

## Richardson Masonic Lodge Honored For First Time

Richardson Masonic Lodge has been honored with the appointment of a District Deputy from its ranks for the first time in the ninety-one years of its existence. A. E. Weldon, a past master, received the election as district-deputy of District 'B', on the first ballot, taken at the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario held in Toronto last week. Mr. Weldon will have as his secretary, Edw. Logan, another past master of Richardson Lodge. There are twenty-nine lodges in this district.

## Fish Company Buys Ratcliff Farm

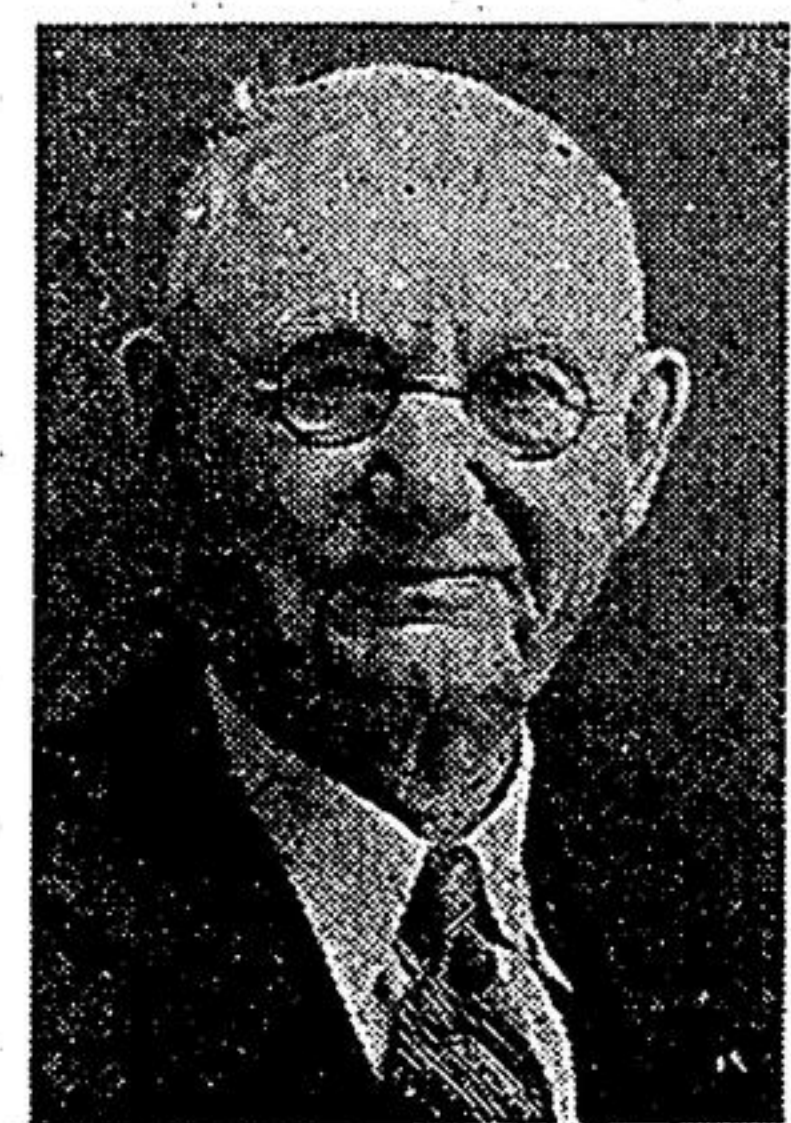
The sale has now been completed of the Gordon Ratcliff farm on the 8th con. of Whitchurch, adjacent to the Stouffville water supply system. The sale includes one hundred acres and substantial buildings, and the purchaser is the Royal Fish Company, represented by H. Katz of Toronto. This familiar Baker Hill property was bought by the late William Ratcliff in 1918, and for some years has had a fine trout pond just to the rear of the large red brick dwelling. The Royal Fish Company are fish brokers, believed to be the only concern of its kind in the Dominion. Their business is the storing and selling of live fish. These are transported in large oxygen-supplied and ice-cooled tank trucks, and it is planned to establish a number of storage ponds on the Ratcliff farm. The price paid for the property has been rumoured as more than \$25,000, but is unconfirmed. Mr. Ratcliff has no immediate plans and will occupy the house for the present, although immediate possession has been given for the pond and streams. The sale was transacted by Geo. Allison, Stouffville, local real estate broker.

## Former Pastor Completes Forty-Six Years in Ministry

Rev. S. S. Shantz, former pastor in the United Missionary Church, Stouffville, and at Mt. Joy and Dickson's Hill, has completed forty-six years in the ministry, and has just taken over a new charge at Hanover, replacing Rev. W. G. Purdy. Rev. Mr. Shantz is the father of three children. A son Howard is in the ministry at Petrolia, a daughter is the wife of Rev. Roy Goodrich, and Roy, the youngest, is on the staff of a Niagara Falls public school. A former missionary to Africa, Rev. Shantz had two children born there. He spent two terms in Africa, completing the final one more than 20 years ago.

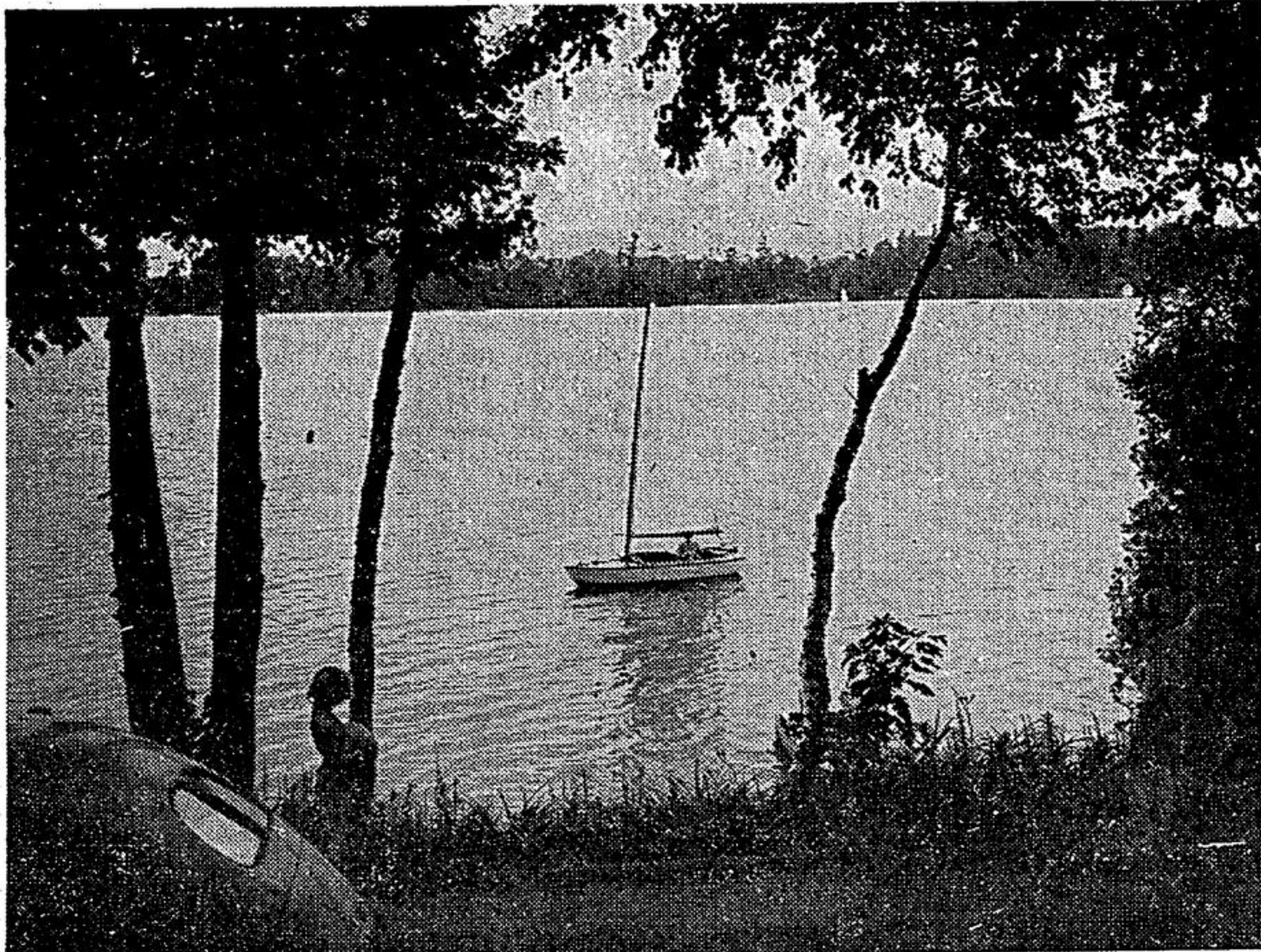
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson and family who are on a motor trip to the west coast, have enjoyed perfect summer weather on their trip so far, they report to the Tribune. The family up until last weekend had covered a distance of 4,500 miles, and were travelling by boat from Vancouver to Nanaimo. From Nanaimo they will go to Seattle, and begin the homeward trip through the U.S.A.

96 YEARS OLD



Mr. Geo. Tran, well-known resident of con. 8, Pickering Twp., will mark his 96th birthday this Saturday, July 28th. This veteran farmer is a great great grandfather, and enjoys comparatively good health.

## MUSSELMAN'S LAKE IS PICTURESQUE BODY OF WATER



In 1895, the following remarks were written in the Illustrated Free Press of Stouffville: "It is fashionable to go to Stouffville-on-the-Lake. But a few miles north from the town lies that lovely little sheet of water, a natural spring, known as Musselman's Lake. Everybody picnics at the lake and yet its beauty is not appreciated as it should be. Where can one find a prettier spot? Here and there, the shores are banked with thrifty evergreens. Rising nowhere and emptying nowhere, this picturesque body of water has a little world of its own, and its singular beauty tells eloquently enough of the never-failing spring which feeds it. A few neat skiffs and a small yacht are needed to make Musselman's Lake the most delightful of summer resorts. The picnic grounds are convenient and pleasant, and with little expense could be made worthy of the "quarter-mile of ripples" to which they are related." The above photo was taken for The Tribune by Ted Cadieux, local photographer, nearly sixty years following the publishing of this short excerpt on the lake, yet it truly exemplifies the words.

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## Summer School Has Record Attendance

A record average attendance of one hundred and thirty-two children has been enjoyed at the summer Bible school now being conducted at the United Missionary Church, Gormley. While it is not known if this attendance figure constitutes a record, it is considerably larger than anticipated, Rev. L. K. Sider told The Tribune on Monday. This is the first such school held in the church since 1948, and it will continue for the balance of this week. Sessions are held each morning from 9 until 11 o'clock, with five classes for children from two years upward. Rev. Sider, pastor, is head of the school with the following five teachers, Miss Edith Raymer, senior; Mrs. Allan Doner, junior; Miss Isobel Stewart, primary; Mrs. Howard Baker, beginners; Mrs. M. Baker, nursery. A number of assistants are also employed, and Miss Vera Doust has been acting as pianist. This Friday evening at 8 p.m. the closing exercises of the school, expected to draw a capacity congregation, will be held in the church auditorium. The children will give a demonstration of their work, Bible memorization and songs, at that time.

## Born in Claremont, John Newton Storry Passes in 77th Year

On Friday, July 20, John Newton Storry passed away at St. Michael's Hospital after a heart attack. Born in Claremont in the year 1875 the late Mr. Storry operated a mill at Washago, Ont., for some forty-two years before coming to Uxbridge where he has lived retired for the last four years. The deceased became ill three weeks ago and passed away after a stay in the hospital of two weeks. He was identified with Uxbridge United Church. The deceased leaves to mourn his passing besides his wife Elizabeth, two stepsons, Jack and Charlie Wilson and one step-daughter Greta. There is also one surviving brother Levi who resides at Chalk Lake, Ont. Funeral service was held at the funeral parlors of McGuire and Low, Uxbridge, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. L. Atkinson. Interment was made in Goodwood Cemetery.

A 96-acre farm on the 9th con. of Pickering belonging to Lester McKay, has been sold to Mr. Newport of Kinsale, and the price received was \$9,000. H. W. Moyer of Stouffville, local Willoughby real estate agent, negotiated this transaction.

## St. Williams Catholic Church Marks 25th Anniversary

A real contribution to the summer colony at Musselman's Lake is the little white church high on the hill overlooking Windsor Lake. It was back in 1928 that Mass was first celebrated at the Lake. Headed by Mr. William and the late Herbert Regan, those few Catholics summering there in that year with Reverend Father Wedlock and Reverend Dr. Keogh held mass in a small tent erected for the purpose. With apparent prophetic foresight this first pastor foresaw a "rustic chapel nestled on the hillside overlooking the lake." By progressive stages this vision has come true. For some years the tent sufficed until the number of attendants overflowed its confines and Mass was then held in the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Martin. With true Catholic zeal these good people were only too glad to have their home so honoured although each Sunday morning meant that the front room had to be cleared of furniture to make room for the rapidly increasing attendance. After three such seasons the crowd had grown to such proportions as to tax even this accommodation. Mr. Fred Coultice then offered the pavilion and his kind offer was gladly accepted. For two seasons, Mass continued to be said there. In the spring of 1934 work was begun on the new building and the construction was completed in time to receive the visitors that same summer. Each Sunday throughout the summer months the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has continued to be said in this way-side chapel and visiting clerics enjoy their vacation at the lake because of the presence of this little church. The altar, pews, railings and many other appointments in the church bear mute testimony to the handiwork and devotion of Mr. Colin Grant who had been responsible for getting the project started. In August 1934, the new building was completed and the fondest dreams of the faithful supporters had come true. And so from this humble beginning has come this imposing little edifice devoted to the glory of God and to the love of mankind. Over 350 cottagers assemble to worship their Creator each Sunday morning at 9 and 10 o'clock during the summer months. The present pastor is Father Carvill of Toronto.

Stouffville Cleaners will be closed next week from July 30 to Aug. 4 for alterations.

## Markham Township Plans to Extend Daily Working Hours For Their Road Machinery

Out of a discussion concerning the possible purchase of a new road maintainer to replace Markham Township's third machine damaged in the recent fire at Unionville, it was agreed that for the present, more hours of work should be sought from the existing two machines.

Since the budget has been brought down, and taxes set for this year, it was not deemed feasible to step into such a large expenditure at this time. The cost of a new maintainer with snow plow attachment is estimated at \$24,000.

At the regular meeting of council on Monday evening, the annual bylaw was passed appointing Mr. Archie Fleming assessor for the municipality at a salary of \$2,800, with mileage to be paid at 8c. Council granted approval to a request from A. McBride, lot 135, plan 2440, Lee Avenue, for the sale of two one-acre parcels of land.

Some thought was also given to the advisability of engaging an assistant for Clerk Chas. Hoover, or to divide the position of clerk and treasurer. The move has been suggested by the township auditors, and has been in the minds of some of the councillors for some time. The rapid development of the municipality, and heavy influx of urban population, has increased the work of the municipal officer and his staff many times.

## No Fish Story

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Cliff Lloyd, son of Mr. Bert Lloyd who resides at Rest Nook Beach, Musselman's Lake, and Mr. Carl Bevens, son of Mr. H. A. Bevens on the same road, hauled into their boat four large pike weighing some 25 pounds. A few days ago Mr. H. A. Bevens was out patrolling the lake when his line snagged onto a large 10 pound pike which he quickly reeled out of the water. A couple of years ago the government replenished the water with fish to provide sport for the summer residents and to diminish some of the carp which infested the waters. Now two years later time has produced large, tasty, ten pounders out of the small fish that were released into the lake. We ask you, is there any reason why you sportsmen should travel hundreds of miles north to fish when such large beauties can be caught at Musselman's Lake. Of course, according to the men, in order to make a catch that can compare with the haul of Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Bevens you must have the fishing knowhow and we must admit that not every man who rides the rippling surface can show the proof of their catch as these men have done.

Eating several hot dogs a short time before mealtime doesn't spoil the growing boy's appetite—it merely whets it.

## Represents Canada At "World Series" Plowing Match

Bob Timbers, well-known local member of this renowned family of plowmen, will represent the Dominion of Canada at the North American championship plowing match to be held this August at Bethany, Miss.

Bob was selected by the Ontario Plowmen's Association, and is the second member of the family to be so honored. Eleven years ago, Fred Timbers, deputy-reeve of Whitchurch Township, was the Canadian representative, and won the coveted North American championship.

The match will last three days, with our local son competing on Aug. 16th.

Robert is 24, and one of the youngest champions in the history of Canadian plowing events. He is married and has two children.

He first made headlines on the Canadian plowing scene in 1948 when he was crowned king of the plowmen at the International Match. That year he won a free trip to the British Isles. He has walked off with honors at virtually every match entered since 1948.

It is estimated that 50,000 farmers and urbanites will attend the big match in Missouri. In addition to the plowing there will be a national soil conservation field day program, tractor rodeo, and expert nimrods will be on hand to demonstrate how a well managed farm pond can produce the king of small mouth bass fishermen dream about.

The Americans regard their two-day affair as an "annual world series" for plowing matches.

## BORN AT EAST END 79 YEARS AGO

Mr. Henry McMullen passed his 79th milestone this week, and is possibly one of our oldest residents in point of years spent in Stouffville. Mr. McMullen was born on a farm quite near the east end and has spent his entire lifetime here. The familiar name of McMullen has been connected with the town ever since its incorporation three-quarters of a century ago.

## Start New School At Wilcox Lake

Work on the new S.S. No. 13, Whitchurch Township school building, will begin immediately with awarding of the contract Friday to Dan Cook, Oak Ridges contractor. Cost of the four-room frame school will be close to \$40,000. The school, to be erected at Wilcox Lake, is to be ready by September. Already 177 pupils are registered.

## New United Missionary Church To be Erected at Dickson's Hill

Plans have now been completed for the erection of a new Memorial Church building to replace the eighty-seven year old structure now in use. Bud Spang, contractor, has been given the contract for the work, and anticipates having the new building completed by the new year.

The church will be erected just south of the present building on the church property on which a covered shed had stood up until a few years ago. The new edifice will be 32'x50', of brick construction, with a full basement and additional anti-room space at the entrance. Oil heating will also be installed.

Mr. Win Timbers, reeve of Markham Township, is heading the building committee, and told The Tribune that while a considerable amount of the funds required for the work are at present on hand, some campaigning may be done at a later date for additional revenue to complete the job. Once the new church is completed it is planned to demolish the existing building.

## Begin Work On New Beach

Work was begun this week on the new beach located back of the new Community Hall on the north shore at Cedar Beach. The beach which will be used only by the cottagers in the Association is expected to cost in the neighbourhood of \$1,000. Already a bulldozer owned by the Mount Construction Co. is busy smoothing out the ground in order to turn what is now a lot of grass and trees into a playground paradise for young and old alike. The beach is to have all the up to date equipment that might be found on a larger one in order to satisfy the wants of the many children living west of Davies' Pavilion. The Community Association expects to pay for the entire job through bingo, bazaars and raffles as they did for their new community hall which is the pride and joy of the entire centre.

## Ratepayers Assoc. Valuable To Lake Over Eighteen Yrs.

After eighteen years of existence the Musselman's Lake Ratepayers Association as an organized body is no more. The fast changing population at the lake-side has given way to smaller organizations. However, many of the 'old timers' speak with pride of the many accomplishments of the organization.

The history of the now defunct association dates back to 1920 when numerous little gatherings and picnics were held from time to time on the grounds of the late Mr. Appleton or in Ed. Baker's Cedar Glenn Park on the South Shore. From these modest gatherings which were attended by Mr. William Evans, Mr. Hallowell, Mr. McNelly and a great many others, some still active in the Lake district came the Musselman's Lake Ratepayers Association.

With an original membership of about 25 the association grew to a list of some 500 members. Prominent among these were A. Jarvis, Bert Lloyd, Bill Evans, A. Allcott,

M. Martin, E. Darlow, S. R. Proctor, J. H. Jay, J. Hallowell and A. G. Carter. The first secretary was A. Allcott who lost his cottage by fire in 1938. His duties were then taken up by Bert Lloyd and later by H. A. Evans. Mr. A. Jarvis was the first president to hold office. Commencing the second year of its existence the organization held a picnic annually. The affair always took the form of a monster get-together in Appleton Park on Civic Holiday when the cottagers and their friends enjoyed a full day of land and water sports. In February each year another big night was held in Toronto.

The association prompted many improvements around the Lake. Signs were placed in the danger spots on the winding roadway; the Lake was stocked with fish, weeds were cleaned up, cottages were numbered and a directory published. Truly, the association in its hay day was a going concern and it is regrettable that it has not been continued.