

Late Albert Boake

A keen poultry fancier

Several hundred friends and relatives attended O'Neil's Funeral Home to honor the memory of Albert Boake, one of the community's best loved and most highly respected individuals.

Mr. Boake was born in 1909 on his grandfather's farm at Shrubmount, and resided in Whitchurch-Stouffville all his life. In 1934, he married Margaret McMullen. They lived in Stouffville until 1944, then moved to a farm at Pine Orchard.

He was well known for his registered herd of Guernsey cattle and on one occasion entered a prize bull at the Royal Winter Fair. His enthusiasm for community life led him to serve as a school board trustee for several years. He also managed hockey

and ball teams in the area.

The Boake family later moved from the farm to a bungalow at Cedar Valley. In 1958, Mr. Boake started working for the Township of Whitchurch, where he remained until his retirement in 1976. A keen poultry fancier, his retirement gave him the opportunity to pursue his interest full time.

He held many distinguished positions, including president of Richmond Hill Fair, the Markham Poultry Association and the Ontario Poultry Federation. He was also a director for the Royal Winter Fair's Poultry Association, gaining a reputation as a poultry expert across Canada.

Mr. Boake started many of the top breeders in Canada and the United States with his stock that

he raised in his own poultry buildings. When illness forced him to give up the work, son Ted took over and has continued to follow in his father's footsteps.

Mr. Boake was actively involved until about six months ago and attended the Royal Winter Fair board meeting last fall, despite failing health. A determined and strong individual, he fought cancer to the end and remained at home throughout his illness.

Mr. Boake leaves his wife Margaret of Cedar Valley, a sister Miriam Shropshire and husband Lorne of Pine Orchard; daughter Pat Byer and husband Glen of Stouffville; son Ted and wife Margaret of Gormley; eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Pupils proud to be Canadians

On Wednesday, (tonight), more than 150 children, (Grades 4-6), will strut their stuff on stage at Orchard Park School.

Theme of the concert is "This Land Is Your Land", with each class representing a Canadian province coast-to-coast.

Show time is 7 to 8 p.m.

Selections by a junior choir will conclude the

program.

The children have been working on this since January," staff co-ordinator Stephanie Sebben told The Tribune. All teachers in the school's junior rooms have been very helpful, she said.

The concert will include songs, skits and dances.



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