

Sixth Concession Residents Recalled by Oldtimer

In writing about the sixth concession I got down as far as Lot 12 but find there is one thing I failed to mention about Lot 13 and that was the late David Clarke's dinner bell. You could almost set your watch by that old bell it rang at six o'clock in the morning and on a still calm morning you could hear it down at Lemonville. It rang again at half past eleven and again at six o'clock at night. Some people used to think that when he got up in the morning, the first chore he did was toll that old bell. Well, David wasn't perfect but he was a good neighbor. He has often been known to lose a night's sleep by going out and saving the life of some neighbor's animal and perhaps walk two or three miles to do it, or maybe to visit some sick friend. If the man died, David was called upon to lay him out, dress him and put him in the coffin ready for burial, and he

did a first class job. This he did on a good many occasions, before the undertakers took over the job of embalming in later years. I will now refer back to Lot 11, east side. If I am not mistaken, that hundred acres was taken from the crown by the late Peter Regan. The latest edition of the Tribune mentions a Regan re-union held at Mus-selman's Lake on Sunday, August 26th. This man Regan, when he took this farm over, wanted it surveyed so he would be sure of having the full hundred. Well, he got his wish and was the loser by six acres. In farms between the seventh and eighth in the township of Whitchurch, every hundred acres is short 6 acres. Some men who own land between those concessions would not like to hear that. Reg Gibbins has 112 acres on his farm. All the farms in Whitchurch between the 7th and 8th of one hundred acres would have six acres over.

There was a large family of the Regans born on Lot 11, 5 boys at least and I don't know how many girls. Michael, after he was married to a Miss Guthrie from over at Vandorf, bought Lot 10 from the Sykes family so I have been told by Michael himself. I mentioned one of those clever boys in my last writing, Lew, who was a first-class painter and decorator. He remained all his life in single blessedness. Michael had 4 boys and two fine daughters, Laura who married William Cosgrove at Elgin Mills, and I understand Jennie the younger girl got married and went out west. William who used to work in the Toronto post office, married one of those fine daughters of the late James Cooney. Herbert, who has passed on, married a Toronto girl, and no doubt some of those who attended that reunion are descendants of either William or Herbert.

The last time I was talking to Fred, after Alma Baker's funeral, he hadn't any family at all, either boys or girls. There was a large funeral that day. Alma was a highly respected lady. Norman Regan was a clever boy and was educated to be a lawyer. He was Michael's youngest son but I haven't run across him for years. There are old sores sometimes between families, but when the son married the daughter or the daughter married the son, they are all healed over and forgotten.

I well remember when we were threshing at Mike Regan's one forenoon. Charles (Tupper) Pipher's outfit was there and Jackson Elliott from Ballantrae was feeding the machine. Eddie Cooney cut bands for them that forenoon. We got through there about half-past eleven and were going to move up to James Cooney's to thresh that afternoon. It was sports day at King City. Eddie said he was going anyhow. He was telling us that when we were eating dinner at Mr. Regan's. Well, Eddie ate his dinner in a big rush and ran up across the fields home and got ready and hitched up the pony to the buggy and when we were going in with the threshing machine up Mr. Cooney's lane brave Eddie was driving out to get his best girl and off for King City to the races. We got the machine set in the barn. I helped Mr. Cooney to fill the water tank. I don't remember who cut bands that afternoon. We could have done very well with Eddie, for there wasn't too much help. But

he was there the next morning at his accustomed job. We got through threshing the next day before dinner, and while we were eating, Mr. Cooney carried all the prizes out of the parlor that Eddie had won and was displaying them. He won a good pair of work boots, an old fashioned caddy of tea, a good stout pair of overalls and a sum of money. I don't know what else, but there was one or two items more. His father considered it to be worth about fifteen dollars and ended up with saying that it paid better than staying home helping to thresh. That must have been about 50 years ago.

I well know that when I was around my dad's farm, if I went to sports day at King City or any other place on threshing day, I would be packing up my trunk and gathering up my belongings and getting out on the road, not to return. Eddie Cooney was a very good band cutter but John (Paddy) Pipher, who went threshing a good many seasons with Charles (Tupper) told me that Joseph McNair was still better.

This John (Paddy) was the father of Clifford who lives up Church Street across from the United Church in Stouffville. John (Paddy) was also a first-class stone mason and bricklayer. He dropped dead one day just before they were going to dinner on the old Oliver homestead. He was helping to build the stone wall on that farm at the time. I don't remember how long ago it was, but I doubt if I was out of my teens. The Oliver homestead was Lot 25 on the west side of the 5th of Whitchurch. I will likely tell more about it if I ever get over to that concession.

Lot 11 on the west side of the sixth was owned by the Lemons family. In my younger days I have pulled catfish out of that back pond where the Stouffville sand and gravel washer is situated. It is now owned by that company. The late Jerry Sibley and his good wife owned it at one time; also the old Regan farm, Lot 10, east of the sixth. Lot 10, West side, is owned by Ross Winterstein. I helped to raise the barn, also the straw shed that was built later. Henry Grove was at that barn raising. He had a bountiful supply of rope with which he was tying on the main plates and pulleys. John Brown from Goodwood was the framer and he told Henry he was taking advantage of the opposite side. Henry looked up and told John that cunningness was no sin.

—OLDTIMER

Suspend 10,000 Licenses In First Half of 1956

Licenses of more than 10,000 operators or owners of motor vehicles in Ontario were suspended during the first half of 1956, it has been announced by Hon. James N. Allan, Ontario's Minister of Highways. This is 1,190 or 12% higher than the first half of 1955.

The two major causes of suspensions, Mr. Allan said, were under the 'automatic suspension' sections of the Highway Traffic Act dealing with financial responsibility and drunk and impaired driving, which together accounted for over 75% of all suspensions. A total of 1,715 suspensions were penalties imposed by the courts and 598 were under the discretionary powers of the minister.

The complete list of suspension causes released by Mr. Allan is as follows: Pending proof of financial responsibility, 3,826; Driving while intoxicated, 510; By Courts as penalties, 1,715; Failure to pay judgments, 876; Under Ministerial discretion (physical or mental disability, court recommendations, accidents and convictions records, etc.), total — 10,650.

Many Factors Govern "In releasing these figures," Mr. Allan said, "I would like to stress once again that under our Ontario traffic laws the right to own or operate a motor vehicle is conditioned by many factors. Public awareness of this important fact is not as general as it should be. There are many situations in which the privilege of driving or owning is automatically suspended under the laws of the province. In the case of impaired driving there is a minimum automatic suspension on conviction of 3 months, (maximum 2 years) in drunk driving cases.

Stepped-Up Action Likely "It should, however, be understood," the minister added, "that we, in the department, have a very real responsibility under the law to suspend or cancel licenses in certain situations in which suspension is not automatic following a court decision. I refer, of course, to the authority granted to the Minister of Highways to suspend the license of any person who may reasonably be regarded as a menace to the safety of others on the streets and roads of the



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Chiropractors examining patients with similar case histories often discover deeper causes of over indulgence or poor eating habits. Correct diet should not be underload in health. But indigestion sufferers who carefully watch dietary habits and are still troubled should have reason to suspect that the trouble begins elsewhere.

The digestive organs with their complicated, but wonderful system for deriving nutritional values from the food you eat, depends on a good supply of nervous energy to activate it.

Poor digestion coupled with headaches "or being off food," can indicate something wrong with the nervous system. Scientists have long proven that mental disturbances, anger and fear can upset digestion. In the same manner, a physical condition can impede the working of the many nerves supplying the digestive organs with its working impulses.

Many times, a physical examination by a Chiropractor, will trace chronic indigestion to pressure on the vagus nerve, indicating misplaced vertebrae. Indigestion sufferers, especially if they honestly know that they have not over-indulged in heavy eating, would be well advised to have a thorough physical examination.

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Chief Malloy explained that the fire hazards in the homes can be controlled through good housekeeping practices and the members of the Fire Dept. will be happy to assist any householder who wants to learn exactly what's safe and what's not.

He urged householders to prepare for the Department's home inspection programme now, during Fire Prevention Week.

Home inspections by firemen are being promoted everywhere by the Canadian and International Association of Fire Chiefs according to Chief Wm. Malloy. The purpose is to uncover fire hazards, not to hunt out violations of regulations. The fireman, making an inspection, determines what hazards exist and recommends ways of eliminating them in order to protect the house and its occupants.

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