

Hay crop of 1889 decreased by rainfall

Here are some items of interest culled up from issues of *The Tribune* of years gone by 100 years ago.

July 12, 1889: With regard to the crop situation in Ontario there are favorable as well as unfavorable features. Hay, from all accounts, is not going to equal the crop of last year. It was nipped in many parts of the country by late frosts, and the heavy rains were not beneficial.

The wheat crop is said to be looking well in many parts, but reports are somewhat conflicting. In the Niagara district the crop is assured; the yield large and an early harvest predicted.

In the west and north-west counties the reports are satisfac-



BYGONE DAYS

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tory except on the low and heavy lands where water is still lying. It is the general opinion of those capable of judging that the harvest has undoubtedly been delayed a couple of weeks by the unfavorable weather lately, but there is still a possibility of a large wheat crop.

Present indications are that the

yield will be above an average one and much in excess of the past two years. Late accounts of peas are not very favorable, while the crop of barley is likely to be smaller than last season.

50 years ago

July 13, 1939: Descendants of the Timbers family who came from England half a century ago held their 12th annual reunion in Elmwood Park, Markham, last week. The first members of the family, John and Mary Timbers, came from Norfolk, England, and settled in Scarboro township. Most of them have continued to farm and developed such keen interest in plowing that they have consistently won awards at plowing matches.

Mrs. Eli Wilson, 76, Stouffville, the oldest relative at the gathering, recalled her passage across the Atlantic as a young woman when the ship was delayed a day and a half by icebergs.

Her family drove from Toronto to Scarboro Junction in a democrat through mud up to its hubs. Miss Lillian Timbers, a missionary on furlough from Mexico, came the greatest distance to the reunion.

25 years ago

July 16, 1964: Three youths, two brothers and a cousin, were killed on Sunday afternoon when their 1964 model Ford convertible veered off a sideroad south of Altona in Pickering Twp. and rolled over in a small creek. Pro-

nounced dead when freed from the wreckage was the driver, Robt. Taylor, 17, his brother Terry, 15, and Paul Griffith, 16, all of Whitchy. It is believed that all three drowned in about six inches of water.

The lone survivor of the accident was John James Barrd, 20, of Toronto, a cousin of the victims. He was able to smash a side window in the auto and escape. He tried desperately to free his companions but a portion of the vehicle was resting on their bodies. He then ran up the road to summon assistance from a nearby resident, Leslie Edmunds.

10 years ago

July 12, 1979: STOUFFVILLE — For the second week running, a

young girl has been assaulted while bicycling on a country road near Stouffville.

On June 27 a victim was riding on Connor Drive at Musselman's Lake when she was approached by two men in a car, pulled from her bike, and attacked.

Last week on July 4 at about 7:15 p.m., another girl on a bicycle was stopped by three men on Seventeenth Avenue, between the ninth and tenth concessions.

Two of the men held her while the third made suggestions. When she would not comply, she was struck in the face.

When the three men were scared off by an approaching vehicle, she was able to escape. Police are investigating.

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