

Letters

Tribune article leads to clues about family's past

Dear Editor,
This letter refers to Bruce Stapley's column *From Where I Live* in the *Weekender* Jan. 21 concerning an obituary on Stouffville "pioneer" Joseph McMullen found in a section of the *Toronto Daily Star* dated June 2, 1943.

An article also appeared in the *Stouffville Tribune* for May 29, 1943. "Lived 90 years on the Tenth St. Jos. McMullen Laid to Rest" It was stated that Joseph was born and raised and had live more than 91 years within a few roads of where he began his long life. Also three weeks before, then a great-grandson Neal McMullen (son of Joe and Eurla McMullen) was born, the fact was recorded that both the eldest and youngest resident of Stouffville was a

McMullen.
My mother, Luella (McMullen) Fuller is Joseph's granddaughter and she represents the fifth of eight generations living in the community.

My parents purchased the garden mentioned in the article and built their second home (12226 Tenth Concession). Their first home was built on an acre from the orig-

inal McMullen homestead (12022 Tenth Concession). Joseph Sr. and Martha (Holden) McMullen and son William (the above Joseph's father) came from Ireland

before 1829. They owned and farmed a Lot 34 Con 9 South, Markham Twp (11986 Tenth Concession). A daughter Mary Lou was born there. She later

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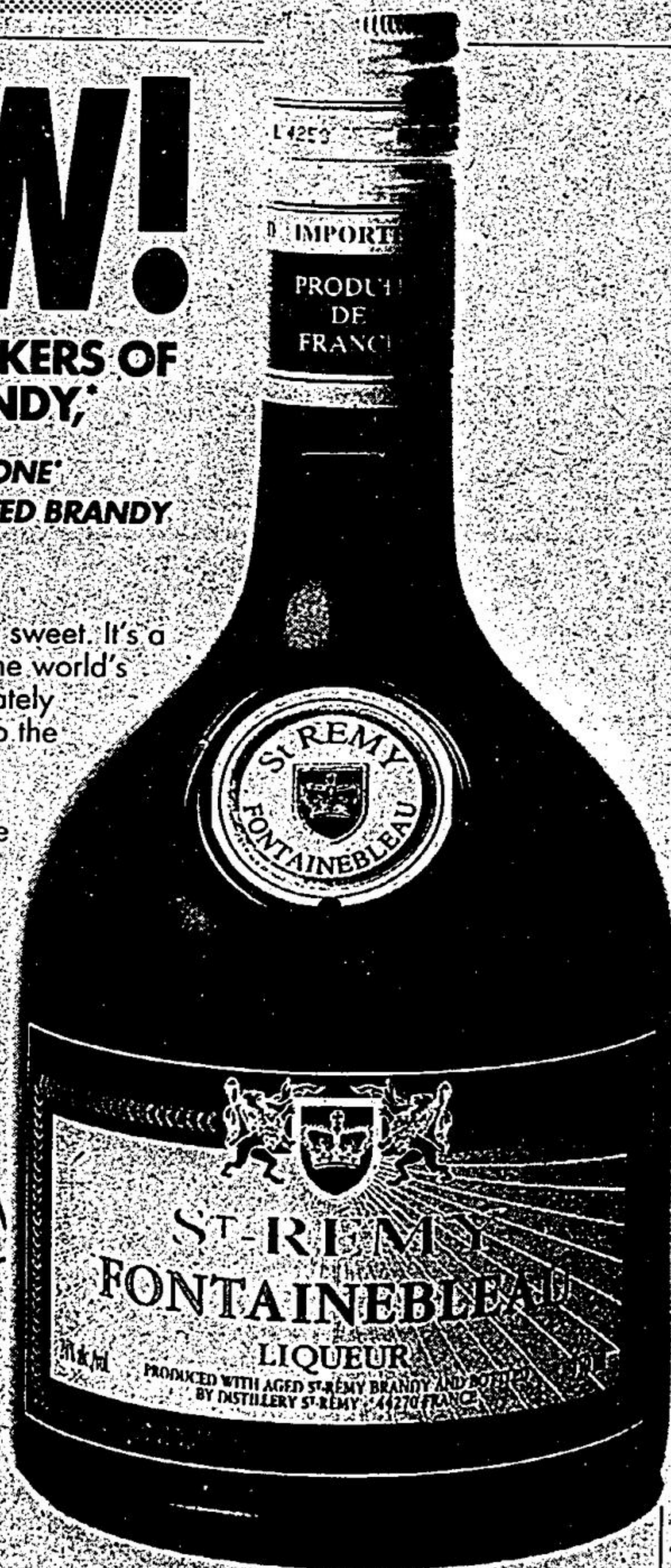
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