

Late Percy Wideman

Markham barber 43 years

MARKHAM - Service was held from Dixon Funeral Home Oct. 6, for Percy James Wideman, following his passing in Centenary Hospital, Scarborough. He was in his 80th year.

Mr. Wideman operated a barbershop in Markham for 43 years and was much respected in business and as a citizen in the community. He was an Elder of St. Andrew's United Church.

(Mrs. Everett Bright), Mr. Wideman is survived by daughters Dorothy (Mrs. Wilcock) and Marian (Mrs. Lorne Carter); five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Predeceased by his wife and sister Fern

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Percy Wideman, Markham barber, 43 years, passed away suddenly, Oct. 4, in Scarboro Centenary Hospital. —Jim Thomas.

Locust Hill store - a landmark

By Madeline Harrison
LOC. HILL - It has been called to our attention that a certain politician, hoping for re-election, has included in his campaign brochure a photograph and statement that we must preserve the General Stores as typified by that one which serves Locust Hill. Three cheers for Mr. D! Let's hope this is a campaign promise that will be carried out.

Locust Hill has been our community centre through wars, depressions, rationing and now the days of affluence. Its services to the community have been, and continue to be, all encompassing. In the days of the "horse and buggy" era it was a hardware store, harness shop, drug store, china shop and 'gossip centre'. Except for a few changes in the general merchandise, it still is.

The shelves are crammed with all manner of wares. From teapots to milking machine parts - Shredded Wheat to those long winter woolies - cigarettes to candies - and from bread to bolts. There is none of the sterile impersonality of the big chain self-serve store. In the General

Store there is personal caring, sharing and helping. There is no rush or hurry. None of the "here's your groceries, give me your money and get out!"

The local store is part of our heritage. It is a holdover from the trading posts of long gone years. It is as much a part of our community now as it was then and we still need it as much. Mr. and Mrs. Wade are an integral part of our community. Long may they reign!

The General Store has been our mainstay through many generations. As has been noted in this column previously, the building which now houses the General Store was first built as a hotel for the railway workers. It was then converted into a General Store and has served the area through several generations. The present owners have been a part of our community for over thirty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade came to Locust Hill from Rice Lake, near Cobourg, where Mr. Wade was born and raised. Mr. Wade purchased the store from Perc Wilson. Mr. Wilson moved from the grocery business into the lumber trade and had a coal and lumber yard just east of the railway tracks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade dispense the mail to all parts of this community - extending as far as Greenwood to the east and west to Markham's tenth concession. Charles Wade drives the truck, succeeding Ken Hastings. It is a big territory to cover but Charles does it efficiently. Those of us who reside in the hamlet of Locust Hill proper, maintain post-boxes in the store and mail time is "old home week" once a day. Friends and relatives gather to exchange the latest news.

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