife married Herman Kidd and ran a grocery in Sutton. The oldest daughter May married Bert Staley. Nellie married Ross Harper and they are still on the homestead.

Grace, I understand, is a nurse in Toronto. George married a Miss Windsor and farmed on Lot 13 on the eighth, but sold the farm to Merlin Baker. He built himself a fine home at Ballantree and he and his good wife are enjoying life there.

—OLD-TIMER

Perhaps for long term sound planning we should ensure that our arterial roads do not run through a neighbourhood, nor be flanked by development that has access to it. However, such an ideal plan is not practical at this stage in our growth. Frontage on such roads can be valuable if 'properly' developed; and what is meant by 'properly' is a contentious issue!

Today highways are being engineered for ever increasing speed. The greater the speed, the straighter must be the road, and the more clearly defined its boundaries. To maintain speed, vehicles must not be allowed to stop—and so reduce the width of the moving stream. The plan for the development of highway commercial sites, therefore, envisages certain sections of well travelled highways being paralleled by service roads. These service roads would have limited access to the main highway only at points having good visibility in both directions. Consequently areas where the road winds, is undulating, or

The establishment of service roads will be new to the Township, and will necessitate new decisions by council. Roadside advertisements and signs must not be allowed to disfigure the countryside or cause blind spots, or contribute to road accidents. The planting of trees should be given some thought, e.g. the poplar has a bad reputation for breaking pavements. The service road should either be fully lighted or not at all, as patchy lighting is distracting and dangerous.

Inevitably certain individuals will object to areas designated for highway commercial. Conflicts will arise where a man has a nice home and learns that some day a service road will run through his garden. Here, as in other cases of non-conformity, Planning Board proceeds with the view that a non-conforming building should not be given a perpetual 'life'. The duration of its life will vary dependent upon its probable physical life; its probable effective economic life and the detrimental effect of its continuance. It is an old saying that "You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs," and "vested interest," however human and reasonable they may be, must make way to some extent, for the general good of the whole community.

The development of highway commercial establishment and light industries other than on a service road is not encouraged, as they tend to create conditions of congestion and danger. The highway store is being replaced by the shopping centre where adequate parking facilities ensure safety and convenience for all, and do not jeopardize the swift movement of through traffic.

The only deviation from the principles set out above is for gasoline service stations. However, only certain sites which have been deemed desirable will be zoned for development, and strict regulations are being drafted to ensure that every safety factor possible is incorporated in the station layout.

### Sunday School Lesson

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Verse 19—"And if any man shall take away... God shall take away his part out of the book of life..." This can hardly indicate a saved man's being lost, but simply that a man forfeits the provision that has been made for him in the blood of Jesus when he rejects the revelation of God—with special reference to this Book.

Verse 20—"Surely I come quickly, Every one that shall have assurance and a final prayer, verse 21—"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." And a final benediction. This is the day of grace. Grace has been brought to us by the Lord Jesus. Those who receive it are called saints, and are the objects of grace upon grace.

The Heart of the Lesson  
The first portion of our lesson is really a continuation of chapter 21. We are still looking at the Holy City there described. The focal point of the city is "the throne of God and of the Lamb," from which a great and wide thoroughfare constitutes the main artery of communication. This wide thoroughfare is divided by the river of the water of life, on either side of which grows the tree of life, with its never-falling fruit and its healing leaves. Ezekiel 47 has a similar picture of the millennial scene, but this in Revelation seems to reach on into eternity. Notice the negatives—no curse, no night, no need of lamp nor sun. On the positive side, there are the perfect occupation, the perfect communion, and the perfect likeness, while those who once served sin as slaves, reign as kings in perfect righteousness.

One can sympathize with John in his impulse to worship the angel who imparted to him such glorious revelation. Perhaps it was a matter of mistaken identity, but it certainly became the occasion for a clear warning to us to withhold even the semblance of worship from all but God. It is interesting to note that Jesus never refused worship. Even in the days of His humiliation He accepted it (John 9:38), as He now receives it in Heaven. There can be only one reason for this—He is God. The gracious invitation, the solemn warning, the assuring promise, the ardent prayer, and the gracious benediction with which the Book of Revelation closes all set the standard for our day. The Church has a function in the world, to carry abroad the glad invitation of the Gospel, supported by the Holy Spirit. We have also a solemn obligation to maintain the purity of the Revelation committed to us. Tampering with the Word of God is serious business. Our sojourn here should be in the comfort of "that blessed hope," toward which we should be moving ardently, and prayerfully. Till that hope is realized in His coming again, His grace is our abiding portion. "My grace is sufficient for thee." (2 Cor. 12:9). He says, and that is as true for us as for Paul. Grace now, then glory!

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