

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Fockler Married 65 Years



Wedding Photo — 1898



Anniversary Photo — 1963

On Saturday, Dec. 28th, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Fockler of Bloomington reached a coveted milestone in a long and rewarding life together when they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. The distinguished couple, in excellent health, received more than 75 friends and relatives at their Bloomington home, decorated with dozens of cards, telegrams and beautiful bouquets of flowers. Mr. Fockler is 94. Mrs. Fockler is 91.

Their three daughters were present for the occasion, Mrs. Geo. McCormack of Sudbury; Mrs. Harold Tomlinson of Weston and Mrs. Robt. Leask of Greenbank. There are seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. A giant 3-tier anniversary cake enhanced the centre of the dining room table.

The long-standing friendship between the two actually dates back farther than 65 years since, as children, they attended school together at Bloomington when Mrs. Fockler, then Alberta Forsyth, took up residence in the section at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Stapleton.

Still Attend Church

The couple were united in marriage by Rev. C. H. Hainer in 1898 and their honeymoon trip included a journey by both sleigh and train to Oakwood and Lindsay.

The Bloomington Christian Church has formed a strong link in their marriage union and the couple still attend regularly. Mrs. Fockler was the Sunday School organist at the age of 13 and the church organist for many years. She still plays at Ladies Aid meetings. Mr. Fockler is an honorary member of the Board of Elders and was Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years. He has two brothers, Rev. C. E. Fockler in Markham and Hilliard of Toronto.

Among the many messages of congratulations was included telegrams from Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Lester Pearson, Hon. John Diefenbaker and Mr. John Addison, M.P., York North.

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"Don't Burden Rural Areas Of Pickering Township With Urban Education Costs" — Councillor Spang

Councillor Harvey Spang gave notice at the year-end meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night that although he sympathized with the school cost burden presently shouldered by urban residents in the municipality, it would be foolish to expect the rural ratepayers to share this expenditure.



Councillor Harvey Spang

Mr. Spang replied to a charge by John Williams of Bay Ridge that both he and councillor Milton Mowbray "had closed their eyes" to taxation problems in the south that, for the most part, had been due to education costs. "The situation is 'fantastic,'" said Mr. Williams, "many persons will soon be taxed out of their homes."

"I don't want the people in the south to think that we're not interested, but we shouldn't move too fast," said councillor Spang. He suggested that the

small schools in the rural communities were serving the children's needs. "If the taxes in the north are to be effected by the education costs of the south, we might just as well all throw up our hands and quit," he said.

Mr. Williams suggested that rural Pickering would not be happy if the urban area withdrew from the municipality and merged with Metro Toronto. "You must share all our problems or none of them," he said.

Reeve Sherman Scott contended that in due time, South Pickering, Pickering Village, Ajax and perhaps the entire Township would become part of Metro. "It's inevitable," he said, "it's only a question of time."

Too Different
Councillor Mowbray said that at the present time, he would be opposed to the inclusion of the entire township within the Metro boundaries. "It might be feasible in the near future for the south-west portion of Pickering to become part of Metro because their problems are similar," he said. He noted that north of conc. 2 or conc. 3, the problems were much different. "It would not be advantageous to anyone outside of Public School Area No. 2 to be unified with Metro," said Mr. Mowbray.

Councillor Hubert Wank said he was disappointed that no report for the Goldenberg Commission had been prepared by the 1962-63 Council. The deadline is Jan. 30, 1964.

Reeve Scott said that many issues in addition to educational matters would have to be included in the brief. He suggested that its contents should be outlined by the new council when it takes office.

Drag Strip Approval Fails To Pass Council

The long-debated "drag strip" issue in Markham Township Council did not quite reach finality in 1963. It was stalled on Friday morning in the final reading of the Bylaw Amendment and will be passed over to the 1964 council. Councillor Rumble moved for the bylaw's third reading to be held up, and in this motion he was supported by Councillor Hoover. With only a four-man council the matter was at an impasse, and Reeve Hooper stated that the third reading would not be taken this year.

At the beginning of the discussion in the year's final meeting, Councillor Hoover stated he was opposed to the motion calling for the revision of the bylaw and would now oppose the bylaw amendment itself.

Clerk Harry Crisp advised council that Solicitor J. D. Lucas had expressed the opinion that the bylaw might be subject to attack as it singled out a particular parcel of land on which drag strip races could be held. "Any bylaw can be subject to attack," declared Reeve Hooper, "if the solicitor is giving an opinion for direction to council he should have supplied us with a letter stating his opinion in writing."

Councillor Rumble said that in view of the doubts expressed as to the legality, the matter should have more consideration.

PUC Workers Get Pay Raise

Two members of the Stouffville Public Utilities staff were given pay boosts at a closed meeting of the Commission held a couple of weeks ago. The members agreed at that time that lineman Gordon Brown should receive an additional \$300 and lineman Chas. Lintner \$200 for weekend work which they might be called on to do.

At the final meeting of the Commission last week, Secretary Elmer Daniels advised the members that they must put such a move in writing in order to give it proper authorization. There was no secretary at the special meeting. Chairman Ed Neville had opposed the pay change when it was originally suggested, but went along with the approval in the final adoption of the motion.

New Year's Day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alsop and family included Mr. Alsop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alsop and his three sisters, Mr. and Mrs. John Macko and family of Scarborough; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rines and family and Mr. and Mrs. Karlo Mustonen, all of Toronto. Miss Donna Hisey was also a visitor for the holiday.

"Staff Too Small To Undertake Shovelling 'PHC walks'" — Parsons

Only two men steal works department, in they go?" declared Parsons when the keeping walks shovelling for discussion at Municipal Council. going to discriminate patches on Main of in the residential said. Councillor Parsons believed some financially to keep clean.

Reeve reminded the there was a bylaw now-shovelling. "We her clean all the bad save them all alone— make any differ- other its residential or said the deputy- also said he knew of ple who could clean wouldn't.

Parsons said he from a fellow who his office about keep- shovelled. And I ter he doesn't even

live in town," he said. The Deputy-reeve said not to worry about the shortage of man-power on the works staff. "We can soon get more men," he said.

Reeve Timbers said that the matter should be reviewed at the beginning of the year.

DEATH

HARDY, Percy C. — Entered into rest at Ajax and Pickering General Hospital, on Saturday, Dec. 28, 1963. Percy C. Hardy, beloved husband of Ivy Pearson of RR 1, Claremont; dear father of Clifford of Oshawa, Gordon of Claremont and Keith of Claremont, and dear brother of Walter of Claremont, Edgar of Whitby, Elwood of Toronto, and Edith (Mrs. Clifford Barrett) of Pickering. Funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 2 p.m. Interment Claremont Union Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wedseloff, Eric and Tommy spent the holiday week at a ski resort in the Laurentians.

Horace "Pete" Walsh Was Town Electrician

On Sunday, Dec. 29th, Horace "Pete" Walsh, an electrician by trade and a one-time town employee, passed away in the Stouffville Nursing Home in his 76th year.

The deceased had resided in Stouffville for the past 25 years and was a familiar figure on the street even after he suffered a stroke some time ago that left him partially paralyzed. He was identified with the Stouffville United Church.

Mr. Walsh was born in Uxbridge, the son of the late Wm. Walsh and Mary Whitney. In 1913 he was married to the former Hazel Forsyth who predeceased him in January, 1960.

Surviving are four daughters, Corinne (Mrs. Robt. Gowe) of Toronto; Audrey (Mrs. Donald MacGregor) of Los Angeles, Calif.; Rae (Mrs. Bert Nott) of Islington; Betty (Mrs. Grant Turner) of Stouffville; and one son, Ronald of Lancaster, Ont. A brother, Clifford Walsh and a sister Mrs. Roy Malyon live in Toronto. There are 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Rev. Douglas Davis conducted the funeral service from the O'Neill Chapel in Stouffville on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 31st at 2:30 p.m. with interment in the Uxbridge Cemetery. The pall bearers were Morley Feasby, Charles Lintner, Lloyd Feasby, Bert Nott, Bob Gowe and Grant Turner.

MRS. FRANK WAGG FUNERAL FRIDAY

On Wednesday, Jan. 1st, Mrs. Frank Wagg, Edward St. Stouffville, passed away suddenly in the Brierbush Hospital. She was 81.

It was only on Sunday, Dec. 15th that Mr. and Mrs. Wagg had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The late Mrs. Wagg, the former Alice Lamb, was born in Reach Twp., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lamb. Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Murray Dinkeld (Elsie) and Mrs. Fred Draper (Verna) of Atha and four sons, Lorne of Udonia; Roy in Toronto; Arthur of Mt. Albert and Elgin of Stouffville.

The funeral service will be conducted from the L. F. O'Neill Chapel, Stouffville on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. with interment in the Stouffville Cemetery.

Make Presentation To Reeve Sherman Scott

Nine years of continuous service in the council of the Twp. of Pickering came to an end on Monday evening when Reeve Sherman Scott attended his final meeting. In a brief but impressive ceremony in the Brougham Chambers, deputy-reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson, on behalf of the council, presented Mr. Scott with a black leather briefcase. Councillor Milton Mowbray spoke on behalf of the members.

"All of us are a good deal better for having known him," he said, "and the township is a good deal better for having benefited from his service." Mr. Scott rose to the position of Warden of Ontario County in 1963.

Reeve Scott in reply, thanked the council for the "generous gift." "I have enjoyed working with the Council of 1962-63 and I can honestly say it has been the best Council group I have ever been associated with," he said. He predicted that Pickering, due to its geographic location could not forever remain a rural municipality.

In referring to local government, Mr. Scott suggested that it was due for drastic changes. "We are operating on the basis of the Baldwin Act of 1849 which may be sound but should be revised to meet 20th century requirements."

Later in the evening, members of Council, the Clerk and the press were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Mowbray at their country home near Kin-sale.

Narrow Cashel Bridge Involved In Car Crash

There was a time, not so many years ago, when Byer's bridge on No. 48 Hwy. north of Markham Village was the scene of several serious accidents. With the opening of the new road, the structure was replaced.

The current trouble-spot for motorists is now located north of Cashel on conc. 6, Markham where periodically, cars ram into the siderails or bounce off the abutment. Scars as the re-

COUNCILLOR SAYS RESIDENTS SHOULD HELP WITH RINKS

In the opinion of Councillor Wm. Parsons, Stouffville residents should turn a hand to assisting the town in providing outdoor skating rinks where needed. Mr. Parsons voiced his opinion during a discussion on outdoor rinks at the final meeting of council. One such rink has been operating successfully on West Lawn Cres. for a couple of years, and another is in process of building on Stouffer St. at the east end of town.

Deputy-reeve Laushway believed that the town works department staff "which is not as heavily occupied in the winter could do most of the work. Reeve Timbers said that some citizens were already helping with the west end rink and he knew where aid could be called on in case of a heavy snowfall.

Councillor Parsons said that he thought if the town workers started the rink this should be sufficient, and the citizens should carry it on from there. It was pointed out that arrangements have been made both for water and lighting.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Dickey and family, Joanne and Lorne of Scarborough were New Year's Day visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Alken and family, Glad Park Ave. Mrs. Alken and Mrs. Dickey are sisters.

To Re-Open Victoria Square School Jan. 6 For Primary Class

The one-room public school at Victoria Square (S.S. No. 6) Markham Township will be re-opened on Monday, Jan. 6th. The decision was announced this week by the Chairman of School Area No. 3, Arnold Mortson.

Children in a special age group whose 6th birthday is marked between Jan. 1st and July 1st, 1964 will be permitted to attend. Ordinarily, they would not be allowed to enter school until next September.

The Area Board conducted a survey last month to determine the number of pre-school children in the district and their ages. Working on the level system, the trustees believe that children starting in this new grade could have their elementary

education span, reduced by one year.

Mrs. Ethel Boyd, an experienced primary teacher and a resident in the Victoria Square community, has been acquired to take charge of the class. The pupils will travel by regular school bus but special arrangements may be made to return them to their homes.

If the new program proves successful, the school will close down at the end of June and re-open again in January, 1965.

Parents residing in Township School Area No. 3, including Gormley, Headford, Buttonville and Victoria Square who have children in the prescribed age group, should receive special notice from the Board if their names are listed. Otherwise, they should make enquiry from any of the trustee members.

No Raise In Commission Pay

There was no pay increase adopted for the Public Utility Commissioners at the final meeting of the Commission last week. Chairman Ed Neville said he noted in the press that Reeve Timbers was suggesting an increase for members of council in 1964. Reeve Timbers said that he did not intend to make this suggestion. Chairman Neville said that he thought the Commissioners annual remuneration should be upped from \$300.

Reeve Timbers said he could not go along with any such change since members of council received the same amount and had over twice as many meetings.

Commissioner Atkinson advised the meeting that he would like to see the regular monthly meetings of the Commission changed from Wednesday night to Monday night. However it was agreed that it was a matter which should wait for the first meeting of the 1964 commission.

Reeve Timbers and Mrs. Timbers entertained members of Stouffville Council to dinner at the Yangste Pagoda, Richmond Hill, this week.

19 Stitches



Bill Johnston, fast-skating winger with the now defunct Uxbridge "Black Hawks" and a resident on Hawkridge Ave. in Markham Village, has now completely recovered from an injury on Dec. 9th that required 19 stitches. He was cut over the right eye in a scheduled intermediate "A" game against Midland on Uxbridge ice. He was confined to the Uxbridge Hospital for a time and missed a week's work at McLean-Hunter Publishing Co. due to a head concussion.

Carl Reesor Residence Scene Of Largest Christmas Gathering; 37 At Crowder Home

The Stouffville district home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Reesor, conc. 5, Markham was the scene of the largest Christmas holiday gathering of family relatives in this community during the vacation period. A total of 47 adults and children, many from distant points in Ontario and the United States, sat down to an extended table in the recreation room of the Reesor farm residence on Friday, Dec. 27th. Two turkeys, each weighing 23½ pounds were prepared complete with all the trimmings.

Only one son in the family of ten could not be present. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reesor and five children reside at Joliette, Quebec and did not attend.

Sons present included Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Reesor, Arthur, Joyce, Norma and Anne; Mr. and Mrs. John Reesor, Arlene, Judith, Jay and Susan; Mr. and Mrs. Elm Reesor, Joanna, James, Eugene, Edward and Richard and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reesor and Bonnie. Five daughters were present including Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wenger of Wakarusa, Indiana; and children, Phyllis, Herbert, David, Nancy, Andrew, Douglas and Patricia; Mr. and Mrs. Abner Brubaker of Elora and family, Pauline, Janet, Linda and Lori; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Byer and Carolyn of Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Witmer, Elvin and Rita of Salem, Ohio and Miss Catherine Reesor of Kitchener.

At Crowder Home
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Russell of Stouffville held their Christmas family gathering at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Earl Crowder, Baker Ave. Thirty-seven sat down to dinner.

Those present were Miss Evelyn Russell of Toronto; Mrs. Norma Haynes and Debbie of Stouffville; Mrs. Joan Raymer and Julie of Scarborough; Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hone and children of Stouffville; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Russell of Newmarket, their daughter, Faye of London and son, Bryan of North Surrey British Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Russell, Dianne, Irene and Allan of Port Credit; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Maye and

children of Goodwood; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Russell and family of Scarborough and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crowder and family who opened their residence for the Christmas family re-union.

All families were represented including the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren with one exception. One grandson, Mr. Donald Haynes, his wife and daughters could not attend.

Other large family gatherings at Christmas reported to The Tribune included 30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pascoe of Greenwood and 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Cooper and Dr. N.P. Tomlinson of Claremont.