

# The Big "M" Family Resides at Wilcox Lake



A mother, father and eleven children, ranging in age from one to sixteen years, reside in an 8-room house at Wilcox Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cober have given 10 of their 11 children Christian names beginning with the letter "M". They are pictured above from left to right — Lower: Martin 5, Marvyn 7, Marvin 10, Marla 3, Marda 1, Mrs. King, Marland 12, Marla 4, and Mervin 9. Top Row: Marilyn 15, Mr. King and Marline 14. Another son, Norman, 18, is with the R.C.A.F. Altogether, Mr. King is the father of 18 children. His first wife died a number of years ago. Jim 36, Dorothy 34, Florence 32, Charlie 30, Robert 28, and Fred 25, do not reside at home. Mr. King was employed as a handyman with a real estate firm until one month ago. Due to an arthritic condition in his hands he is unable to work. The Township of Whitchurch has given the family food vouchers and fuel. Mr. and Mrs. King receive \$62.00 in baby bonus payments monthly but pay out \$60.00 each month in rent. They have resided in Whitchurch Township for less than one year. —Jim Thomas

# Local and Personal Happenings

## Daughter of Gormley Couple is Buried in Howick Township

A resident of Fordwich for 12 years, Mrs. Earl Cober died recently in the Listowel Memorial Hospital following an illness of several months. She was 44. Mrs. Cober was born in Gormley, a daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Alvin Winger of Gormley, and was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, Fordwich. Surviving besides her husband are four sons, Peter 18, Clayton 16, Glen 15 and Lloyd 13, all living at home; three daughters, Mrs. Lorne (Ellen) Siefert of Fordwich; Ruth 11 and Phyllis 5, both living at home; one brother, Clifford Winger of Gormley; and four sisters, Mrs. Marian Kelly, Mrs. Melvin Henderson and Mrs. Allan Heise, all of Gormley and Mrs. Fred Lebeck of Stayner. One grandchild also survives.

A private funeral service was conducted Sunday, followed by a public service at Fordwich Brethren in Christ Church. Rev. Cecil Cullen of Fordwich officiated. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery, 2nd concession, Howick.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoover of Newmarket visited with his sister, Mrs. Minny Atkinson, on Tuesday.

Friends will regret to learn that Mr. Arthur Clendenen, well-known blacksmith from Cedar Grove, is presently confined to the Stouffville Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hamilton, John and Ron and Mr. and Mrs. Don Duncan helped little Gayle Wagg celebrate her first birthday. She is a valentine gift to Mr. and Mrs. Gord Wagg.

On Thursday, Feb. 14th, Mr. Joseph Creech of Lambton Mills passed away in his 101st year. A number of the older businessmen in town will recall the days when the late Mr. Creech was a familiar figure here as a traveller for the Robertson Candy Company.

Garrett Evening Auxiliary On Wednesday, Feb. 13th, the Garrett Evening Auxiliary met in the United Church parlours with thirty in attendance and the president, Mrs. Storey, in the chair. Mrs. T. Williamson, Christian Stewardship Convener, gave an article on "The Stewardship of Talents" from the book "To Whom Much is Given".

Miss Winnie Hutchison gave a very inspiring worship service, her theme "Christ's Care for the Fragments", Bible reference was Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. Starting with the fragments gathered following the feeding of the 5,000, Miss Hutchison reminded us of a few of the many other fragments which Christ rated as important—time, strength and knowledge, and to Him, dearest of all, were the broken fragments of men. The motto of His life should be the motto of ours.

Misses Marie, Marion and Cathy Stover with their mother at the piano rendered two beautiful trios, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "You Can Have a Melody Down in Your Heart".

Mrs. Thomas reviewed a chapter from the study book, "East From Burma". She spoke on Formosa and Indo-China.

Mrs. D. Holden brought some highlights of the 31st Toronto-East Presbyterial held on Feb. 5th (detailed report Feb. 14th Tribune).

Program conveners were Mrs. O. Lehman and Miss Ida Lehman. Social half-hour, closed an enjoyable evening.

The light of a firefly is caused by an enzyme within the insect's luminous cells which enables oxygen and a substance called luciferin to unite, producing a cold light that throws off neither heat nor energy. The winking glow is a signal between the two sexes.

Mr. Glenn Ratcliff left on Saturday on a vacation trip to Florida for several weeks.

Wally Distelmeyer, former instructor of the Stouffville Skating Club, was watched by local TV viewers the other night performing at one of the Toronto skating arenas.

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 16th, the Explorers held their annual Tea, Bake Sale and Bazaar at the United Church in Stouffville. The girls and their counsellors wish to thank all those who so generously supported this effort. The sum realized was \$80.11.

Mrs. Archie Stover of Milverton returned home on Sunday after spending two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Harman Hoover. Mrs. Hoover returned with her daughter for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Wilkes are moving into their newly built home on Rupert Avenue in the new west-end subdivision. The house they are vacating on Baker Avenue is to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Beckett, Park St. Mr. Beckett is caretaker of the local High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Minton entertained the management and players of the Unionville Jets hockey team at their west end home on Saturday evening. A fine birthday cake was prepared for the club manager, Mr. Sherman Pettit. "Polly" is the coach of the Jr. "D" Jets this season.

The Senior Group of the Explorers, Stouffville United Church, were guests of the Agincourt Explorers at their regular meeting last Wednesday evening. The local girls and their leaders enjoyed a most entertaining and informative evening.

C. H. Nolan, local publisher, accompanied by Mrs. Nolan, was in Ottawa this week attending the semi-annual Board of Directors Meeting of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association. The directors from all across Canada numbering some thirty-five, were honoured on Tuesday evening by having the Honorable Lester B. Pearson, Foreign Secretary for External Affairs, as their after dinner speaker.

## CORRECTION

Mr. F. Gibson who headed a deputation recently from Bethesda to Whitchurch Twp. Council, has taken exception to a report in this newspaper that the hard-topping of a portion of the 5th con. opposite the Longfellow property had been discussed in council before the work was approved. Mr. Gibson has corrected the report to state that the hard-topping of the road was not discussed in council prior to the work being done.

## Sunday School Lesson

**SIGNS OF THE TIMES**  
(Lesson for February 24)  
Matthew 14:1 to 16:12  
Golden Text—Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? —Matt. 16:3.

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE**  
Approach to the Lesson—Last week we saw that four of the parables given in Matthew, chapter 13, were spoken by the sea, in the presence of the multitude, and four of them in the house to the disciples alone. That is significant of a change in our Lord's activity. From this time on He sought more and more to have the disciples by themselves in order to instruct them, in view of the day when He would leave them. We are not suggesting that His public ministry was over, but this new feature becomes increasingly prominent. I suggest that you read Matthew's Gospel from 13:53 and note how often the statement is made that "Jesus departed." Pay special regard to occasions when the departure was for the purpose of getting away from the crowds into some kind of retirement with the apostolic band. It is not without reason, then, that we can call the remaining section of our present division, "The Training of the Disciples (13:53 to 16:20). You will note that this activity continues when we leave the main division which we entitled, "Presenting the King in His Procedure," and enter the third main division, "Presenting the King in His Passion." But more of that next week.

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There is good reason for this new activity. The rising tide of opposition to the Lord Jesus Christ in official circles must have been a distressing and even frustrating experience for the disciples, who had expected some thing very different. For all their belief in and loyalty to Jesus, they were puzzled, and stood in need of that special care and constant encouragement to faith which Jesus now gave them. Important as the public ministry of the Lord Jesus was, one is tempted to believe that He regarded the training of the Twelve as His supreme task, short of the giving of Himself in the atoning work of the cross.

**Verse 16:1**—"The Pharisees and the Sadducees . . . desired . . . a sign from heaven." The Pharisees and the Sadducees had no love for each other, but they united in a common purpose to embarrass Jesus with a request which they were sure He could not grant.

**Verse 2**—" . . . evening . . . fair weather: for the sky is red." Interest in the weather is no new thing among men—but weather forecasters had less scientific data to go on in those days!

**Verse 3**—" . . . morning . . . foul weather . . . red and lowering . . . ye can discern the face of the sky; but . . . not . . . the signs of the times?" The language is more cryptic than our standard English translations suggest. Our Lord rebuked His questioners for their aptness in judgment regarding ephemeral matters such as the weather, while revealing woeful ignorance and blindness with respect to the great movements of the Kingdom of God.

**Verse 4**—"A wicked and adulterous generation . . . no sign but the sign of the prophet Jonas . . ." Their blindness was the fruit of their rebellious and unfaithful hearts; and because they could not see the signs all around them, they required something sensational—something to compel belief. For an explanation of the sign of Jonas see 12:39-41.

**Verse 5**—" . . . they had forgotten to take bread." No doubt the excitement of the controversy made the disciples forgetful of routine matters.

**Verse 6**—" . . . Take heed and

beware of the leaven of the Pharisees . . . Sadducees." The double command called first for such a close inspection of the "leaven" mentioned that they would always recognize it, and second for an utter repudiation of it.

**Verse 7**—" . . . because we have taken no bread." The mention of leaven reminded the disciples of what they had forgotten, but it is difficult to see how the Pharisees and Sadducees could enter the picture in this connection. Did the disciples think that Jesus meant they should not buy bread from Pharisees and Sadducees?

**Verse 8**—" . . . O ye of little faith, why reason ye . . ." Their failure to bring bread along should have been no matter of concern to them. Was not His presence the guarantee of full provision?

**Verses 9, 10**—" . . . remember the five loaves and the five thousand, and how many baskets . . . the seven loaves of the four thousand . . ." The two occasions referred to differed with respect to the number of the kinds of baskets used (as indicated by different Greek words) and such incidentals, but they showed the ability of the same Lord to meet men's needs in ample fashion.

**Verse 11**—" . . . I spake . . . not . . . concerning bread." The figurative language of Jesus had discovered both the disciples' unbelief and their lack of understanding. They had much to learn.

**Verse 12**—"Then understood they the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." His rebuke opened their understanding, and they saw that just as leaven permeates the meal in the making of bread, so the doctrine of the Pharisees and the Sadducees had a leavening effect on the nation, and must be shunned as a corrupt and corrupting thing.

**The Heart of the Lesson**  
The forming of an alliance is no sure sign of love. Men can hate and despise each other and yet get together for a common purpose. The Pharisees and the Sadducees had little in common apart from the fact that they were all sons of Abraham. In doctrine, in philosophy, in outlook, they were poles apart, but their desire to get rid of Jesus of Nazareth was sufficiently strong to make them work together to that end. They had not yet decided on His death, but they co-operated in the attempt to bring Him into disrepute, and so destroy His influence with the people. They decided on the demand for a sign from Heaven. The Pharisees believed in signs from Heaven but the Sadducees did not, but since both of them believed that the demand would thoroughly embarrass Jesus, they united to make it.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**YORK COUNTY HOG PRODUCERS**

**Wed., Feb. 27**  
10.30 a.m.

**PARISH HALL, NEWMARKET**  
**Guest-Speaker: C. H. McInnes**

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John Sytema, Secretary.

## High School News

Well, it's congratulations to our junior girls basketball team. They defeated Richmond Hill 25-27 in a stiff battle in which the score sea-sawed from the very first. The final game is on Tuesday, the 19th. We have great hopes, and when you read this, many of you will already have heard the results.

The other games played last week went 35-11 for Richmond Hill Senior girls, 51-17 Pickering Junior boys, 43-29 for Pickering Senior boys.

This Friday night, the 22nd, is an important date to remember. The parents and friends of Stouffville High School students are invited to a Big Night put on by the Boys Athletic Society.

The boys have Walt Disney's full-length feature, "The Living Desert" in technical color, and they'll show it at 8 sharp in the gym. Then there will be refreshments, games and dancing. There's plenty of room for a big crowd, so everybody come! The general admission is 50c. You all can acquire guest tickets from a student or teacher if you contact them ahead of time—at least Friday afternoon. Parents don't need guest tickets. We'll be expecting you!

Caroline Ogilvy

## BLOOMINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. C. Davis and Miss Anne, Toronto, were weekend guests with his father, Mr. Earl Davis.

Mr. Gwynn Barnes, Mrs. B. Barnes of Whitby and Miss S. White of Timmins were visitors on Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Barnes.

We are glad to report that Mr. W. A. Fockler is recovering from his recent illness. Mrs. H. Tomlinson of Weston has been with her parents for the week. Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagg on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Tindall and daughters, Mrs. Patton of Goodwood and Miss Betty Woodland of Oshawa.

We welcome another newcomer to our burg with the arrival of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Vaughan at Newmarket Hospital.

A large number of sight-seers braved the deep snow Sunday afternoon to the scene of the aircraft that was enroute from Petawawa that crash landed in Mr. Merlin Baker's field close to theirs and Tranmer's line fence. Unfortunately all three occupants are dead.

Miss Helen Lemon was the guest of Miss Pat Smith at Ottawa over the weekend.

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