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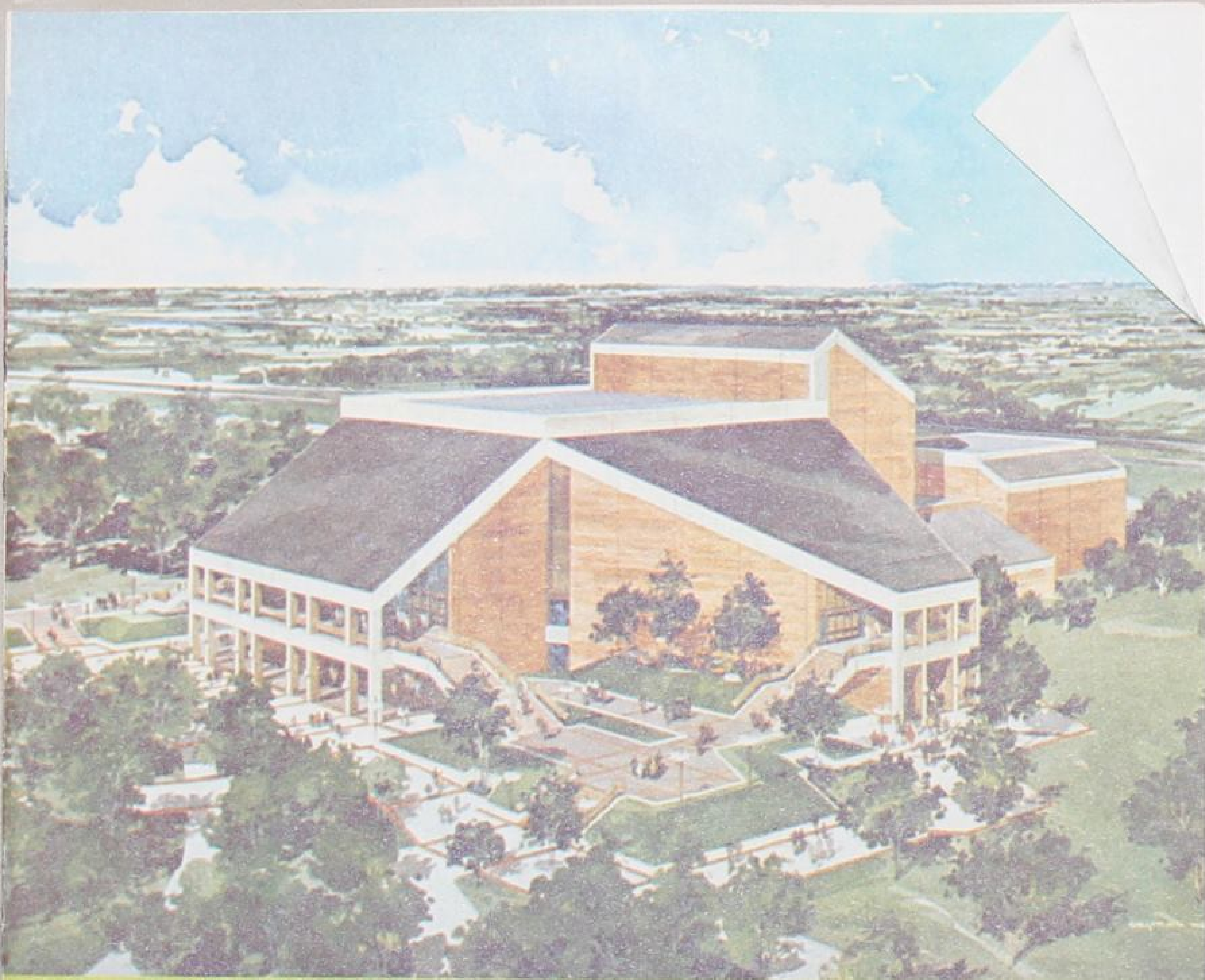
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Robert Butler *Jan/75*

Township of Norwich road system good

Robert Butler, recently named Superintendent of Public Works in the Township of Norwich, is basically pleased with the condition of the roads now in his care. He hesitates before making a definite statement, probably thinking of the still unsettled Norwich street situation, but says that roads in the township "are not poor...but there are changes needed... the situation is basically good."

He noted that the village street situation in Norwich is continually being improved, and predicts that "a year is going to make a lot of difference up there."

The restructuring of Oxford County amalgamated the townships of South Norwich, North Norwich and East Oxford, and the village of Norwich, into one municipality, the Township of Norwich. That, in turn, meant the amalgamation of the road departments in the four municipalities.

Mr. Butler is now in charge of all four, although each Ward also has a foreman. In addition to the top five men, there are 10 other road department employees.

The new works superintendent is faced with operations on a larger scale than he has dealt with. For example, his road subsidy in South Norwich in 1974 was \$45,200. This year, the Norwich subsidy is \$207,000.

That figure includes \$102,000 for construction, and \$105,000 for maintenance. Township treasurer Merlin Howse says that the money is a 30 per cent increase over the combined normal subsidy of the four municipalities last year, which totalled \$163,900. The increase is probably due, says the treasurer to the new

system, and is actually one form of "start-up" grant.

Mr. Butler says that in addition to the \$207,000 figure, the township will apply for some supplementary subsidy funding, to cover the construction of a new bridge in Ward 3, and a drain in Ward 1... "at least."

There is one normal start-up expense that Norwich township may avoid. Many municipalities commission a road needs study at fairly high cost. Norwich officials are not running in that direction.

Road super Butler says that there will be no such study "at the present time... We all have done one ourselves... It's up in the air whether we're going to do one or not." He added that most such studies rapidly become out of date, anyway.

Mr. Butler is not sure if new equipment will be required by the road departments. He says that there is a good chance that it will, but stresses that "I haven't presented it to the (township road) committee yet."

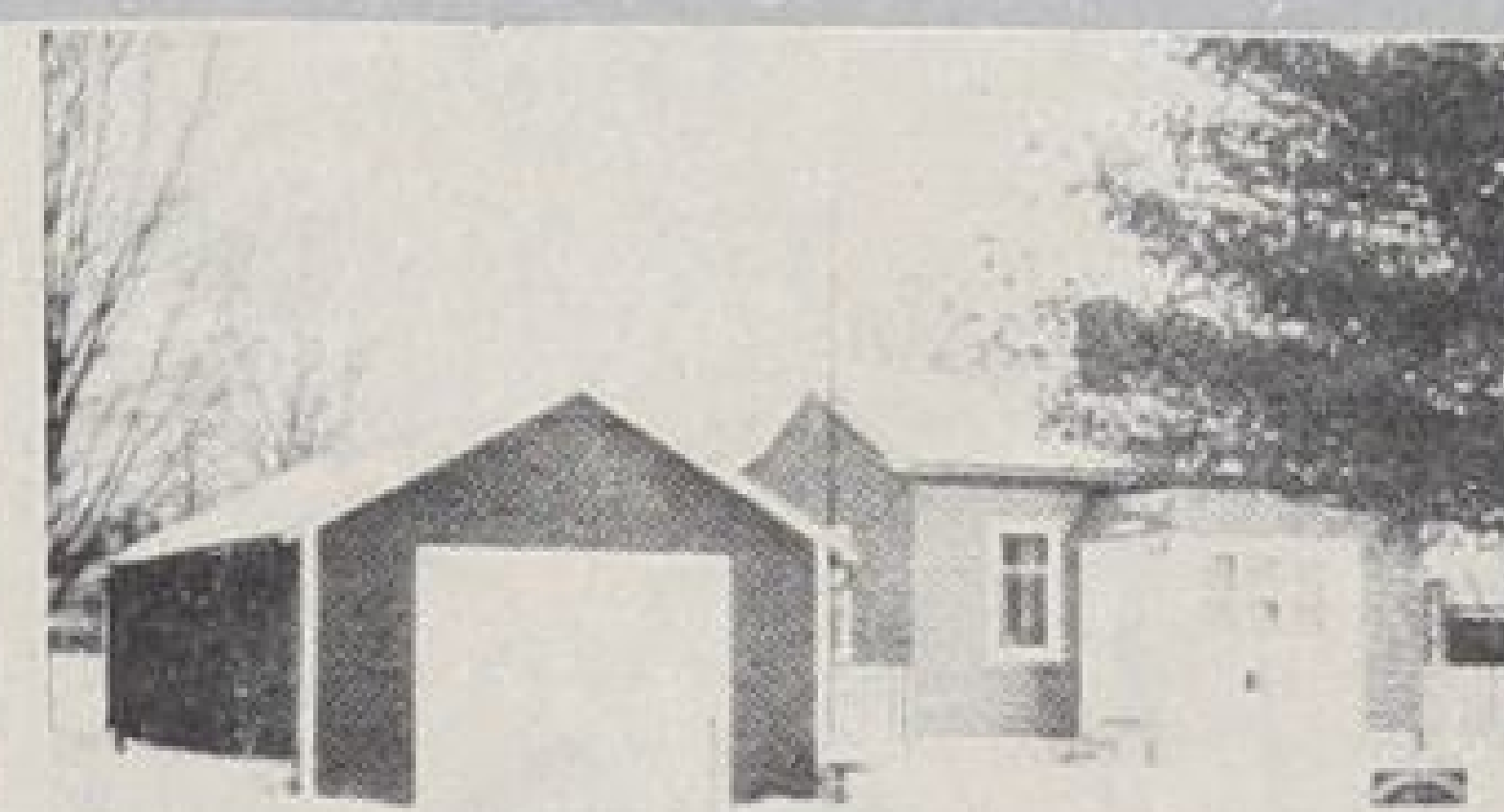
He says that most equipment will stay in the garages where it is currently housed... There is one such garage in each municipality... But adds that since the township can utilize more equipment as a whole, the operation should be more efficient.

He will not, however, say whether or not the amalgamation of departments will save the taxpayers money. "I don't think we've been at it long enough to know," he says. "It's a little early in the game to tell."

He says that the budget and recommendations from his department should be before the township's public works committee by the first of March.



Lorne Treffry, proprietor of the mill in Otterville, poses beside a water wheel, once used in the casket factory. The casket factory burned in 1918. (News-Record Photo) *Jan/75*



Lefford House - Jan/75

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All persons having claims against the Estate of WILLIAM ROBERT BUTLER, late of the Village of Otterville, in the Township of South Norwich, in the County of Oxford, Salesman, deceased, who died on or about the 19th day of October, 1974, at the Village of Otterville, in the Township of South Norwich, in the County of Oxford, are required to file particulars of same with the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of January, 1975, after which date the estate will be distributed without regard to unfiled claims.

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St. John's Guild officers elected

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Herring opened the meeting with prayer and conducted the election of officers which, for 1975, will be: honorary president, Mrs. Herring; past president, Mrs. Fred Howse; president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; vice-president, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; good cheer convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee; social convener, Mrs. Fred Howse; purchasing committee, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; sewing committee, Mrs. Fred Church, Miss Edna Furlong, and Mrs. Fred Howse. Auditors, Mrs. Emma Strudwich and Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Gratifying reports were heard throughout the meeting and members felt they had a successful year.

Rev. Herring addressed the meeting briefly, commending the members on their work and giving encouragement for the year ahead. Mrs. Nate McMullen spoke briefly, paying tribute to the president, Mrs. Pickersgill,

on the successful year and also to other conveners whose work was blended in for the work and upkeep of the church.

The nominating committee was Rev. H. Herring and Mrs. Derwood Spicer. Announcement was made of the next meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring and a social time was enjoyed among the members.

'ROUND THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Baguley, formerly of Otterville, have received a trip to Paris, France, from Tri Tel Associates, Conn Organ Company, of Willowdale. They will leave near the end of March.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Baguley and Mrs. and Mrs. J. Peat spent Christmas and New Years with their family, Dr. and Mrs. R.W. Baguley, of Beaconsfield, Quebec. *Jan/75*

Square Feet Of Space

Powell Has 95 Employees, 60,000

By Penny Stuart

OTTERVILLE — The switch-over to mechanical harvesting of tobacco by many Canadian growers has meant business for Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville. "If business continues to increase as much as in the last few years, we will have to expand," said Ted McElhone, vice-president and general manager of Powell.

"I've seen a great change since 1967," he added, "and I think you'll see much greater advancement in the next seven years."

In 1974, Powell purchased another building in Otterville. The addition brings their total floor space to 60,000 square feet. Some 95 employees are working at the company, making it one of the largest in the Township of Norwich.

The company produces equipment for total tobacco mechanization. Their policy is that bulk drying goes hand in hand with the automatic harvester. "We do not recommend buying a combine to harvest with stick kilns," he explained.

At the Otterville plant, one of the primary items manufactured are portable drying systems. One of the bulk kilns is assembled at the factory and hauled by truck to the farm and mounted on a cement slab. The other type is assembled at the farm.

A sister company in Bennettsville, South Carolina, produces the combines. These are shipped to Otterville where the finishing touches are added.

The company is now producing a two-row harvester for use in the 1975 harvest. In 1974, a two row harvester was tested on a farm of 110 acres. It was found, by the farmer, he could fill three kilns a day using the two-row harvester.

Mr. McElhone added that a one row combine was sufficient for 65-70 acres although he imagined many smaller farmers might be considering the two row harvester.

Combines themselves have improved over the years, said Mr. McElhone. "The mechanism for leaf removal has been improved." As well, the first combines were three wheel and now they have four.

The important point about the mechanical harvester, he continued, is that good cultural practices are followed. "Canadian farmers are good farmers and do follow good cultural practices," he added.

Since 1971, mechanization seems to have caught on in Ontario. Mr. McElhone suggested combines might be produced at the Otterville plant as demand warrants it.

Right now, he said, "We export four times as much equipment to our sister plant in Bennettsville as we import. We process and export to our sister plant approximately 40,000 pounds per week of one item that is used in the racks for bulk kilns."



John Kapin, Delhi, in the foreground, checks the one-row combine while Ted McElhone looks on. (News-Record Photo)

Church Guild meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste and was largely attended. The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and welcomed the members.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Miss Edna Furlong, who was also in charge of the roll call.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Plans were completed for the wedding reception in the Parish Hall.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent socially, the members enjoying the game of "Give and Take" and the exchange of Christmas gifts, which had been postponed, were opened.

The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments and this completed the afternoon.

Otterville Baptist Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — The morning worship in Otterville Baptist Church was conducted by Pastor David Blayney, opening with the singing of the hymn "The Church's one Foundation." Dwight Davis was the pianist. Announcements included Bible Club for all area children at 6:30 p.m. Monday; prayer meeting on Wednesday; Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Church Service at 11 a.m.

The children's message, "The Wonder of God's Creation," was expanded on the example of a

cow. The children's hymn was "Jesus Loves Me."

Robert Marshall and Murray Treffry presented the morning offering. The morning message was a counsel to Christians. We must be optimistic - we should not even consider defeat. Christians were encouraged to give love to all the world but must remember to be careful not to lose the love of God nor the peace of God. The gist - when we are rightly related to God, we cannot be wrongly related to man.

Club donates to Fire Fund

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their first meeting of 1975 at the home of past president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, on Thursday evening with a good attendance.

In the absence of president Mrs. Clarence Morris, the hostess presided for the meeting.

Roll call was responded to with members renewing their membership. A cash donation was given to the fire fund which

has been started in Norwich in aid of the family in Norwich who lost their home and contents recently.

Mrs. Harold Pearce expressed appreciation to Mrs. Daisy Ash for her work through the years as president of the Club and presented her with a gift, and members joined in singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow." Mrs. Ash expressed thanks for the remembrance.

Lions raised \$2,500 at snowmobile races

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville, on Monday evening, January 27. Lion President George Davis presided.

There was a good attendance, with one guest present.

Two teams have been organized to represent this club at the annual Kinsmen Tippy canoe contest in Tillsonburg on Friday evening.

Following a motion, the sum of \$100. was donated to the Lake Joseph Fund. This is a camp built and operated by all Lions Club of the district A2 and is situated on Lake Joseph, Muskoka, for the summer use of all blind persons in this area.

Lion John Leitch reported that the snowmobile races held on January 5th had been successful and that approximately \$2,500 had been cleared.

Lion Ron Kiddie was elected chairman of the 1976 snowmobile races, tentatively set for January 4, 1976.

The club voted to donate \$100. to the Springford Recreation Commission. There was a discussion regarding the club's annual ladies' night. Lion Fred Thompson presented several suggestions and tentative plans indicate that this event will be held in late February or March.

Lion Howard Fleming, zone chairman, will represent this club next Spring in seeking election as deputy-district governor.

Lion Ron Kiddie reported on a recent inter-club visit to the Long Point Lions Club in Port Rowan.

The next meeting will be held in Norwich, February 10, with the deputy-district governor, Lion Gerald Duncan, in attendance.

The convention draw was won by Lion John Davis.

2 Annual Meetings Held By Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — Two annual meetings to organize business for the upcoming year at St. John's Anglican Church were held last week.

The first on Jan. 20, was held in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. At the annual vestry meeting, reports on the finances of different church groups were given and officers were elected for 1975.

All organizations reported a very successful year. The Rector appointed Mr. Jack Freeland as Rector's Warden and Mr. Arthur Picknell was elected as People's Warden.

Mr. Carl Howse was re-appointed as Vestry clerk. The delegate to the Synod is Mrs. Emma Strudwick with Mrs. Harry Pickersgill to serve as alternate.

Other officers are: Church Treasurer and Budget Secretary, Miss Eva Deveney; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; assistant, Mrs. Jack Freeland; Board of Management, Miss Edna Furlong; Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, Mr. Martin Cowan, Mr. Carl Howse, Mrs. Dick Saunders, Mr. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Robert Furlong and Mrs. Jack Freeland; Chancel Guild, Mrs. Fred Howse and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

The following reports

were given by the treasurers: Church and Budget, Eva Deveney, who told the other members the missionary budget had been paid in full; Ladies Guild, Mrs. Nate McMullen; St. John's Church Club, Eva Deveney; Chancel Guild, prepared by Mrs. Jack Riste and read by Mrs. Fred Howse; Cemetery Board, Carl Howse; Sunday school report, Carl Howse.

The next afternoon, the St. John's Anglican Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Rev. Herring opened the meeting with prayer and conducted the election of officers for 1975. Election results were as follows: Honorary President, Mrs. Herring; Past President, Mrs. Fred Howse; President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; Vice-President, Mrs. Lottie

Armstrong; Secretary, Mrs. Edna Furlong; Treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Good Cheer Convenor, Mrs. Harold Durkee; Social Convenor, Mrs. Fred Howse; Purchasing Committee, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; Sewing Committee, Mrs. Fred Church, Mrs. Edna Furlong and Mrs. Fred Howse; auditors, Mrs. Emma Strudwick and Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Gratifying reports were given throughout the meeting and members felt they had had a successful year. Rev. Herring complimented the members on their work and gave encouragement for the year ahead. *Jan/75*

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste. *Jan 30/75*

Cards of Thanks

We would like to extend our deep and sincere thanks to our neighbours and friends, the management and staff of the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, for the many visits, flowers, gifts and other kindnesses, for the lunch served by the Neighbour Ladies, also the assistance of the members of the O. E. S. and the use of the Parish hall. To Rev. Egilsson for his kind words, to Mr and Mrs. Nelson Gleason for their help and kindness and to Mrs. William McMullen Jr. for music. All this in memory of a beloved daughter and sister Mrs. Doris Clifford.

Mr. Reg. Payne, Muriel and Bert Paul. *Jan/75*

MRS. ROSALIND PETCH OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Rosalind Petch, wife of the former vice-president of the University of Waterloo, Dr. Howard Petch, died Monday, January 27, 1975, at her home at 11 Maple Hill Drive.

Mrs. Petch, appointed president of the University of Victoria B.C., recently was in London, Ont. on business when she died.

The Petch's had intended to stay in the K-W area until their daughter, Patricia, 20, finished her courses at the University of Waterloo at the end of this year and Mr. Petch completed business with the federal commission on health-care services at the University of Western Ontario.

The late Mrs. Petch was a member of the University Women's Club and was active with Waterloo library in distributing books for the aged.

The former Rosalind Hulet, was born in Norwich, Ont., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hulet and, besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Steve, 22, a University of Waterloo graduate, and a daughter, Patricia; five sisters, Miss Marion Hulet, Miss Madalene Hulet, both of Cambridge, Mrs. Wray (Harriet) Taylor of Brantford, Mrs. Arnold (Evelyn) Woodcock of Bancroft, and Mrs. John (Helen) Yule of Kitchener; and two brothers, Mr. William Hulet and Dr. John Hulet, both of Norwich.

Cremation Memorial Service was held at Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb St. E., Waterloo, on Friday, Jan. 31st at 3 p.m.

Memorial tributes were given by request to the Canadian Save The Children's Fund.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch attended the memorial service of their daughter-in-law, the late Mrs. Howard Petch, which was held on Friday, Jan. 31, from the Parkminster United Church in Waterloo. *1975*

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300 attend Oxford

Despite early morning freezing rain, approximately 300 ladies met on Wednesday, January 29, for the thirteenth annual presbyterial meeting of Oxford United Church Women at Trinity United Church, Ingersoll. A few men wandered in during the day and seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Mount Elgin U.C.W. was in charge of registration. Locals designed and wore original name tags. Some had a significant touch for the name of the church, such as "The Prisoner of Zenda," in book form. A Ford car and a tiny spring denoted Springford. Some had a picture of their church, others a symbol of the anniversary year. Some honored a community industry as Washington with their pottery design. Everyone voted on the tags which were displayed on a clipboard. The interest created helped members to mingle and speak with strangers and friends as they admired various tags. The winners were: 1. Embro, with a Scotch Thistle. 2. Otterville, an otter with a mill in the background. 3. Harrington, a wishing well.

Mrs. Eileen Riddolls welcomed all with her introductory theme: "This is Your Day." As retiring president, she was presented with a gift by members of her own U.C.W. of Trinity and with a Butterfly pin by the Presbyterial executive.

Twice during the day, Mrs. Enid Flint led an inspiring and lighthearted sing-song, with Mrs. Norma Ferguson at the piano. Displays were set up in various rooms by the Life and Faith committee, the stewardship committee and the outreach

committee. There are many program and other helps available from the chairmen of these groups, or from the resource center at St. David's church in Woodstock. Program convener Mrs. Anderson had an archive book and a church history on display as well as skits and other helps.

The outreach committee had quilts made from scraps of material, knitted bandages, and also many things which are normal discards but are valuable to others. These will be sent where needed by Mrs. Hughes of Woodstock, if a group prefers it that way. *Widets*

Mrs. Howse, president of Oxford Deanery, Anglican Women, brought greetings and introduced the Rev. Derek Stapleton, Anglican rector, Caribbean, now at Huron College, London. He hopes to have his Bachelor of Ministry in May, when he and his wife plan to return to the West Indies to serve his people. He spoke with deep feeling about the life of the church in the West Indies. He feels that the church there realizes that it is a "Time for Unity."

Rev. Bob Williams pronounced grace prior to the buffet luncheon, served by Trinity U.C.W.

Norwich ladies led an inspiring worship service. The focal point, a poster containing a clock and an hour glass led to their theme, Time. Using taped voices and sounds they brought out the way we use a lack of time as an excuse for not participating. This led to audience participation in the scripture from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. "A Time For"

A surprise visitor, Doug Fisher

brought greetings from London Conference.

Mrs. Ann Egilsson brought greetings from Oxford Presbytery. She also spoke feelingly of the late Harriet Christie, then she introduced the Rev. Norman MacKenzie, associate secretary, Division of Mission, U.C. of Canada. He has served in China, returned to take a course in agriculture to make his work more meaningful, then served in India, Nigeria, and India a second time. Having been for a time on the Burgessville charge, he is well known and loved in Oxford.

Using the theme "A Time To Live," Rev. MacKenzie pointed out that every day of our lives is a time to live. We should waken with the prayer, "Oh Lord this Life is exciting, What is going to happen today?" From his vast personal experiences he showed that spirituality is not enough if there is physical suffering, but the communist idea that satisfying the physical needs is all that is necessary is not enough either. Norm says it takes both to make life an exciting faith which ever moves forward. He has a desperate need to listen to God.

May we heed his advice and thus find every day an exciting way to live our faith. He introduced a number of small, easily-digested books which he feels will help to develop and grow.

Burgessville U.C.W. received the offering while members listened to music supplied by Ingersoll District Collegiate ensemble. Mrs. Shearer of Bright U.C.W. dedicated the offering.

Mrs. R. Ward, U.C.W. standing committee, Division of Mission,

Awarded damages

HAMILTON — Morton H. Cooper of RR 3, Tillsonburg, was awarded \$62,732.40 and costs of action by Supreme Court Judge J. Goodman for recovery of damages for injuries received in a motor vehicle collision April 26, 1971. *Jan 1975*

Mr. Cooper suffered two broken legs, a dislocated hip and cuts in the collision on Highway 59, north of Walsingham.

Mrs. W. McMullen Hosts Women's Institute

The Otterville Women's Institute met Friday, January 10th, 1975 at the home of Mrs. William A. McMullen. The president, Mrs. McMullen, welcomed the members and opened the meeting with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist.

The minutes and roll call were in the charge of Mrs. Jack Walther. Sixteen members answered the roll call naming an agricultural product grown in another country.

Correspondence was read. A letter from Auster Zoller, chairman of the Erland Lee Home, informing the members that her committee had purchased for the Erland Lee Home a marmalade pot with the cheque the Otterville Institute had sent the home.

A letter was read from the Home Economist, Mrs. Brenda Ingratt, re Leader Training School "Baked In A Pie" February 13th and 14th at St. David's Church,

Woodstock. A notice came from the Canadian Cancer Society on Cancer Education Night at Glendale High School in Tillsonburg Feb. 5th at 8 p.m.

An acknowledgement arrived from the War Memorial Children's Hospital, London, for the cheque sent to them and several Thank-You notes from shut-ins thanking the members for remembering them at Christmas.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring, agricultural convenor, presided for the program. Mrs. Harry Lee gave the motto "A Farmer's Creed". Mrs. James Squance conducted the contest on the number of words formed from the word "Agriculture". Mrs. Bert Hill and Mrs. Lee tied for the prize.

Mrs. Gehring read a paper on "Hobby Farms" and told about the Pioneer farms that have been formed at Milton where visitors are welcome. Mrs. Lee read a poem "To Be Or Not To Be". The committee served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

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Members of the United Church Women held their first meeting of 1975 in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening with the president, Mrs. Fred Cole, presiding. The meeting opened with the president reading a poem "I am a

Calendar" followed with prayer. A hymn "Standing at the Portal" was sung and the roll call was answered with the members giving their maiden name.

The 1975 officers were installed in a ceremony conducted by Mrs. E. Egilsson. Thank-you notes were read from the Manse at Cape Croker and from Mrs. Beatrice Slaght.

The program convenor Mrs. Melville Beecroft introduced the tape entitled "Harmony in Marriage" by Jill Renich. This was followed by a group discussion on several interesting questions arising from the tape. The meeting closed with prayer and the hymn "Happy The Home". A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Edward Arthur and Miss Vera Welsh assisted by several members.



This Edison gramophone is one of several 19th century artifacts on display at the Tillsonburg and District Museum. This gramophone was an invention of Thomas A. Edison. Although Thomas was born in the States his father, Sam, was born in the village of Vienna. He fled to the United States because there was a price on his head for being a sympathizer involved with the William Lyon Mackenzie rebellion which took place in 19th century Ontario. The gramophone was donated to the museum by Mr. and Mrs. John Cowell.

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Oxford Federation of Agriculture director Ruth Skillings and treasurer Lillian Oatman count the proceeds from the annual banquet Friday. Close to 300 members turned out for the buffet meal. The attendance at the meetings was excellent compared with other years according to the officials.

Mayor Les Dickson admits to moderating

By Paul Knowles

Mayor Les Dickson of the Township of Norwich was one of many Oxford County municipal politicians who opposed the idea of restructuring the county, from its inception. He

didn't think the system would be any better than the former structure, and anticipated huge cost hikes on all fronts.

He's now deeply involved in the new system, having defeated two other candidates to become

mayor of the Township of Norwich. He has presided over many council meetings at the township level, and attended a good number at the county seat in Woodstock.

And he thinks that he may have been wrong.

Mayor Dickson says now that "I was one of the people who opposed it... I was frightened by reports from the regions, of drastically increased costs."

But he says that the system is now here, and that municipal officials had better work with it, and make it work. He is optimistic... "I think the average ratepayer will never know the difference," he says. Coming from a politician who urged that no changes be made, that is quite a vote of confidence.

The only immediate change, he says, is that the average ratepayer is probably further removed from his municipal office. But the Mayor notes wryly that most ratepayers never go to that office, anyway. And in Norwich, it is proposed that a Zenith number eliminate toll charges on calls to the municipal office.

Mayor Dickson says that people are no longer irate over the change... "I hear very little controversy about it anymore... The average ratepayer will really not note any noticeable difference in our area municipalities, in services provided."

In fact, the mayor says that many problems may be imaginary, because "a lot of people are like I was."

Mayor Dickson says that "my objections, during the period of time I did object strongly, were described by many people as petty things."

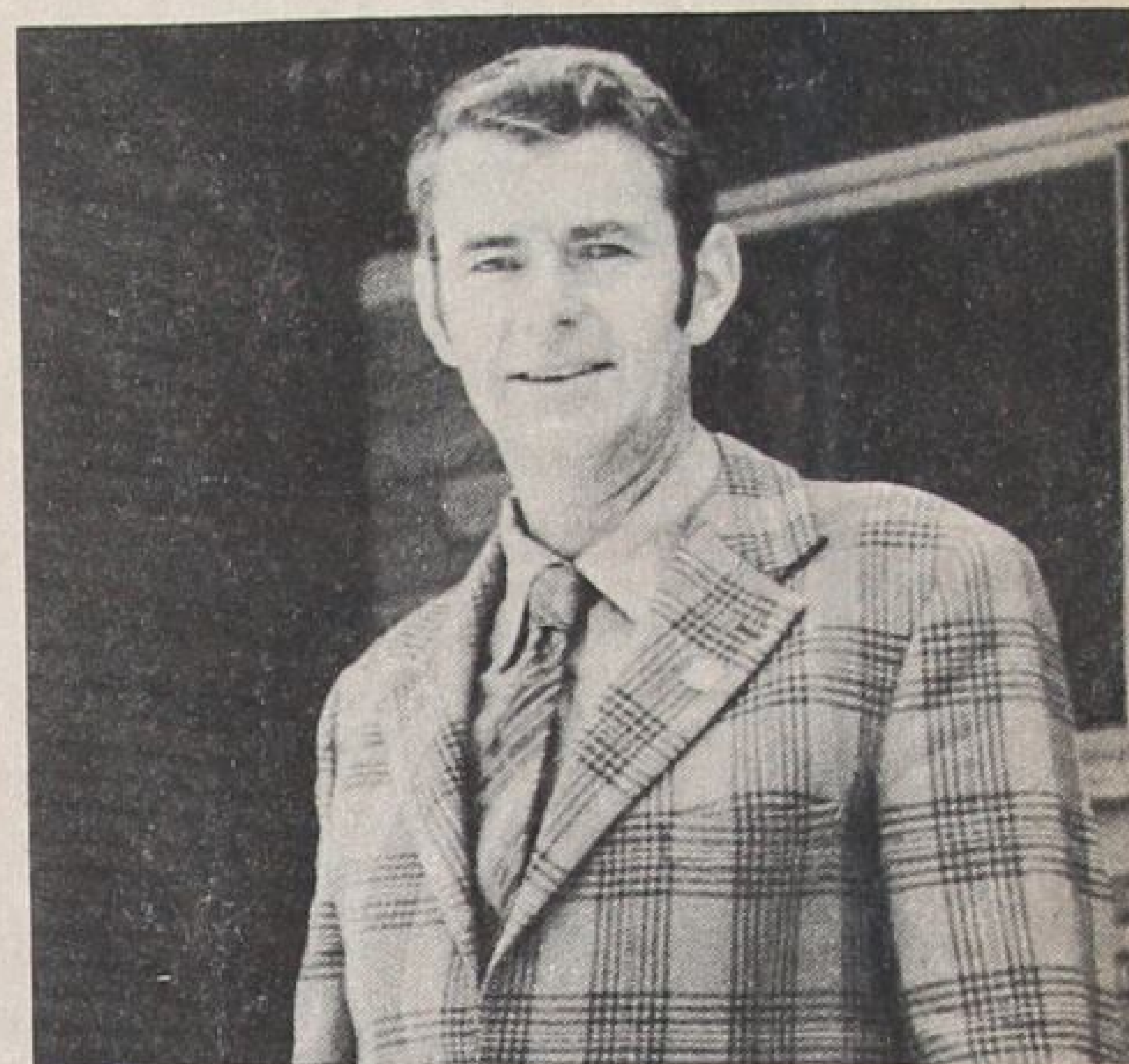
He admits that he over-emphasized "losing the identity of municipalities." He says that "I objected to seeing the names changed... but down through history there's been considerable change."

He says he was worried about the urban-rural split at the county level. There are ten representatives from the five townships, and ten from Woodstock, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll. Rural people have worried that only one rural representative... even from a former village... could break ranks and destroy the rural emphasis of Oxford county.

However, the split has not even been evident, says Mr. Dickson, let alone allegiance to one side or another. "My fears have been considerably lessened," he says, "there has been no indication of that, none at all."

CENTRALLY LOCATED

While the current township seat in Norwich is not centrally



Township of Norwich Mayor Les Dickson, at his home north of Burgessville.

located... the interim office is in Otterville... the township "head" most certainly is. Les Dickson lives with his wife, Helen, and three children (Kathy, 17; Leslie, 11, and Rod, 10) on a farm just north of Burgessville.

The 49-year-old mayor has been in the centre of Oxford politics for some time. He served on North Norwich council for ten years, three as reeve, and was top man in Oxford in 1973, serving as warden of the county.

Despite the fact that Norwich township stretches from the borders of Tillsonburg in the south, to the boundary lines of Woodstock in the north, Mayor Dickson sees no problem created by that situation.

He says that the major factor in favour of fair representation is the Ward system... Ward One (South Norwich) has three representatives on council, and each of the other three wards send two representatives.

The village of Norwich, Ward Two, is in a unique position in the township, but Mayor Dickson says that council also recognizes that. He said that "I don't think they have anything to worry about... particularly when we've set up our road department as it is, recognizing the Wards." Each ward has a road department garage, and a ward foreman.

Actually, the mayor was originally concerned about the ward method of representation. He says that "I was a little leery that we were prolonging "the feelings of township residents that they were still in the old municipalities. He said he felt that wards would "not help the township as a whole to forget the old boundaries."

However, the Mayor says with

pleasure that "I've seen very little of that (ward emphasis) in our council so far."

UNIFIED AGAINST COSTS

No matter how various local officials felt about restructuring before it was implemented, Mayor Dickson says they are united about one issue now... costs. He says that both sides of the former debate are "all dedicated to holding the cost down as much as possible."

He says that, because Oxford retained the county structure, restructuring "didn't change things to the point where greatly increased costs were necessary."

In fact, he voices the opinion that "I don't think costs are going to greatly increase... however, there is an increase this year." He anticipates a tax hike simply because of the rising cost of everything from gravel to secretaries, and fears that anti-restructuring people will interpret normal cost hikes as caused by the change.

"Everything costs more each year," says the mayor. "Taxes will not go down. The same thing would happen if there had been no restructuring."

One area where costs should fall, he says, is in the overall total salaries paid to councillors. The mayor feels that individual councillors should be paid more, since, through amalgamation, they're doing more work.

However, since there are far less councillors in Norwich township that there were in the four previous municipalities, the total fee bill should be much lower.

He says that council pay "probably won't total as much as they were costing the municipality previously."

Police contract ratified

OTTERVILLE—Norwich Township council has ratified an agreement giving first class constables in the Norwich Police department a yearly salary of \$14,490.

The agreement came after several weeks of negotiation between the department and council.

Township clerk Robert Watkins said the contract will give officers an increase of nearly \$3,000 a year. The expired contract gave a first class constable \$11,500 a year.

The Norwich Police department consists of two first class constables.

The new contract is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1975.

Maybe older is better

It seems that by restructuring Oxford County the powers that we have taken the Township of Norwich closer to its historical roots than the area has been for about 120 years.

The giant step towards change that was approved by county council and legislated by the provincial government has, actually, been a large step backward in history for Norwich.

Mayor Leslie Dickson of the township of Norwich is also the president of the Norwich and District Historical Society, and he says that the restructuring has returned Norwich to boundaries close to pre-1855 days.

At that time, the townships of North and South Norwich, and the village of Norwich (then Norwichville) were all one municipality. That has returned, with the addition of East Oxford township, as the 1975-version of Norwich township.

In 1855, North and South Norwich, were separated by an Act of the provincial government. In 1876, the village of Norwich, for the first time officially bearing that shortened title, was incorporated.

Mayor Dickson notes that although "we're kind of sentimental about our heritage," things have traditionally changed through the course of local history.

At least under restructuring, Norwich township remained a part of Oxford County. Around 1835, Norwich was part of Norfolk County. In later years, the area in the east end of Oxford was joined with land further east, including Burford, as the "District of Brock."

So change is really not all that new...and, maybe, as the Township of Norwich, the municipality is closer to its heritage than it has been for 120 or so years.

EARL M. JACQUES

Earl Maxwell Jacques, 24 Palmer St., Norwich, passed away on Friday, February 28, 1975, in Woodstock General Hospital.

Born in Innerkip, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jacques, he was a retired Royal Bank manager and had served in Burgessville, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Dunnville and for the last 20 years of his banking career in Toronto, prior to retiring to Norwich four years ago.

Mr. Jacques was a member of the Kingsway-Lambton United Church, Toronto; was a former president of the Dunnville Lions Club, and a former flying officer of the Dunnville Air Cadets. He was also a member of several clubs in Toronto.

Surviving are his wife, the former Maisie Weaver; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Barbara Jean) Lane of Toronto and two grandchildren.

The Funeral was held on Monday, March 3, at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, with Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church officiating.

The bearers were Bert Pauli, Floyd Entwistle, Max Jacques, Fred Stubbs, Maurice Longworth and Robert Harris.

Interment was in Norwich cemetery.

MRS. MAE MADGETT

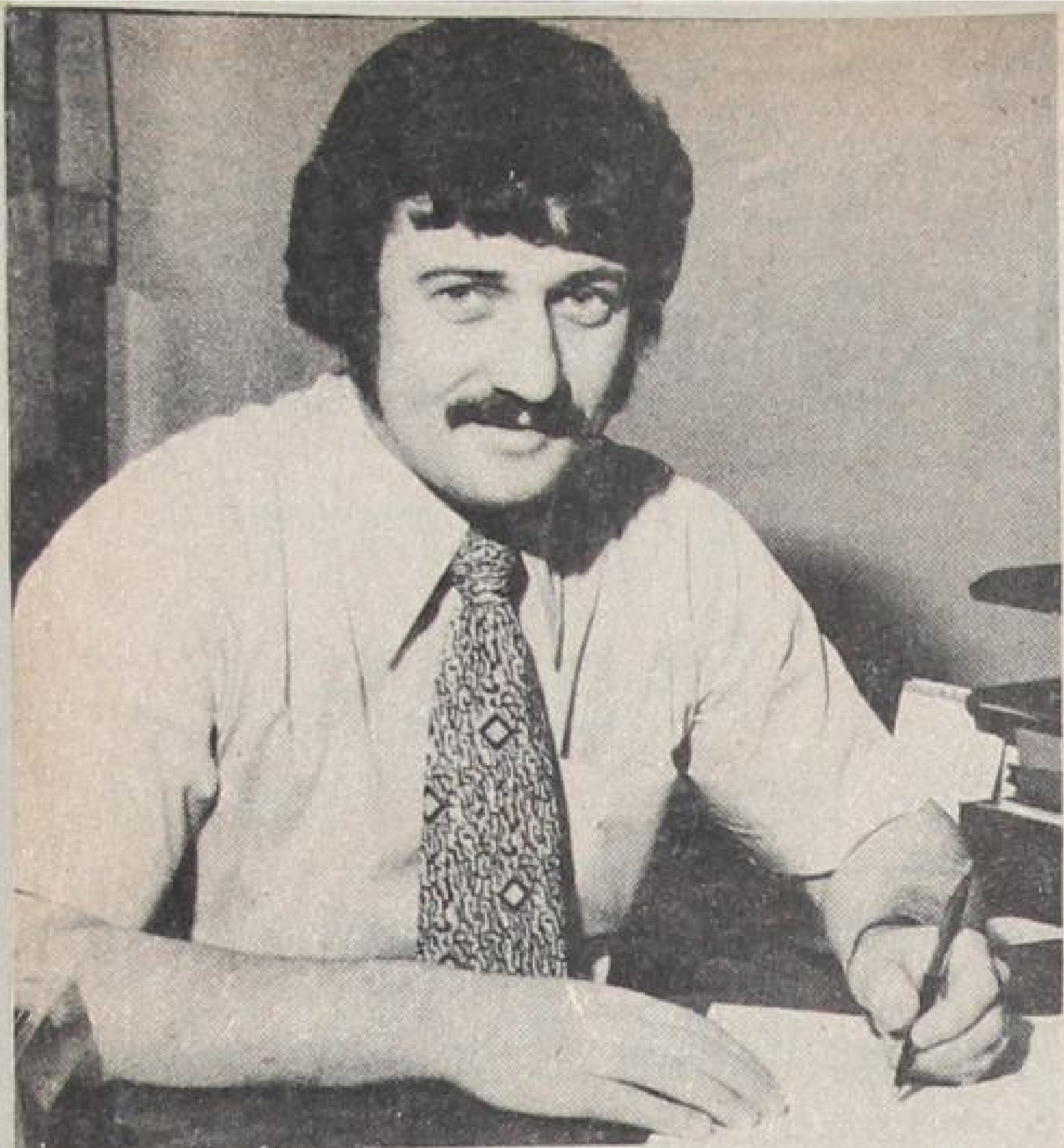
A former Burgessville resident, Mrs. Mae Madgett of 42 Madoc St., Marmora, died recently in Scranton, Penn., while she and her husband, George, were on their way to Florida for holidays.

She suffered a stroke during a stopover in Scranton and was rushed to the Community Medical Centre where she died.

Breaks hip second time

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Cecil Finch of Otterville met with serious injury on Sunday when she missed the bottom step of the stairs leading to the store from her upstairs apartment. Dr. G. M. Downing was called and she was taken by ambulance to Tillsonburg District Memorial

Hospital where x-rays revealed she had broken her right hip. Two years ago Mrs. Finch had the misfortune to fall on the sidewalk after attending a Leisure Club meeting in the community hall. At that time her left hip was broken, which necessitated several months stay in Hospital.



These four men are the administrators of the new Township of Norwich. Each of them, prior to amalgamation under Oxford County restructuring, was clerk-treasurer of his individual municipality. The new township has, of course, an amalgamated township administration, and the four now form the nucleus of the municipal staff. Shown are, top, left, Merlin Howse, treasurer

(formerly clerk of South Norwich); top, right, Robert Watkins, clerk (formerly clerk of North Norwich); bottom, left, Wayne John, deputy-clerk (formerly clerk of East Oxford); and bottom right, Fred Lowes, deputy-treasurer (formerly clerk of the village of Norwich.)

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These are the charter members of the Norwich township council that officially took office at the first of this year. Shown are, front, left to right, staff members Merlin Howse, Robert Watkins, Mayor Les Dickson, councillor at large Ken Peers, staff member Wayne

Johnson, councillor Roger Orth; back, councillors Jack Walther, Jim Butler, Bob Pettigrew, Carl Beal, Stewart Miles, Jim McDowell, Jack Burn, and Cecil Mingle. Absent is staff member Fred Lowes.

Sorry Seniors

In last week's report of Norwich Township council it stated that the Otterville Leisure Club had been "politely evicted" from council chambers.

We apologize for any embarrassment that the term has caused to any member of that club. Township Council has asked that they use the Community Hall adjacent to the township offices due to the increased demand for office space caused by centralization of the new Township operations.

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Norwich sets firemen fees

The most recent joint meeting between the Protection to Persons and Property committee of Norwich township council; and the township's three fire departments, was more than a friendly conversation. The officials were debating fees for firemen in Norwich, and councillor Jim Butler, chairman of that committee, said that "we got into quite an argument with these fellows."

The committee members had gone to the firemen with wage proposals approved by council around the first of February. On Thursday night, the committee came back to council with altered proposals that Mr.

Butler and his group feel the firemen will accept.

He told council, before they agreed to the proposals, that one of the three fire departments in the new township had proved to be very difficult in the negotiations.

The fees accepted by council include: a basic hourly fee for firemen of \$10 an hour; \$6.00 a practice session; and 15 cents a mile. In addition to those fees, the Chiefs (there are three) will receive \$600 a year plus regular hourly wages; the deputy-chiefs pick up an additional \$300 a year;

and captains (one to a department) will be paid an extra \$200 annually.

The dispatcher of the Otterville department will receive \$100 a year.

Mr. Butler explained to council that, although the \$10 an hour fee is high, was necessary to keep businessmen who close their stores to fight fires, in the department. He said that these men, especially in former North Norwich township, are essential...they are often the only firemen immediately available during the day. For any less money, the men said they could not shut their stores...and Mr. Butler said "we more or less had to agree with them."

Council approved the pay scales on recommendation from the committee, but that did not mean that any of them...including the committee...liked the idea very much.

Councillor Roger Orth said that "it seems too high to me...couldn't we pare some off of that?"

Councillor Jack Burn explained that there was considerable compromise...for example, "we chopped them down from \$1200 to \$600 for the chief."

Mayor Les Dickson asked the committee if having only one Chief, instead of three, had been considered. Mr. Butler said that this was brought up...and received very coldly by the firemen.

Council expressed concern that some small fires, such as old car fires, will cost much more than the value of the property. Councillor Orth said that a car fire, where the firemen actually do little or nothing, could still cost "two or three thousand bucks."

Mr. Butler said, although not all that hopefully, that "I'm hoping we can cut down on the number of men going to a fire."

The committee chairman told council that "it's a healthy increase...we did cut out some of the fringe benefits that they wanted...but it's something that I think they will accept."

Norwich sets works salaries, establish personnel policies

Norwich Township council yesterday set salaries and wages for the 15 members of the township road department. The salaries were only a small section of an extensive "bylaw to establish personnel policies for the public works employees of the corporation." And that four-page document was only one of two bylaws passed dealing with employees. The other sets sick leave benefits and policy.

Township officials said that the salaries and wages are in line with figures that will probably be set at the county level... although county negotiations are not quite completed.

The Public Works' Superintendent will be paid \$15,000 a year; four foreman (one per ward in the new township) will receive \$13,000 a year; grader operators (three) will be paid \$4.60 an hour; and workmen (seven) will all receive \$4.50 an hour after February 24. One is currently making 10 cents less.

For those figures, according to the bylaw, employees will work a 44-hour work week.

Also at Norwich council, the road superintendent was authorized to hire part-time help, "as needed." As well, the clerk was instructed to prepare a bylaw to extend George Street, north.

Those motions came on recommendation of the Public Works Committee, who also recommended that council make

application to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for supplementary subsidies for the Springford Drain and the bridge on the Middletown Line.

Despite some discussion by council members, a committee suggestion regarding a policy on the installation of gateway culverts was accepted. Each property owner is entitled to one entrance for each separate parcel of land, with the cost of culvert pipe and materials paid by the property owner; and cost of the installation assumed by the township. Replacement, due to conditions detrimental to the road, are a municipal responsibility. Additional entrances to a property may be installed under the supervision of the Public Works Superintendent and at the expense of the property owner.

Discussion arose from the fact that some of the municipalities now part of Norwich have charged for gateway culverts, and some have not. It was felt by council members that the policy was unfair to those who now have to pay in areas where others have had free installation. However, the recommendation was accepted.

Council also accepted a committee recommendation "that a larger meeting table be obtained for the council chamber." The five councillors at the foot of the table are now sitting at folding tables... as are the

members of the news media.

Council adopted a recommendation of the agricultural committee that another contract on the Springford Drain, this one with Alvin Lewis Construction, in the amount of \$39,851.90, be signed by mayor and clerk.

Council passed a bylaw suggested by the Persons and Property committee, area rating the cost of policing in Ward Two (village of Norwich).

Also from that committee report, council approved the appointment of Al Jardine as building inspector in Ward One, and bylaw enforcement officer in Wards One, Three and Four, at a salary of \$2,000 a year, and \$1,000 car allowance.

As well, John Young (Ward Two), David Chambers (Ward Three), and Doug McLeod (Ward Four), were appointed building inspectors, at \$4.50 an hour, and 15 cents a mile.

Council has decided on an offer to Norwich township firemen. They are proposing firemen's salaries of \$10 for the first hour, and \$5.00 for each hour after that; \$6.00 a session, and 15 cents a mile. In addition, council suggests \$600 for a chief, plus firemen's wages; \$300 for deputy chief, also plus regular wages.

According to the committee minutes, a counter-proposal will be offered to the police negotiators, but no figures were discussed in open session.

Hold successful pancake supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual pancake dinner sponsored by members of the Sunshine Club was held Shrove Tuesday in St. John's Parish hall and was well attended by 225 from all walks of life. From 11:30 to 1:30 persons from Norwich and area, including the new Norwich Council of regional government, school teachers and pupils were served. Several ladies who were non-members assisted in serving during the rush hour.

Proceeds will be used in maintaining the upkeep of the community park.

TWENTY YEARS AGO February 10, 1955

Tillsonburg's oldest resident, Mrs. Annie Hill, on Friday will celebrate her 101st birthday. She was born on February 11, 1854, in England during Queen Victoria's reign, at the start of the Crimean War.

The family of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Simon have given an aspirator pump, in memory of their parents, to the local hospital.

Otterville - Grant Mountain, who recently completed his course as a barber, has opened a barber shop under the Royal Bank and commenced business on Saturday.

Mervin and Gladys Fewster RR 7, Tillsonburg are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Open house Sunday, February 2, 1975 2-5 p.m. at St. Stephens Church, Culloden. Relatives, friends, and neighbors welcome. Your presence is our presents.

MUNDY, Mrs. John, 93, Ragland Street, Harriston, Saturday.

VERNON, Mrs. John (Mabel), 89, Geri-Care Nursing Home, Harriston, formerly Listowel, Feb. 10.

GARNER, William G., 45, of 220 Winnipeg St., London, Saturday.

BOYLE, Alphonsus H., 86, of 49 Napier St., Goderich, Sunday.

DeGROOTE, Achiel, 67, RR 1, Otterville, Saturday. Feb 15/75

MRS. STANLEY McCLELLAND

Mrs. Stanley McClelland, aged 60 years, of 18A Albert St., Norwich, passed away suddenly on Friday, February 21st, 1975, at Woodstock General Hospital.

The former Vera Alice Lewis, she was born in Matilda Township, County of Dundas, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Lewis. Mrs. McClelland was a member of Norwich United Church, the U.C.W., a member of the Women's Institute, the Golden Age Club and a former member of the Blue Bird Club. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley, May 4th, 1970.

Surviving is one sister, Margaret Lewis of Smith Falls, and two brothers, Levi of Iroquois and Herbert of Norwich,

Study history of Mennonites

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville Women's Institute met Friday afternoon, February 7 at the home of Mrs. Melville Beecroft. President Mrs. William A. McMullen welcomed the members and visitors, and thanked the hostess and convener, Mrs. Jay Durkee, for preparing the program.

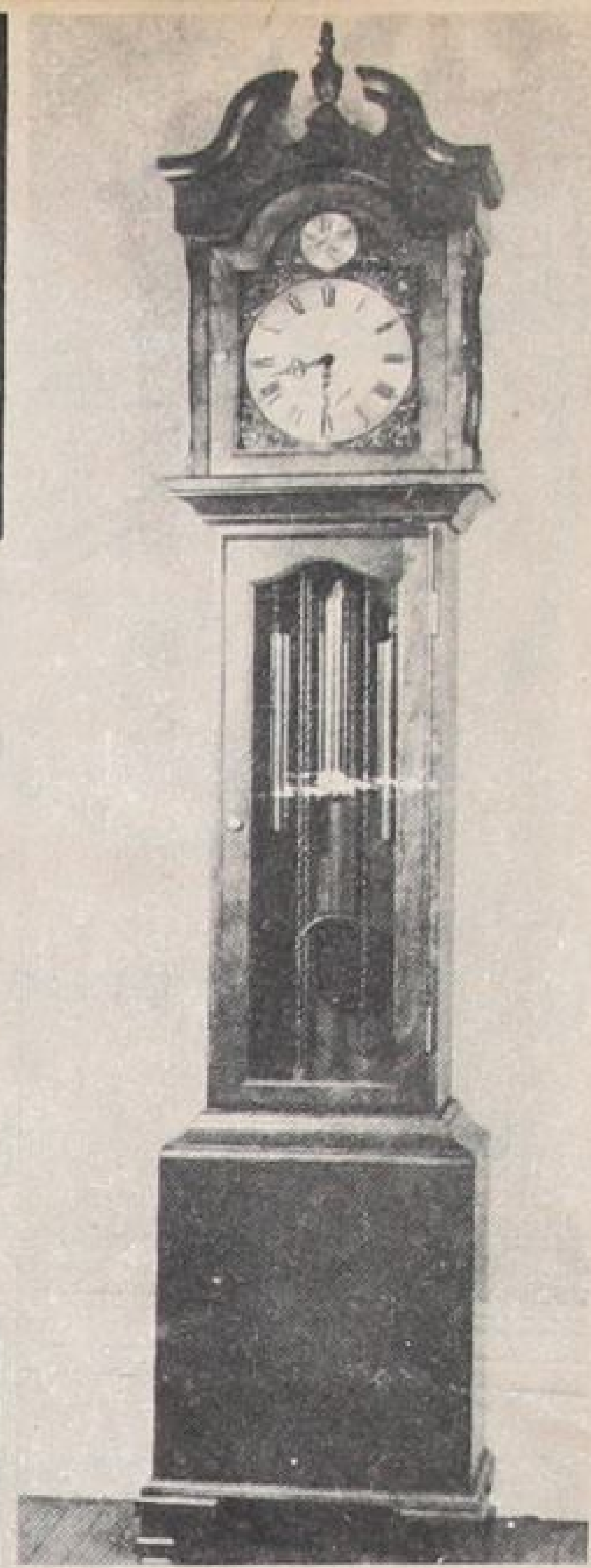
Thirteen members and two visitors answered the roll call, "A Mennonite custom I practice."

A letter from the president was read stating dues would be raised to \$1.50 and a letter from Mrs. Weber re the officers conference to be held in Waterloo April 29-31.

Several thank-you notes were read. It was decided to send the money for a member to attend the officers conference. The president reported that she had taken the clothing left over from the rummage sale to Good Will Industries, London.

Education Convener Mrs. Jay Durkee gave an interesting paper on the history of the Mennonites.

Mrs. Beecroft reported the Institute hopes to be able to take a bus trip to the Mennonite village at Elmira in June.



Making hand produced cases for Grandmother clocks can be a long, slow, very personal, craft. But, says Grant Ebert, it also makes for a lot of pride in your work. He and his wife, Janice (also shown above) have been making clocks in their shop in Springford

for about two years. The Ebert name is well known for wood-work...Grant's father, George Ebert, was a locally-famous cabinet maker in Springford since the mid-1940's. At right is the finished produce, an Ebert grandmother clock.

From clock racing ... to making them

For 13 years or so, Grant Ebert had a desk job. And, like most of his fellows in that line of work, he spent most of his time racing the clock...preparing reports, doing last-minute calculations, and all.

He carried on the hectic life in an appropriate place, Toronto.

Grant Ebert's outlook on timepieces has changed in the past few years. He no longer races clocks...he now manufactures them. Slowly, by hand, one at a time, he makes Grandmother clocks.

At least, he makes the cabinets for them...the works come from West Germany. And then, he sells the completed clocks to individual retailers in the area, and distributors who sell them out of this district. The current finished

products go for between \$650 and \$750.

He is based in Springford, in a woodworking shop made locally famous for craftsmanship by his father, the late George Ebert. Grant's venture is now a family operation, including his pretty wife, Janice, and there may be one or two others hired sometime in the future.

The business started in the early 1940's, when George Ebert set up shop as a cabinet maker. Repairs and refinishing...many area homes have antiques refinished in that shop...came as "a natural side-line," says Grant.

The sideline was necessary because much of the work that Mr. Ebert was doing could be undersold by competitors using

mass production. Grant Ebert is carrying on the tradition of individual work as opposed to assembly-line methods, although clock-case making is a new idea. "This is my venture," says Grant.

He is currently producing only Grandmother clocks, but a new distributor for the Ebert product is asking for Grandfather models, which are even more popular. Changing production to another model is a complicated procedure, however, with everything having to be reproduced from scratch again.

But if the market is for Grandfathers, then that is what Grant Ebert will produce.

His work is currently available in stores in Norwich, Simcoe, and St. Thomas. He says that his

clocks sell for considerably less than comparable models of other manufacturers...most of which are around the \$1,000 mark. He does not retail clocks himself, and says that his shop is not a store...no clocks will be sold from Springford.

TIME-CONSUMING

Making clocks, by hand, in a small operation, is a time-consuming effort. Grant Ebert says one person should produce two clocks a week, at optimum rate.

But he feels that the time spent pays off..."The clock that I'm building, from a proportion standpoint, is as nice a clock as you'll ever see."

He currently does not design his own clocks, but definitely wants to do so..."and the sooner

the better," he says. But he recognizes that "I must get established before I can do that."

He started manufacturing clocks barely two years ago.

As with any small, personal business, it can be touch-and-go at first. But Grant Ebert is most optimistic. He feels there is a major market for his craft in Canada..."One of the largest retailing establishments who sell Grandmother clocks...are bringing them from Denmark," he says.

"If they have to go that far away to get clocks, there must be a market."

And if there is a market, it will probably be filled with Grandmother and Grandfather clocks from the Ebert shops in Springford.



The Township of Norwich is essentially, of course, a rural municipality. Because of the country style of life, many small churches have been built on country roads, with only two or three...or no...houses near by. This one is a typical example...the New Road United Church south-west of Springford.

Name library boards ^{Feb 1975}

Norwich township council, admitting that they had forgotten about library committees at their last meeting when they appointed all other such township groups, named four area library committees during council session on Thursday evening.

Appointments were made, by bylaw, to the East Oxford Library Committee; Burgessville Library Committee; South Norwich Library Committee, and Norwich Library Committee.

Named were: East Oxford, Mrs. B Yeoman, W. Schell, Mrs. M. Schell, Mrs. Betty Wood, G. Gracey; Burgessville, Mrs. Helen Dickson, Mrs. Charles Kelly, Dalton French, William Lee, Mrs. Fred Cohoe; South Norwich, Mrs. William McMullen, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Don Pettigrew, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. Donald Stewart; Norwich, Miss Louise Lossing, Eric Mannell, Mrs. Allan Pollock, William

Hogg, Mrs. Edith Harrison, and Maurice Longworth.

Renumeration for all board members was set at \$10 per committee meeting attended.

Council also officially passed the bylaw naming other township advisory groups, and adding one name, Doug Babbey, to the Springford-Cornell Community Advisory Committee.

Council have two readings to a bylaw "to assume the street lighting plant in the village of Burgessville."

Mayor Leslie Dickson, after protesting on his own behalf, was approved as the township's "Industrial Commissioner", a fancy title which means that new industry, seeking information or dialogue about Norwich, will be directed to him. It was noted that new industries traditionally seek out the mayor, anyway.

Acting on recommendation from the agriculture committee, council approved the 1975 requisition of the Upper Thames Conservation Authority, in the amount of \$844.

Council approved Public Works Committee recommendations to tender for new works department equipment...a new Grader for Ward Three; and a new dump truck for Ward 4.

Council appointed Alice Abbey of Oxford Centre as custodian for the Oxford Centre Community Hall.

Norwich - Otterville Lions plan busy year

George Davis, of Otterville, this year's president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, said that the club has slightly increased its membership from last year. There are now about 50 members in the club - a rise of two members from 1974.

Executive members of the Lions Club are as follows: President, George Davis; first vice-president, Fred Thompson of Norwich; second vice-president, John Sandham of Springford; third vice-president, Ed McFarland of Burgessville; secretary, Don Pettigrew of RR 1, Otterville; and treasurer, Gerald Christensen of Otterville.

Club members, said Mr. Davis, meet the second and fourth Monday of every month. The first meeting of the month is held at the Norwich Legion Hall and the second meeting of the month takes place at the Anglican Church Parish Hall in Otterville.

The Lions Club contributed money to a number of groups in Norwich and Otterville areas during 1974. They have contributed money, said the president, to local minor baseball in Otterville, Springford, Norwich, and Burgessville and areas. They have helped support the Norwich District Arena, the Norwich Minor Hockey Association and the Springford Area Recreation Association. Also in 1974 they contributed money to the Medical Centre in Norwich and to the new South Norwich Swimming Pool in Otterville, which was opened the first of July. Donations to the swimming pool were the big project of 1974, added Mr. Davis.

The Norwich-Otterville Lions club supported the Norwich Boy Scouts Troop last year as well as giving out the usual Christmas packages to the needy in the Norwich and Otterville areas.

The snowmobile races held in 1974 were a successful financial effort and one of the best fund sources for the Lions, Mr. Davis commented.

The Lions Club has already donated \$3,000 in 1975 to the Norwich Boy Scouts troop, the Norwich Senior Citizens Pastime Club, Norwich Minor Hockey

Association and the Otterville Lions Park Committee. There will probably be some more donations later in the year made to these groups, added the president.

The Snowmobile races held this January (1975) were also quite successful. Mr. Davis said that the club made about \$2500 from this event. He added there is no particular goal for this money in 1975.

The club will donate two \$50 scholarships to students at the Norwich District High School commencement in November 1975. Also in 1975 more funds will be given to the Norwich Medical Centre.

In September 1975 the club will hold its annual carnival, which is one of the largest fund-raising projects for the Lions. President George Davis noted that there is no major project for 1975 that the club is pushing for at the local level.

The club will be starting a new project for the first time in 1975. An exchange student from another country will stay for a year in Canada. The student will stay three months in four different Norwich-Otterville Lions homes. Lion members have already offered their homes and the club has set aside about \$250 for this project. This exchange program is being done through the Woodstock Rotary Club, added Mr. Davis. The Lions are supporting this rotary club program. He noted that the student would attend Norwich District High School while here.

President George Davis said that the Lions Club at the international and nation-wide level is a service club particularly interested in helping the blind and more recently have become interested in the deaf. Across Canada, he said, Lions Clubs support every year the Lake Joseph project, which is a summer camp for the blind in the Huntsville area (in Northern Ontario). Also for several years the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club have sponsored a child overseas. The money goes towards the education of the child until he reaches high school.

Early homes topic at meet ^{Feb 1975}

OTTERVILLE (C) - February meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening and was largely attended.

Mrs. Fred Cole, president, presided and opened the meeting with a reading "The Beauty of Winter," followed with prayer. "How Great Thou Art" was sung from the song sheet with Mrs. Jack Walther at the piano.

Roll call was responded to with members telling of a place of beauty in and around the village. Mrs. Harold Arthur, correspondence secretary, gave her report which included an invitation to the special meeting in the Baptist Church to meet with members of the Missionary Fellowship and other women of churches in the village.

Other reports included the treasurer's report by Mrs. Irvin Gehring who gave the report of the new kitchen cupboards which have been completed. Mrs. Lorne Teffry reported on quiltings held at her home during the winter and the two complete quilts were on display, one for Mrs. Earle Petch and one for Mrs. Melville Beecroft.

Mrs. Rod Taylor reported for the manse committee and Miss Gladys Nobbs reported for cards.

Plans were partly made for the Easter ThankOffering meeting

which will be held in the United church on March 20 when Rev. Wray Edwards of Woodstock will be guest speaker.

The president reported on the meeting of the United Church Women's Presbyterian held in Ingersoll in January and commented briefly on the addresses given and also thanked Mrs. Fred Howse, of St. John's Anglican Church Otterville, president of Oxford Deanery of Anglican Women, who graciously introduced one of the speakers. The president was much pleased with receiving second prize for the best crest worn that day for United Church Women. Spoons were on display commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Church Union, and are for sale.

The president reminded members of the executive meeting which will be held March 4, and also read a missionary letter from Miss Muriel Bamford who has just returned from India.

Two minutes of silence was observed for a member, Mrs. Jean Davis, who passed away last month.

Members were reminded of material for making bandages

for leprosy patients in Angola, and wool was also given for knitting.

Mrs. Rod Taylor, convener of the meeting, presided for the worship and was assisted by Mrs. Gary Walther and Mrs. Irvin Gehring. Offering was presented by Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Walther. Mrs. Donald Pettigrew of Springford, a former member of Otterville United Church, Sunday School, C.G.I.T., and women's groups was guest speaker and was introduced by Mrs. Rod Taylor, who also thanked Mrs. Pettigrew and presented her with a gift.

Mrs. Pettigrew, who is very interested in homes in the village and district, spoke on the early days of the United Empire Loyalists who built on the Niagara River. She told of the first stages of the early house, the Georgian home, and talked of the two eight-sided homes in South Norwich and one at Mount Pleasant. She concluded her talk by showing pictures of homes which dated in the early days of the village.

Meeting closed with a social hour and the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Williams - Oliver vows said

OTTERVILLE (C) — White, wrought iron pew standards with red bows on fern greenery and red candles enclosed in glass on top of the standards, decorated the guest pews at the United Church, Otterville, on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1975, at 5 p.m., for the candlelight wedding of Rebecca Dianne Oliver and Terrance Lee (Terry) Williams. Rev. Einar Egilsson, B.A., performed the ceremony before white, wrought iron candelabra with red candles, each decorated with a rope of red and white mums and carnations with green fern.

Mrs. Norman McClintock of Otterville played Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven, as the Processional, the Theme from Romeo and Juliet, Theme from Love Story, Somewhere My Love, Ave Maria, and The Sound of Music, with Ode to Joy by Beethoven as the Recessional. Soloist, Mrs. Jack Walther of Otterville, friend of the bride's family, sang Morning Has Broken, before the Processional, The Wedding Prayer following the marriage vows, and We've Only Just Begun, during the signing of the register.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams of RR 2, Otterville.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white, matte jersey with raised waist, fitted bodice, mandarin collar with open neckline, a full flowing skirt, and covered buttons on the long, fitted, sleeves with lace cuffs. Her headdress was a matching, alencon lace, Juliet cap which held her three-tiered, lace-bordered, fingertip-length, silk illusion veil in place, and she carried a cascade arrangement of mauve pom pom mums, red carnations, yellow sweethearts, white daisies, pink roses and baby's breath.

Brenda Oliver of Otterville, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Shelly Oliver of Otterville, also a sister of the bride, was a bridesmaid. They wore identical, floor-length, red, polyester crepe gowns with shirred bodice, white lace on the edge of the collar and on the edge of the short, puffed sleeve, styled with an empire waist, and worn with short, white lace gloves. Their hair was tied at the back with red and white rosebuds in red satin ribbon bow and streamers and they carried heart-shaped bouquets backed with white lace of white fuji mums, red carnations, red hearts and red ribbon.

Kim Williams of RR 2, Tillsonburg, niece of the groom, was junior bridesmaid. She wore a long, red, polyester gown similar to the other two attendants, except with white smocking on the bodice and long sleeves, and white collar and white cuffs trimmed with white lace. Her headdress and flowers was identical to the other two attendants.

Best man was Wayne Williams of RR 2, Tillsonburg, brother of the groom, and ushers were Michael Oliver of Otterville, brother of the bride, and Michael Fitzpatrick of Guelph, first cousin of the groom. Kevin Williams of RR 2, Tillsonburg, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer and was dressed in grey pants, white shirt with ruffles edged in red, red bow tie, navy blue

blazer, and a red carnation. He carried a heart-shaped, white, lace pillow with red satin rosebuds on top and also tied on streamers of white satin ribbon hanging from the pillow.

Reception for 110 dinner guests was held at 6 p.m. in the church parlour and a dance for 160 guests followed at the Legion Hall in Norwich. Master of ceremonies was Mr. Karl McEwan of Scotland, uncle of the bride and Mr. Jack Spicer of Hamilton, another uncle of the bride, proposed the toast to the bride. The church parlor was decorated with red and white streamers, red cupids and hearts and white wedding bells. Bride's table featured a three-tiered, heart-shaped wedding cake, decorated with red roses, hearts and cupids with wedding bells. Red candles in silver candelabra and the bridal bouquets also decorated the table. Guests tables were decorated with red and white carnations in white milk glass bud vases, and red candles.

Members of the United Church Women served a delicious turkey dinner.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of silver, polyester brocade, styled on princess lines, worn with silver accessories, a corsage of red roses, and a matching, tiara headpiece. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, jacketed, polyester gown in rose, worn with black accessories, rosebuds

matching her dress in her hair, and a corsage of a white cymbidium orchid.

For a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the bride chose a floor-length, coral, halter-neck gown with hooded jacket, trimmed with maribou, worn with beige accessories, a champagne muskrat and leather coat, and a cream cymbidium orchid corsage.

Guests were present from Brantford, Guelph, Kitchener, Tillsonburg, Smithville, Warton, Hagersville, Burford, Hamilton, Scotland, Ottawa and Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are residing at 792 Hughson St., Woodstock.

Prior to her wedding the bride and groom were honored at showers given by: Mr. and Mrs. Karl McEwan of Scotland, a family presentation and dinner; Mrs. Murray Downing of Otterville, a miscellaneous shower for neighbour ladies and friends; Mrs. Ronald Smith, assisted by Mrs. Charles Alward of Otterville, a miscellaneous shower for girl friends and classmates; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spicer of Hamilton, a buffet dinner and family shower; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Williams of RR 2, Tillsonburg, a miscellaneous shower and buffet lunch for relatives and neighbors; and the Nurses in Emergency Ward at Woodstock General Hospital, with whom Dianne works, presented her with a set of initialled crystal.



MR. AND MRS. TERRANCE LEE (TERRY) WILLIAMS
(Photo by Harold Ryder, Norwich)



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN ALEXANDER HODGART

Hodgart - Gray

OTTERVILLE (C) — Marsha Louise Gray of 342 Simcoe St., Woodstock, and Brian Alexander Hodgart of 700 Barber St., Listowel, were united in marriage at Otterville United Church on Saturday, February 15, 1975, at 3 p.m. before a setting of bouquets of red roses and white mums with red rosebuds and white bows marking the guest pews. Mrs. Bill McMullen was pianist and Mrs. Walther soloist.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray of Grove St., Otterville, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hodgart of 112 Hume St., Collingwood.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white, polyester satin, floor-length gown styled on empire lines with a lace bodice. A two-tier facer veil was held in place by a Juliet cap and she carried a bouquet of red roses.

Miss Tracy Gray of Otterville, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaid was Miss Christine Fehr. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of red polyester satin, styled with empire waist, and rounded, scooped neckline with white lace trim. They carried bouquets of red roses with white mums.

John Hunt of Hamilton, friend of the groom, was best man, and William John Reily of

Brantford, friend of the groom, was an usher.

Reception for 125 guests was held at the Norwich district Legion hall. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake and guests' tables were decorated with bud vases of red roses.

Bride's mother received guests in a royal blue, crepe, floor-length gown worn with a corsage of pink roses, and groom's mother chose a multi-color, printed jersey, floor-length gown, worn with a corsage of yellow roses.

Bride's gifts to her maid of honor was a sterling silver bridesmaid charm and decorative mushroom-shaped lamp; to the bridesmaid, a sterling silver bridesmaid charm and a pen and pencil set. Groom's gifts were a wine rack to the best man and a lighter and pen set to the usher.

For a wedding trip to Kingston and Ottawa, the bride chose a brown jersey, street-length ensemble with yellow flowers, styled with a high collar and long sleeves, and worn with a yellow rose corsage.

Guests were present from Collingwood, Toronto, Hamilton, Mount Brydges, Kitchener, St. Catharines and Marathon.

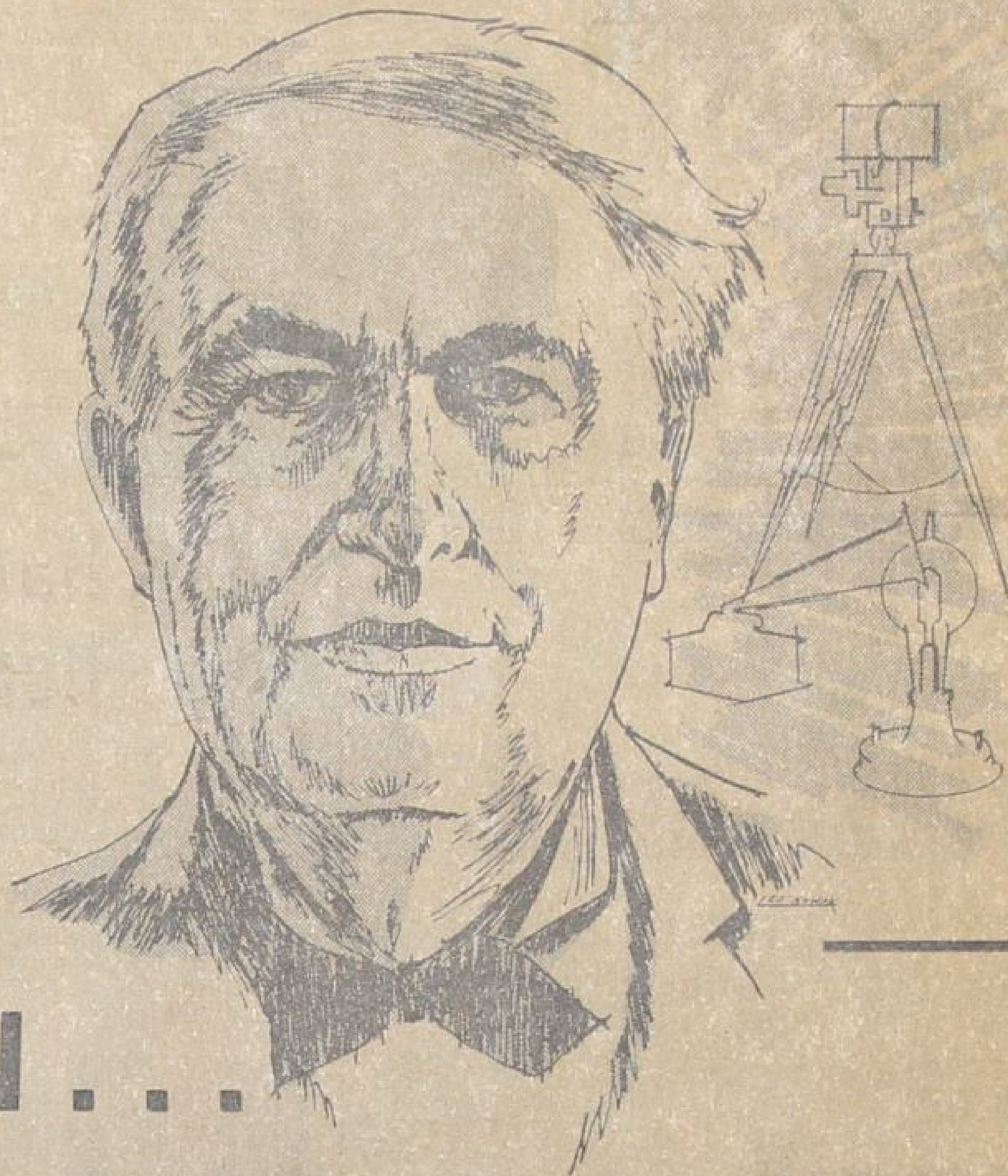
Mr. and Mrs. Hodgart are residing in Richmond Hill.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their eldest daughter, Rebecca Dianne, to Mr. Terrance Lee Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, R.R. 2, Tillsonburg. The wedding will take place on February 14th, 1975, in Otterville United Church.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray of Otterville, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Marsha Louise to Brian Hodgart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hodgart of Collingwood. The wedding to take place at Otterville United Church, February 15 at 3 p.m. 1975



Thomas A.

EDISON . . .

A dreamer with determination

BORN ON February 11, 1849, the great grandson of a Dutch immigrant, Thomas Edison became a practical man with seemingly impractical ideas.

With only three months of formal education, Thomas Edison was guided by his mother, a former high school teacher and before he was 10 years old he was absorbed in books about science, particularly chemistry, and in his cellar 'laboratory' was repeating the experiments described in textbooks.

This led him to making a telegraph instrument. In 1863 he became a night telegraph operator for the Grand Trunk at Stratford Junction, Ont. Here he made his first invention, a labor-saving telegraphic device. In 1869, when living in New York, he patented a stock-ticker and due to his ability to keep it in operation, during 'Black-Friday' in 1869, the president of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Co. paid him \$40,000 for the rights to this machine.

With this money Edison really started to work and in 1877 he produced a primitive sound-

recording machine, which after improvement at a later date became the phonograph. In the years following he produced his first truly incandescent lamp, and subsequently developed the light sockets, switches, fuses and wiring systems which made the electric lighting of homes possible.

In years to follow Edison and his associates made a dependable telephone transmitter, the electric locomotive and automobile, the storage battery and the motion picture machine. He also introduced the concrete "poured" house. Edison lived to be 85 years old and was one of the truly great inventors that served mankind.

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DEL REEVES
DOTTIE WEST
CHARLIE WALKER
FREDDY FENDER

8:30-9:00 KROGERS / SUNBEAM

JACK GREENE
JEANNIE SEELY
THE CARLISLES
JERRY CLOWER

9:00-9:30 BALTZ BROS. / SCHLITZ

GEORGE MORGAN
JEAN SHEPARD
STONEWALL JACKSON
THE PROMENADERS

9:30-10:00 ACME BOOT/
BEECHNUT TOBACCO

BILL MONROE
ERNIE ASHWORTH
THE WILLIS BROTHERS

10:00-10:30 CEE BEE / SCHLITZ

ROY DRUSKY
STU PHILLIPS
JUSTIN TUBB
THE PROMENADERS

10:30-11:00 SHONEYS

BILL ANDERSON
BILLY GRAMMER
THE OSBORNE BROTHERS
MARY LOU TURNER

11:05-11:30 GRAND OLE GOSPEL

RE V. JIMMY R. SNOW
THE EVANGEL TEMPLE CHOIR AND
SPECIAL GUEST

6:30-6:45-MRS. GRISSOM'S

DEL REEVES
WILMA LEE AND
STONEY COOPER

6:45-7:00-RUDYS

GEORGE MORGAN
MARION WORTH
THE CARLISLES

7:00-7:30-RUDYS

BILL MONROE
DOTTIE WEST
JERRY CLOWER
ERNIE ASHWORTH
STONEWALL JACKSON

7:30-8:00-STANDARD CANDY

PORTER WAGONER
THE FOUR GUYS
LONZO AND OSCAR
BARBARA LEA
THE CROOK BROTHERS
THE TENNESSEE TRAVELERS

8:00-8:30-MARTHA WHITE

JACK GREENE
JEANNIE SEELY
BILLY GRAMMER
CHARLIE WALKER
THE WILLIS BROTHERS

8:30-9:00-STEPHENS WORK CLOTHES

HANK SNOW
JEAN SHEPARD
STU PHILLIPS
THE FRUIT JAR DRINKERS
JUSTIN TUBB

GRAND OLE OPRY

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1975

SATURDAY MATINEE

3:00-3:30

GEORGE MORGAN
LORRIE MORGAN
THE CARLISLES

3:30-4:00

STONEWALL JACKSON
LONZO AND OSCAR
BILLY GRAMMER

4:00-4:30

THE WILLIS BROTHERS
WILMA LEE AND
STONEY COOPER

4:30-5:00

THE FOUR GUYS
BILL MONROE

9:30-10:00-KELLOGG'S

GEORGE MORGAN
THE WILLIS BROTHERS
WILMA LEE AND STONEY COOPER
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10:00-10:15-FENDER GUITAR

STONEWALL JACKSON
THE CARLISLES
JERRY CLOWER

10:15-10:30-UNION '76

PORTER WAGONER
BILLY GRAMMER
DOTTIE WEST

10:30-10:45-TRAILBLAZER

BILL MONROE
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LONZO AND OSCAR

10:45-11:00-BEECHNUT TOBACCO

CHARLIE WALKER
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THE CROOK BROTHERS
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Hazel Wigglesworth

Translator and missionary

Mar/75

by Deborah Ferris

Hazel Wigglesworth, a former Otterville area resident, has returned to the area for a few weeks, before returning to the Philippines where she has worked as a linguistic translator and missionary for 10 years. She is staying with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Orton Kyes of R.R. 1, LaSalette.

Hazel was born and raised on the Otterville Road (R.R. 1, Otterville) and attended Norwich District High School. She then moved to London where she attended the London College of Bible and Missions. On graduation she received a Bachelor of Religious Education degree.

She left Canada to work in a church in Bay City Michigan. There she was involved with youth programs and in Christian education work. University was her next step. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1957 and later a Master of Arts degree in linguistics (the science of language) at the University of Michigan in 1958.

Before joining the Wycliffe Bible Translators, an international and non-denominational group, in 1961 to become a linguistic translator, Hazel taught English and History at a Michigan high school.

For 10 years she worked in the Philippines as a translator and researcher. During her furlough or study leave she started in Sept. of 1972 to work on her PhD. For two and a half years she has been in residence at Indiana University where she is enrolled in a doctoral program in ethnology and ethnomusicology.

Hazel has just recently finished her course work and doctoral exams, and has been in Canada since December. Now she only has to finish her dissertation (PhD thesis) which will be on one Ilianen Manobo, ethnic minority group, in the Philippines.

While she was in the Philippines she worked with these 15,000 native peoples. Hazel and a Californian teacher have developed a written language for these people. Ilianen Manobo are not a stone age group. However, they had no written language and as a result could not read or write. Since Hazel and her team researcher have been working with this ethnic group they have translated health and agricultural booklets for the people. They were also teaching them to read and write and have written a series of primers

(reading or spelling books for beginners). Half of the New Testament has also been translated and they have accumulated a wealth of material on the culture of the Manobo.

Before Hazel could work on a written language for the people she had to learn to speak their language. She added that the Philippines has eight major language groups of which one language has been elected the national language. The national language, Tagalog, has now been renamed Pilipino. There are also 44 different languages which are only oral languages in the Philippines.

Hazel worked in the interlands in the Philippines where she and a co-translator had to be flown in. For three months at a time they lived in the hinterlands with the Manobo. They would then return to a linguistic centre where they attended workshops. Miss Wigglesworth added that the linguistic researchers are well accepted by the people and that they were invited into the country by the Philippine Government.

It has been very rewarding work, said Hazel. It is rewarding to see people learning to read and write their own language and also to see their lives changed by the Gospel. It is also good to see, she said, the freedom the Gospel brings them.

The Manobo are still by and large animists, she said. However, there is now a large nucleus of Christians. The Manobo, as animists, worship a hierarchy of spirits. They have spirits for hunting, fishing, crops, etc. Although they have a head spirit or god, they can not speak directly with this spirit but only through the lesser spirits.

Hazel became interested in working with ethnic groups when she was a grad student at Michigan University. She had personal friends who worked with the Wycliffe Bible translators group and also she met other people from Wycliffe when they were on furlough at Michigan University.

She said it will take about 15 years to complete the translation of the New Testament into the Manobo language.

All linguistic research and primers are turned over to the Department of Education in the Philippines, since the government is interested in what the Wycliffe linguists are accomplishing.

Besides all the other work Miss

Wigglesworth had, she still managed to have two linguistic papers published. She is also interested in journalism and has written stories on some 12 ethnic minority groups for Christian publications. Recently she added she just hasn't had enough time to do this type of writing.

She noted that working on a doctorate can be a long grind, but that it has been a good experience for her. She had definite goals when she went into her doctoral program. She had already had field experience (working with the Manobo) which give her a real incentive, she said.

In a year to a year-and-a-half she expects to have completed her dissertation. Hazel will then be ready to face her oral exam before being granted her PhD degree.

When she returns in a few weeks time to the Philippines she will be doing consulting work - helping new teams of linguistic researchers who will study the culture and music of different ethnic minority groups.

Since Miss Wigglesworth has returned to Canada she has also been involved in speaking to Christian groups and students in Ottawa. She also showed slides on the Ilianen Manobo Tuesday at the Norwich Presbyterian Church.

Miss Wigglesworth is a dedicated woman who enjoys her work. She has spend a number of years in academic institutions and has also had practical experience in her chosen profession. She has been involved in teaching, researching and writing. Although she had to work hard, the benefits have been rewarding.



Miss Hazel Wigglesworth,

Otterville

Mar/75

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Nicholls and son, Brian, and daughter, Karen, of Downsview were dinner guests with Mrs. Harold Waring. Rev. Nicholls and family were enroute to Mount Bridges to spend the weekend there, the children remaining for the holiday. Rev. Nicholls returned to Otterville on Good Friday and spent part of the day with Mrs. Nicholls, who had been a guest with Mrs. Waring for several days, and returned with her husband to Mount Bridges for the Easter weekend.

While in Otterville, Mrs. Nicholls was guest of honor at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry where she met Mrs. John Hansford, Mrs. Jack Walters, Mrs. Hilda Stockmans; Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Delmer Clinton to renew associations. Other friends she visited were with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and daughter, Mrs. William Smith, Mr. Smith and baby daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Charter Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover, Mrs. Wilma Butler and Mrs. Edna Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch spent a couple of days last week with their son, Mr. Donald Petch and Mrs. Petch at Ancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe spent Good Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of Oshawa were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and also called on other relatives in the area.

Dr. Howard Petch of Victoria, B.C., spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch.

M. Kitchen heads area

Mar/75

PNG Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - Past Noble Grands Club held their regular meeting at the home of Sister Helen Thompson with a good attendance. President Greta Smith presided.

The election of officers resulted as follows: past president, Greta Smith; president, Margaret Kitchen; 1st vice, Eva Deveney; 2nd vice, Edith Avey; secretary-treasurer, Good Cheer and press reporter, Olive Pickersgill.

It was decided that the fourth Monday of the month would definitely be the night of meeting.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Edith Avey with Violet Howse assisting.

It was moved by Helen Thompson and seconded by Greta Smith that a guest book be purchased for the Lodge hall. Several members paid their dues.

Helen Thompson conducted two contests which were enjoyed, with four winners.

The table was decorated in keeping with St. Valentine. Greta Smith was pleasantly surprised when she was presented with a prettily decorated birthday cake.

Appreciation was expressed to Helen for opening her home for the meeting.

W. F. ENTWHISTLE

Willett Floyd Entwhistle, aged 77 years, of 684 Frances St., Woodstock, formerly of Norwich, passed away on Monday, March 24, in Woodstock General Hospital. 1975

Born in Norwich, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Entwhistle, he was a life-long resident of the area and a former farmer, a member of the Norwich United Church and a former elder of the church.

Surviving is one son, Morley of Winnipeg; two sisters, Mrs. Erwin (Flossie) Hartley of Woodstock and Mrs. Charlie (Alice) Showers of Burlington; a brother, Merton of London; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral was held Saturday, March 29, at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, with Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church officiating.

The bearers were Maurice Longworth, Clinton Morley, Donald Hartley, Charlie Showers, Frank Swanton, Sam McSpadden. Honorary bearer was Clayton Longworth. Interment was in Norwich cemetery.

Just a big "Thank You" note from Mr. & Mrs. Frank Broad to their neighbours & friends, Institute, U. C. W. and Church for cards and gifts received on their 59th wedding anniversary. Mar/75

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. John Horley, Dena and Jane, pleasantly surprised Mrs. George Horley on her birthday, and enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream with her, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Horley's anniversary, they were guests for dinner with Mr. and Mrs. J. Horley, with Mr. and Mrs. Moore also present. 1975

Born

RICHES - Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Riches wish to announce the rerecent arrival of their son Michael John. Born March 7, 1975.

Letters to the Editor

Mar/75

Pay for firemen

The Editor: With respect to a recent news item concerning the Norwich Twp. Council Protection to Persons and Property Committee and The Fire Departments, as chief of the former South Norwich Fire Dept., I wish to make a few comments. I do not feel I should speak for the other two departments in our new Township of Norwich, however.

Considering the effort required of a fireman, I do not feel the wages asked for are unreasonable. When the Chiefs asked for \$1,200, I was sure this would be cut and when it was cut to \$600 I was satisfied, but I would not take the responsibility for less as I had before at \$350 per year.

The Deputy Chief asked for \$600. The Council offered \$300 and we accepted it. The Captains asked for \$550. The Council made no offer and at the so-called heated meeting we asked for \$200 and this was accepted by council.

The firefighters asked for \$8 per drill. This is when the equipment is maintained and training is carried out through films, guest speakers and department personnel. The Councils offer of \$6 was accepted.

The Firefighters asked for 15c per mile when their cars were used in department business (which is the same as Council members are paid). This was satisfactory.

The Firefighters asked for \$12 per hour to fight fires. The council offered \$10 for the first hour and \$5 for the remaining time. We felt it was worth no less than \$10 per hour straight as the second hour is as important as the first when at a fire scene or any other emergency. When the Fire Committee took the proposal to the Norwich Council, this seemed to upset them very much, but they accepted it.

I would think it was at this time that there were things said without much thinking being done first, such as when Councillor Orth said it would cost up to \$3,000 to go to a small fire when they could do nothing or very little. On an average we have 10 men to a fire and at this rate one would have to spend 30 hours at the fire scene, which is absolutely ridiculous. About 75 per cent of our fires do not exceed one hour so \$10 straight does not mean that much to the taxpayers, but is necessary to keep a department together.

I do not think \$10 is out of this world as most businesses charge at least this amount per hour without the hazards there are at a fire scene.

I sometimes wonder just how many people and council members would be willing to close up a store, restaurant, shop or any business to answer these calls.

Would they be willing at milking time or corn or tobacco planting time to drop everything and go to these fires as we do? Would they be ready to spend Sunday with their families only to have a fire call come in to delay the trip or have them go without you?

A volunteer firefighter does not work shift work such as a fulltime firefighter, so they can plan their time. The volunteers are on call 24 hours a day, eight days a week.

Council has made the statement not so many men should go to small fires. This has been a practice in our department when I am sure the whole department is not needed, but this is a very difficult thing to determine as all fires start small.

When the fire department is called to a kiln fire and two or three nearby kilns are saved, I do not think this farmer would be too concerned about \$80 or \$100 paid in wages to the department. The accident victims trapped in a car waiting to be cut loose are not concerned about what the cost may be, or the spectators who are watching this group of men at work.

In the past when our department had any problems of any kind I could go to a council meeting and talk things over and we could have the problem taken care of without so called "Heated Meetings." The old Council and the former South Norwich Fire Department worked very close together even to have one councillor and one clerk on the department. I think we are going to be able to work with the Norwich Township Fire Committee and I hope the rest of the Council change their attitude and see that we are not in this just to make a big dollar but are concerned about the people and property in this fire area.

William McMullen Jr.,
Chief
South Norwich Fire Dept.

Thirty attend prayer meet

Mar/75

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Marion Sheridan of Burford was guest speaker at the World Day of Prayer service held in St. John's Anglican Church parish hall, Otterville, on Friday afternoon. The service was attended by more than 30 women who braved the stormy weather which seemed to be the worst at meeting time. Visibility was nil for either those driving or walking to the service at 2 p.m.

Speaking on the theme "Become Perfectly One," Mrs. Sheridan stressed Unity.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist for the service.

Leader, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president of the Church Guild, was assisted by Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Fred Cole, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Paul Hill.

Mrs. George McElhone participated in the service and Mrs. Derwood Spicer and Mrs. Fred Howse were ushers.

Translator speaks at Otterville WMF meet

March 4/75

OTTERVILLE (C) — Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church entertained the ladies of the United Church and Anglican Church in the village, also North Broadway Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, and Springfield Baptist Church at their annual special Missionary meeting. Miss Hazel

Wrigglesworth, a missionary with Wycliffe Translators in the Philippines, was guest speaker.

Miss Wrigglesworth showed pictures of the work in the Philippines and gave a very informative and interesting talk regarding her work in translating the New Testament into a previously unwritten language there. Composing hymns and setting them to national style, music is another area of service which Miss Wrigglesworth has been able to accomplish.

Miss Wrigglesworth has been studying linguistics at the State University, Bloomington, Indiana, for the past two years and expects to return to the Philippines this spring.

Mrs. Fred Hill, president, presided for the meeting. Easter music was provided by the ladies quartet, Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. Brian Davis, Mrs. William Hansford and Mrs. Paul Hill, who sang two numbers "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Ten Thousand Angels."

Scripture lesson was read by

Mrs. Dwight Davis and Missionary Prayer was offered by Mrs. David Blayney. Mrs. Ronald Goodale and Mrs. Robert Butler were ushers.

Following the meeting, lunch was served by Mrs. Hilda Stockmans, Mrs. John Hansford and Mrs. William Hansford.

MRS. CAMIEL VERSTRAETE

DELHI — Service for Mrs. Camiel Verstraete, 80, Otterville, who died Monday, March 10, 1975, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, was held Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of LaSalette Church, LaSalette, Rev. George Childs officiated and burial was in Delhi Cemetery.

Born in Belgium, she was the former Emma Keirsebilck and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Keirsebilck. She came to Onario in 1926 to Harrow and moved to Simcoe in 1937 and to Otterville in 1949.

Surviving are her husband Camiel; one child, Mrs. Frank (Paula) Michelet, Otterville, one sister, Mrs. Marie Verstraete, Belgium; one brother, John Keirsebilck of Courtland; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Four children, Mrs. Madeline Eechaute, Mrs. Mary De Coninck, Andrew, and Homer died some time ago.

Pallbearers were Donald Michelet, Ronald DeConinck, Jerry Eechaute, Kenneth Vandebussche, Willie Van Besien and James Hantz.

Prayers were said at the Murphy Funeral Home on Tuesday, at 8 p.m.

Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Mrs. Camiel Verstraete wish to express sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the many kind acts, cards of sympathy, flowers, masses and memorial donations in the recent passing of a beloved wife and mother. Special thanks to Fr. Childs, Dr. H. H. Batson and the nurses on Floor 2, Tillsonburg Hospital. Also thanks to Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, and to ladies of St. John's Anglican Church who served breakfast in the Parish Hall. - Camiel Verstraete and family. Mar/75



Mrs. Anne Egilsson of Otterville, chairman of the Oxford presbytery of the United Church, will be speaker at the World Day of Prayer service Friday, March 7, at St. Pauls United Church, at 2 p.m. People of the community will join with those around the world in this international day of prayer and fellowship. Day of Prayer will begin at St. Pauls at 7 a.m. when doors will be open for a prayer vigil. A noon service is planned at the town hall for business people. Mar/75

Club to purchase equipment for park

Mar/75

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the Sunshine Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. John McSkimming on Thursday evening with 12 members present.

The president, Mrs. Fred Pearce, presided and welcomed members.

Mrs. Jim McMurchy, secretary, read minutes. The roll call was responded to with the members telling where they would like to spend their vacation.

During the meeting, a committee composed of Mrs. Fred Pearce, Mrs. Ross Dow, Mrs. Robert Pettigrew and Miss Dorothy Wardell was named to purchase equipment for recreational purpose for the community park with the money which the club realized from the pancake dinner, which they served earlier in the season.

Mrs. Roland Harrison, convener of the lunch, served a dainty repast in keeping with the Easter season and all enjoyed a social hour.

Mrs. Ross Dow, on behalf of the

club, thanked the hostess, Mrs. McSkimming, and Mrs. Harrison for the pleasant evening and invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

St. John's Guild meets

Mar/75

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Guild was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday. Rev. Herring opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes and roll call were given by Miss Edna Furlong, and Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

Following the Guild meeting, Rev. Herring conducted the Maundy service in which Jack Riste assisted, reading Scripture. After the service, the members enjoyed their social time with a cup of tea.

Japanese youth exchange set

Mar/75

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville.

Lion President George Davis presided. There were four guests present.

A new member, Lion Gord Stone, was inducted. He was sponsored by Lion Lorne Campbell. The induction committee consisted of Lions Murray Wardell, Nelson Gleason, John Davis, Jim McLaren, and president, George Davis.

Mrs. Joyce Hanson spoke to the club on the purpose and objectives of the Order of the Eastern Star, whose local members cater to the Lions dinners.

Lion Fred Thompson reported

on ladies' night to be held Saturday in Hamilton.

President George Davis announced that there will be a Lions Japanese youth exchange. Ten Japanese students will spend six weeks in this area living with local Lions for two-week intervals. A similar number of Canadian students will be visiting in Japan.

Three Lions from the St. Williams Club were in attendance and brought greetings from their club.

The next meeting, April 14, will be in the form of a bus trip to the Ontario Hydro generating station at Nanticoke.

The convention draw was won by Lions Cecil Workman from St. Williams. Bill Rynard, Nelson

Gleason, Wilbert Fralickol of St. Williams, Mel Smith, Stan Palmer, Clare Westmacott, Fred Thompson, Dalt French and Gerry Christensen.

Church club plan turkey supper

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Church Club met in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening when plans were made for the annual Turkey supper which will be held in the Parish Hall Sunday, April 27. The president, Mrs. Richard Saunders, presided, and the secretary, Miss Edna Furlong, read minutes and roll call.



Members of the Cornell Women's Institute were busy Monday at the Cornell Hall with a quilting bee. The ladies are shown here working on a "crazy quilt", an old-fashioned quilt made with heavy material. The quilt will be given to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hussey, of Springford, who lost almost all their possessions when their house burned down on March 3. The W.I. decided to make a quilt since they learned that Mrs. Hussey lost her own quilts in the fire. Shown from left to right are the following W.I. members: Mrs. Lena Lucas; Mrs. Zue Hicks; Mrs. Doris Oatman; Mrs. Betty Adlington; Mrs. Ruth Hulme; Mrs. Thelma Stover; Mrs. Lucille Debus; Mrs. Katie Pearce, and Mrs. Cela Rice. The Cornell Women's Institute also helped collect money for a fire fund for the family. The money was turned over to the Springford Women's Institute, who set up the fund. Also Saturday, April 5, relatives of the Hussey family are holding a miscellaneous shower for the Husseys at the Cornell Hall. The shower starts at 8 p.m.

March/75

Wardens visit set for March

OTTERVILLE (C) - Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, met in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Otterville, on Monday evening for their regular meeting. N.G. Wilma Butler and V.G. Violet Cole presided for the meeting.

Lodge opened in regular form. There were seven officers absent.

Communications were dealt with. A letter from District Deputy Sister Clara Ashford informed of the warden's visit March 10th. Delhi, Tillsonburg and Otterville lodges join

together, in entertaining her at Delhi Lodge.

Lodge closed in regular form. The committee for the month held a penny sale, the proceeds to go to the district. Lunch was served for a social time. 1975



Mr. and Mrs. Emerick DeMontmorency of Norwich celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary quietly at their home on Monday, March 24.

Mark 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Emerick DeMontmorency, 20 North Court St., Norwich, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, quietly, at their home on Monday, March 24th, when relatives and friends called to express congratulations and best wishes.

They were married March 24, 1925, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church rectory, Norwich. Mrs. DeMontmorency was the former "Flo" Morris, daughter of

the late Mr. and Mrs. John E. Morris, and Mr. DeMontmorency's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. George DeMontmorency.

Following a wedding trip to Toronto, they engaged in farming and lived in the Newark area, Pleasant Valley and Holbrook, prior to moving to Norwich 15 years ago, where they have since resided.

They have one daughter,

Mrs. A. K. (Lois) Duncan of Leamington, and two grandsons.

Both are adherents of the Norwich United Church. Mrs. DeMontmorency is a member of Unit 1 of the U.C.W. and also a member of the Utility Club. Mr. DeMontmorency is a member of the Past Time Club.

They were recipients of many cards, gifts, flowers and messages of congratulations, including a plaque from Premier William Davis on behalf of the Ontario Government, also one from the Prime Minister of Canada, Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Easter . . . the time of promise

By Rev. Herb Herring
Trinity Anglican Church

Easter means many things to many people. To children, perhaps, it means the Easter Bunny or perhaps even Charlie Brown's Easter Beagle, the time for gifts of chocolate eggs, chickens or rabbits. To some, perhaps, it means the new clothes for the Easter Parade; to others the renewal of life as the winter gives place to the new life of spring.

CHURCH SERVICES

OTTERVILLE BAPTIST

OTTERVILLE -- At the Baptist Church, morning service began with prayer. Brian Davis was pianist.

Announcements included the Good Friday service at North Broadway Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m. this Friday.

The children's message reminded the younger set that adults "love, lick and teach them," because of their great worth.

Pastor Blayney brought "helps to the work" as the morning message. The list of ten contained prayers, helping new converts, promoting other's joys, patience, practicality, a forgiving spirit, keeping unity, encouraging leaders, being bold for Christ and responding to the missionary call.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — Easter services in the St. John's Anglican Church were conducted by the rector, Rev. H. Herring. Palm Sunday was observed with blessing and distribution of Palms.

Good Friday devotions and meditations had the theme "The People Around Jesus."

Easter Sunday services were conducted by the rector when Holy Communion was held. Misses Mary Jane Furlong and Cheryl Furlong sang a duet; "The Old Rugged Cross." The consecration of the Altar cloth was made, donated by Mrs. Arthur Picknell. The offering was presented by Jack Freeland and Arthur Picknell.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist for the service.

To the Muslim, the birthday of Mohammed comes around this time; to the Hebrew, the Passover is celebrated at this time of the year.

To the Christian, it means the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the Promise of Eternal Life to those who believe in Him.

You mean we are actually to believe that a man, claiming to be the Son of God, and being publicly crucified and declared dead, buried and laid in a tomb, rose from the dead??

What a claim! The mind reels from the impact and implication of such a claim. How can mortal men accept such a thing? What proof have we of such a fantastic assertion?

So we have the Empty Tomb, the eyewitness testimony of reliable and God-fearing people, who had no idea that such an event would occur.

We have the attitude of the Disciples - broken, dispirited, utterly disappointed men, whose world had "fallen apart" with the death of their leader and master. -- Suddenly He appears to them; He shows them His Body, real, material, yet strangely able to "appear" before them. His instructions, totally unexpected, dangerous and risky to carry out. For many days He appears to various people, finally to a crowd of "upward of five hundred witnesses."

An apparition? Wishful thinking? Mass hysteria? An organized "con game?" - Not when admission of such beliefs brought Death and Persecution!

The disciples "caught fire" and swept through the known world with this incredible doctrine, founding a "church" of believers lasting to this very day! Something made this change! Men don't risk death for a lie.

They were convinced of His presence with them, and after His ascension, Christians ever since, have been convinced of His presence in their lives.

So, either He did "Rise from the Dead" either He was the Son of God as He claimed, or else He was the greatest charlatan and fraud the world ever saw!

We are not Christians because He was a great teacher, who founded a great new "point of view," we are not Christians because of a great Moral Code that He left. No! We are Christians because we believe

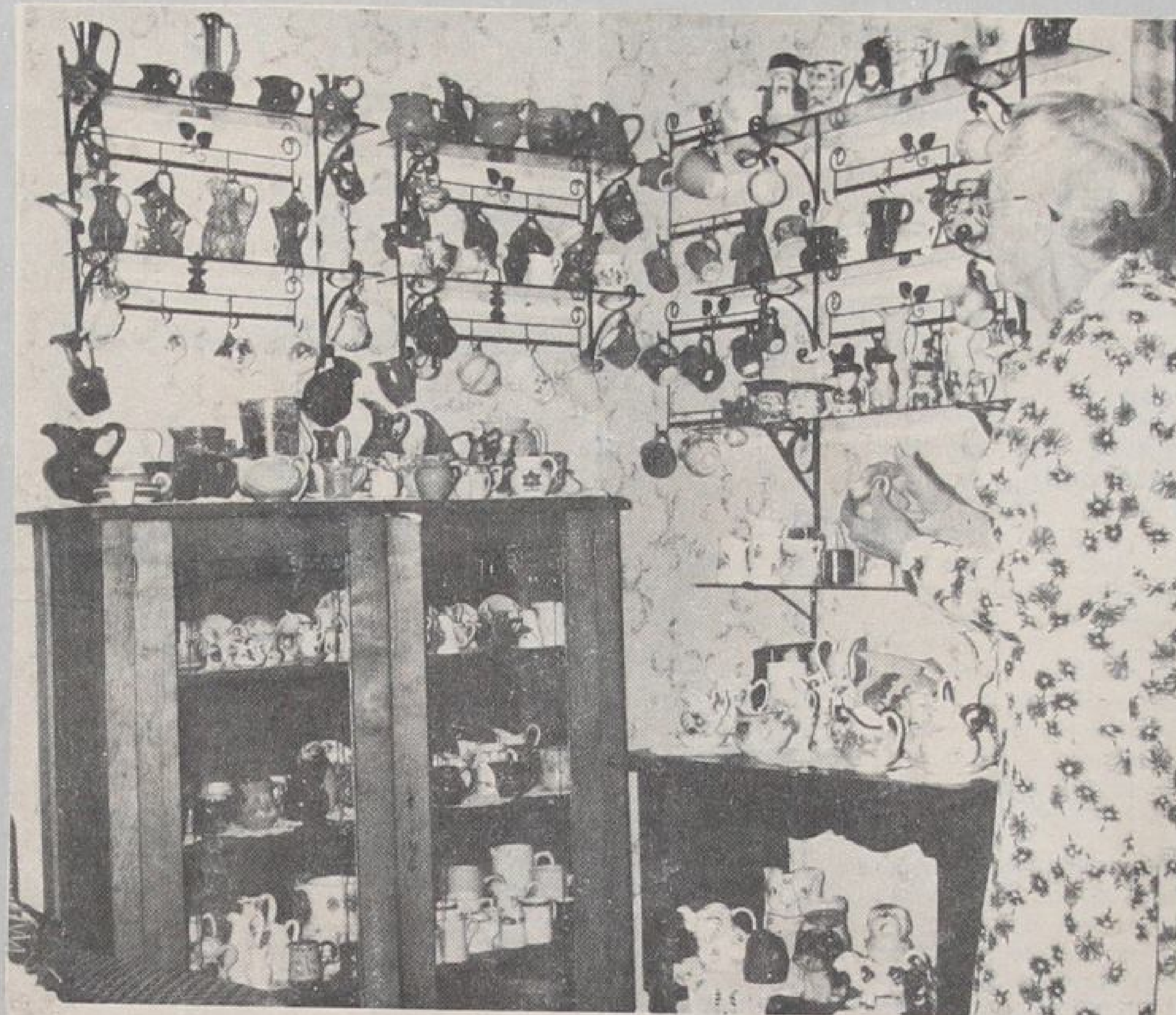
that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He did show us a wonderful new way of Life, the way of Love, and that He did die

for our sins and did "Rise again on the third day."

We have this Promise — "As many as received Him, to them

gave He power to become Sons of God."

Easter — new life for believing mankind!



Some collect stamps and others may delight in antique cars or even old coins, but Mrs. E. DeMontmorency of Norwich has carefully gathered a collection of over 300 pitchers over the years, and many of them are very rare. She is seen here looking over one corner of her collection.

Dessert euchre planned by area Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 was held in the Lodge hall with Noble Grand Wilma Butler and Vice-Grand Violet Cole presiding. There were no visitors, and four officers were absent.

Sister Clara Griffin was reported ill with the flu; Sister Dorothy Hawyard's mother was confined to hospital; and Sister Grace Squance was to have the cast removed from her foot.

Communications were read and the secretary was instructed to send regrets to Elgin Lodge No. 32, St. Thomas, for their Friendship Night.

Members of the Lodge plan on entertaining the Warden of the Assembly, and a donation was made to the Ontario Eye Research for "the lazy eye" program.

Plans are underway for the annual dessert euchre on March 26, with dessert at 1 p.m. and cards at 2 p.m.

Lodge closed in regular form after which Court Whist was played. Lunch was served downstairs by the committee in charge.

Lodge holds dessert euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held their annual luncheon euchre in the form of dessert at the I.O.O.F. hall.

The luncheon was held at 1 p.m. and the games began at 2 p.m.

There were ten tables in play and prizes were won by ladies high, Anne Lockyer; low, Joyce Hodgson; men's high, David McKibbon, low, Mrs. Joe Lees (playing a man's card). The mystery prizes were won by Norman Rutly and Ethel Arthur. The door prize was won by Anne Rogers.

All reported an enjoyable afternoon.

ALVA BEATRICE LAZENBY

Mrs. Percy Lazenby of Norwich passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Friday, March 21, 1975, in her 82nd year.

She was the former Alva Beatrice Duckwith, and was predeceased by her husband.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Rettie (Belle) Palmer of Norwich, Mrs. Clarence (Meda) Avey of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Russell (Nene) Lott of Guelph, Nan of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. R. H. (Ruth) LaFlair of Sarnia; three sisters, Mrs. Emil (Ruth) Jenson of Erin, Mrs. Emily Cassell of Richland, Washington, and Mrs. Edith Hammer of Woodstock; and 15 grandchildren.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral residence, Norwich, where service was held Monday, March 24, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Eric Strain.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.

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Aylmer man feeds thousands

By PAT MOAURO
of The Free Press

Jack Rice of Aylmer feeds thousands of persons daily in high school and department store cafeterias, armed forces canteens and industrial plants.

He sharpened his culinary tastes on mess and canteen food during five years as pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War.

After the war, Mr. Rice

saw opportunities in the burgeoning food business and decided to try his hand at it.

Today, his firm, Jack Rice Caterers Ltd., is a multi-million-dollar business. Mr. Rice said the firm, which employs about 350 persons, expects to have sales of \$4 million this year.

Mr. Rice, 53, started his food business in 1950 when he bought the former Aylmer Dairy, just off Talbot Street in the centre of Aylmer, and

operated a dairy bar at the front.

He took over the canteen at the former Aylmer air force base, now occupied by the Aylmer Police College, and soon started food services for air force bases across the country.

These included bases at London, Centralia, Clinton, Downsview, Camp Borden, Trenton, Ottawa, Rockcliffe, Uplands, Winnipeg, Moose Jaw and Greenwood, N.S.

When most of these bases were closed, Mr. Rice was left with canteens and cafeterias at Trenton, Ottawa and Camp Borden.

In 1968 he expanded his catering business to high schools. His firm now serves meals and snacks in 20 high schools in the counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk, Brant and part of Oxford.

The firm serves an average of 20,000 meals a day in the schools. Food services also

are provided at 10 industrial plants at Huron Park at Centralia, plants at Cobourg and several others in Western Ontario, including Livingston Industries Ltd. at Tillsonburg, London and Hagersville; Canadian Canners, Simcoe; Benson and Hedges and the Ontario Flue-cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board, both at Delhi.

Cafeterias also are operated at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, the Black Angus Lounge at Aylmer, which Mr. Rice owns; Hudson's department store in London, and a restaurant at the Golden Pheasant Motel on Highway 22 near London.

Since July, 1974, the Rice firm has been caterer for the Paddock Restaurant and Tavern at Western Fair Raceway in London. In addition, the firm caters for as many as 2,000 persons at special banquets and events.

In addition to a 6,000-square-foot kitchen in the former Aylmer Dairy building, the Rice firm has started its own commissary and butcher shop to process meat and other food supplies. Ten trucks are used to deliver meals and snacks to industries, banquets and construction sites.

The Rice firm is expanding its food operations, especially in the London area, he said.

A 200-seat restaurant and tavern, called Jack's Place, is expected to be opened by May 1 on Dundas Street between William and Adelaide streets in London.

The \$200,000 contemporary style dining and drinking spot is in the former London Pure Milk Co. building.

Another Jack's Place restaurant and tavern is expected to be opened by mid-summer next to Mr. Rice's Black Angus Lounge in Aylmer where a Mac's Milk variety store is located. The Mac's Milk outlet, also owned by Mr. Rice, will be moved to another location in downtown Aylmer.

The firm first reached \$1 million in annual sales in 1969. Last year its sales were \$3 million, and this year the firm hopes to top \$4 million . . . not bad for someone who started serving sandwiches, coffee and ice cream from a little dairy bar 25 years ago.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

March 24, 1955

Lorne Brown, keeper at the Long Point Lighthouse for 27 years has retired and is on six months' retirement leave with full pay until September 1st.

Port Burwell received the status of a Grade 1 Port at the first of this year.

Otterville - Mr. and Mrs. George Douma and three sons who have been living in the house of the late James Arthur, Sr., have moved to the tobacco farm of Dr. H. H. Batson near Brantford.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

March 15, 1945

Otterville - Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy have purchased the brickhouse east of their feed store where Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch and family have resided for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Leitch have purchased the house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste, south of Leitch's store.



Jack Rice of Aylmer relaxes in the kitchen of his Black Angus Lounge in Aylmer. Mr. Rice is right at home in kitchens, where he has built up a multi-million-dollar business.

(Last column like this)

March/75

Housewife column by Mary Hastings

DEAR MARY HASTINGS: Foursome spoke of draughty doors and windows in her old house. Had to let her know the new houses are often just as draughty! We have resided in this house (nearly 100 years old!) for the past 28 years and last year built four rooms on to it. The new part had such draughts we had to seal it off this past winter!

When the children were small, our needs many and wages low, draughts were chinked-up with pieces of old rag or paper, shoved into place with a table knife, cutting the draught amazingly. Paper is an excellent insulator. If one cannot afford caulking compound, there is always something one can do to stop the draught.

We heated with space heat-

RECIPE

Soybean Casserole

- 1 c. soybeans
- 3 1/2 c. water
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 carrot, sliced
- 1 c. chopped greens
- 1 tbsp. oil
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 tsp. sea salt
- 2 tbsps. soy sauce

Wash beans and soak in 3 c. water overnight. Bring to boil with soaking water, and boil for a few minutes, skimming off and discarding the foam which collects. Reduce heat and simmer with lid ajar for two hours or until beans are tender, stirring occasionally. If pressure cooking, use slightly less water. Soak, boil and skim off foam as above, then cook for an hour more. In covered dish, combine cooked beans with 1/2 c. water and other ingredients. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to an hour. If desired, sprinkle a bit of grated cheese on top and bake uncovered a few more minutes until cheese melts. Serves six. (Ordinary salt may be used.)

SOMERSET LASS

ers and our upstairs was cold except for heat which rose up the stairs. There was never enough to make it livable, but fine for sleeping. We've become a pretty soft lot. How many wear long, heavy underwear nowadays? We use fuel rather than adequate clothing to keep warm and most wear the same garments year round, adding sweater or slacks rather than summer shorts.

This generation is as smart as the older generation, but it has not had to use any imagination for anything, or plan for the season ahead. A sister-in-law made all five of her children nice parkas from some old coats given her — necessity is mother of invention. They needed coats and there was no money to buy them, so they accepted what people gave them.

An American pen pal wondered why we who like to can for winter could not buy tops for jars because of a metal shortage. Yet there was no shortage of cans for pop and beer. There is a false standard where priorities are concerned. Seem to me proper nutrition for children comes last where the government is implicated.

Films on television turn most of us off any prepared foods sold in supermarkets, yet we cannot buy lids to

make our own. We grow our fruit and vegetables and I like to put some in jars rather than all in the freezer.

LADY X

"Chinked-up" . . . I haven't heard or used that expression in years. Have never been curious where or how it originated.

Our way of life has made me suspicious of "shortages." Fuel, wheat, butter, margarine, paper, lumber, tin, gold, sugar . . . but when the price rose, for some mysterious reason the shortage ceased! And how can anyone be underfed when we can destroy eggs, potatoes, and young beef cattle!

DEAR MARY HASTINGS: Rain is falling and I am tempted to look in the garden for that first amber colored crocus and the little clump of bobbing snowdrops!

My mother, Nannie, died February 10, 1975. She must have been one of your oldest column members although she had not written much in the past few years due to a series of strokes.

She had a wonderful, full and happy life, her thoughts always of others. But when death came, it was a happy release.

She enjoyed the birthday cards you sent and though most of her friends have passed on, I can remember some of them and recall

happy times at the annual Springbank picnic.

There was Old Goose who read fortunes, Zummerset, David Copperfield and oh, so many others.

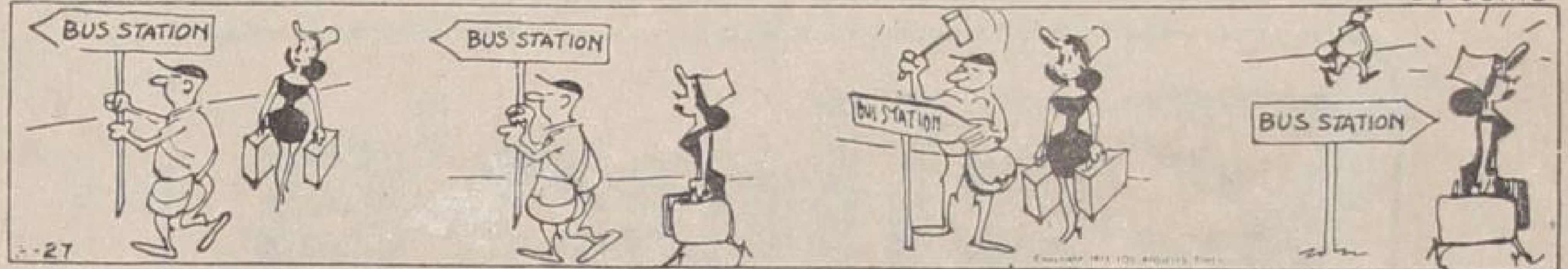
I liked Early Amber's and Peggy-O's letters. I have interests in common with them. I'd enjoy hearing from them if they cared to write me.

Up Country Betty is still stirring it up. She would not want it any other way. Keeping busy is often recipe for happiness.

I wonder do any older members remember a senior group which met on Dundas Street over the Pure Milk Company (now torn down). The Pentecostal Church was there, too. This was in the

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LITTLE EVE



By Jolita

forties. If anyone remembers about the group, I'd enjoy hearing from her. It was the beginning of the senior citizen social club.

Enclose a soybean recipe for health food members. Soybeans can be bought at health stores for 25 cents a pound. It is high in protein.

Keep well and happy, Mary.

SOMERSET LASS

I am sorry to learn of your mother's death. She had been

a column member for as long as I can recall. My sympathy to you in your loss.

Remember David Copperfield's picnics on his fruit farm — only by invitation, I understand. Participants would write later, praising his apples, berries and other produce to the skies. Some great philosophies came from his pen, and we were fortunate to benefit from them. I think Zummerset is still living in the Windsor area.

Thank you for poem and recipe.

DEAR MARY HASTINGS: Pleased to receive the Workbasket magazines.

Recently noted column member Nurse Jean has the same birthdate as I — day and year — the first time I've seen this in the column. I was born in England and came to Canada with my mother when I was three

months old. Father had come earlier to Stratford. I resided there for more than 40 years and one sister is still there.

Spring coming closer and brighter days ahead. A new school is being built near us and it is nice to see children travelling to and from school.

Have you a crochet pattern book to spare?

GRAVENHURST

No crochet books on file, so we must depend on someone sending a copy to you.



Mrs. Doris Young, a Tillsonburg Red Cross volunteer, is handing donor Dan Morrison, of Tillsonburg, a cup of coffee. Also shown in the picture are Mrs. Kathleen Hawkins (left) who is the Red Cross volunteer convener for the blood clinic, and Mrs. Winnie Hart, another Red Cross volunteer. Coke, coffee, tea and cookies are supplied through the Red Cross and served by the volunteers. Each blood donor receives some refreshment before he leaves the clinic. Other ladies who helped with the refreshments were Betty Howse; Shirley Hawkins; Mrs. Bissett; Gusta Santschi; Elva Glover and Lillian Lester.

Mar/75

Black - Wells wedding vows said

St. John Brebeuf and Companions Catholic Church, Delhi, was the setting for the April wedding of Kim Black and Linda Wells.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wells of RR 1, Otterville and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Black of Tillsonburg.

Mr. John Boon was organist for the occasion.

The bride wore a simple high waisted gown of white polyester satin, accented by long, cuffed sleeves, a high collar and a built-in train. The bodice was trimmed with lace. Her veil was a shoulder-length mantilla of white Irish lace. A cascade bouquet of white carnations, pink rosebuds, baby's breath and blue straw flowers completed the ensemble.

Maid of honour was Miss Gayle Hammond of Norwich, a friend of the bride. She wore a floor-length, A-line, fitted gown of pink flowered polyester with deep pink velvet ribbon on the waist and neckline. She carried a spray of pink and blue carnations with blue and white strawflowers.

Other attendants were Miss Karen Munro of Norwich, friend of the bride and Marianne Wells sister of the bride. They both wore similar gowns to the maid of honour only in blue. The flower girl was Jennifer Wells of Toronto, a niece of the bride. Her gown was an exact replica of the maid of honour's and she carried a basket of pink and blue carnations. Assisting the groom were his brothers, Lawrence Black of Tillsonburg, best man, and Terry Black and Dan Black, both of Aylmer, ushers.

A dinner and reception was held at Norwich Legion. Guests

were present from Saskatchewan, Quebec, Toronto, Peterborough, Omeemee, Kitchener, London and Zurich.

The bride's mother wore a long, pink skirt with matching shell and a matching flowered jacket. A full length, baby blue, chiffon gown with an elbow

length cape was the choice of the groom's mother.

For travelling the bride selected a dress of blue and white knit, topped by a navy coat, with a corsage of orange roses and white accessories.

A shower was given by the sisters of the bride, one by the

maid of honour and bridesmaids, and one by the employees of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Tillsonburg, where the bride is a teller.

The couple reside in Aylmer where the groom is an insurance agent for Hamilton, Ward and Cathers.

An Organizational meeting to establish a historical society for South Norwich on April 16, at 8 p.m. Fire Hall, Otterville. All interested citizens are urged to attend. 1975

MRS. WALTER COTTON

Mrs. Walter Cotton, aged 69 years, of 8 Washington Ave., Norwich, passed away Friday, April 4, 1975, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

The former Alice Gimson, she was born in Loughborough, Leicestershire, England.

She was twice married. Her first husband was Avery Wheeler, and her second husband, who survives, is Walter Cotton. Mrs. Cotton was an adherent of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich.

Surviving beside her husband is one daughter, Mrs. Jack (Isabel) White of Brantford; sons, Keith Wheeler of RR 2, Vanessa, Raymond and Winston Wheeler, both of Scotland; one brother, Jack Gimson of England, sisters, Mrs. Harold (Charlotte) Messecar of Seneca Falls, N.Y., and Mrs. George (Olive) Kerr of Brantford, also ten grandchildren and several stepchildren.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence Norwich, on Monday, April 7, with Rev. R. D. Duncanson of Knox Church officiating.

The bearers were Delbert, David, Roderick and Harold Wheeler, Daryl and Gary White. Interment was in Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. S. Arthur speaks on Lydia

OTTERVILLE (C) - April meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening. President, Mrs. Fred Cole, presided, and opened the meeting with a reading entitled "Faith", followed by prayer. Minutes were read by secretary, Mrs. Bert Hill. roll call was responded to with members recallin some person who was special to them and paid them a fitting tribute.

Miss Gladys Nobbs read correspondence. Plans were made for the church anniversary to be held Sunday morning at 11:15 a.m., with guest speaker Rev. W. Hudson of Delhi United Church. There will be a coffee hour at the close, and Springford and New Road churches will withdraw their services for that day to worship with Otterville.

Further plans were also discussed for the 50th anniversary service to be held June 8th.

Convener of the program, Mrs. Edward White, presided for the worship, assisted by the committee. Scripture was read by Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew and Mrs. William Hanson gave a reading "The Man with a Withered Hand".

Mrs. Stanley Arthur, whose favourite pastime is reading the Bible, and more especially studying woman of the Bible, gave an interesting account of "Lydia-A Career Woman." Mrs. Ruth Collver sang a solo "He", accompanied by Mrs. Jack Walther, pianist for the meeting.

Mrs. White gave a paper "Where Action Is" and lead in a prayer Litany. A contest on "Flowers", was held.

During the social hour, spoons commemorating the 50th anniversary were on display and members purchased these as souvenirs.

Evening closed with "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Form South Norwich historical society

OTTERVILLE (C) - A meeting was held in the Otterville Fire Hall Wednesday, April 16, to organize an historical society for South Norwich. An introduction by Don Pettigrew told of previous meetings of interested persons and one with V. N. Styrno of the museum section of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

A committee had been set up of Lorne Treffry, Edward Arthur, Bill McMullen, Murray Kniffen and Joyce Pettigrew to arrange an organizational meeting for an Historical Society, with research and museum as the chief goals.

Bill McMullen also spoke on the purpose of a society. Mrs. Don Pettigrew introduced Mrs. Ron Avey of Norwich Historical Society to tell of the Norwich Society and chair the election of officers.

The following executive was appointed: president, William McMullen; vice-president, Murray Kniffen; secretary, Mrs. Donald Pettigrew; treasurer, Mrs. Grant Mountain; directors, Harold Singer, Fred Lonsbary, Clark Dell, Marion Taylor, Lorne Treffry, Fred Pearce and Mac Hicks.

The president William McMullen took the chair and it was decided to meet the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Fire Hall, Otterville.

The name of the society is to be South Norwich Historical Society

and the membership fee for 1975-76 is to be \$2.

The object of the society is to discover, collect and preserve any material which might help to establish or illustrate the history of South Norwich; to foster an awareness of people old and young, in history, and to encourage to maintain the museum.

The next meeting will be May 21st in the Fire Hall, Otterville, and it is hoped that all interested in these objectives will attend this meeting. 1975

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Quilting held

by church guild

OTTERVILLE (C) - A quilting was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Freeland on Thursday afternoon in place of the regular meeting of St. John's Guild. The quilt was pieced by the late Mrs. Percy Slaght.

A social time was spent around the quilt and workers enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

MAE ELIZABETH HALEY

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mae Elizabeth Haley, a former resident of Springford, passed away in Woodstock General Hospital on Saturday, April 19, 1975, in her 73rd year. She was the daughter of the late Melbourne Haley and the former Sarah Malcolm.

The late Miss Haley was a resident in Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, for the past five

years and a patient in Hospital for the past two weeks.

She was a member of the Baptist Church, Springford.

Surviving are three sisters Mrs. Winnifred Lee of Springford, Mrs. Roy (Olive) Lapier of Springford, and Mrs. Lawrence (Pearl) Mason of Tillsonburg; and one brother, Earl Haley of RR 1, Springford.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 22, at 2

p.m. with Rev. L.E. Mason in charge of the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Memorial donations were made to the Gideon Bible Society, Canadian Cancer and to Woodingford Lodge.

Pallbearers were Richard Taylor, Wray Lapier, Robert Lee, Gordon Haley, Leigh Wilcox, and Leverne Haley.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

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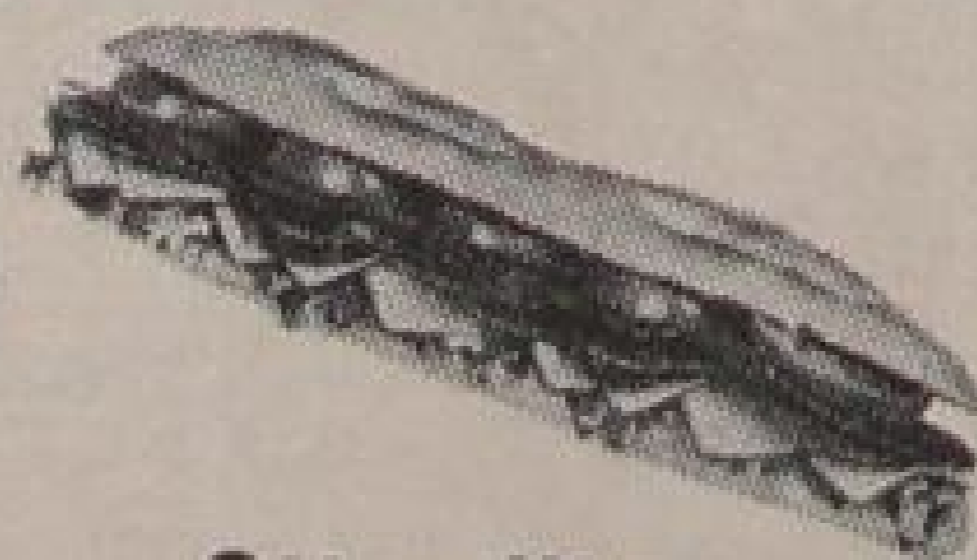
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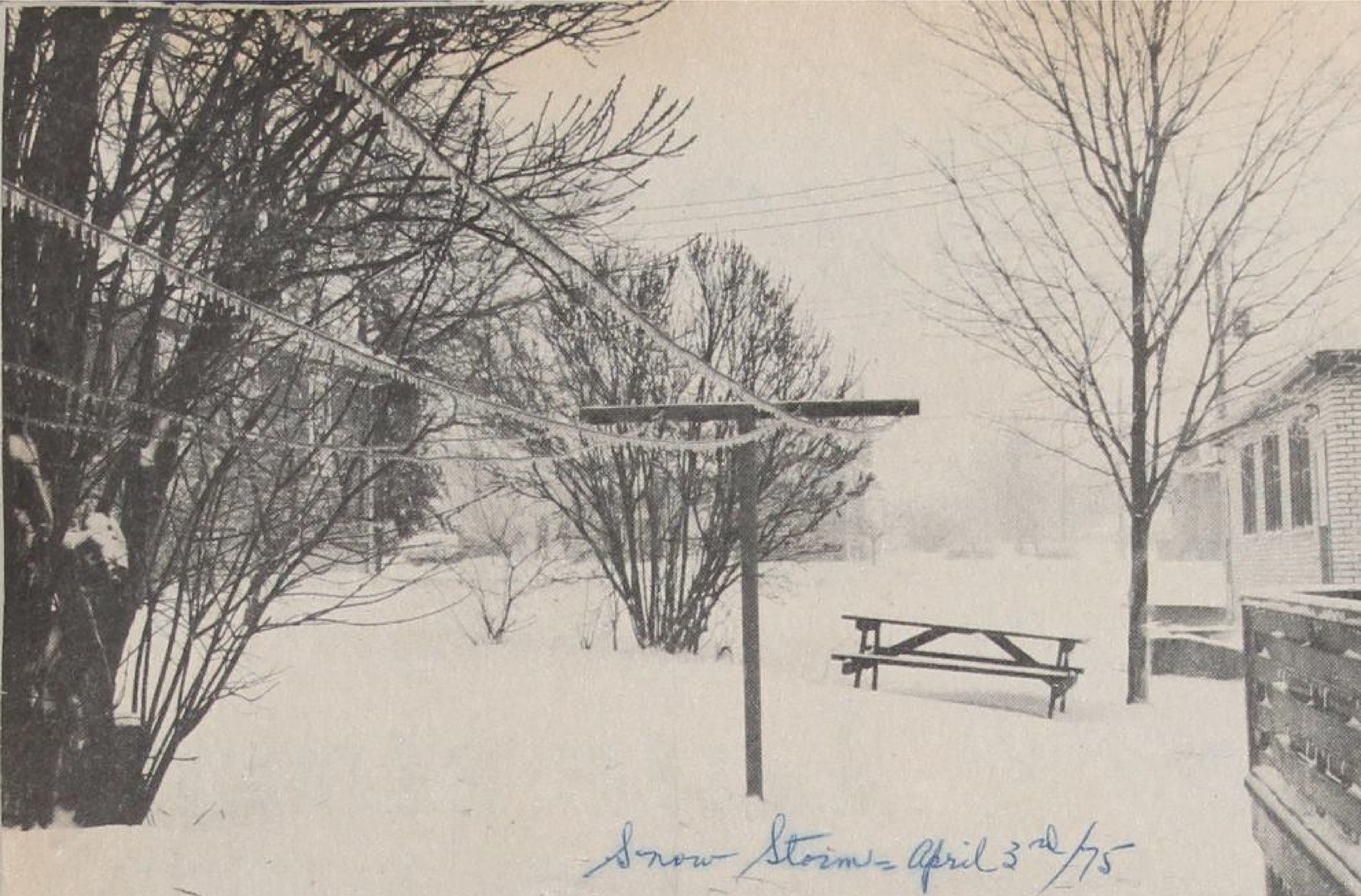
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Snow Storm - April 3rd / 75

April in the garden

(Frank Rubie)

HILLIKER - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, April 12, 1975, Mrs. Carl M. Hilliker of 59 King St., Tillsonburg, in her 73rd year. Rested at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Monday, April 14, 1975, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church. Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation or the Tillsonburg Association for the Mentally Retarded would be appreciated by the family.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. William Slaught of Calgary called on friends in the village recently, who were glad to see the visitors and hear from the former's mother, Mrs. Beatrice Slaght.

Old time mail moved swiftly

April / 75

With all our modern methods of mail delivery and up-to-date machinery, one begins to wonder if, after all, the good old ways of delivery were not more efficient than those of the present, especially with all the controversy about the postal code, threatened mail carrier strike and picket lines.

Paul M. Moore of Norwich, who is a collector of stamps as a hobby, also has thought on that line and has submitted the following information:

Up until the early 1950's, all mail delivered in Canada was post marked with the date of mailing and back stamped at the destination post office with the arrival date.

Mr. Moore states "In looking over some old letters submitted to me for valuation of the stamps by Mr. William Pollard of Norwich, I was really surprised and shocked at the speed with which mail was delivered when we only had ships, trains and horses to move it."

The following is a representative sample of some of the letters:

Place of mailing: Paulina, Iowa. Mailing date of postmark: 7 p.m., Aug. 1, 1896. Destination: Norwich, Ont. Arrival postmark: August 3, 1896. Days: 2.

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Place of mailing: New York City. Mailing date of postmark: 4:30 a.m., May 16, 1887. Destination: Springford, Ont. Arrival postmark: May 18, 1887. Days 2.

The New York letter was back stamped 5 p.m. Hamilton, Ont., which indicates it only took 24½ hours, New York to Hamilton.

Letters from England travelling by ship and train compare favorably with today's mail that travels by plane and truck.

Place of mailing: Wakefield, England. Mailing date of postmark: April 11, 1891. Destination: Norwich, Ont. Arrival postmarks: 4 a.m. Hamilton, April 25; Norwich April 25. Days 14.

Place of mailing: Wakefield, England. Mailing postmark: May 28, 1887. Destination: Holbrook. Arrival postmarks: 7 a.m. Hamilton, June 7; Holbrook June 8. Days 10.

Place of mailing: Holloway, England. Mailing postmark: June 2, 1884. Destination: Springford. Arrival postmarks: 4 a.m. Hamilton, June 16; Springford, June 16. Days 14.

Place of mailing: Lisburn, England. Mailing postmark: March 20, 1878. Destination: Springford. Arrival postmark: Woodstock, April 2. Days 13.

Remember these letters came by ship to east coast ports - none beyond Montreal - by train from there on, and in 13 days from an inland town (not Liverpool or London) in England to Woodstock, just 97 years ago, and a letter mailed in Hamilton at 4 a.m. was delivered in Springford the same day.

Mr. Moore also said in checking some of his mail recently he noticed first class letters received from the places indicated as follows:

Place of mailing: Hamilton, Ont. Postmarked: p.m. Dec. 23. Received: Dec. 28. Days 5.

Place of mailing: Toronto. Postmarked: Dec. 31. Received Jan. 6. Days 6.

Place of mailing: Scarborough. Postmarked: Jan. 1. Received: Jan. 10. Days 9.

Place of mailing: Ottawa. Postmarked: Dec. 30. Received: Jan. 6. Days 7.

On February 1st he received a second class item mailed at Port Perry, Ont., which took 23 days.

Of course, a good deal of mail does much better than those, (barring strikes), but some certainly does not, as nearly everyone knows. From these facts there is no question that as far as quick mail delivery is concerned the "good old days" were the best. Now with automatic sorters, computers, aeroplanes and trucks it takes days and sometimes weeks longer than when we only had ships, trains and horses.

Incidentally, the post card which left Pittsburg at 8 a.m. in 1905 and arrived in Sarnia the next morning, cost the sender a one cent stamp.



Three generations of Norwich and area residents will remember with nostalgia their former music teacher, Miss Lela Carroll, with hands poised on the ivories. In this picture, Miss Carroll, now in her 93rd year, tries out the newly-purchased piano at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, where she is a resident. Though she complains of stiff hands and failing sight and hearing, there is, without a doubt, still the artistic touch as she recalls the old songs and hymns on the keyboard which was her life's interest for so many years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Alexander married sixty years

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alexander, 22 Stover St. S., Norwich celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 20th, when their family held Open House for them in honor of the occasion in the United Church parlors from 2-5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were married on April 21st, 1915, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ecker at Carholme, near Langton. Mr. Alexander was the son of Mrs. William Alexander and the late Mr. Alexander of Langton. Rev. Alfred Yeoman was the officiating minister and the attendants were Mrs. Stella Fleming, friend of the bride, and Dr. Howard Alexander, brother of the groom.

Following a wedding trip to Toronto they farmed for three years near Langton then moving to the sixth concession of North Norwich Township where they farmed 25 years prior to moving to Norwich, where they have since resided. Mr. Alexander was employed by the Canadian National Railroad until 1957, and later was employed for eight years at the Maedels' Bakery and Grocery Stores.

He served three years on the Norwich Village Council and has been a member of Hayden Lodge 152 I.O.O.F. for over 45 years. He is also a past Noble Grand and has served for over thirty-five years as recording secretary of the Lodge. Along with that Mr. Alexander is a member of the Past Time Club, The Golden Age Club and the Lawn Bowling Club.

Both are active members of the Norwich United Church where Mr. Alexander served as an elder on the Church session for 47 years, retiring in 1974. Mrs. Alexander is a member of Unit Two of the U.C.W. and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

They have one son, William (Bill) Alexander of Burford, and one daughter, Mrs. Bert (Jean) Hill, Otterville; three grandchildren, Mrs. Keith (Barbara) Jull, Norwich, Gordon Hill, Woodstock and Larry Hill, Otterville, also five great-grandchildren, Scott, David, and Michael Jull of Norwich and Christie and Cory Hill, Woodstock.

Around 350 relatives, friends and neighbors attended the Open House on Sunday to extend congratulations and best wishes.

AT HOME 1975

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alexander of Norwich wish to invite all relatives and friends and neighbours to an Open House to be held in Norwich United Church parlours on Sunday, April 20th from 2 5 p.m. in honour of their parents 60th Wedding Anniversary. Best Wishes Only Please

The parlors were decorated with pink and white streamers and wedding bells also floral arrangements. The bride's table, covered with a white damask linen cloth, was centered with a three tier wedding cake enhanced on either side with a floral arrangement. The gift of their grandchildren, tall white tapers and a silver tea service sat at each end of the table.

Welcoming the guests were their family, Jean and Bert Hill, and Bill and Vangie Alexander. Presiding at the guest book register was Scott Jull their great-grandson.

For greeting the guests Mrs. Alexander chose a printed turquoise, sheer, street-length gown, with pink accessories and a rose corsage.

Pouring were: Mrs. Mae Chambers, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. Vilda Stephens of Brampton, Mrs. Brice Powers of Garden City, Mich., Mrs. Howard Alexander, Tillsonburg and Mrs. William Hemstreet of Hamilton.

Serving were: Mrs. Florence Moore, Mrs. Ernest Rouse, Mrs. Howard Alexander Jr., Mrs. James Alexander, Mrs. Keith Jull, Mrs. Crawford Palmer, Mrs. Howard McCombs, Miss Joanne Avey and Mrs. Wray K. Hartley.

During the afternoon John Avey, a close friend of the family, sang "I'll Walk Beside You" and "Without a Song" accompanied by Mrs. Hartley.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were the recipients of over 200 cards of congratulations, many floral arrangements and congratulatory messages. In-

cluded were messages from The Queen, Lt. Governor Pauline McGibbon, leader of the Opposition Hon. Robert Stanfield, Premier William Davis and a plaque from the Ontario Government. Dr. Bruce Halliday M.P. for Oxford, Dr. Harry Parrott, M.P.P. Oxford, and William Knowles M.P. Norfolk.

Guests were present from Montreal, Mississauga, Brampton, Garden City, Mich., Brantford, Cambridge, Hamilton,

Woodstock, Tavistock, Simcoe, Waterford, Glen Meyer, Tillsonburg, London, Burford, Strathroy, Ingersoll, Norwich and district.

In honor of the occasion of the 60th wedding anniversary, the family held a dinner party on Sunday, April 13th in the Otterville United Church. Also present was Mr. Alexander's only brother, Dr. Howard Alexander, and Mrs. Alexander of Tillsonburg.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE ALEXANDER

Otterville Lions present

April 175 slate of officers

OTTERVILLE (C) - Past President, Lion Jim McLaren presented the slate of officers for the coming year which are as follows:

Past president - George Davis; president - Fred Thompson; 1st vice-president - John Sandham; 2nd vice-president - Ed McFarlane; 3rd vice-president - Ron Kiddie; Lion Tamer - Jim Auger; assistant Lion Tamer - Russell Stangel; Tail Twister - Wayne Jenkins; assistant Tail Twister - Bill Rynard; secretary - Doug Demontmorency; treasurer - Dr. Jim Scott; bulletin editor - Gord Shearer; 1 yr. directors - Gord Shearer, Doug Demontmorency; 2-year directors - Murray Wardell, Joh Leitch.

Approval was voted that the Club purchase additional new bleachers for the Park in Otterville.

Clothing and other useful articles are now being collected for sending to Northern Saskatchewan at the end of this month. Lions Jim Auger, John Sandham, Mike Fidin, and Dalt French are acting as collectors.

Tobacco growers assured 94 cents

April 19 1975

By SALLY SHEPPARD
of The Free Press

TORONTO — A guaranteed minimum average price of 94 cents per pound for the entire 1975 flue-cured tobacco crop was set here Friday by the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council and the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board.

The announcement followed several days of negotiations.

Ontario tobacco farmers are averaging 91.09 cents per pound for their 1974 crop in which they have a minimum guaranteed price of 83 cents per pound from the manufacturers' council. About 10 million pounds of the 1974 crop remain to be sold.

Tobacco board chairman Ted Raytrowsky of St. Williams said the 1975 minimum price is made up of a minimum average guarantee of 93 cents per pound plus a one-cent special incentive to growers.

"The crop target will be 210 million pounds and will be subject to any known adjustment in the United Kingdom's estimated



TED RAYTROWSKY
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requirements for 1975," said Mr. Raytrowsky. The 1974 crop target was set at 250 million pounds but now appears to be ending up at close to 233 million pounds.

An export development committee was proposed during the negotiations by representatives of the manufacturers' council as an attempt to open new markets for Ontario tobacco, a tobacco board spokesman said.

"We are seeking the participation and assistance of the growers as well as the Ontario and federal governments to participate in this activity," said Peter Gage of Montreal, chairman of the manufacturers' negotiating committee.

"We feel confident that there are existing markets to be expanded and new markets to be found," he said.

Mr. Raytrowsky said the export development proposal would be seriously considered by the board and that a reply would soon be given to the manufacturers' council.

The member manufacturers of the council are Benson and Hedges (Canada) Ltd., MacDonalds Tobacco, Rothmans of Pall Mall Canada Ltd. and Imperial Tobacco Products Ltd.

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Donations were made to the Heart Fund, Gideon Bibles, Intensive Care Unit of Tillsonburg Hospital, Cancer Fund and the Canadian Friends Service committee.

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Henry J. Catry

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Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace—
Where there is hatred—let me sow love;
Where there is injury—pardon;
Where there is doubt—faith;
Where there is despair—hope;
Where there is darkness—light;
Where there is sadness—joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I
May not so much seek
To be consoled—as to console;
To be understood—as to understand;
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John Wolanyk charged March 16 after he was noted driving erratically on Venison St. E. pleaded guilty to impaired driving. He was fined \$250. and prohibited from driving for three months.

Joseph Romel, who showed signs of impairment when police stopped his car March 16 on Simcoe St., pleaded guilty of impaired driving. A breath test taken by police showed a reading of .20. He was fined \$250 and had his driving privileges suspended for three months.

Charged by provincial police

after his car sideswiped a parked car on Highway 59, Frederick D. Sherman pleaded guilty to a charge of impaired driving. Evidence showed no apparent reason for the collision. Penalty was a \$250 fine and a three-months suspension.



Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ostrander celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on April 28. The occasion was marked with a family get-together and dinner. 1975

APRIL 17, 1975



Pretty as a picture

Lake Lisgar provided the setting Wednesday for the Tillsonburg Museum sketch group organized through Fanshawe College. George Nelson, class instructor, examines

the work of Evelyn Grimmett. The painters will display their work at an exhibition at Tillsonburg Museum from May 1 to 15.

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

Celsius sales are soaring

Since April 1, the hottest selling items in Tillsonburg stores... and across Canada... have been thermometers. More specifically, Celsius scale thermometers. Even more specifically, thermometers bearing a dual scale, with both Celsius and Fahrenheit scales.

Apparently most of us members of the public do not agree with the Federal government program for metric conversion, which suggests having thermometers with only Celsius readings. We want a dual scale, to help us convert.

Many stores stocked Celsius and dual-scale thermometers before April 1, the date that all radio and television weather forecasts switched exclusively to Celsius readings. But, before April 1, no one was buying the Celsius thermometers.

That changed dramatically on the conversion date... and one Tillsonburg businessman found sales soaring so high he felt thermometer marketing should have some market research.

Jim Keating, manager of Tillsonburg's Woolworth's store, therefore set up a display of various thermometers, advertised them, and contracted local graphic artist Don Albright to illustrate the display.

Based on this "market research," which indicated which thermometers were popular with the customers, Mr. Keating then took two steps. He ordered about 5,000 thermometers... of varying types, mainly dual scale... for sale in Tillsonburg. And, he started a national sales campaign in Woolworth and Woolco stores across Canada.

That campaign includes ordering "millions of thermometers," says Mr. Keating, without exaggeration. It also means that the work of the local graphic artist, Don Albright, will be on display all across the country... He has silkscreened a sales poster for the displays. Jim Keating estimates that 1,000 of his posters will be on display.

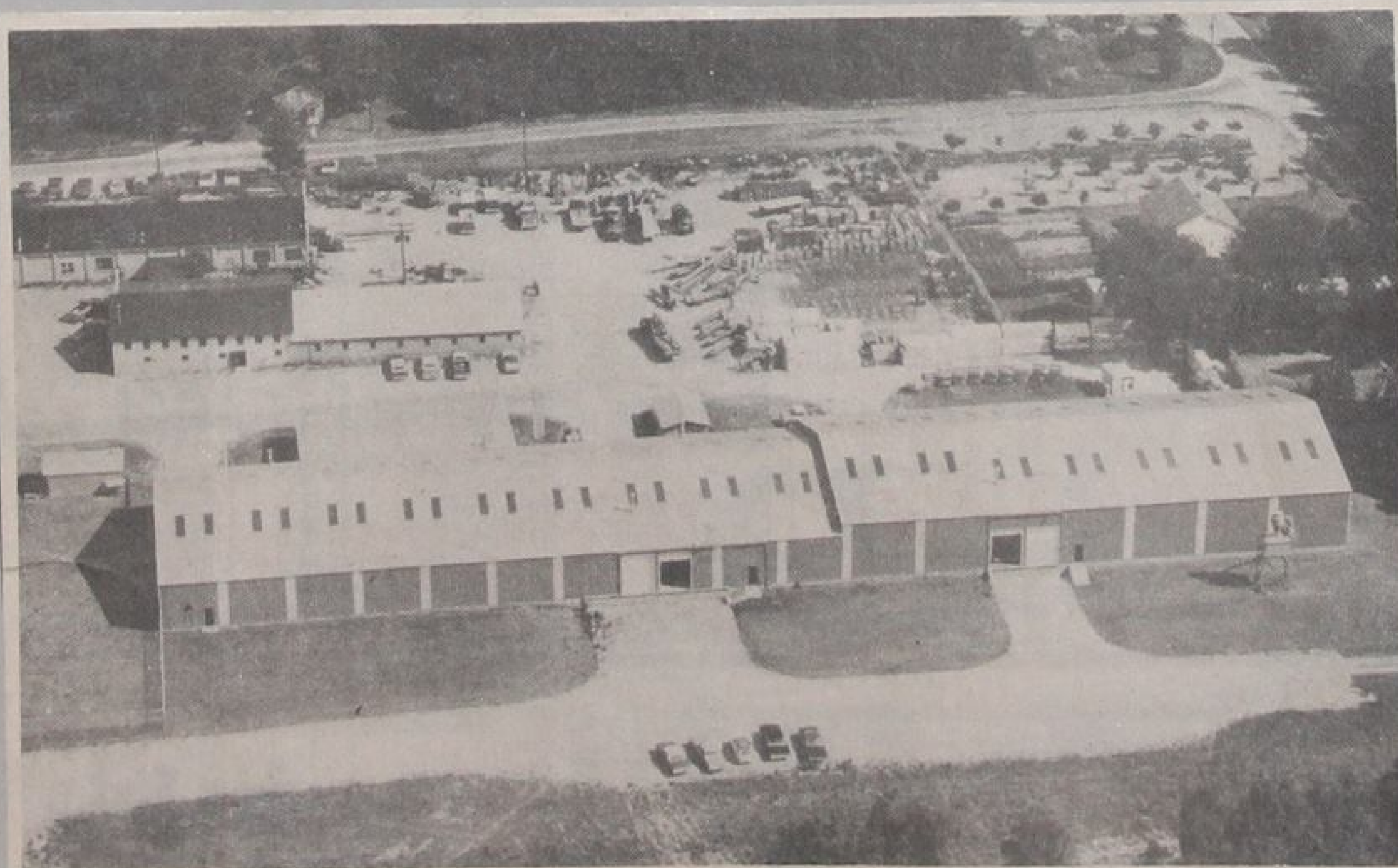
What kind of Celsius thermometer do people want? Mr. Keating says that several different kinds are selling well, but the top seller is an outdoor, dual-scale model... the kind that you put up outside a window, to be read from the

inside.

People apparently are just as interested in temperature... inside and out... as they always have been. The weather will apparently continue to be the number one topic of conversation.



The whole set-up may look simple, but that thermometer, the sign, and the two gentlemen (Jim Keating, left, Woolworth's manager, and graphic artist Don Albright) are part of a Tillsonburg movement that is stretching across Canada. Mr. Keating took advantage of the switch to Celsius, and did some market research to discover what kind of Celsius thermometer the public wants. He then engaged Mr. Albright to design advertising signs. The local effort has quickly grown into a cross-Canada Woolworth promotion, involving over a million thermometers ... and at least 1000 of Mr. Albright's locally-produced signs.



Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., manufacturing facilities in Otterville.

Powell Agri-Systems booming in Otterville

Otterville's largest employer, Powell Agri-Systems, shows every indication that even more jobs may be available in the future at that plant. Powell people are extremely optimistic about the company, produce growth figures that prove things are moving, and talk about expansion of the facility.

Powell Agri-Systems currently covers 60,000 square feet of floor space in the plant section alone; and employs 95 people, most of whom are from Otterville and the nearby towns.

This summer, that number will increase to the usual summertime employee figure of about 130 as production of a mobile kiln is stepped up.

Ted McElhone, vice president and general manager of Powell Agri-Systems, says that

the space and staff size could easily see increases... "If business increases the way it has been, we will have no alternative but to increase," he said. "Right now, we're very crowded."

Powell in Otterville is not very old. In late 1967, they bought out an existing plant, from the Sav-Oil company. In the summer of 1968, they employed 45 people at peak times.

Powell Agri-Systems manufacture equipment and machinery for mechanized tobacco production. They were one of the leaders in the current Canadian move to mechanized harvesting, and are an important company in the manufacturing of bulk kilns.

In fact, the Powell sales line

is "Total Tobacco Mechanization," and Mr. McElhone lists the stages of tobacco growing in which Powell machinery can be used... transplanting, topping, harvesting, curing... just about everything.

He predicts a growing trend to mechanization... "One factor is the labour problem," he says, but he adds as well that "bulk curing has proven itself to be superior to other curing systems." He also points to "an

easier way of life, the more you mechanize," and says that farmers are looking for ways to avoid the traditional long hours of farming.

Powell Agri-Systems handles the complete production and marketing of their products. They have a sales manager and four salesmen that work direct-

ly from the factory... and no other distributors in Ontario. There are dealers in Quebec, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia for Powell equipment, but Mr. McElhone says even the Quebec buyers often prefer to deal directly with the factory.

Powell Agri-Systems of Otterville has a sister company, Powell Manufacturing Company, in Bennettsville, South

Carolina. The two are complementary plants... for instance, all of the tobacco combines are produced down south.

However, the Canadian vice-president takes pleasure in the fact that "we export more than we import," regarding the sister plant.

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Theresa Holloway, of Norwich, is a Powell Agri-Systems employee. She is shown in the Otterville plant, working with a press.



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Otterville museum going strong

Eight years ago, the Otterville townfathers were in need of a display for the opening of their new township offices.

A display they got! Through the hard work and dedication of William McMullen, Lorne Treffry and Stan Noels, all expectations were exceeded. Rather than a display, they had formed a museum!

Housed in the basement of the township office since its outset,

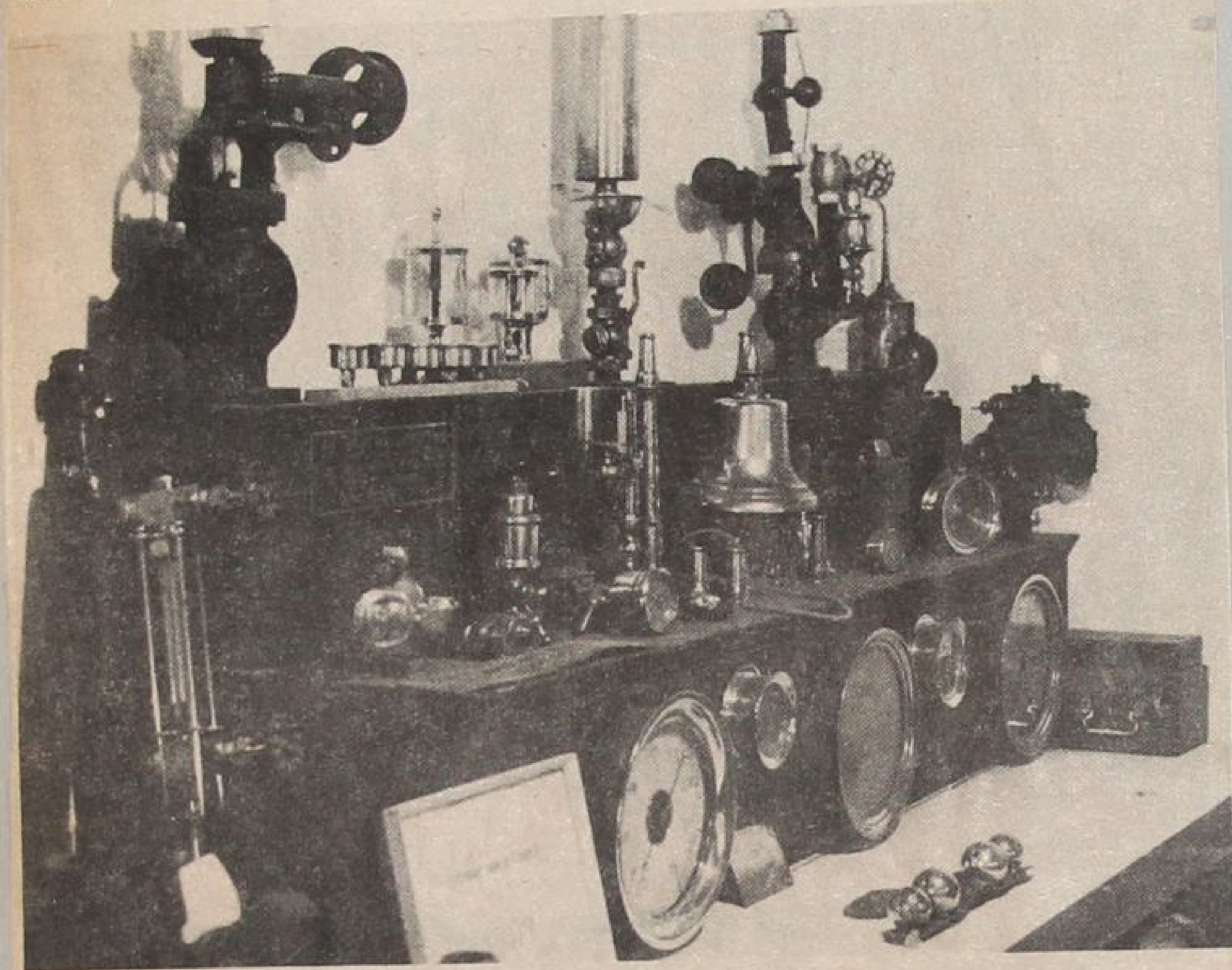
the museum is growing constantly. Recently meetings have been held by the South Norwich Historical Society, and these meetings seem to indicate a growing interest in the museum.

The museum presents many interesting displays for viewing. One of the highlights is the brass collection contributed by William McMullen. This exhibit features many of the brass instruments found on the steam engines of

yesteryears. Another interesting display is one that was donated by Evelyn Sitzer of Delhi. Mrs. Sitzer gifted the museum with a rare collection of stuffed birds. In all, there are exhibits from ten different parties, who have either loaned or donated items to the museum.

The museum is open to the public at all times, and we assure you it is well worth seeing. We wish the historical society luck in

promoting the museum further, and we hope that it will be successful in obtaining more exhibits of the same high calibre.



Shown here is the brass display, one of many fine exhibitions open for public viewing at the Otterville Museum. This collection is the work of William McMullen. Mr. McMullen, one of the principal forces behind the museum, explained that many of these brass articles were retrieved from various types of steam engines.



There are many interesting notices and documents on display at the museum. Although this photograph is not the best, this picture illustrates some of the forementioned pieces of paperwork. The notice which appears most prominent, caught our eye. An advertisement for job printing.

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Couples Club celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alexander, 22 Stover St. S., Norwich celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 20th, when their family held Open House for them in honor of the occasion in the United Church parlors from 2-5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were married on April 21st 1915 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ecker at Carholme, near Langton. Mr. Alexander was the son of Mrs. William Alexander and the late Mr. Alexander of Langton. Rev. Alfred Yeoman was the officiating minister and the attendants were Mrs. Stella Fleming friend of the bride and Dr. Howard Alexander brother of the groom.

Following a wedding trip to Toronto they farmed for three years near Langton then moving to the sixth concession of North Norwich Township where they farmed 25 years prior to moving to Norwich, where they have since resided. Mr. Alexander was employed by the Canadian National Railroad until 1957, and later was employed for eight years at the Maedels' Bakery and Grocery stores.

He served three years on the Norwich Village Council and has been a member of Hayden

Lodge 152 I.O.O.F. for over 45 years. He is also a past Noble Grand and has served for over thirty five years as recording secretary of the Lodge along with the Mr. Alexander is a member of the Past Time Club, The Golden Age Club and the Lawn Bowling Club.

Both are active members of the Norwich United Church where Mr. Alexander served as an elder on the Church session for 47 years, retiring in 1974. Mrs. Alexander is a member of Unit Two of the U.C.W. and a member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

They have one son William (Bill) Alexander of Burford and one daughter Mrs. Bert (Jean) Hill, Otterville; three grandchildren, Mrs. Keith (Barbara) Jull, Norwich, Gordon Hill, Woodstock, and Larry Hill, Otterville, also five great-grandchildren, Scott, David, and Michael Jull of Norwich and Christie and Cory Hill, Woodstock.

Around 350 relatives, friends and neighbors attended the Open House on Sunday to extend congratulations and best wishes. The parlors were decorated with pink and white streamers and wedding bells also floral arrangements. The bride's table covered with a white damask linen cloth was

centered with a three tier wedding cake enhanced on either side with a floral arrangement. The gift of their grandchildren, tall white tapers and a silver tea service sat at each end of the table.

Welcoming the guests were their family Jean and Bert Hill, and Bill and Vangie Alexander. Presiding at the guest book register was Scott Jull their great-grandson.

For greeting the guests Mrs. Alexander chose a printed turquoise sheer street length gown, with pink accessories and a rose corsage.

Pouring were: Mrs. Mae Chambers, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. Vilda Stephens of Brampton, Mrs. Brice Powers of Garden City, Mich., Mrs. Howard Alexander, Tillsonburg and Mrs. William Hemstreet of Hamilton.

Serving were: Mrs. Florence Moore, Mrs. Ernest Rouse, Mrs. Howard Alexander Jr., Mrs. James Alexander, Mrs. Keith Jull, Mrs. Crawford Palmer, Mrs. Howard McCombs, Miss Joanne Avey and Mrs. Wray K. Hartley.

During the afternoon John Avey, a close friend of the family, sang "I'll Walk Beside You" and "Without a Song" accompanied by Mrs. Hartley. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander were the recipients of over 200 cards of congratulations, many floral arrangements, and congratulatory messages. Included, were messages from The Queen, Lt. Governor Pauline McGibbon, leader of the Opposition Hon. Robert Stanfield, Premier William Davis and a plaque from the Ontario Government. Dr. Bruce Halliday M.P. for Oxford, Dr. Harry Parrott M.P.P. Oxford, and William Knowles M.P. Norfolk.

Guests were present from

Montreal, Mississauga, Brampton, Garden City, Mich., Brantford, Cambridge, Hamilton, Woodstock, Tavistock, Simcoe, Waterford, Glen Meyer, Tillsonburg, London, Burford, Strathroy, Ingersoll, Norwich and District.

In honor of the occasion of the 60th wedding anniversary, the family held a dinner party on Sunday, April 13th in the Otterville United Church, also present was Mr. Alexander's only brother Dr. Howard Alexander and Mrs. Alexander of Tillsonburg.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

April 28, 1955

Otterville - Two lovely stained glass windows were unveiled at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday morning in memory of Kerenhappuch Furlong.

Culloden - There was a bee at the church on Monday when the men gathered to tear down the entrance to the basement and prepare for the foundation of the new kitchen.

Springford - Mr. LaVerne Haley is making tape recordings of the services of the Baptist Church and anyone wishing to hear these may get in touch with him or the pastor, Rev. Stebner.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

APRIL 19, 1945

Otterville - Mr. and Mrs. Glen Avey of Cornell have sold their farm and are moving to the front part of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson's house.

FORTY YEARS AGO

APRIL 4, 1935

Provincial and county police have been investigating the poisoning of several head of livestock belonging to Thomas Craven, farmer, living near Eden.

Milldale - Mr. Ed McMullen had a bee on Wednesday last to move a barn which he had purchased from Mr. Alfred Ash.



Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Alexander, of 22 Stover St. in Norwich, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. An open house was held by the Alexander family, and it took place Sunday afternoon in the United Church parlors.

Form South Norwich Historical Society

OTTERVILLE (C) — A meeting was held in the Otterville Fire Hall Wednesday, April 16, to organize an historical society for South Norwich.

An introduction by Don Pettigrew told of previous meetings of interested persons and one with V. N. Styrno of the museum section of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

A committee had been set up of Lorne Treffry, Edward Arthur, Bill McMullen, Murray Kniffen and Joyce Pettigrew to arrange an organizational meeting for an Historical Society, with research and museum as the chief goals.

Bill McMullen also spoke on the purpose of a society. Mrs.

Don Pettigrew introduced Mrs. Ron Avey of Norwich Historical Society to tell of the Norwich Society and chair the election of officers.

The following executive was appointed: president, William McMullen; vice-president, Murray Kniffen; secretary, Mrs. Donald Pettigrew; treasurer, Mrs. Grant Mountain; directors, Harold Singer, Fred Lonsbary, Clark Dell, Marion Taylor, Lorne Treffry, Fred Pearce and Mac Hicks.

The president William McMullen took the chair and it was decided to meet the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at

the Fire Hall, Otterville.

The name of the society is to be South Norwich Historical Society and the membership fee for 1975-76 is to be \$2.

The object of the society is to discover, collect and preserve any material which might help to establish or illustrate the history of South Norwich; to foster an awareness of people old and young, in history, and to encourage to maintain the museum.

The next meeting will be May 21st in the Fire Hall, Otterville, and it is hoped that all interested in these objectives will attend this meeting.

Open house for club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Monday evening an "Open House" for family and friends of the Bible Club, which meets weekly in the Sunday School room, was held. The Bible Club is sponsored by Christian Service Centres, an interdenominational organization for teaching girls and boys in public schools and Bible clubs.

The teacher in charge of the club in Otterville is Miss Marguerite Hill of Burgessville, and the assistants are Mrs. Robert Butler and Mrs. William Butler.

During the evening, a program showing regular activities, singing, Scripture memory work and a Bible lesson, was presented

with Carolyn Blayney, Michael Goodale, Sandra White and Sandra Christensen taking part.

Following Bible Time crafts and other activities are enjoyed by the girls and boys under the leadership of Mrs. David Blayney and Mrs. William Hansford, assisted by Mrs. Dwight Davis, Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. Jack Walter, Mrs. Ronald Goodale, Mrs. Brian Davis, William Hansford and David Hansford.

Many of the articles made were on display for the guests. Refreshments were served by the senior girls, assisted by the leaders.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison attended the graveside service on Saturday for the late Mrs. E. M. Pennington, the former Clara McFarlane, who passed away near Hamilton after a lingering illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison visited at the home of the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Addison, at Kitchener on Sunday.

April meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club is being held on Thursday evening, April 24, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Ida Rachar in Norwich. The members are cordially invited to attend.

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Otterville plans Sports Day

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Business Men of Otterville held a meeting in the Community Hall this week to make plans for the annual Sports Day and the date was set for June 28. It is also the day for the children to sign up for swimming lessons in the pool this summer. Jim Auger chaired the meeting, and Frank Finch is the president.

The day will be filled with all kinds of sports for all ages, and will include the annual parade, water sports, horse shoe pit

ching, ball game and teen-age dance.

This is a day for young and Senior Citizens.

Building bylaw passed

Norwich township council has passed a building bylaw for that township. Council adopted the National Building Code of Canada, 1970, with the exception of one section. To replace section eight, dealing with safety, the township has adopted the Canadian Code for Construction Safety, 1970, "to provide for the safety of both the general public and the workmen during any construction, alteration, or demolition operation carried on within the Township of Norwich.

Included in the bylaw is the schedule of fees for building permits:

"For a dwelling, five cents per square foot of area.

"For a barn, garage, pole barn, milk house, implement shed, or any other accessory building or structure - \$5.00 for the first \$1,000, and \$2.00 additional per \$1,000 thereafter.

"For additions and or alterations to any building or structure - \$2.00 for the first \$500; \$5.00 from \$500 to \$1,000; and \$2.00 additional for each \$1,000 thereafter.

"For a farm silo... \$15.00.

"For demolition of any building or structure-permit to be issued, but no fee required.

"For normal repairs which do not alter the outside dimensions of the building or structure - no permit required."

As well, council approved a bylaw re-zoning property in Ward Two, the village of Norwich, from residential to commercial (C2). The properties in question are the Fidin and Body properties.

A resolution was approved authorizing the various Norwich township advisory committees to purchase up to 100 tulip bulbs for planting around municipal buildings, at a cost of \$16 per hundred.

As old as the country limestone industry prospers

The limestone business in Oxford is as old as the county itself, dating back at least as far as the squatters who occupied land along the Thames River north of Beachville.

In fact it may have been the expertise of those early squatters in the art of burning lime that prompted the first settlers to permit them to remain on their land.

From its early discovery as a good chinking and plastering material in the construction of log buildings to its later use of the manufacture of fertilizer and its current major use in the production of steel, limestone has been a vital aspect of the county's economic history.

Centered in the heart of an otherwise predominantly agricultural community, the limestone industry has at times appeared as a kind of anomaly, its smoke stacks and massive buildings rearing up unexpectedly from pastoral-like surroundings.

Confined at the moment to a narrow belt of land stretching the several miles between Beachville and Ingersoll north of the river, the three major quarry operations have barely begun to tap the potential resources that stretch over four miles north of the river, beneath existing farmland.

Much of that between Highway 2 and the Governor's road north of the existing operations, though still being farmed, is owned by the three major companies, Stelco, Domtar and Dofasco, and is designated for future expansion of the quarry business.

When that expansion might take place is a thorny question for officials of the three companies who, without wishing to be quoted, describe the current situation as "a can of worms" that will some day have to be opened.

Owning the land, and having it designated in the county's official plan for quarries does not mean that expansions can be undertaken automatically by the companies in question.

Zoning by-laws have to be passed and approved to permit the change in land-use from agricultural to manufacturing, and recent experiences arising from applications by the companies for zoning changes indicate that the necessary rezoning is not an easy process.

The major hurdle, as explained by one company official, came about as a result of a long, drawn-out hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board, which ruled in 1969 in favor of maintaining the agriculture zoning for all property in question except for a 1,000-foot strip to the north of the railway tracks.

Expansion of the quarry operation to land north of this line will require future applications for rezoning. And one company, Domtar Chemicals Limited, in subsequent application, reportedly waited for over a year to have the application approved, giving up finally and going elsewhere to quarry.

Whether future applications will meet with such difficulty will depend to some extent on the mood of the community and its political representatives at the time. Objections to rezoning requests necessitate a hearing before the OMB in any case, and considerable time and uncertainty is usually involved.

Said one company spokesman, "It's an unsatisfactory situation, when we've made our intentions clear by buying the property involved.

"And it's hard to convince the upper management that we can expand when there's so much uncertainty surrounding future development."

He went on to comment that it has never been difficult for the companies to purchase the land in question. People, he noted, have been more than willing to sell for the kind of money being offered.

The problem come later, it seems, when questions of land use policy become paramount and the thrust turns toward saving the land for agriculture. With the increasing emphasis being placed on this issue by the farm organizations and politicians, the prevailing mood may not augur well for the easy processing of rezoning applications to permit expansion of the quarry operations.

But expansion has characterized the existence of the limestone industry, and based on its long and prosperous history in Oxford, along with the growing demand for the product in the manufacture of steel, further expansion of the existing operations seems inevitable.

In its early days, when the output of lime was several hundred bushels a week and the kilns were fired by timber, the limestone business was not regarded as coming in conflict with agricultural and other aspects of the local economy.

The demand for timber to fuel the kilns and the initial use of surface stones to be burned for their lime content undoubtedly facilitated the early clearing of the land for settlement and farming.

According to history gathered locally, the first record of lime being used in building dates back to 1833, when one of the original settlers, Capt. Phillip Graham reported in his diary that lime was being burned on his farm for use in the building of the Old St. Paul's Church in Woodstock.

To Capt. Graham, who lived mid-way between Beachville and Woodstock on the north side of the river, is attributed the erection of the first permanent kilns for lime-making.

Called set kilns, they stood about ten feet high and were about six feet in width across the inside. There were made of stone and lined with brick, and by the 1860's, dozens of these rock-burning ovens lined the river's edge, stretching about seven miles on either side of Beachville, which was then the hub of the industry.

Steel kilns over twice the size of the stone ones gradually replaced the more primitive models, speeding up the process and increasing the output of lime from 200 or 300 bushels a week to nine tons a day.

Surface rock and the firewood needed to burn it became increasingly scarce, and the limestone operation which then required drilling and blasting as well as new sources of fuel such as coal and gas became increasingly more sophisticated.

One of the first companies to form in the early years of the industry was the Cole and Hacker Grey Lime Stone Company which operated east of Beachville from the 1870's through to the end of the century.

A bill issued by Cole and Hacker dated July 1, 1898 was found recently among family papers by Hugh Hacker of Ingersoll, a grandson of John Hacker, one of the original partners in the company.

The bill shows an order for 30 bushels of lime selling then at 16 cents a bushel. According to Mr. Hacker, the lime manufactured by his grandfather was grey in color and considered to be a lower quality than the white.

Because of the difference in quality of the lime east of Beachville, quarrying moved to the west of the village, where in 1888, John Downing, a quarryman who had emigrated from England, formed the Beachville White Lime Company.

This operation, in which the Downing family participated until 1945, became the holdings of two separate companies in 1929 when the North American Cyanamid Company bought one half and the Gypsum and Alabastine Company bought the other.

A third major quarry operation, now owned by the Steel company of Canada, was begun early in the century by the Innerkip Lime and Stone Company.

Expansion and development of the industry over the years has been a natural consequence of advances in technology and the discovery of new uses for limestone products.

From the early days when crude stone kilns scattered along the river banks yielded a few bushels of lime a day for use as mortar and plaster, the industry has grown to the point where today between two and three million tons of limestone a year are taken out of the county's three quarries.

Where once picks, crowbars and sledge hammers were used to remove the stone for burning, and a five-foot face was considered a quarry, mining now goes to a depth of between 80 and 100 feet, covering hundreds of acres of land.



Fifty years later, quarry operations had become streamlined and sophisticated by comparison, involving expansive pits that yield thousands of tons of limestone daily.

The discovery in the early 1900's, for example, that calcium cyanamid compounds could be used to manufacture fertilizer was a great boon to the industry, increasing the demand by 1929 from 5,000 tons to 50,000 tons a year.

Probably the most significant discovery related to limestone was its use in extracting metals from ore, leading today to its major use in the steel manufacturing industry.

Acting as a flux or purifier, it takes the silicates, phosphates and sulphur out of the iron ore, and as such, it is a vital resource for companies engaged in the manufacture of steel.

According to Stelco manager Jack Stares, the Oxford quarries are an excellent source of good quality, high calcium limestone. The four-mile-wide limestone body on which they sit stretches north-west to Lake Huron and through to the west side of Lake Michigan, he said, noting that the quality varies from one end of the seam to the other, making it suitable for a variety of different products including the cement that is manufactured at St. Marys.

While most of the limestone produced locally is for use in the steel industry, there are however a number of other uses for the product.

According to Robert Houston, plant superintendent at Dofasco's Beachville Lime Limited, the limestone produced there is also used as an additive in fertilizer and in the manufacture of glass.

Domtar's operation produces quick lime for sewage treatment and supplies limestone for the manufacture of brick, fertilizer and glass in addition to its primary use in the steel industry.

Both these companies estimate their annual out-put at one million tons of limestone a year, while Stelco, the smallest of the three operations, yields around 120,000 tons annually.

Expansion programs in recent years have involved major additions of pollution control devices to the existing operations. Stelco's last expansion program, for example, was in 1971 and cost an estimated \$3.5 million, 30 per cent of which went toward the maintenance of pollution control standards.

According to Doug Foster, office manager at Domtar's plant, his company has spent millions on pollution control in the past four years, involving in part a switch from coal to natural gas.

Expansion of that operation four years ago, he noted, involved the addition of a \$2.5-million kiln which alone will process up to 350 tons of lime in one day.

Commenting on the likelihood of future expansion, Mr. Stares predicted that the big plant being built by Stelco in conjunction with the Nanticoke hydro project on Lake Erie would likely lead to increased demands for limestone and thus to expansion at a faster rate locally.

He also noted that Stelco and Dofasco make two-thirds of the steel that is manufactured in Canada. And limestone is a basic requirement in the process.

In the light of this, Oxford's reserves become important, but their continued use by the steel industry depends to a great extent on the willingness of the community to accept their expansion.

Agricultural priorities in land use planning are being urged in Oxford, and threaten to conflict with the requirements of one of the county's oldest and most stable industries.

Resolving the problem will undoubtedly require planning wisdom, the challenging of long-established priorities, and compromise. Even in a county where agriculture is primary, not all land can be preserved for the production of food.

The community will have to choose which of the two resources, land or limestone, will be developed in its "limestone valley." And since all quarry lands are to be restored once they have been mined, the choices ultimately are not mutually exclusive.

Forcing the industries to go through endless procedural red-tape in the process of permitting them to use the land for the purpose for which it was purchased hardly seems warranted, and can do little to enhance the relationships between the rural and industrial sectors of the community.



As shown above in this 1907 quarry scene, operations were primitive and workers had to go to great lengths to obtain limestone from the water-filled pits and transport it to nearby kilns for burning. In those days before modern technology, limestone was measured in bushels.

I.O.O.F. celebrates 100 years

NORWICH (C) — Many Lodges and organizations have been in existence over a long period of years, however it is doubtful if there are many of them can boast of as many years of continuous operation and service as Hayden Lodge No. 152 I.O.O.F. of Norwich, which on Monday evening April 28th, 1975 celebrated 100 years as a Fraternal organization in the Village of Norwich.

Hayden Lodge was instituted November 26th, 1874 with Brothers G. Walker Noble Grand; Tom Batty, vice Grand; D. Dunkin, recording secretary; D. W. Miller, treasurer; and John Campbell financial secretary. First meetings were held upstairs over what is now Lam's Restaurant on Stover St. and later over a store on Main Street prior to purchasing their own two-storey brick building on the North side of Main Street. Charter members were: T. Barrett, J. Parker, B. Steinhoff, W. Farlow, William Walker, John Campbell and D. W. Miller.

The Lodge which meets every second and fourth Monday of the month has had its good years and years that were not so good as to membership. Today like many fraternal organizations, it becomes more difficult to attract new members, but the three links of friendship, love and truth are as meaningful today as it was 100 years ago.

Norwich and District Oddfellow Lodges help to sponsor sending High School students to visit the United Nations. A research program has been set up by the Grand Lodge of Ontario for the purpose of discovering, in pre-school children, eye deficiency.

Students attending University can secure a loan from the Grand Lodge, at a small rate of interest to help carry on their studies.

There is also the C.P. and T. fund, which make it possible to supply wheel chairs, hospital beds, walkers, crutches, etc., to any one in the community in need of them.

Present Lodge officers of Hayden are Noble Grand, William Hulet, vice Grand Harold Card, recording secretary Bruce Alexander, who has held the position for over 35 years, Financial secretary, George Tolman and treasurer John Young.

On Monday evening, April 28th Hayden Lodge in honor of their 100 years entertained around 70 members of the Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges in Otter District to a most enjoyable evening. Welcoming the guests were District Deputy Bruce Rachar and Bruce Alexander.

Master of ceremonies, Noble Grand William Hulet welcomed all and requested District Deputy Bruce Rachar to introduce the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Harry Wade and Mrs. Wade of Newcastle.

Following a sing song with Mrs. R. DeMontmorency at the

piano, and toe tapping music by Harry and Edward Thorne the Grand Master gave a most inspiring address, expressing pleasure at being present on such an auspicious occasion.

He stated the first meeting of Oddfellows on this continent was held in Baltimore, Maryland in 1819, and today in Ontario, alone there are nearly 100 Lodges. Oddfellowship is something worth working and fighting for and we must take action to preserve it, for it is one of the best organizations in the world.

Both Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges need new members, especially young members to carry on. We must go out and share our great fraternity with others, telling them what it is and its purpose. The organization of Oddfellowship was made for man and came into being over 150 years ago because it fills a need, attracting people from all walks of life, throughout the free world. The Order has been tested and has stood the fire. We must take a good look at ourselves and say, not what Oddfellowship can do for me, but what I can do for it. You must put something in to get something out. It must be lived every day of the week.

Records show millions of dollars have been spent caring for the aged, the widows and orphans, because it is real it lives in the hearts and souls of the devoted, burned there by the Great Jehovah.

The Grand Master then presented the Lodge with a certificate of merit for a hundred years of service and was given a standing ovation. He also presented 50 year jewels to brothers N. M. Marshall of Norwich and J. D. Buckrell of St. Catharines. Both expressed their deep appreciation and spoke briefly of what Oddfellowship had meant to them.

Mr. Buckrell was the first member to join Hayden Lodge, under 19 years of age and stated the world needs truth today and

the teaching of Oddfellowship.

John Anderson and Fred McKay were eligible for 25 year jewels, but due to their absence, will be presented with them at a later date.

Congratulations to Hayden Lodge on their one hundred years and success in the next 100 were expressed by the District Deputy Bruce Rachar, Past District Deputy Roy Arn of Norwich and several Past District Deputies from the district.

E. R. Munro was present to mystify the gathering with his many tricks of magic, which was greatly appreciated by everyone.

A delicious lunch was served by members of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge, including the 100 year Birthday cake, cut by the Grand Master Harry Wade, the District Deputy Bruce Rachar, and William Hulet, Noble Grand of Hayden Lodge 152.

One hundred years is a long time to look ahead, but looking back its only a short period.

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I AM AN ODD FELLOW

I believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man;

I believe in Friendship, Love, and Truth as basic guides to the ultimate destiny of all mankind;

I believe my home, my church or temple, my lodge, and my community deserve my best work, my modest pride, my earnest faith, and my deepest loyalty, as I perform my duty "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan" and as I work with others to build a better world because, in spirit and in truth, I am, and must always be, grateful to my Creator, faithful to my Country, and fraternal to my fellow man:

I AM AN ODD FELLOW



During the last weeks 100th year celebration of the Norwich Oddfellows, a cake was presented to celebrate the event. Shown cutting the cake are left to right, William Hewitt, noble grand of the Norwich Lodge; Harry Wade, grand master of Lodge I.O.O.F. of Ontario, and Bruce Rachar, district deputy.

May 1975

To drape charter for Edna Hilliker

1975

Regular meeting of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177 was held Tuesday, May 6, with Irene Jackson Nobel Grand in charge, 60 visitors and 41 members welcomed. Three officers were absent.

Jean Clark, district deputy president of District 27B, was given honors.

Minutes were read by Mary Pryde, and visiting committee report by Marie Tait, Vice-Grand.

Birthday cards were sent to Ileta Ostrander and Iva Moulton. Clayton Fulkerson, chaplain of

the Assembly, in in St. Thomas Hospital.

Coming events include a birthday party at Arkess Lodge, Springfield, on May 28, and also on May 28, a friendship night at Supreme Lodge, St. Thomas.

The degree was put on by sisters and brothers from Strathroy, Mt. Brydges, Watford, Glencoe and Kerwood.

Happy birthday was sung to Ella Abbott and Jean Clark.

The Charter will be draped on May 13 for Edna Hilliker.

A potluck lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

GEORGE EDWARD LEACH

George Edward Leach of Port Burwell passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, May 5, 1975, in his 62nd year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eva McNally; one daughter, Mrs. James (Lorraine) Richardson of RR 1, La Salette; his mother, Mrs. Grace Leach of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Barney (Iva) McKiernan of RR 1, Norwich; one brother, Larry Leach of Otterville; and three grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until Thursday, May 8, thence to Our Lady of La Salette R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

Interment in La Salette R.C. Cemetery.

Prayers will be said at the Funeral Home tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock.

ROY LEE PRONG

Service was held Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m., at the Baldock Funeral Home for Roy Lee Prong, 79, RR 2, St. Williams, who died Friday, May 9, 1975, from injuries received in a motor vehicle crash. Rev. Robert Davis officiated and burial was in Cultus Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, the former Bessie Howell; a son, Edward, St. Williams; a brother, Norris, Port Burwell; a sister, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Bartram, Tillsonburg, and 10 grandchildren.

A daughter, Mrs. Harvey (Donna) Aspden, died in 1963.

Mr. Prong was born in Port Burwell, son of the late Edward Prong and former Josephine Beckett. He was educated in Port Burwell and was a farmer.

Spring Deanery meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Spring Deanery meeting was held in Huntingford with a good attendance. The ladies sat down to a tempting supper and after they adjourned to the Church for the meeting to hear Mrs. Marion Sheridan speak on her trip to Uganda and witnessed the Induction of the Bishop of Uganda.

Pakistan embroidery was displayed and the work done by the Uganda women is beautiful. There was also knotted net shopping bags made by the boys who were blind.

Again this year there was a prize for the best nameplate, and Tillsonburg and Otterville churches were both chosen for first prize.

The election of officers closed the evening. *May*

LEO S. (LEE) MUDGE
Leo S. (Lee) Mudge of Stonecrest Nursing Home, formerly of RR 2, Tillsonburg, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 7, 1975, in his 68th year.

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Funeral service for the late Leo S. (Lee) Mudge, of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, who passed away on May 7, 1975, was held at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. James Twinem of Fellowship Baptist Church, Clurttland.

Pallbearers were nephews, George Mudge, Kenneth Mudge, Bill Mudge, Murray Mudge, Lloyd Mudge and Edwin Mudge. Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

MRS. ERA BELLE GREENWOOD

Mrs. Era Belle Greenwood of R.R. 2, Courtland, passed away on Sunday, May 18, 1975, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 83rd year.

The former Era Belle Atkinson, she was born in North Walsingham Township, December 13, 1892, daughter of the late Isaac Atkinson and the former Lucy Ford.

Her husband, William John Greenwood, predeceased her in 1945.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Beck of Hawtrey and Mrs. Sylvia Rohrer of Aylmer; two brothers, Wilmer Atkinson of Tillsonburg and Elmer Atkinson of RR 2, Tillsonburg; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one brother, Welcome Atkinson, in 1949.

Rested at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Tuesday, May 20, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. James Vardy of Courtland United Church.

Pallbearers were Donald Kipp, Gordeon Barber, Bob Hicks, William Bennett, Wilford Boughner and Harry Purdy.

Interment in Courtland United Church Cemetery.

Cards of Thanks

McClelland - The family of the late Vera McClelland wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for the beautiful floral tributes, sympathy cards, donations to the heart fund, the cancer fund, and the Gideon Bible society in the recent loss of a dear sister and aunt. Special thanks to Dr. R. M. Hall, the Arn and Son funeral residence and Rev. Douglas Flint, the pallbearers. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Herbert, Lewis and the McClelland family

Born on the 11th Concession of South Norwich, November 15, 1907, he was a son of the late William Mudge and the former Anges Wheeler. He was a retired tobacco farmer.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Sadie Helsdon of Tillsonburg; and two brothers, Norman Mudge of RR 2, Otterville, and William H. Mudge of St. Thomas.

He was predeceased by one brother, Laverne Mudge, in 1960.

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Interment in Tillsonburg cemetery.

Return home from trip

NORWICH - Mrs. Greta Smith and Mrs. Florence Moore of Norwich returned home on Sunday following an 18 day motor trip to Bardstown, Kentucky and Houston, Texas.

Travelling by way of Detroit and Nashville, they arrived in Bardstown, where they spent several days visiting Mrs. Moore's daughter and husband, Dr. and Mrs. Carl Gobert and while there attended the running of the Kentucky Derby.

From Bardstown they journeyed to Houston Texas where they spent eight days visiting Mrs. Smith's sister Mrs. James Oliver. On their return trip they spent the second week with the Goberts in Kentucky prior to returning home.

They report a most enjoyable trouble-free trip of over 3100 miles with the temperatures ranging around 88 degrees Fahrenheit. *May*

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Norwich 100 Years with Gilbert Moore

In 1875 when Gilbert Moore wrote this diary he was Postmaster of Norwich. He lived three miles from Norwich on the Quaker Street farm now occupied by the Robert C. Wilson family. The "meeting" was at the Friends "Old Brick" Meeting House on Quaker Street. He was the promoter and President of the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway which, when completed, ran from Port Dover to Tavistock. The head office was in Woodstock.

FRIDAY, May 28 - Sold \$500. in Bonds and have a prospect of some more. Came back to Simcoe for supper. Still trying to work off Bonds.

SATURDAY, May 29 - Rained very hard this morning. James C. Bullock rode home with me. Sold some Bonds to Gibson for timber and Albert Titus contracted for \$1,500. Got home at 7 p.m. Found all well. Quite cool.

Explorers last meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) - Otterville Explorers held their last meeting of the season before summer holidays on Tuesday, May 20th, in the school room of the United Church, to which they invited their mothers. *1975*

Chief Explorer, Jenny Caughill, conducted the opening exercises. It was announced that 16 meetings were held during the year by and attended by 13 girls.

Social events for the year were a weiner roast, Christmas Party, and a Games Day.

The Explorers collected \$55.05 for UNICEF and made 120 tray favours for patients in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg. Two banners for the 50th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada were made. The group donated \$10.00 to the World Development and Relief Fund for blankets and soap for refugees.

Officers for the year were Chief Explorer - Janet Downing and Jenny Caughill; Keeper of the Log - Robin Davis and Sherry Walters; Keeper of the Treasury - Debra Deroo and Rhonda Treffry.

Mrs. Edward White opened the worship with a reading "Don't

Worry." The girls sang a number "The Great Parade." The Scripture was read by Trudy Walther, the offering was presented by Cindy Haskett and Sandra Christensen. Darlene Walters gave the prayer followed by a song "Jesus, the Giver of All."

A graduation ceremony was conducted by Mrs. Einar Egilsson at which time Jenny Caughill, Jessica Douglas, Janet Downing and Trudy Walther received their "E" pins for completion of three years of participation in the group. The four graduates were congratulated by Mrs. Egilsson and councillors and thanked for their contribution to Explorers.

Janet Downing thanked Mrs. Walther and Mrs. White for their leadership. A sing-song led by Mrs. Walther was very much enjoyed by the girls and their mothers.

A lunch was served by Debra Deroo and Rhonda Treffry. Mrs. Robert Butler voiced thanks on behalf of the mothers to the group for inviting them to the graduation.

The meeting closed with "Taps" and the "Explorer Yell."

JOHN (JACK) DOUGLAS RICE

John (Jack) Douglas Rice of Long Point and Aylmer passed away suddenly at Long Point on Saturday, May 31, 1975, in his 54th year.

Born at Norwich, he was a son of the late Melvin and Clara Bell (Myrick) Rice.

Following his service overseas in the Second World War, he had lived at Aylmer and Long Point since 1948.

He was president of Jack Rice Caterers Ltd.; president of the Turkey Point Company; president of Pleasant Valley Golf and Country Club, of which he was also first president; first president of the Aylmer Curling Club; a director of the Canadian Restaurant Association; sponsor of Ducks Unlimited; and chairman of the Ontario Chapters of Ducks Unlimited, Long Point.

Mr. Rice was a member of Mocha Mosque Shrine, London; of Burligh Preceptory, St. Thomas; of the Aylmer Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons; of Tillsonburg Shrine Club; of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, AF and AM, Tillsonburg. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was also mentioned in Dispatches. Mr. Rice was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Col. Talbot Branch 81, Aylmer; and was a life member of the Aylmer Kinsmen Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Barbara Holborn; two sons, Paul Rice of Jacksonville, Florida, and Robert Rice of London; two daughters, Patricia Rice of Dorchester and Shelley Rice of Aylmer, and one grandson, Paul Rice, Jr.

A brother, Robert Rice, predeceased him in 1941.

Rested at the H. A. Kebbel Funeral Home, Aylmer, where service was held Tuesday, June 3, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation.

A Masonic Service was held Monday evening, June 2, at 8 p.m. at the Funeral Home.

Donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Donates to Minor ball

OTTERVILLE (C) - Past Noble Grands Club met at the home of Sister Ethel Arthur with 12 members present. Meeting was opened by president Margaret Kitchen and all repeated The Lord's Prayer. It was decided to go to Woodstock for supper for the June meeting.

The Club donated \$50. to minor ball association. *may/75*



Mrs. Ivor Mann, immediate past regent of the HMS Courageous Chapter IODE shown centre, received a Primary Life Membership certificate and pin, Tuesday evening, at the IODE regular meeting. Also shown from left to right are: Mrs. C. Swatridge, Regent; Mrs. M. Beecroft, education convener; Miss Mary Travis; and Mrs. Fred Bartram, charter member.



Joanne Pettigrew, a 20-year-old fine arts student from Springford, took an enthusiastic interest in many of the items on display and for sale at the Rotary Antique Show, at the Community Centre last weekend. *May/75*

MAY 2, 1940

Otterville Community Hall was filled to capacity for the show, "East Side of Heaven." After the show, four boys took part in a quiz contest with Donald Pettigrew being the winner.

Presentations at IODE meet

A life membership presentation and four school essay presentations were made at the regular meeting of the HMS Courageous Chapter IODE, Tuesday, at the Orange Hall in Tillsonburg.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Ivor Mann, immediate past regent of the IODE, was presented with a Primary Life Membership scroll certificate and a pin. Miss Mary Travis presented the pin while Mrs. Fred Bartram, charter member, presented the scroll. Mrs. M. Beecroft, education convener, gave the commendation.

Also four Grade 6 girls were presented with scrolls and cash prizes for their essays on "Why I'm proud to be a Canadian".

Mrs. Fred Bartram, citizenship convener, presented the following girls with prizes: Tracy DeSutter, St. Joseph's (first prize); Carolyn Sandham, Elliott Fairbairn (2nd prize); Chantelle McCann, Rolph Street (3rd prize); and Kelly Manary, Elliott Fairbairn (Honorable Mention).

Tracy received a cash prize and a framed scroll as did Carolyn Sandham. Chantelle was given a cash prize and Kelly an unframed scroll.

Altogether some 78 essays from Rolph Street, Elliott Fairbairn and St. Joseph's Grade 6 students, were submitted to the IODE.

A film presentation on Russia followed by lunch concluded the meeting.

Bake sale, car wash success

OTTERVILLE (C) - A successful day financially was held on Saturday, May 31, at the community hall when a bake sale, convened by Mrs. Robert Butler, assisted by Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Nip Christo and Mrs. Wilma Butler. Mrs. Betty Babcock and Mrs. Dorothy Neale. *1975*

Janet Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler, was winner of a prettily decorated cake.

At the same time a car wash project kept members of Bantam and Midget, boys and girls with their coaches busy, there being over 50 cars leaving the car wash with the "New Look." This project was organized by William A. McMullen.

It was noted that there are three new ball teams which have registered and these take financing to get Minor Ball in action.

Coming up this week Saturday, June 14, will be sports day and tickets are available on a AM-FM radio.

Ontario minimum wage

increase in effect May 1¹⁹⁷⁵

The new minimum wage of \$2.40 an hour for employees in general industry became effective throughout Ontario May 1. The rate for construction workers also rises, to \$2.65 an hour.

This increase was announced by Labour Minister John P. MacBeth on January 22nd. He said the revision was "necessary to keep pace with the increased cost of living." A detailed breakdown of the new rates is attached.

From today, agricultural workers engaged in the harvesting of fruit, field vegetables and tobacco are eligible for minimum wage, vacation pay and holidays with pay for the first time.

The purpose of minimum wage is to give workers whose bargaining power is limited a measure of protection against exploitation. Mr. MacBeth keeps the rate continually under review and if circumstances justify it, he may be recommending further increases in minimum wage. The previous increase, to \$2.25 an hour, came into effect on October 1, 1974.

The new minimum wage schedule is:

- General minimum - \$2.40.
- General learner rate (during first month of employment) - \$2.30.
- Construction rate - \$2.65.
- Guard on construction projects - \$2.65.
- Student rate (under 18 years of

age where weekly hours are not in excess of 28 hours or where student is employed during a school holiday) - \$2.00.

Ambulance industry rate: (a) weekly rate - \$115.20; (b) where employee works less than 48 hours a week - \$2.40.

Where meals or room or both are taken into account by an employer in calculating minimum rate of an employee:

- (a) room - \$10.00; (b) meals - \$1.05 each meal and not more than - \$22.00 a week; (c) both room and meals - \$32.00 a week.

We goofed - did not oppose bylaw^{May 7/75}

Last week we carried a story on the front page about a meeting held by the clergy of Norwich. Our headline writer goofed and the headline and story did not quite match.

The following is a statement by the Norwich clergy to clarify the position that they have taken.

The clergy of the village did NOT say they OPPOSED the Burgessville Flea Market opening on Sunday but that they would not support a by-law which would restrict the freedom of the people to observe the Sunday rest and recreation as they wish. Our statement is repeated.

"While we, the clergy of Norwich village, deplore the increasingly secular observance of Sundays.

Yet we recognize the right of

every citizen to use Sunday as a day of Rest and Recreation as he sees fit.

Therefore we do not feel justified, in this case, to support any movement to bring about a by-law repressive of the liberties of the people to observe Sunday as a sacred or a secular day (always excepting violation of the Lord's Day act which is a Federal Law covering such instances as this).

We have never believed that people can be "legislated" into Sunday Religious Observance.

- Rev. H. Herring - Anglican
- Rev. D. Flint - United
- Rev. R. Duncanson - Presbyterian
- Rev. E. Strain - Baptist
- Rev. Robb - Free Methodist

Norwich-Otterville Lions ANNUAL

Fireworks Display

Otterville Park
Monday, May 19¹⁹⁷⁵th

MINOR BALL GAME

7:00 P.M. - Otterville Vs. Norwich

Fireworks At Dusk

Supervised by Otterville Fire Dept.

Admission - Adults \$1.00

Children Under 16 Free



Four-fifths of the administration staff of South West Oxford township. Shown are, left to right, deputy clerk Allen Forrester; clerk Helen Prouse; secretary Nora Kennedy; and treasurer R.E. Saunders. Absent is tax collector Lps Curry. ^{May 1975}

SOMEBODY'S MOTHER

The woman was old and ragged and gray
 And bent with the chill of the winter's day.
 The streets were wet with a recent snow
 And the woman's feet were aged and slow.
 She stood at the crossing and waited long,
 Alone, uncared for, among the throng
 Of human beings who passed her by:
 None heeded a glance of her anxious eye.
 Down the road, with laughter and shout,
 Glad in the freedom of school let out,
 Came the boys, like a flock of sheep,
 Hailing the snow, piled white and deep.
 Past the woman, so old and gray,
 Hastened the children on their way.
 None offered a helping hand to her,
 So meek, so timid, afraid to stir
 Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet
 Would knock her down in the slippery street.
 At last came one of the merry troop,
 The gayest laddie of all the group.
 He paused beside her, and whispered low,
 "I'll help you across, if you wish to go."
 Her aged hand on his strong, young arm
 She placed, and so, without hurt or harm,
 He guided those trembling feet along
 Proud that his own were firm and strong.
 Then back again to his friends he went,
 His young heart happy and well content.
 "She's somebody's mother, boys, you know.
 For all she's aged and poor and slow,
 I hope some fellow will lend a hand
 To help my mother, you understand,
 If ever she's poor and old and gray,
 And her own dear boy is far away."
 When somebody's mother bowed low her head
 In her prayers that night, these words she said,
 "God be kind to that noble boy,
 Who is somebody's son, and pride and joy."

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Dr. Roy W. Rankin dies practised here 51 years

A practising physician for 51 years, Dr. Roy W. Rankin of 24 Ridout St. E., passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, May 12, 1975, in his 81st year.

Born at North Bay, October 9, 1894, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William R. Rankin. He graduated in 1918 at the age



DR. ROY W. RANKIN

of 25, a Gold Medalist, from the University of Toronto as a Medical Doctor, began his practice in Courtland in 1919, moving to Tillsonburg in 1920, where he practised for 51 years, retiring in April, 1971.

He was a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps in World War I, and a Medical officer of Health for South-Western Ontario, with the rank of Major, during World War II.

Dr. Rankin was a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, A.F. & A.M.; Otter Lodge No. 50, I.O.O.F.; Mocha Temple, London; Tillsonburg Shrine Club; and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a councillor for the Town of Tillsonburg, 1947-48, and was on the planning board when Annandale and Glendale subdivisions were planned. He was a member of Branch 153, The Royal Canadian Legion; past president of the Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club; and was an original member of the Curling Club.

His wife, the former Dorcy Mildred Vincent, predeceased him by one day.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. William (Connie) Irvine of Tillsonburg; and three grandchildren.

There will be no visitation at the Funeral Home.

Cremation will be held at Woodland Crematorium, London.

A memorial graveside service will be held for the late Dr. and Mrs. Rankin on Saturday, May 17, at 1 p.m. at Tillsonburg Cemetery, conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church, followed by interment.

Memorial donations to the War Memorial Sick Children's Hospital, London, would be appreciated by the family, and may be made at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home.

DR. AND MRS. ROY W. RANKIN

A memorial graveside service for the late Mrs. Roy W. Rankin, who died May 11, 1975, and the late Dr. Roy W. Rankin, who died May 12, 1975, was held at Tillsonburg Cemetery on Saturday, May 17, at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church, followed by a Royal Canadian Legion Service, under the auspices of Branch 153, Tillsonburg, with Wilfred Davis as Chaplain and John French and Austin Mills as buglers.

4-H leaders guests at Otterville W.I.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The May meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Hill with 21 members and 2 visitors present. The newly elected president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft, presided.

The meeting opened with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect, followed by The

Lord's Prayer. Members responded to the roll call by telling "A Teenage Cooking Experience".

A report of the Officers Conference at Waterloo was given by Mrs. Jack Walther.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, convenor of "Family Affairs", who gave a humorous reading about

dining. Mrs. William A. McMullen, 4-H Club leader, gave a demonstration of the correct way to pack a suitcase.

Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Donald Barnim, also a 4-H Club leader, gave a demonstration on the making of fancy sandwiches thereby showing some of the projects the 4-H

members have been working on.

A quiz on etiquette followed.

Miss Julie Davis was presented with a gift in honor of her completion of six 4-H projects thus attaining County Honours.

A social time was enjoyed at the close of the meeting, with the convenor and committee, Mrs. Ivan Leitch and Mrs. Laura Hooker assisting.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

May 21 1925

At least two business changes have taken place this week. R.P. Reekie of Dutton has taken over the drug store recently purchased by F.A. Fisher from A.F. Stewart, and Harry C. Brady has taken possession of the grocery store formerly owned by W. N. Fisher.

A company has been formed and a charter applied for under the name of the Tillsonburg Amusement Company, Limited, for the purpose of purchasing the White Star Theatre. Provisional directors are Messrs W.C. Brown, C.H. Denton, Arnold Simon, John A. Graves and D. Hicks.

Rev. A.E.W. Ingram of Otterville had his car stolen while it was parked in a church shed at Listowel.

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Jay and Stephanie Durkee are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Harold Benjamin. Born June 16, 1975 weighing 7 lb. 4 1/2 oz. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mr. & Mrs. Ben. Burn.

Geranium tea plans finalized

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Church Guild held in the parish hall on Thursday, June 19, with a good attendance.

President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and Rev. H. Herring opened the meeting with prayer. Miss Edna Furlong, secretary, read minutes and called the roll and Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

Final plans were made for the geranium tea, sponsored by the Guild, to be held in the parish hall on Thursday, June 26. There will also be a white elephant table, a bake table and tickets sold on a cake.

This will be the last meeting until September, but plans have been made for picnics throughout the summer.

St. John's parish is the first in the Diocese to send \$150 for the Minister in Uganda, to help in supplying his transportation.

Institute tours Mennonite area

There were a few Summerville Women's Institute members, joined with Otterville Women's Institute for a very pleasant bus trip to Elmira and surrounding district of the Mennonite area, on June 7.

They all enjoyed a delightful noon meal at the Mennonite Church in Elmira.

Summerville Women's Institute quilt draw was made on Wednesday night, June 18, at South Norwich Historical Society meeting held in Springford. Lucky winner was Mrs. William Baldwin of Eden.

In reporting the May meeting there was an omission of the program. Mrs. Herbert Redman, as convener, had a discussion on capital punishment.

Geranium tea held by Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild held a successful Geranium Tea in the Parish Hall. The afternoon was opened with prayer by the rector, Rev. H. Herring, and the visitors were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Tables were set up for sewing, baking, white elephant table and a counter for the sale of tickets, all these being patronized throughout the afternoon.

A table of cards and novelties was taken care of by Mrs. Nate McMullen and the fancy sewing table by Mrs. Lottie Armstrong and Mrs. Richard Saunders.

Bake table by Mrs. Peter Wavell and Mrs. Violet Howse.

The cake donated by Cheri Rachar was won by Mrs. Lottie Armstrong and the door prize was won by Mrs. Edna Pearce.

Assisting at the tea tables were Mrs. Pickersgill and Miss Edna Furlong. Behind the scenes were Mrs. Florence Church, Mrs. Jack Riste and Mrs. Mary Furlong.

Mrs. Jack Freeland was the clerk at the door selling tickets. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Miss Edna Furlong were the hosts at the tea tables and were assisted by other members, who each had a part in the afternoon. There will be no more meetings until September.

The hall was decorated with seasonal flowers and the tea tables with orange blossoms.

Norwich park curfew okayed

OTTERVILLE - Norwich Township council agreed recently to put a curfew on the use of South Norwich Community Park in Otterville.

Council passed a bylaw limiting use of the park to between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m., unless special permission is given by the park manager for later use.

Anyone in the park may be charged with trespassing.

Council decided to make the move in an effort to curb vandalism, loitering and use of the facilities by motorcyclists.

Norwich studies radio systems

OTTERVILLE - Norwich Township Council voted recently to look into the feasibility of acquiring a new mobile communications system for its police department.

The system would directly link the Norwich detachment with Tillsonburg Ontario Provincial Police.

Currently the township is paying Tillsonburg Town Police \$4,000 a year to answer telephone calls when no one is in the Norwich office, and to relay calls to Tillsonburg OPP.

Church services

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN OTTERVILLE (C) - On Sunday, June 22, the service was conducted by Rector Rev. H. Herring.

In a service of memory a Communion service was consecrated in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Mann and the late Fred Howse. This fitting tribute was given by the Mann family and by the Howse family.

During the service a duet was sung by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Jack Freeland, "Search Me." Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist.

Offering was presented by Peter Gilchrist and Jack Freeland.

A large congregation was present.

Leisure Club plans bus trip

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Leisure Club met in the community hall on June 4 with a good attendance. June 15th is the beginning of Senior Citizens Week and there will be a church service in Tillsonburg Community Centre (auditorium) at 2:30 p.m. with all senior citizens invited to attend. Melody Makers will have charge of the music.

On June 22nd at 2 p.m. Sacred Heart Villa have invited senior citizens to a strawberry festival. There is also a bus trip planned for Rockton Safari, then to Lynden Park mall and stop at Ponderosa for dinner at 5:30 p.m. The bus leaves Otterville at 10 a.m. and all fares must be in by June 18th. For information phone Harry Lee 879-6995.

After much discussion it was moved by Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew that Club members were willing to allow the senior citizens name as sponsors for restoration of the Oddy House with no expense to the Leisure Club.

Progressive euchre was enjoyed by all.

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Buying a bike for parish in Uganda

The A.C.W. held their last meeting of the season on Monday evening in the parish hall. At 6:30 we sat down to well laden tables. The losing team of the penny collectors provided the meal.

Rev. Herring asked the blessing.

After the inner "man" was satisfied, our regular meeting was opened by Faye Berrigan, vice-president, who asked Dorothy Romanic to read the scripture which was taken from Romans 12: 1-21 and "The Lord's Prayer" was said in unison.

Reports were given by Gladys Cole, Audrey Clark and Chris Vigor.

Roll call was answered by

naming a hymn written by a woman. Many items of business were taken care of.

The A.C.W. of St. John's Church in Otterville and St. Charles' in Dereham and Holy Trinity in Norwich, are buying a much needed bicycle for our parish in Uganda.

To help meet our needs a bake sale will be held in Simpson's-Sears on Saturday, June 14th, at 10 a.m.

A lucky luncheon is also planned for September 16th.

Rev. Herring closed the meeting with the benediction.

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This was the last meeting of the season of the U.C.W. until September.

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Some tobacco farmers going completely 'nuts'

BRANTFORD (CP) - Farmer Miklos Majorcak of Tillsonburg gave up five acres of valuable acreage for peanuts in a noble experiment.

He hopes the peanuts will result in a successful crop in Ontario's experiment of peanut planting in tobacco country. An Ontario Agricultural College special research team is planting five-acre plots on three other farms in tobacco country.

"What we're doing here is a commercial-type operation," said Dr. Elwood Hatley, an agronomist with the college's crop-science department. "We're doing what we think farmers will have to do for a successful crop."

Establishment of a peanut-growing industry in the sandy-loam soil is looked for as a result of the research. The federal government granted the researchers funds to explore the peanut crop possibility.

The Spanish peanuts planted on Mr. Majorcak's land are expected to show the first green shoots two weeks after the seed is planted. Harvest occurs in late September and early October,

past the harvest time for tobacco.

"If it's going to work in a tobacco area, it can't compete with tobacco," said Dr. Hatley, who has been conducting the study for two years.

The research team has received money from Canadian peanut processors who have shown interest in the enterprise, especially since the team raised a good crop under adverse weather conditions last year. The harvesting of peanuts can be accomplished with mechanical units without much labor.

Canadian processors import more than \$40 million worth of peanuts and peanut products annually, often at the mercy of fluctuating world prices and supply. Fifty million pounds of Canadian peanut butter is produced a year.

Scientists hope that one day production could be able to satisfy the needs of the domestic market and provide a surplus for export. Although peanuts have been grown in most of the eight main countries of the tobacco belt for years, these "horticultural curiosities" are looked upon as the basis of a cash crop.

Aerialists cross gorge defying gravity, police

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP) - Three daredevil French aerialists crossed the churning waters of the whirlpool rapids below Niagara Falls Wednesday, using a motorcycle and balance poles to make their way across a cable.

Henry Rechatin, his wife Janyck and motorcycle driver Frank Lucas made the trip in the early morning with only invited reporters watching and photographing the feat.

Mr. Rechatin, who has been wanting for years to cross Niagara Falls on a tightrope, stood above the motorcycle on a specially-constructed steel frame while his wife hung upside-down by one foot from another frame underneath.

At the end of the crossing, with the way blocked by the cable car whose cable they crossed, Mr. Rechatin clambered down from the frame,

edged past the motorcycle and, using a balance pole, walked the remaining distance to the Canadian side.

For Mr. Rechatin, 44, the feat was the realization of a dream he has held for years. He asked permission to walk a cable across the whirlpool in 1967 but was refused by the Niagara Parks Commission.

Wednesday, he and his cohorts didn't wait for permission from anyone. At 6:30 a.m., with reporters watching, they set out from the south bank of the whirlpool and slowly drove across the cable, with Mr. Lucas at the controls.

Niagara Parks Police arrived after the show was over, just after 7 a.m., and warned Mr. Rechatin he could be charged with performing a dangerous act. But no charge was laid at that time.

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The United Church Women of Springford held a special 50th anniversary tribute to commemorate the formation of the church in 1925. The women held a candle lighting ceremony for past presidents of the women's group for their active service in the

Springford United Church since 1931. Shown with the 50th anniversary cake, are: (Left to right) Ruby Jordan, Winnie Lee, Mildred Winegarden, Ruby Fleming, Sherrill Babby, Daisy Stroud, Joyce Bell, Katie Pearce and Eva Lee.

St. John's Parish donates for ministers

OTTERVILLE (C) — A Geranium Tea was finalized at the regular meeting of the St. John's Church Guild meeting which was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoon which will be sponsored by the members of the Guild. The meeting was well attended.

Along with the tea there will be tables of sewing, a white elephant table, an attractive decorated

cake, and last but not least a Bake Table. The admission to the tea will be 50c and will give the visitor the opportunity of the draw on the tickets for the door prize.

The date of this event is Thursday, June 26th and the doors open at 2 p.m. It was noted that the St. John's Parish to be the first contributor in the Diocesan to send \$150.00 for the ministers in Uganda. The ministers there have no way for transportation other than on foot for Ministry or visitation and this

takes the Minister one full year to complete.

Rev. H. Herring opened the meeting with prayer and the business was conducted by the president Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. The secretary Miss Edna Furlong read the minutes of the previous meeting and gave the roll call. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

Plans were made for get-togethers during the next two months and the meetings have closed for the summer, to resume in September.



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Otterville W.I. enjoy bus trip

OTTERVILLE (C) — The June meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute took the form of a bus trip to Elmira on Saturday, June 7th. The arrangements for the day were planned by Mrs. Melville Beecroft and committee Miss Vera Welsh and Mrs. Fred Moore. The bus with 43 passengers aboard left Otterville at 8 a.m. and returned at 6 p.m. Travelling to Kitchener the passengers visited two markets at Kitchener where everything was most tempting to the shopper.

Next to the Mennonite Church where a delicious dinner served in the basement awaited the guests. They were then invited to the auditorium where slides were shown depicting the life of the Mennonite in their belief, their way of living, their dress and customs.

A speaker of the Mennonite faith gave a most interesting talk of the area and of their strong endeavor to help one another and cited the building of a new church which was being built across the way, across the road a former church which was built in the 1800's being all torn down on June 2nd and that day (Saturday) a new one was being built taking its place. The work being done by the church members and the brick work was almost completed.

Following this part of the day's program the visitors left the church for a 25-mile tour of the area and were given first hand history of many of the farm homes as well as places of industry by a guide who was the efficient communicator. Again the thrift of the people was seen through their way of living in their dress, farms, transportation and several farms were cited as having three generations of families.

Returning to the church for a brief stop the visitors had a short

shopping period at the Old Country Store.

Prior to leaving the bus, Mrs. Beecroft expressed appreciation to all those who had participated in the bus trip to the members and especially to the non-

members who helped to make the requested number and to the bus driver. The members thanked the convener and her committee for the day and the bus driver expressed appreciation as driver for the day.

Violet Lodge honors

Mrs. Jean McClintock

OTTERVILLE (C) - Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held a Friendship Evening, Monday June 2. Myrtle Lodge, Tillsonburg, opened Lodge and Arkess Lodge, Springfield, closed. N. G. Wilma Butler and V. V. Violet Cole conducted business, and Lodge closed in regular form.

A program followed with Sister Jean McClintock at the piano. Sister Ruth Collver contributed two solos. A presentation was made to Sister Eva Hill from the Past Noble Grands Club. A solo by Sister Mary Pressy's daughter of Delhi was very much enjoyed. Sister Ethel Arthur gave two recitations. In her first number she was dressed as an old fashioned Grandmother and in the second number dressed as a modern Grandmother. Sister Betty Garnham of Myrtle Lodge gave two humorous readings.

Sister Helen Thompson, P.D.D. asked Sister Jean McClintock to meet her at the front of Lodge hall where to Sister Jean's surprise, Sister Helen told her that this was her night. The group were honoring her on her appointment at the Rebekah Assembly in June as pianist. Sister Helen presented her with a

"Hobnail Glass Vase" on behalf of the Lodge. A sing song was held with Sister Jean at the piano while the committee prepared lunch downstairs, where Jean had another surprise a beautiful cake in the form of a baby grand piano.

Sister Irene Jackson thanked the Lodge for the evening.

Innis Foundation picnic

By Mary Millard

The second annual picnic of the Harold Innis Foundation was held at Innisfree Farm, east of Otterville, on Sunday, June 1. The Foundation, a non-profit educational organization, owns the 100-acre farm where the late Professor Harold Innis, Canada's foremost economic historian, was born and raised.

More than 60 people attended the picnic. Among them were: Mrs. R. Brayley of Otterville (Harold Innis's sister) and her husband, sons, and grandchildren; Mr. Samuel Innis of Norwich, (brother of Prof. Innis) with Mrs. Innis, and assorted descendants; three of Professor Innis' children with many of their children. The little tads would not stand still to be counted.

Innis College, University of Toronto, was represented by its Principal, Dr. Peter Russell, his assistant, Art Wood, and members of the College Council, including A. Grosman, M. Wall, P. Edick, K. Booth, J. Ratcliff, M. Friend, B. McMaster, B. Glenn, G. Moore, S. Oakley, S. Vickberg, W. Drury, T. Montgomery, and S. Pestell.

Academic notables included (in addition to Donald Innis, Anne Innis Dagg and Hugh Innis) Professors Robin Harris of Toronto and R.L. MacDougall of Ottawa. Foundation board

members present, and not previously mentioned were H. Cassels, Q.C., of Toronto (secretary) J. Mulholland, C.A., (treasurer) of Cannington, D. Millard, P. Eng., of Toronto (president), and Grant Mountain of Otterville, who organized the chicken barbecue. Could he have done it without Doreen? Not at all likely.

Well, there were others. Mrs. Wallace McCutcheon of Stratford brought some friends, as did Mr. M. Stephens of Uxbridge. The Douma family of Otterville were not only present, but also responsible for much of the organization. The Farm Manager, Ollie Douma, conducted many tours around the old (old? -- 1894? -- is that OLD?) farmhouse.

The Harold Innis Foundation proposes holding more picnics, since its meetings at the farm have turned out to be enjoyable for people of several generations, and urban, suburban, small-town and rural backgrounds.

1st Sale - Late Joseph Barna

AUCTION SALE

WED., JUNE 25TH AT 7 P.M. SHARP

— In The —

OTTER VALLEY AUCTION ROOMS

MAIN ST. E., OTTERVILLE

Main St. E., Otterville

ATTENTION — ELECTRICIANS - BUILDERS - HOME HANDYMEN

LIGHT FIXTURES: Approximately 75 new light fixtures - swags, wall lights, double swags, kitchen, dining, living, bedroom, hall, porch, post, etc., etc. Light fixtures for the whole house. These fixtures have all been removed from the showroom and warehouse of J. B. Carroll Electric Ltd., Tillsonburg as they have moved to a new location and are not required in their new operation.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND COLLECTABLES: Rug shampooer, floor polisher, buffet, twin and full size beds, girls hi-rise bike (new), hostess chairs, rockers, hump back trunk, "Collection of Avon Bottles", gateley extension table, "Five New Range Hoods", large hen on nest, lovely large bonnet chest (walnut), blanket boxes, large oak arm chair, Iron bed with brass trim, old oil lamps, "SET OF FOUR VERY OLD OAK DINING CHAIRS" with spring filled velvet seats, odd chairs, tables, old pine cupboard, dishes, china cabinet, six German dinner knives, six French tea knives, etc., etc.

Seating for over 200. Refreshments available.

Consignments accepted until 5:30 p.m. Tuesday evening - Preview from 10 a.m. day of sale. Terms - Cash or known cheque. Not responsible for accidents.

BOB CARNEY - AUCTIONEER
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Letters to the Editor

Sir: The history of the Otter Creek and its influence on the lives of the people of the new Township of Norwich (in particular) is worthy of note.

Like all God's creations of nature, it's beginning was rather insignificant. In the uppermost areas of the former East Oxford Township the terrain of the countryside and the weather conditions were strong factors.

The slant of the land was toward the south and any movement would be toward Lake Erie where it eventually entered at Port Burwell as a rivulet, pushing it's way through the soil that yielded to its strength which was encouraged by heavy snowfall and spring rains.

Cutting through the farmlands, draining the wetlands at its side, weaving, twisting and turning, it

meandered on its way over concessions and highways, causing expensive bridges to be built, but inspiring many dream homes to be built along its environs.

The magnetic, romantic, power of the rippling sparking movement of clear water through scenic landscape (of it's own making) is great indeed. Its entrance into the Village of Norwich inspired the Otter Conservation Authority to build the dam at the northern edge thus providing a large pond, as a habitat for water fowl, the pleasure of man in sailing, canoeing, swimming and fishing; also raising the water level (so necessary for moisture).

Over Main Street West, it twisted eastward crossing highway 59 at Milldale, well named because a century ago Milldale was an important part of the Otter as the Otter was a vital part of lives of Milldale area residents.

In 1807 a dam was built just east of the highway bridge to produce power for a cider mill, later in 1855 another dam was built to power a grist mill. The Milldale Pond provided a focal point for area young people, boating and skating.

In 1917 the dam gave out, putting an end to a way of life. Times had changed. The then South Norwich Township was honored to have four grist mills powered by the Otter, Milldale, Otterville, Rocks Mill and on the Spitler Creek a tributary of Otter between Springford and Otterville.

Parklands in Norwich, Otterville and Tillsonburg were formed to enhance the Otter's scenic beauty. Otterville (given its name by Otter) is an artist's beauty spot for South Western Ontario, as one uses the foot bridge to Otter Park.

Sam A. Innis

Trip to Innisfree

OTTERVILLE (C) — Monday, June 23rd the Grade eight class of Otterville Public School was invited to the Harold Innis Foundation's conference centre at its farm east of Otterville where the late Professor Harold Innis was born.

They were accompanied by Principal Boyd Little and grade eight teacher Mr. Rosien, they came to hear two directors of the foundation speak about the life and work of Harold Innis.

Mrs. Mary Millard, Toronto, gave an account of Harold Innis' efforts to achieve an education at

a time when students in the district had to go by train to Woodstock if they wished to complete high school.

Mr. Arthur Wood, also of Toronto, discussed Innis's ideas about communications, and efforts on society of changes from the time when all information came by word of mouth, and the period when printing was dominant, to the modern development of radio and television.

The Foundation presented to the school a copy of a short biography of Harold Innis by Donald Creighton.

Rummage sale successful

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Church Club held a most successful Rummage Sale in the Community Hall on Saturday morning. The wide variety of used donations was good bargains for the shopper and Mrs. Grant Mountain and Mrs. A. DeWachter were the clerks at the door.

This event was convened by the president Mrs. Richard Saunders.

Terms Norwich Township major rebel contributor

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. Arthur Williams of Embro was guest speaker at the May meeting of South Norwich Historical Society held in the fire hall at Otterville.

Mr. Williams spoke about several aspects of history which are particularly connected with the south of Norwich Township. He said this area was a major contributor of rebels in the 1837 Rebellion which was responsible for getting rid of the family Compact and getting responsible government. He termed this area "rebel country" and urged members to do research on stories of the rebellion in the area. Mr. Williams suggested obtaining pictures of these rebels and mounting them, making these people and their courage come to life again by keeping them in the fore-front as, the States is doing this year as they celebrate their revolution.

He also urged the group to research the Negro settlement in the area, the story of the Salvation Army in Otterville, the big iron industry, the Mills and others.

In closing he said "Rebels I challenge you to reach under the bed, in the closet or wherever you keep that dead spirit of 1837, take a stiff drink of it and get to work; this area was alive and the rebel spirit of '37 did great things.

Surely you have enough pride in your community and its rebels to publicize their valiant efforts for the generation yet to be born.

Murray Kniffen expressed appreciation of Mr. Williams.

During business, best wishes were received from Donald MacPherson, president of the Norwich Historical Society, inviting the group to their meetings and expressing the hope that both could work together in the common interest.

It was explained to the group that the committee for the preservation of the Oddy House was a separate body, not formed by the Historical Society. Any members of the Historical Society are invited to join with this group who were at the present time looking for a site for the Octagonal house to be moved to for restoration as a senior citizens center.

It was decided to hold a meeting in June in Springford Women's Insitute hall in the hope that more members from Springford and surrounding area would attend as the Society hopes to attract interest from the whole of the south part of Norwich Township due to much intertwinning of their history. This meeting will be held at 8 p.m. June 18. Summerville Women's Insitute will make a draw for their quilt at this meeting.

Bob Furlong top Belvedere with .417 average

Bob Furlong sporting a fine .417 batting average, on 10 hits in 24 trips to the plate, tops the Norwich Belvedere's batting race according to figures released Thursday by team manager Murray Butler.

The 10 hits ties Furlong with Neil Clifford, who like the leader has 10 hits in 34 trips to the plate, putting him in fourth place with a .295 average. Furlong also leads the club in home runs with two.

Not far behind in most hits is Dave Cooper with nine while three players Bob Stubbs, Neil Clifford and Gary Hanke have one home run apiece. Neil Clifford and Hanke are tired for runs batted-in with six apiece while Pat Sprague has scored the most runs with eight followed by Clifford with six.

Team stats are as follows (Including games up to Wednesday, June 18).

PLAYER	AB	HITS	WALKS	SO	AVG.
Bob Furlong	24	10	1	2	.417
Gary Hanke	25	8	3	8	.320
Art Catrysse	10	3	0	3	.300
Neil Clifford	34	10	4	10	.295
Ron Baran	7	2	2	3	.286
Bob Stubbs	24	6	1	10	.250
Dave Cooper	39	9	3	17	.231
Pat Sprague	35	7	5	12	.200
Dennis Clifford	17	3	1	6	.176
Dale Prouse	12	2	2	7	.167
Joe Kungl	26	4	2	5	.154
Neil Palmer	33	5	0	10	.152
Tom Furlong	7	1	0	3	.143
Ray Atkinson	12	1	0	3	.143
Carey Hahn	12	0	1	1	.000
Rick Boughner	5	0	1	3	.000



BOB FURLONG
...triple, double

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Scott Taylor, Norwich and Brad McKay, Norwich both attained an average of 89.6 to tie for second place in the honors list. Scott will be attending the University of Western Ontario and is majoring in Science. Brad will attend the University of Waterloo, studying systems design and cooperative engineering.

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Otterville pool ready to go

OTTERVILLE (C) — The holiday season is upon us once again and the Park and Swimming Pool in Otterville are ready to go. The following is a list of events that will be taking place at the Park.

Pool - Registration for swimming lessons, Thursday, June 26th from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, June 27th from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Family Membership for the Pool this year will be \$15.00 per family. If you do not wish a membership then you pay at the door. Adults 50c, children 25c.



Members of the Otterville Fire Department spent last Thursday evening wetting down pasture land as they gave their pumper a bit of exercise. Although they never got the nozzles turned onto each other, the two crews at either end of the truck managed to use the slight wind to advantage to provide sudden showers for their opposite numbers. On the end of this 2 1/2 inch line are Ross Dow, on the left, and Jim McMurchy.

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Little Miss Rose, Beth Blayney won second prize for her hand-decorated bicycle and costume in the parade which opened the annual Otterville Sports Day.



It's all a matter of balance in the Tippy Canoe contest. The event added a lot of excitement to the day-long sports program in Otterville park.

Otterville Sports Day successful

OTTERVILLE (C) - The parade opening Otterville's Sports Day was an array of hand-decorated vehicles, big and small, clowns, floats and a Zulu on a bike with a giant Ketchup bottle.

The parade began Saturday morning on Main Street at 9.30 and ended in Otterville Park for Sports Day events. The fire truck led the way for the paraders.

The Sunshine Club presented awards for the best costumes and decorations while the clowns registered the participants in the Tippy Canoe contest.

Sports events ran throughout the afternoon and the festivities wound up with a dance at the pavillion Saturday evening.

And the Zulu said she wasn't trying to win a prize, she just liked dressing for the parade.

Chairing the event were Nelson Gleason and Lee Richardson.

At 9 a.m. the parade lined up at the South Norwich Road Dept. Garage and moved slowly to Dover St. and over to Park along Main St.

Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category.

Organizational Floats - 1st-Sunshine Club; and 2nd Brownies; 3rd- Minor Ball.

Midget Floats-1st-Shearer Family; 2nd-McElhone Family; 3rd Cam Pettigrew.

Comic - 1st - Heidi Pettigrew, 2nd - Carolyn Belaney, 3rd - Elaine Arthur.

Boys - (Clown) Dale and John Arthur, (Peace Man) and Randy Haksett and Marty Jardine. (Snoopy) Jeff Harrison.

Girls Best Costume (Not

Comic) 1st Jennifer McMurchy (Red Riding Hood) 2nd-Janet Arthur (Bride), 3rd-Beth Blayney (Roses).

Boys-1st-Bret Butler, 2nd-Paul Cowan, 3rd - Robbie Hussey.

Tippy Canoe Contests-Richard Barnim, Sandy Thompson, Randy Haskett.

Girls 10-12, Marty Smith, Nancy Van Vommel, Jenney Caughill.

Boys 12-14-Ken DeRoo, Phillip Thompson, Troy Miller.

Girls-12-14-Brenda Barnim, Cheryl Furlong, Jane Furlong.

Girls 14 and over-Patty Davis, Chris Lynch, Brends Seitz.

Boys 14 and over-Bill Richardson, Doug Fulong, Randy Mudge.

Best Decorated Bike-Girls-Sandy VanBesan, Sandy Thompson, and Heather Dounce.

Boys-Peter Davis, David Pearce and Robbie Wilson.

The youngest entry in the parade was Ronnie Davis son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis RR 1, Otterville.

The judges for the day were Elsie Christo, Dorothy Pinnoy, Edna Furlong, Jean Little, Ruth Collver, Jean Davis, Marjorie Pearce, Joyce Pettigrew, and Lorna Leitch. These ladies are worthy special mention too for the decisions made in judging the winners.

The full day of entertainment for the children and adults meeting with their neighbours and friends probed successful winding up with a dance in the pavillion throughout the evening.

Mention of the Sunshine Club must be made who played a role donating the prizes for winners in

the parade.

Other donation was made by

the Mohawk Canoe Manufacturing, Ltd. of Tillsonburg for the

Tippy Canoe Contest which proved entertaining.

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Dale Arthur accepts the award donated by the Sunshine Club for the best comic costume in the Otterville parade, Saturday.

Norwich-Otterville Lions aiding Minor ball

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville, Monday evening, June 2. The meeting was in place of the meeting originally scheduled for May 26. Lion President George Davis presided.

Minutes of the last executive meeting showed that the club has decided to pledge \$1,000 towards a new ball diamond in Burgessville and to continue operating buses to the swimming pool in Otterville every Tuesday and Friday afternoons during July and August.

A motion was carried that the club pay \$1.00 for each player registered for Minor Ball within the township for this season.

Several members of the club

handled the barbecuing in Blossom Park, Woodstock, last Saturday for the retarded children's picnic.

Tickets on the new Buick to be drawn at the Carnival, September 13, were distributed to all members present.

Lion George Davis reported that the annual fireworks night held in Otterville Park on May 19, was well attended and quite successful.

Deputy-District Governor Howard Fleming reported on the district convention, held in Hamilton this past week.

Lion John Leitch introduced two guests, Gerry Hynes and Pat O'Sullivan both members of the Ministry of Correctional Services.

Mr. Hynes explained the set-up for correctional services for minors. Mr. Sullivan showed a

film covering correctional training in Guelph. A question and answer period followed. Lion

Jim Leslie thanked the speakers. The convention draw was won by Jim Leslie.

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Norwich-Otterville Lions officers installed

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular and final meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Park Otterville on Monday evening June 23rd Lion president George Davis presided. There were two guests present.

Cigars were passed to all by Lion Ron Kiddie who announced the arrival of a daughter.

A letter was read from

Woodingford Lodge thanking Lion members for their help recently in barbecuing chicken at the Lodge.

A donation was made towards the fish-derby to be held soon in Norwich.

Past district Governor Mart Cooper of Tillsonburg officiated at the installation of officers. These are as follows-Bulletin

Officer - Gordon Shearer; Lion Tamer - Jim Auger; Tail Twister - Wayne Jenkins, Two Year

Directors - Murray Wardell, John Leitch, One Year Directors - Gord Shearer, Doug DeMontmorency, Third Vice President - Ron Kiddie, Second Vice President - Ed McFarlane, First Vice President - John Sandham, Treasurer - Dr. Jim Scott,

Secretary - Doug DeMontmorency, President - Fred Thompson.

Lion past president, George Davis presented president Fred Thompson with his president's pin and turned the remainder of the meeting over to the new president.

For his many favours, past and present Lion Mort was presented with a gift by the new past president.

Lion Don Pettigrew thanked the ladies of the Easter Star of their catering services during the year. Mrs. Joyce Hanson replied.

It was reported that three members of a family were recently supplied with eye glasses.

Lion Jim McLaren reported that 540 meals were served at the annual Barbeque held in the Park June 19th. The weather was good and the evening very successful

Lion Bob Scott reported that a Japanese girl, the daughter of a Japanese lion will be spending two weeks in the Norwich area beginning August 11th.

Report of Leisure Club given at rally

OTTERVILLE (C) - A report of the Leisure Club of Otterville given at the Senior Citizens Rally at St. George recently.

On behalf of the Leisure Club of Otterville which is now three years old I wish to bring you the following report of our Clubs activities.

One red-letter accomplishment was to win \$100 in the program "Act Fast" which was presented over CFPL-TV London, Ont.

We enjoyed two bus trips last summer - one was to Niagara Falls and the other to Elora. Both were two full days of enjoyment.

One of our members entertained the club with movie pictures which he had taken while on vacation to the Canadian West.

In December we had a Christmas party with a turkey dinner and plum pudding catered by the ladies of St. John's Anglican Church Guild. At this time we were pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes of Cambridge, Ont. Mr. Rhodes gave a timely message on the work of the club and also entertained the members with Harmonica selections. It was at this time that several pieces of crafts as well as fancy work was displayed that each one may see the interests taken in this line of work. All proved most interesting.

We had two potluck dinners

throughout the year and then responding to requests for donations we presented the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club with \$25.00 as a donation to the new swimming pool in the Otterville Community Park. Pennies were saved throughout the year to the amount of \$10.83 to stimulate the treasury for Crippled Children. We sent \$5.00 to the USCO and we have one Star member.

The V.O.N. visits our Club the last Monday in each month for a foot care treatment. This clinic is held at the home of one of the members and has been held at the home of the president Mrs. Lee for the most part.

For a project through the financial assistance of the New Horizon grant we hope to decorate and equip a room for our meetings. We also received a grant from the Ontario Government.

The meetings are held on Wednesday afternoon of each week at 2 p.m. The club is self-supporting, all expenses paid from our weekly meetings. The afternoon starts with games of progressive euchre and then moves into the business portion of the program over a cup of tea or coffee accompanied by a cookie.

Our members who are in need of hospital care are remembered with an "Ideal" Booklet while those who are shut-in receive a

card conveying to them "Best Wishes" for a speedy recovery and carrying the wish that they will be "out soon."

At Christmas time the Secretary-Treasurer was invited to go on a trip to Europe for the Christmas holidays and she was presented with \$10 from the Club members. Already initial plans are shaping up for a pre-Christmas Bazaar.

Liquor store plans okayed in Norwich

OTTERVILLE - Norwich Township council Monday approved site plans for construction of a liquor store in the village of Norwich.

Township clerk, Robert Watkins said Tuesday that council has approved plans for construction of a 2,795 square foot store at Florence and Main Streets.

Transactions between Mrs. Leslie Force, current owner of the property, and the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) are being completed, said Mr. Watkins.

When transactions are completed a building currently located on the property will be torn down and replaced by the single-storey liquor outlet.

The LCBO originally approached council with site plans for a larger 3,200-square-foot building, earlier this year. Council turned down that plan because it did not meet restricted area bylaws.

The board revised its plans to meet bylaw requirements.

The project has been given Ontario Municipal Board approval.

Norwich Councillors finally set pay rates

By Leo Beingessner

OTTERVILLE — Township of Norwich councillors got around to setting their own rates of pay last Monday, retroactive to January 1st of this year.

Under the remuneration by-law, which was passed without discussion, the council opted for per diem rates of pay for regular meetings and committee sessions.

Mayor Leslie Dickson will receive \$70 for each council meeting attended and \$50 for committee meetings. Councillor-at-large Kenneth Peers will be

remunerated \$65 and \$45 respectively. Councillors pay will be at the rate of \$60 per council and \$40 for each committee meeting attended.

At 24 regular council sessions and a minimum of 36 committee meetings, Mayor Dickson would receive \$6,480, while councillor-at-large Peers' pay would be \$3,720 for 24 councils and 48 committee meetings. Both men are paid an additional \$5,000 per annum, plus 15c per mile travelling rate for serving on the Oxford County council.

Councillors minimum pay tallies at \$3,360.

Mileage allowance will be paid at the rate of 15c per mile travelled.

Other by-laws passed by council included a township wide regulation of firearms which bans discharge of any gun within a distance of 300 feet of any building in the municipality of Norwich. The provisions of this by-law would not extend to an animal control officer acting in the lawful performance of his duty.

Penalties for violations of the by-law, as set out in the Municipal Act, provides for a minimum fine of \$50 to a maximum of \$1,000 excluding costs. The alternative would be 21 days of imprisonment.

All other by-laws for firearms in the four former municipalities of the Township of Norwich were automatically rescinded.

Another by-law passed by council last Monday set the fees payable to the township in respect of applications for minor variances and zoning amendments.

The fee payable in the case of a minor variance application will be \$50 while the basic charge for a zoning amendment calls for \$50 when the application is made on a parcel of land not exceeding one acre.

A further charge of \$10 would be made for each additional one-acre parcel. Council may use its discretion in refunding fees to applicants who are refused an amendment for any amount over and above the basic \$50 charge.

Under the protection to persons and property committee report, it was recommended that the clerk

obtain a copy of the current formula for escalated rates to a contract price. The instruction followed correspondence from King-Seagrave Limited concerning a contract for a new fire truck in Ward 2.

The recreation and community services committee recommended that the secretary of the committee arrange for the use of the Springford and Otterville School facilities for proposed "Program 13" activities.

The program is a provincially funded recreation group employing local students for the benefit of area children.

The public works committee suggested that council recommend \$4,500 be budgeted for sidewalk construction and maintenance. Costs would be area rated at \$3,000, \$1,000 and \$500 to be raised by Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville respectively.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 4, 1925

Otterville - The new pavilion in the South Norwich community park, is just about completed, and is a great asset as a convenience to the park.



Service stations did a roaring trade Monday night as word of the federal budget's bad news to motorists spread. By 9 a.m. Tuesday, most outlets had upped the retail price of gasoline by 10 cents though no official word had been received. A further five cents hike is promised for August. Here, Don Schram, attendant at Frank's Fina Station on Simcoe Street, makes the switch.

June 4/65
Dennis McSpadden of Otterville received his honors bachelor of arts degree at the University of Western Ontario on Friday, just a year and a half after his father, Sam McSpadden received his B.A. from the same university.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 9, 1955

Springfield - One hundred years of Odd Fellowship in Ontario was celebrated here on Sunday evening, when more than 225 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs took part in Divine services in St. John's United Church.

Courtland - The tender of L.F. House of Courtland was accepted for the construction of sidewalks in Courtland, at the June meeting of Middleton Township Council.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

June 14, 1945

Otterville - Dr. Harold A. Innes of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Innes, Otterville, is one of three prominent Canadian who are flying this week to Moscow at the special invitation of the Russian government to attend the 220th anniversary celebration of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 16, 1955

New Road - The oldest man to vote at Polling station No. 5, and probably in this district in the provincial election last Thursday, was Mr. George Lucas of Cornell who will be 96 years old on June 24.

Otterville - The new extension to the United Church will be opened and dedicated at a special service this Friday evening. It contains an addition to the present Sunday school room, a modern kitchen, two washrooms and a church parlor.

Noted horseman Ed Arthur passes

One of the nation's most respected standardbred horse trainer-drivers, Edward Arthur of Otterville passed away suddenly at Garden City Raceway, St. Catharines, Tuesday evening.

Mr. Arthur had just finished third in the first race at Garden City with the two-year-old colt Super Shawn. He pulled the colt up after crossing the finish line and fell from the sulky. Rushed to the track hospital, he was pronounced dead on arrival.

A native and life-long resident of Otterville, Mr. Arthur had been extremely active in church and municipal affairs for many years. He operated a trucking business in earlier years, was a successful tobacco farmer and in recent years devoted most of his time to developing some of the better standardbred horses racing in Canada.

The late Mr. Arthur served as village trustee for the village of Otterville for many years; was a member of the village's hydro commission for 20 years. He was an active member of the Otterville United Church, served years on the official board, was a

Sunday School teacher and superintendent of the Sunday School during his lifetime. Another long term office held by Mr. Arthur was that of director of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

It was in harness racing that Ed Arthur gained an international reputation. For the past six years he has been chairman of Zone 8 (Western Ontario) of the Canadian Trotting Association. It was back in the late '30's and early '40's he bought, sold and traded heavy horses as a hobby but one that showed a good profit. His buying sprees took him to the prairie provinces where he had gained many friends through business transactions.

In 1943 he took in a standardbred mare in foal called Jean Argot and kept her. The mare produced Dillon Flicka who took a pacing mark of 2.06 1-5 over Buffalo Raceway's half mile oval in 1949 with his old and late friend Bill "Norwich" Harvey. Ed drove at most of the small meets in his area behind his noted mare but always kept close

to his tobacco crops in the summer and sent her to the raceways with close friends.

She retired and was sent to the court of Ensign Hanover at the Castleton Farm in Kentucky, where she was kept on an all year round arrangement. As each foal became mature to break to harness, it was picked up by Ed and brought back to Canada. This arrangement went on until the passing of Dillon Flicka in the early 1960's. Her first foal was Ensign Dillon in 1954 which Ed gave a mark of 2.00 3-5 as a five-year-old in 1959. She had other top performers for Ed. In 1969 an old favourite of Ed's called Non Stop that he developed from a colt stage turned in a 2.00 mile, his fastest ever and earned over \$100,000 while under his care.

Ed had campaigned at Blue Bonnets, Richelieu, the Jockey Club Circuit, Lexington, Batavia Downs, Buffalo Raceway and Vernon Downs, plus all the major raceways and "B" tracks in Ontario.

One of his most recent top performers was Native Lobell that he developed into invitation calibre. This son of Adios Vic took a mark last year of 2.00 1-5f on the Jockey Club Circuit and banked close to \$65,000 in the last two seasons.

He had one of the most choicest group of young horses in his stable this season than he has had

in some years. Colts by Super Wave, Bret Hanover, Adios Vic, Non Stop, etc. were some of the promising ones.

The late Mr. Arthur is survived by his wife, the former Annie McKnight; a brother and several neices and nephews.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home in Otterville pending funeral arrangements.

EDWARD ARTHUR

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Edward Arthur, who passed away suddenly at Garden City Raceway, St. Catharines, Tuesday evening, July 8, was held from the United Church, Otterville, on Friday afternoon and was very largely attended. Both auditorium and Sunday school room were filled to capacity, with the service being carried over the loud speaking system.

The service was conducted by the minister of the church, Rev. E. Egilsson, who paid tribute to the late Edward Arthur in his many offices pertaining to the Sunday school, church, village affairs, farming, his interest in his horse racing career and being a neighbour.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist and accompanied Mrs. Jack Walther, who sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art," and also the choir, who led in the singing of a hymn.

The large profusion of floral tributes was indicative of the esteem in which Mr. Arthur was held.

There were two large floral horseshoe arrangements, which bespoke of his days on the track. Other donations were for Gideon Bibles, Otterville United Church and Sunday School, Heart Foundation, Christian Service Centre, and Canadian Cancer Society.

The casket and flower bearers were Douglas Arthur, David Arthur, Gordon Arthur, Brian Simpson, Allan Simpson, Robert Scott, Donald Scott, Robert Chrysler and Douglas Murray.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. Hundreds of persons called at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, paying their respects.

Following the service, the members of the United Church Women served a cup of tea to those attending.

The late Mr. Arthur was a life-long resident of Otterville, and is survived by his widow, the former Annie McKnight; two sisters, Mrs. Donald (Enid) Scott of Nova Scotia and Mrs. Leslie (Blanche) Simpson of Burlington, and one brother, Harold of Otterville.

PERCY SLAGHT

Percy Slaght of Otterville passed away on Thursday, July 10, 1975, at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, in his 85th year.

Born at Wyecombe June 7, 1891, he was a son of the late Charles Slaght and the former Penelope Thorn. He was a retired farmer, and was a member of the Orange Lodge, Tillsonburg, and a member of the Eden Hunt Club.

His wife, the former Eva Weaver, predeceased him January 10, 1975.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Otto (Margaret) McDowell of Walsingham Centre; one son, Reginald Slaght, at home; one sister, Miss Maude Slaght of Simcoe; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a son Wray Slaght in 1973; by an infant son, Henry Wellington Slaght, and by two brothers, Jack Slaght and Charles Slaght.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Monday, July 14, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. D. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Interment in Lynedoch Cemetery.

PERCY SLAGHT

Funeral service for the late Mr. Percy Slaght of Otterville, who passed away on July 10, 1975, was held at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on Monday, July 14, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. D. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Pallbearers were George Barnim, Arthur Picknell, Clarence Tichbourne, Richard Sanders, Jack Freeland and Paul Howse.

Interment in Lynedoch Cemetery.

Card Of Thanks

July 23/75
I would like to express gratitude and thankfulness to all who remembered me at the time of the passing of my dear husband Edward Arthur. Special thanks go to the minister Rev. Egilsson, the soloist Betty Walther, the organist Lurene McMullen and the members of the U.C.W. for serving lunch. To our nephews who acted as pallbearers and flower bearers. Thank You. My thanks also go to those who sent flowers or made contributions to various charities. Many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in cards and letters will long be remembered. For food, and assistance of neighbours, relatives and friends, I shall ever be grateful. Special thanks to the Gleason Funeral Home. - Annie M. Arthur.

Driver Ed Arthur dies after Garden City race

ST. CATHARINES — Veteran harness driver-trainer Ed Arthur collapsed and died at Garden City Raceway Tuesday night following a drive in the first race. He was 67.

Arthur was just easing up the three-year-old pacer Super Swawn after a third-place finish in the race when he tumbled backwards out of the sulky and onto the track.

He was taken by ambulance to the infirmary at the track and pronounced dead by track Physician Dr. T. W. O'Mulvenny of a "cerebral accident." Dr. O'Mulvenny is from Fort Erie.

Ironically, Arthur had told

Jim Lampman, director of publicity at Garden City, only last week that Super Shawn was the most intelligent horse he had ever sat behind in his driving career which spanned 32 years.

Arthur's nephew, Doug, drove in the second race and was behind the winner Happy Heels. However, when he learned of his uncle's death he cancelled the rest of his drives and left to tell his aunt.

The Arthurs lived in Otterville, but stayed in a trailer camp not far from the track when the Golden Horseshoe circuit was at Garden City.



ED ARTHUR

Society sees steam show, museum pics

OTTERVILLE (C) — Donald MacPherson, newly-elected president of the Norwich and district Historical Society, was guest speaker at the July meeting of the Society on Wednesday evening.

The speaker showed pictures of museums and steam shows of

various centres in Ontario and some in the United States. The steam show in Norwich was most interesting, depicting local people.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Jack Freeland and thanked by Boyd Little.

William G. McMullen,

president, presided for the meeting and the minutes were read by Mrs. Donald Pettigrew, secretary.

Many aspects of the society were discussed but no business completed.

Next meeting will be held the third Wednesday in August in the community hall. Rick Singer will convene the meeting.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes sent to me while a patient in Victoria Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. R. M. Hall for his kindness.
July/75
Helen Thompson.

Mountains mark 25th anniversary

A surprise party was held Saturday evening, July 26, to mark the 25th wedding anniversary of Doreen and Grant Mountain of Otterville. The buffet dinner, with barbecued chicken and salads, was arranged by their children, Michael and Josephine Mountain and Jan and Steve Lemcke, and was held at the conference centre, Innisfree Farm, RR 1, Otterville.

Mel Smith of Otterville and Ralph Crittenden of Norwich were in charge of the barbecue, and the salads were made by the Mountain family. Lily and Don Chisholm of Otterville made and decorated the anniversary cake.

About thirty friends and relatives from Otterville, Norwich, Springford, Toronto, Oakville, Fergus and Mount Clemens, Michigan, spent the

evening visiting and playing cards following the barbecue.

The honored couple received many lovely silver gifts and the family gave their parents a portrait of the children.

Following a late lunch, some of the out-of-town guests spent the night at the Centre.

Doreen and Grant left the next day for a two-week trip to the New England States, Virginia and Tennessee, where they picked up Susan who was vacationing with Doreen's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie (Mary) Seay.

Gets 14 days

Frederick Sherman, 61, R.R. 1 Otterville was sent to jail for 14 days and prohibited from driving for nine months for driving while impaired. He pleaded guilty.

Crown attorney Drinkwater said the man had a previous conviction for impaired driving registered against him last April.

Court was told Sherman was charged by Regional Police, Simcoe Division after the car he was driving collided with another vehicle on a parking lot in Delhi about 5 p.m., June 17. Damage in the smash was \$100.

Two breathalyzer tests given Sherman disclosed an alcohol content of 230 milligrams per 100 millilitres of blood.

Minister leaving

OTTERVILLE (C) — Pastor David Blayney, minister of Fellowship Baptist Church, Otterville, gave his farewell message to the congregation in the morning service on Sunday, July 27. *1975*

Brian Davis was pianist for the service. Announcements included Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m., and the guest speaker next Sunday will be Rev. Hugh Lavery. Offering was presented by Dwight Davis and Alex Davis.

Pastor Blayney told the

children's story, about a blind girl who wasn't startled at being picked up by a stranger because she knew her father, who was sitting nearby, would allow no harm to come to her. We should trust our Heavenly Father in all things the same honest way.

Morning message spoke to us of God's power, abundance, constancy, sufficiency, and totality, which is available to all for good works.

Paul's farewell to the Corinthians was Pastor Blayney's bidding to the congregation - II Corinthians 13: 14.

Auction Sale

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Norwich Township appoint custodian

OTTERVILLE (C) — Nip Christo of Otterville has been appointed as custodian for the Norwich Township office, Main St., Otterville, and has commenced duties there. Mr. Christo succeeds Mrs. Harold Waring, who has held that position for the past three years. The late Harold Waring was appointed as custodian by the South Norwich Township Council in 1967, the year the office was built.

Mrs. Wilfrid Addison attended the Silver Cross tea arranged by the I.O.D.E. at Simcoe in Trinity Parish Hall.

Mrs. J. P. Heatley of Sarnia is spending a holiday with her sister, Mrs. Jack Freeland, and other relatives and friends in the area.

Births

PEARCE - Don and Patricia (nee Lee) are pleased to announce the arrival of a son, Christopher Arthur on July 10, 1975. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Woodstock and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce, Otterville.



The Wright Gift and Book Shop is more than a business for Elsie and Phyllis Wright, who have owned and operated the store in Tillsonburg for 26 years.



Old library . . . from South East corner

*Down in
1975*

woman was collector

Array of 175 bells grew 'from a notion'

By EMILIE SMITH
of The Free Press

NORWICH — When 86-year-old Flossie Ryder tells people to ring her chimes, she means it — all 175 of them.

The Norwich area resident of "some 60 years" who "just always was a collector" said she bought only one of the bells which range from the traditional to china owls, kittens and lobsters.



By Rick Eglinton of The Free Press
They're not on her fingers and toes, but with 175 bells Mrs. John Ryder, 86, has enough to provide "music wherever she goes." The African cow bell and brass doll chime the Norwich resident is holding come from the collection which overflows her 41 Stover St. S. living room.

When the collection, which began with a china doll bell in 1936, became too much to remember, Mrs. John Ryder — she prefers that to Flossie "because people never pronounce it right" — began a scrapbook that numerically documents her hand-sized novelties.

In a book decorated "with bells of course," Mrs. Ryder's first entry reads: China Doll, Don't Remember where (from), 1936. Mingled in with exotic places of origin like Honolulu, Japan and the Phillipines are Algonquin Park, Tillsonburg and Woodstock.

"Do you know, I never bought but one myself," she chuckled. "My relatives used to travel and every time they or friends went away that's what they brought me until they (the bells) just piled up."

Expo 67 turned her collection "into an epidemic."

When she missed Expo because of illness "a lot of Norwich people went down and brought them back as a novelty. My relatives gave me so many, people got the idea I was collecting bells. I really don't know where they got the notion."

But the notion spread "and when friends or relatives are away that's what they bring me," said Mrs. Ryder.

Although the collection crowds a corner curio and most of a bookshelf in the 41 Stover St. home her husband built, "I just don't have a favorite. No," she paused, dusting an antique maritime chime, "I just like them all."

Mingled in with the bells are shelves of yellowed scrapbooks filled with "just whatever I liked." Treasures of memorabilia, one documents her late husband's career as a councillor and reeve in South Norwich Township politics.

Much of Oxford County's history is glued in the fraying pages that tantalize the history buff with their infrequent dates.

"Don't know why I never dated anything, but I wish I had," said Mrs. Ryder who started her penchant for collecting "when I was 13 with 13 dolls."

"There was one old rag doll out of cotton broadcloth and I called her Ruby Pie Face because her head was flat. But I don't know what happened to any of them now..."

Collecting helps pass time, said Mrs. Ryder who lives alone.

As her still-steady hands thumbed the now fragile scrapbook, a June 16, 1944 fishing party invitation from Warden and Mrs. J. C. Fichenburg of Tillsonburg surfaced.

Tongue-in-cheek, the letter invited local politicians to a Program A and B party. Program A asked the "ardent fisherman" to "meet at St. Williams at 8 a.m. and go fishing — return at 11 a.m. for dinner at St. Williams Inn."

Program B persons only met for dinner with a caution, however, that everyone was expected to show for an afternoon angling session.

In another worn scrapbook, royalty hobnobs with laundry tips and poetry. Sandwiched between an 1889 picture of Queen Victoria and King Edward VIII's abdication is some stoic 1940 laundry advise saying the best way to keep clothes color-fast is to buy them that way.

Ironically entitled "Miss Modern," a poem in the scrapbook which ends with Prince Charlie's recent Canadian visit reads:

"A house to clean and a man to scold, and a warm little sleeping baby to hold, what does a woman want but this — a house and a man and a child to kiss..."

"A vote and a job? Oh, I suppose, that there are women who yearn for those—who'd rather be foot-loose, gay and free. But a home and a child and a man for me."

The Mary Carolyn Davies poem is one of her favorites, said Mrs. Ryder who helped her husband with the farm 40 years before the couple retired to the village 20 years ago.

Gardening and collecting — "a silly habit isn't it?" — helps Mrs. Ryder pass afternoons with occasional company, green tea and the past.

But she won't sell her treasures "because then I'd just have— why, I'd just have the money."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 21, 1955

Otterville - Fred Pinnoy of Simcoe has purchased the butcher shop, cold storage plant and building from Wellington Armstrong and took possession last week.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

July 5, 1945

Norwich - The death occurred last week of Isaac Williams in his 87th year. Mr. Williams, who had been ill little more than a week, was the sole surviving member of a Negro family which had been esteemed in this community for nearly a century.

FORTY YEARS AGO

July 18, 1935

Miss E. Sweet, who for several years has conducted a millinery and hosiery shop in the Pollard block, Broadway, has sold her business to Mrs. Nina Bigham of Brownsville.

Damage to the extent of \$200,000 or more was caused to the Otterville branch of Tip Top Canners, Ltd., when fire broke out in the plant on Sunday evening.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

July 30, 1925

Wellington Armstrong of Otterville has purchased the butcher shop on Oxford street from Isaiah Bailey.

A new concrete bridge is being erected over Big Creek at Delhi. The new structure will be much wider than the iron bridge that had spanned this river for many years.

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Lightning hits

Trinity church

July/75

Returning home at the height of Sunday night's storm, about 11:30 p.m., Rev. H. Herring noticed the lights on at Trinity Anglican Church.

Mrs. Herring reported that a severe lightning bolt had struck the steeple and put the lights on.

Hurrying into the church, it was discovered to be filling with smoke and fumes from dissolving bakelite. The light switch beneath the tower was burning.

The main switch was turned off and a neighbor, Ken Clark, was aroused, and between them the switch box was pulled out and the burned parts separated.

It was thought another 15 minutes would have seen the tower itself burning, possibly destroying the entire frame structure.

July 2/75 Died day this picture was printed in Gazette



Officers of St. Johns Lodge No. 104 for 1975-76 were installed at the last meeting of the year. They are front row left to right; Bro. Fred Pearce, Junior Deacon; Bro. Norman Marshall, Senior Warden; Wor. Bro. Thomas Hanson, Wor. Master; Bro. Mike Kowalchuck, Junior Warden; Bro. Robert Knight, Senior

Deacon. Back row left to right: Wor. Bro. A. P. Maedel, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. Victor Moore, Chaplain; Bro. Peter Fish, Senior Steward; Bro. Gilbert Body, Junior Steward; Ver. Wor. Bro. R. O. Fewster, Secretary; Wor. Bro. Fred Thompson, Director of Ceremonies.



Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett (right) of Australia flew to attend the wedding of Pam Haley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Haley of Springford. The Bennetts hosted Pam in 1969, when she was a Rotary exchange student in Australia.



Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Joyce Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, Norwich, to Norman Ross McMullen, son of Larua (McMullen) and Ross Kilgour, Ingersoll. The wedding will take place Saturday, August 9, at 3:00 p.m., Newark United Church. The bride elect is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and Althouse College of Education, and the groom elect is a graduate of Fanshawe College.

July/75

Australian hosts attend Springford girl's wedding

When George and Florence Bennett told Pam Haley of Springford they'd like to attend her wedding there someday, they never thought it would become a reality.

It was in 1969 and Miss Haley was a guest at the Bennett home in Australia as a Rotary exchange student.

But, on June 28, in Springford, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett attended the garden wedding at the Haley residence in Springford.

"We've been thinking of a trip to Canada and this was a jolly-good excuse," said Mr. Bennett.

The now Mrs. Pam Penden and Robert are honeymooning in Ireland.

Meanwhile, the Bennetts have been doing some touring to Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto,

Niagara Falls and around the Tillsonburg area.

Mr. Bennett said he was most impressed by Ontario's enormous area well-kept parkland.

He said he felt Canada and Australia have a lot of similarities, especially politically.

Mr. Bennett is a council member in his village, about 100 miles outside of Melbourne.

As well as being a Rotary senior active member, he is also the owner of a 2,000-acre sheep and grain operation.

The Bennetts are staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lavern Haley until they return to Australia, at the end of July.

Mr. Bennett said that Pam was an excellent ambassador for Canada during her stay with them.

July 29/75

Otterville man charged

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A 35-year-old Canadian was charged by state police Tuesday with setting a barn fire which killed 41 race horses Sunday night. *27th*

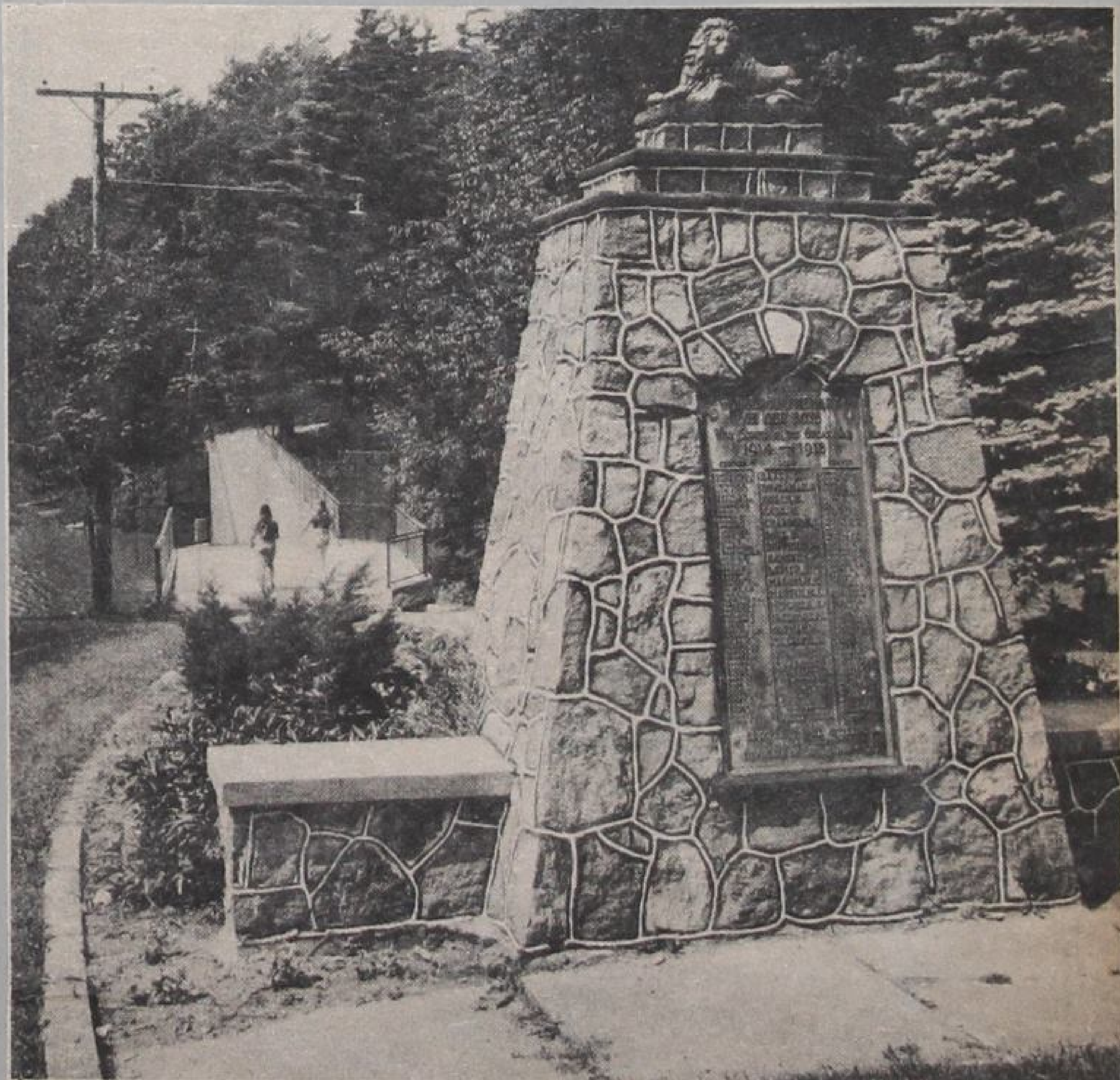
Donald R. Douglas of Otterville, waived a preliminary hearing for arson and was sent to the Dauphin County Prison in lieu of \$100,000 bail by district justice Truman Peters.

The fire broke out about 9:30 p.m. Sunday at nearby Penn National Race Course when a flammable substance was poured inside the 180-foot long barn, said trooper Richard Guckelberger, a state police fire marshal.

Of 42 horses in the barn, only one escaped. One owner-trainer, W. J. Taylor, lost 24 horses.

A state police report at first indicated that Douglas was a track employee, but Guckelberger later emphasized that he was not.

"Douglas was in no way employed at the track . . . He came on the track and that was it," an officer said. He would provide no further details.



The South Norwich Community Park in Otterville now has specific open and closed hours. Norwich council has approved a bylaw which will see the park closed each night at 11 p.m. unless prior arrangements are made with the park manager. Trespassers during the closed hours may be charged by police. *July/75*



Main Street in Norwich looking west. Haken's Drug Store on right foreground now D.M.T. Discount Store. Note horsepower in those days.



Karen McSpadden and Dan Cohoe were married recently in a quiet ceremony at the Otterville United Church. Following the ceremony, the guests enjoyed a buffet dinner at the home of Dan's parents, near Burgessville.

O'Reilly - Manning

St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was the setting on Saturday, August 2nd, 1975, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Joan Angela Manning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Manning of RR 1, Norwich, and David Eugene O'Reilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Reilly, RR 5, Bolton.

Rev. H. Herring officiated before a setting of candelabra entwined with English ivy, Sonya roses and daisies. Organist Mrs. Jack Freeland played traditional wedding music during the service and Miss Barbara Kargulewiza, friend of the bride, sang "The Twenty-Third Psalm" and "I'll Walk Beside You" during the service.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the church to the hymn "Praise My Soul The King Of Heaven" and wore a floor-length gown of white satin and venice lace, styled on princess lines and featuring hand appliqued rose lace bodice and hemline. A headpiece of white roses and lily of the valley held her three-tiered, silk illusion veil in place and she carried a bouquet of white roses with ivy and baby's breath.

Maid of honour was Miss Gwendolyn Manning, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Miss Emily Ann Manning, sister of the bride, and Miss Heather Scott of Tillsonburg, cousin of the bride. They wore similar, floor length gowns of apricot and yellow flocked sheer over taffeta. Natural English straw picture hats banded with apricot chiffon formed their headdresses and they carried natural wicker baskets of Can-Can roses, yellow daisies, baby's breath and ivy.

Miss Jacqueline Painter of Burlington, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. Wearing a floor-length gown of apricot chiffon with matching headband, she carried a wicker basket of Can-Can roses, daisies and baby's breath.

Daniel O'Reilly of Whitehorse, Yukon, brother of the groom was best man and ushers were Trevor Manning brother of the bride, and Bernard O'Reilly, brother of the groom. Danny Gagnon, friend of the family, was the ringbearer.

Reception for 140 guests was

held at the Community Complex, Tillsonburg. Bride's table was decorated with a three-tier wedding cake made by the bride's godmother, Mrs. Estella Smith of Brantford, flower arrangements of the bridal party and white candles in silver candelabra.

Bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of champagne chiffon with draped neckline featuring white beaded, appliqued, flowered waistline, worn with a corsage of Sonya roses.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were pearl necklaces and crystal, and groom's gifts were books.

Out of town guests were present from London, British Columbia, Alberta, Toronto, Burlington, Brantford, Kitchener and England.

For travelling, the bride and groom wore complimentary navy blue and white outfits.

Pre-nuptial showers were given by Mrs. Randy Gagnon and Miss Emily Ann Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly are residing in London, Ontario.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID EUGENE O'REILLY



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wellink of RR 7, Tillsonburg are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Mary Adriana to Edward Allen Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray of Otterville. The wedding will take place on Saturday, August 9, 1975 at 3:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg.

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Manning of RR 1, Norwich and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Reilly of Bolton wish to announce the engagement of their children Joan Angela and David Eugene. The ceremony will take place on August the second at 4 p.m. in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Guild meets

The members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their get together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste on Thursday afternoon. A short business period was held when the treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen, gave the financial report of the Geranium tea, which was held in the Parish Hall in June. The next social afternoon will be held at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen, with Mrs. Armstrong co-hostess August 20th when there will be a potluck lunch. 1975

Furlong families honored

The Furlong families of Otterville and surrounding areas are honoured by book gifts to the Oxford County Library System.

The books were donated by Fred Parker of Jackson, Michigan, cousin of Charles and Edna Furlong, who has been visiting the Furlongs and families in the Oxford area.

Mr. Parker said he wanted to honour the Furlong families in recognition of their long time association in the Oxford

County area. Many Furlongs have lived, and continue to live in Oxford County.

One book is "The Birds," a Young Reader's edition of the well known series of Time-Life Nature Library. The book describes the earliest known bird of 150 million years ago to modern times.

Another book is a one volume edition of "Around the World in 2,000 pictures," including Canada and all its provinces.

McMullen-Jull vows exchanged

OTTERVILLE (C) — Newark United Church provided the setting for a pretty summer wedding on Saturday, August 9th, 1975, when Joyce Anne Jull, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, Dufferin St., Norwich, was united in marriage to Norman Ross McMullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Kilgour of Cambridge St., Ingersoll.

Rev. E. S. Stephens of Brucefield pastoral charge performed the double-ring ceremony before white wicker standards of white gladioli, shattered yellow mums, shasta daisies, accented with baby's breath and greenery.

The organist, Mrs. Douglas Avey of Norwich, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mr. John Avey of Norwich, who sang "I Do" preceding the ceremony, "The Lord's Prayer" during the service and "We Pledge Our Love" while the register was being signed.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride was accompanied by her father down the aisle, which was flanked by long white satin pew bows, accented with yellow and white shasta daisies.

The bride looked beautiful in her floor-length bridal gown of white silk organza over taffeta, featuring raised bodice and sheer yoke, accentuated with appliques around the semi stand-up neckline and short sheer cap sleeves. The gown, fashioned on an A-line design, was outlined by dainty floral appliques on both the hemline and circular semi-train, which flowed from soft gathers at the back of the bodice. Her scalloped, three-tiered bouffant veil of silk illusion was held by a Juliet cap of matching white appliques and seed pearls. She carried a colonial gavotte bouquet of white rosebuds, stephanotis, baby's breath, ivy and white bridal streamers.

Mrs. Russell Jull of Norwich, sister-in law of the bride, was matron of honour. She wore a floor-length gown of floral swiss fabric over a white background, which featured a square neckline, sheer cape sleeves with empire lines and softly flowing skirt.

Her flowers were a medley arrangement of baby roses, carnations, cornflower, baby's breath in mixed summer tones.

The bridal attendants were Mrs. Jim Armstrong, sister of the groom; Miss Glenna Jull, cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Richard Learn, friend of the couple. They wore identical gowns to that of the matron of honour in a maize tone.

The duties of best man were performed by the bride's brother, Mr. Russell Jull of Norwich. Ushers were Mr. Jim

Armstrong, brother-in-law of the groom; Mr. Murray Jull, brother of the bride, and Mr. Richard Learn, friend of the couple. The groom and his attendants were attired in white tuxedos, with black velvet bows, ruffled shirts and white shoes.

A reception for 100 guests was held at Henderson Hall, Ingersoll. Fred Thompson of Norwich was a very capable Master of Ceremonies and expressed best wishes to the young couple. Guests' tables were centred with colonial centrepieces of baby mums, carnations, roses, baby's breath in tones of yellow and white. The bride's table was centred with a five-tiered round wedding cake, trimmed with white roses and topped with an arrangement of summer flowers in tones of yellow and white. This was offset with the bouquets of the bridal attendants and white tapers in crystal candelabra.

The table was edged with the pewbows which reinforced the colour scheme.

Receiving guests, the bride's mother was becoming in a floor-length gown of floral sheer over white polyester in tones of blue and pink. The gown featured a V-neckline, gathered bodice and gored skirt. It was further accentuated with a variegated corsage of blue and pink baby carnations and white accessories. The groom's mother was attractive in a floor-length gown of cerise and white sheer, fashioned with V-neck, long sleeves and A-line skirt. She wore bone accessories and a white baby carnation and rose corsage.

An evening reception followed for 200 guests. The bride's going away ensemble was a floor-length gown of chocolate brown and white swiss dot sheer over brown polyester. It was

designed with smocked bodice, sheer cape sleeves and A-line skirt. This was worn with rust accessories and a hand bouquet in yellow bronze and rust tones.

Following their two-week honeymoon to Hawaii, Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were to take up residence in their home, Main St., Otterville.

Wedding guests were present from Oshawa, Sarnia, Chatham, Burlington, Toronto, Brantford, Beaverton, Coborne, Galt, London and surrounding area.

Prior to their wedding, the bride and groom were honoured at various gatherings. Mrs. Russell Jull was hostess for a miscellaneous shower given by the bridal attendants and Mrs. John McSkimming of Otterville held a surprise shower for the bride.

The groom was honoured at a surprise barbecue, hosted by Russell Jull and given by his attendants. *Sept 24/75*

On Friday evening, September 19, Ross and Joyce were honoured at a community shower which was held in the Newark United Church. Many lovely gifts were received.



MR. AND MRS. NORMAN ROSS McMULLEN

(Harold B. Steward Photo)



Please join us in the marriage
of our daughter
Joyce Anne

to

Norman Ross McMullen
on Saturday the ninth of August
nineteen hundred and seventy-five

The ceremony will take place
at three o'clock

Newark United Church
Newark, Ontario

We invite you to worship with us
and share their vows

Anne and Archie Jull

Reception: 5:30

Henderson Hall, Ingersoll

Historical Society plans bus tour

OTTERVILLE (C) — South Norwich Historical Society held its August meeting in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening. A most interesting presentation of slides was given by Mr. William G. McMullen, who had brought back a film showing many historical highlights of his tour in England this spring.

During the business, Mrs. Grant Mountain outlined the tour which will take place Saturday, September 13, in place of the regular meeting. The bus will leave Otterville Community Hall at 8:30 a.m. for Doon Pioneer Village and Doon School of Fine Arts, former home of Homer Watson.

After a short tour of the home

the group will proceed to Elora via Wellington Place on the Elora Road, which is the home of Wellington County Historical Society museum. From there the group will go to Elora for a visit to two historic churches, restored stores and craft shops with afternoon tea at the

Iroquois Hotel and home by 5:30 p.m.

Passengers are asked to bring a box lunch for noon. The fare is \$6.25. For those interested in this trip and wanting to make reservations, call Mrs. Grant Mountain, 863-2705 daytime or 879-6525 after 6 p.m.

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Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Maria Del Rosario Arzabe of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, arrived in Otterville as an exchange student to attend Norwich District High School for the coming year. She will be hosted by various families in the school area during her term.

Pastor and Mrs. David Blayney and family, who have been serving the Fellowship Baptist Church in Otterville for the past five years, moved last week to Meaford where they will be serving in church work there.

Mrs. Harold Waring accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover and Mrs. William Fishback, Carol, Janice Stover of Tillsonburg, to London where they attended the trousseau tea

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Morley Almost given in honor of their daughter, Mary Anne, for her forthcoming marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. R.W. Baguley and family have returned to

their home in Beaconsfield, near Montreal, after having visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley in Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. James Peat in Woodstock.

Two kilns razed in weekend fires

Aug 1/75

Firefighters from the Norwich Township Fire Department, based in Otterville, were called to two kiln fires on the week-end. In both cases, the kilns were virtually destroyed when the firemen arrived on the scene, and they concentrated their efforts on saving other nearby kilns.

Fire Chief Bill McMullen Jr. told The News that the first fire was on the farm of Edgar Desutter, RR 2 Tillsonburg, at Rocks Mills. The Chief said that the call came at 6:10 p.m., and that "the kiln was pretty well burned down when we got there."

Damage in that blaze was estimated at \$4,400 including \$2,400 for the tobacco contained in the kiln. The tobacco, ac-

ording to grower Modest DeLange, was almost cured.

Upon arriving at the scene, Norwich fireman Keith House climbed into an asbestos suit, and while being doused with water by other firemen, turned off a gas valve at the side of the kiln.

Damage in the second blaze, on Sunday afternoon, totalled \$3,300 according to Chief McMullen. That kiln fire broke out on the farm of Russel Rogers, RR 2 Tillsonburg, on Potter's Road.

The call came to the Norwich firefighters around 3 p.m.

Again, said the Chief, the firemen's efforts were successfully concentrated on saving the surrounding structures.

Walk in love
as Christ loved us

Ephesians 5:2



Norwich Township sets first

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — Norwich Township struck its first budget as an amalgamated municipality on a 6-to-5 recorded vote Monday.

Coun. Jack Burn, who opposed the budget, said the \$74,020 operational cost of the township's only police department in Ward 2 (former village of Norwich) was being assessed against the entire township.

"I can't justify paying for someone else's services," he said.

He contended that the majority of the \$76,500 provincial grant for police, based on \$8 per capita for the entire 9,600 residents of

the township, should go to benefit residents outside Ward 2. The ward 2 population of 1,680 at \$8 per capita amounts to \$13,440.

Norwich Township, outside of the former village of Norwich, is policed by the Ontario Provincial Police at no cost to the municipality.

Coun. Burn said charging of police services throughout the township took off 30 mills from the draft budget for Ward 2.

Mayor Leslie Dickson said a 2.868-mill additional rate was set for the former villages — Otterville, Norwich and Burgessville — for extra services including lights, sidewalks

and garbage collection, which will be partially absorbed by the whole township.

Coun. John Walther said it doesn't rest well with the rural farms and dwellings paying extra for urban services.

Opposing the budget were Councillors Burn, Walther, Robert Pettigrew, James McDowell and Roger Orth.

Mayor Dickson said "I am not very happy it has to be carried on a slim margin such as this." The rates can't be compared fairly one ward to another, he said, as the properties in each of the former municipalities are assessed differently. The only comparison,

**budget
in close
vote**

he said, can be with the previous rates the ratepayers had.

Council set the rate for Ward 1 (former South Norwich Township) at 100.038 mills farm and residential, compared with 85.231 mills in 1974. The commercial rate for the ward was set at 113.8 mills.

Ward 2 (former village of Norwich) has been assessed a rate of 104.456 mills farm and residential, compared with 94.483 mills. The new commercial rate was set at 120.02 mills.

Ward 3 (former North Norwich) ratepayers have been assessed a rate of 103.637 mills farm and residential, compared with

83.99 mills in 1974; and a commercial rate of 118.177 mills.

Ward 4 (former East Oxford) residents have been assessed a rate of 84.655 mills for farm and residential property, compared with 88.55 mills in 1974. Commercial in Ward 4 has been assessed at 95.923 mills.

Councillor-at-large Kenneth Peers said the increase in the municipal rate is "fairly small" compared with school rates, included in the over-all rate.

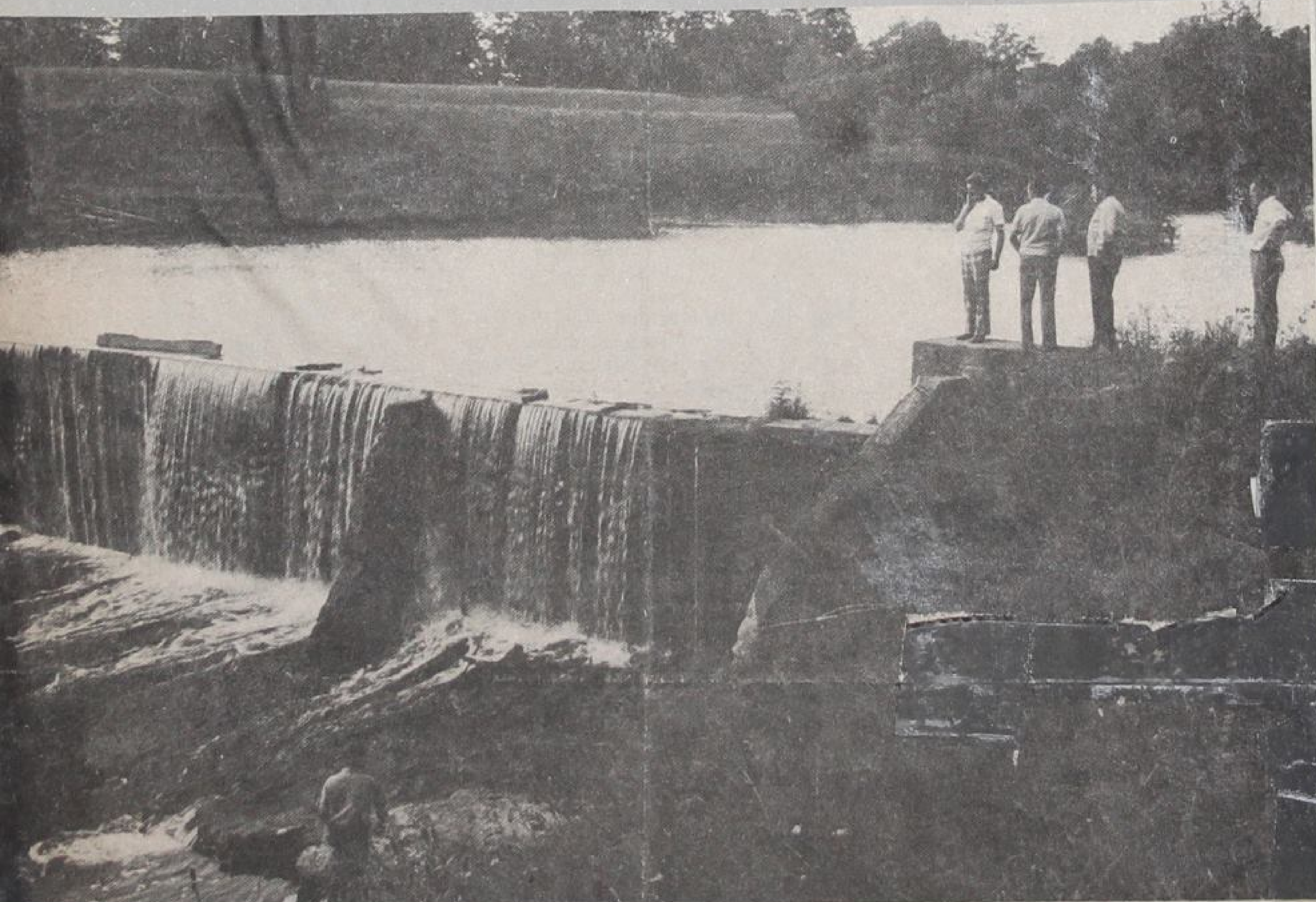
Merlin Howse, treasurer, said the 1974 surplus figures of the former municipalities are taken into consideration in setting the budget. East Oxford had a surplus of \$71,-

161, North Norwich \$28,577, Norwich \$39,109 and South Norwich \$49,949.

The township budget was set at \$ 1,129,026 of which \$527,360 is for roads. One of the larger items, a \$47,000 bridge over the Otter Creek, south of Burgessville, is under construction.

Included is \$158,783 for protection to persons and property (\$67,198 for fire department operations); \$212,848 for general government and \$150,056 for recreation and community services.

Interim tax bills of 25 mills each were paid in March and June.



Members of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority, and Norwich Township Council, visited the Treffry Mill property in Otterville Tuesday evening on a fact-finding mission. The Authority has been considering purchasing the property for some time, but at a general meeting Wednesday in Simcoe the

Authority did not make any firm commitments. Much more investigation of the property and proposed plans for its use will be made before any move is made. Some 39 acres of land is involved in the deal. *Aug 25/75 -*

Tillsonburg News
NOTICE 22/75
**TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS**

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of JAMES EDWARD ARTHUR, otherwise known as EDWARD ARTHUR and ED ARTHUR, late of the Township of Norwich, in the County of Oxford, formerly the Village of Otterville, in the County of Oxford, Farmer, Deceased, who died on July 8, 1975, are required to file particulars of same with the undersigned on or before September 12, 1975, after which date the estate will be distributed without regard to unfiled claims.

DATED at Tillsonburg, Ontario, this 19th day of August, 1975.

GIBSON, LINTON
& TOTH,
36 Broadway,
Tillsonburg, Ontario,
Solicitors for the Executors.

In Gazette Aug 20/75
**Record price
for horses**

Bids for two horses in the dispersal sale of stock owned by the late Ed Arthur last week at Greenwood in Toronto set records for a Canadian auction of harness horses.

Jack Stollar of Barrie paid \$56,000 for Fulmini, a three-year-old pacer, and Bruce Smith of Toronto paid \$50,000 for Dusty Acclaim, a two-year-old homebred trotter.

The 12 standardbreds sold brought a total of \$152,200.

The sale was managed by Cliff Chapman of Tillsonburg.

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GREENWOOD RACEWAY

TORONTO, ONTARIO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 1975

EQUIPMENT 11 A.M.

HORSES 12 NOON

Auctioneer

Sales Manager

LARRY MARTIN

CLIFF CHAPMAN

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 18, 1955

Otterville - Earle Petch, who has been the C.N.R. agent at Otterville for the past 12 years, has received word of his transfer to Port Rowan and expects to commence his duties there the latter part of August.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

August 9, 1945

Herman Atkins of Houghton Centre pulled the first kiln of sand leaves last week. Mr. Atkins says he has one kiln of sand leaves already cured and that it is a fine quality.

Otterville - The west entrance to the Bookton Cemetery has to add to its beauty two stone posts which have just been completed by A.E. Moore of Otterville.

(1)

FRISKY MISS (unraced)

5 year old broodmare -- foaled April 25, 1970
with filly foal by her side by **Smoke Dust**, born March 31, 1975

SIRE	Highland Express -20340-	Sire of Sire Hoot Mon 76700	Dam of Sire Mighty Sister Vol.35, USTA	Scotland 68146
				Missey
DAM	Miss Frisky Mite -28384-	Sire of Dam Diplomat Hanover 83133	Dam of Dam Frisky Abbey	Volomite 68580
				Sister Guy
				Volomite 68580
				Lucy Hanover
				Guy Abbey 68299
				Frisky Cita
Date of Birth: 1956				

by **Highland Express** by **Hoot Mon** 2:00 sire of (21 in 2:00)
also sire of -- **Bay Comet** p. 2, 2:08.2f; **Highland MacDuff** 2:04.1f; **Highland Grump** p.
2:03.2f, all in 1974 plus, **Mr. Grump** p. 2:03.1f etc.

Dam - Miss Frisky Mite 2:14.2h by **Diplomat Hanover** 3, 2:02.1
also dam - **Frisky Acclaim** 2:07.4f; **Phil Mite** 2:03.3f; etc.

This is nice young mare with an attractive trotting background pedigree and was bred to **Crackshot** on April 10th and 12th, 1975. Further details of being in foal on sale day. **Crackshot** is a son of the leading trotting sire in New York **Sharpshooter** 2, 2:02.4; tt2:01.1 sire of (3 in 2:00-41 in 2:05) including **Geranium** 1:59; **Tottenham** 2:02.4; **Sharp Focus** 2:02.2f; etc.

(4)

BATTLE DOL

6 year old broodmare -- foaled on March 25, 1969
with colt foal by her side by **Non Stop** p. 2:00, born February 13, 1975

SIRE	Meadow Battles -27743-	Sire of Sire Adios 74124	Hal Dale 72206
			Adioo Volo
DAM	Prima Jay -15509-	Dam of Sire Pick Up	Follow Up 71710
			Mimzy
SIRE	Prima Jay -15509-	Sire of Dam Cardinal Prince 72940	Peter Potempkin 58022
			Lillian L Vol. 29, p.285, U.S.T.A.
DAM	Prima Jay -15509-	Dam of Dam Indian Wick -15508-	Attorney 74808
			Love Call

Date of Birth: 1956

by **Meadow Battles** p. 3, 1:58.1 sire of (2 in 2:00) by Adios
This horse was a great race horse, sire of fast race horses and should be as most in this category be a good broodmare sire.

dam **Prima Jay** (unraced) by Cardinal Prince p. 1:58 3-4
also dam of **Peppy Dol** p. 2:07h (half brother to the above).

This young broodmare was bred to **Non Stop** p. 2:00 on February 22, 1975, further details on her condition will be mentioned on sale day.

(5)

ABIJA GOOCH

5000

3 year old broodmare -- foaled April 1, 1972
non-standard

SIRE	Rain Dance -36052-	Sire of Sire Storm Cloud 95114	Scotland 68146
			Queen Nib
DAM	Pixey Princess -NS2181-	Dam of Sire Devil Dancer	Demon Hanover 77733
			Esther Song
SIRE	Pixey Princess -NS2181-	Sire of Dam Empire Hanover 83114	Titan Hanover 75476
			Earl's Princess Martha
DAM	Pixey Princess -NS2181-	Dam of Dam Princess Ingrid (40NS)	Willglow 69827
			Kay Cumban

Year of Birth of Dam: 1960

by **Rain Dance** by Storm Cloud 2:00.4 sire of (2 in 2:00)
Rain Dance is the sire of the good trotter Gaelic Charm who has a '75 standing of 4-1-6 in 20 starts and 2:06.2 over Barrie Raceway.

dam **Pixey Princess** 2:06f by Empire Hanover 2:05.3h
This is the fourth foal of the mare.

4300

(10)

FIRST STOP

2 year old pacing colt -- foaled 1973.

SIRE	{	Speedster	{	Rodney
		Non Stop		Mimi Hanover
DAM	{	Gay Diversion	{	Worthy Boy
		Nancy Dillon C.		Lady Evelyn
DAM	{	Ensign Dillon	{	Ensign Hanover
		Nancy Dillon C.		Dillon Flicka
DAM	{	Elma Dillon	{	Dillon Mc
		Nancy Dillon C.		Jean Argot

by **Non Stop** p. 2:00 by **Speedster** 1:59.4

He has only bred a few mares who would have colts of racing age as he has been racing and still is at eleven years old and has over \$100,000 on his card.

dam **Nancy Dillon C.** p. 3, 2:08.3f by **Ensign Dillon** p. 2:00.3

This is the second foal of the dam and she is a half sister to **Ambassador Dillon** p. 2, 2:04; **Pick Dillon** p. 2:07.3h; **Bunny Dillon** p. 2:07.2h; etc.

This is a nice big bay colt has had two starts for money as of June 1st, finished fourth then was second in 2:09.4 on June 30th. He is eligible to the rich Ontario Sires Stakes and possibly others, more information on sale day.

2700

(11)

LAWRIE MITE

3 year old pacing gelding -- foaled April 15, 1972

SIRE	{	Sire of Sire	{	Hoot Mon 76700
		Summer Fun -41693-		Scott Frost 88887
DAM	{	Dam of Sire	{	Star Etawah 68554
		Miss Friskymite -28384-		Diana Star
DAM	{	Sire of Dam	{	Volomite 68580
		Miss Friskymite -28384-		Diplomat Hanover 83133
DAM	{	Dam of Dam	{	Guy Abbey 68299
		Year of Birth of Dam: 1956		Frisky Abbey

by **Summer Fun** 3, 2:03.4 by **Scott Frost** 1:58.3 (Triple Crown winner)

a proven sire of both gaits including; **Better Hand** 2:05.3 (trot); **Wingait Frolic** p. 3 2:07.1h; **Summer Queen** p. 2:07.2h; etc.

dam **Miss Friskymite** 2:14.2 by **Diplomat Hanover** 3, 2:02.1

also dam of - **Frisky Acclaim** 2:07.4f; **Phil Mite** 2:03.3f; etc.

This brown gelding has had four starts as of July 5th with one fourth placing. He was second in his qualifier, timed in 2:09 4-5 on his first start. This is his first season to race.

6000

(12)

NATIVE LOBELL p. 2:00 1f (1974)

5 year old pacing stallion -- foaled February 22, 1970

SIRE	Adios Vic 5290B	Sire of Sire Adios 74124	Hal Dale 72206
DAM	Native Hanover	Sire of Dam Tar Heel 80580	Jimmy Creed 75968
Date of Birth: 1960			Billy Direct 73233
			Dean Hanover 71679
			Norma Hanover

by Adios Vic p. 3, 1:56.3 by Adios p. 11:57 1-2

Adios Vic has slowly crept the ladder as being one of the most distinguished sires on the continent. He had (12 in 2:00) entering the '75 season including; Armbro Ontario p. 1:56.1; Peter Lobell p. 1:57.4; Timmy Lobell p. 1:58.3f; etc.

dam - Native Hanover p. 3, 2:05.1hmt. by Tar Heel p. 11:57

also dam of - Nana Lobell p. 3, 2:03.2f, oldest of four foals of the dam.

2nd dam - Nana Hanover (unraced) by Dean Hanover 3, 11:58 1-2

also the dam of - Novena Hanover p. 3, 2:03.4; Nike Hanover 2:00.4; Native Hanover p. 3, 2:05.1h; Nanny Hanover 3, 2:07.1f; etc.

3rd dam - Norma Hanover 4, 2:03 1-2 by Spencer 3, 11:59 3-4.

also dam of - Margaret Wyatt 3, 2:04 1-2; Ormonde Hanover 3, 12:04 3-4; Nymph Hanover 3, 12:04 3-4; Scotland Hanover p. 2:05.3h; Nathan Hanover 2:04h. etc.

The fourth dam is Charlotte Hanover, then Miss Bertha Dillon one of the foundation mares of the Hanover Shoe Farm, family of champions.

This pacer has banked over \$60,000 in the last two seasons on the Jockey Club Circuit. He has a circularity blood disorder and could be an outstanding stock horse. His pedigree is faultless, manners and his race ability on the track will long be remembered in the invitations.

8100

(13)

BOXCAR BILL p. 2:03.4f

5 year old pacing gelding -- foaled February 19, 1970

SIRE	Keen Freight -30081-	Sire of Sire Tar Heel -80580-	Billy Direct 73233
DAM	Lucky Pat -21300-	Sire of Dam Champ Adios -14386-	Hal Dale 72206
			Adios 74124
			Marjorie Armstrong Vol.34, p.129, USTA.
			Bobbie Pat -10216-
			Ima Ware -10185-

y - Keen Freight p. 2:02.3f by Tar Heel p. 11:57

also sire of - Mike Pence p. 2:04.4; Big Noise p. 2:02.3f; etc.

am - Lucky Pat p. 2:05.2f by Champ Adios p. 2:04.3h

his is a big strong gelding and has been lightly raced. In his first season at three he had 8 starts and took a standing of 3-0-1 plus a mark of 2:06.1. Last year at four he had 18 starts and took a standing of 3-3-4, new record of 2:03.4 and banked \$5895. As of June 27 he had 6 starts and has a standing of 1-0-0-2, his win time was 2:04.4, he finished fourth his last start in 2:03.2. He could be the buy of the sale and has been racing in \$12,000 claimers.

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FULMINI p. 3, 2:03.3f (1975)

3 year old pacing colt - foaled April 20, 1972

SIRE Meadow Skipper 107854	{	Sire of Sire Dale Frost 88007	{	Hal Dale 72206 Galloway
		Dam of Sire Countess Vivian		{
DAM Once Upona Time	{	Sire of Dam Sampson Direct 100864	{	Sampson Hanover 79882 Dottie Rosecroft
		Dam of Dam Princess Best		{
Year of Birth of Dam: 1966				

by Meadow Skipper p. 3, 1:55.1 sire of (34 in 2:00) by Dale Frost one of the greatest living sires with such; Nero p. 2, 1:56.2; Handle With Care p. 1:54.2 (world's record); etc.

dam - Once Upona Time p. 2:06.4 by Sampson Direct p. 1:56 This is the first foal of the dam.

2nd dam - Princess Best p. 2:07f by The Widower p. 3, 1:59 1-2 also the dam of - I.V.P. p. 2:01; Once Upona Time p. 2:06.4h; Begdorf p. 2:03.3; Ocean Reef p. 1:59.1; Bye Bye Best p. 3, 2:02.1f etc.

This is definitely a great bred colt and the kind that you don't see for sale unless there are similar circumstances. He was not raced at two, broke and turned out. The late owner was never in a rush with a colt. In five lifetime starts he has a standing of 2-3-0, record of 2:03.3 and was beat a nose the previous start in the same time. He comes from a strong family of race horses and looks right now that he can fit into any stable.

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Norwich

1975 Programme

BELVEDERES



Front row - left to right - Bob Furlong, Tom Furlong, Tom Wright, Gary Hanke, Brian Bucholtz, Dave Cooper, Murray Butler, Rick Boughner. Back row - left to right - Pat Sprague, Carey Hahn, Neil Palmer, Neil Clifford, Bob Stubbs, Ron Baran, Dennis Clifford, Art Cattrysse, Joe Kungle. Missing from picture - Bill Hall, Ray Atkinson, Dave Beattie, Dale Prouse, Mike Fell.

MEMORIAL FASTBALL LEAGUE COMPETITORS
(M.F.L.)

Wissenz - Oliver vows exchanged

OTTERVILLE (C) - White and orange satin ribbon with white satin ribbon roses marked the guest pews at Otterville United Church on Saturday, August 30, at 3 p.m. for the wedding of Brenda Elaine Oliver and Henry Alexander Wissenz. Rev. Einar Egilsson performed the double-ring ceremony, before a setting of two baskets of white, orange and purple gladiola, and white, sprayed orange, and purple mum plants. Organist, Mrs. Jack Walther, played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin as the Processional, and Prepare Ye The Way of The Lord from Godspell, as the Recessional. During the ceremony the guests sang Hymn to Joy by Beethoven. Before the processional, Patricia McLay of Norwich, friend of the bride, sang "Turn Around" and during the signing of the register sang "Annie's Song" John Denver.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wissenz of Huntsville.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a floor-length, sleeveless wedding gown of white polyester eyelet, styled with a cape collar covering the upper arms, a v-neck, fitted waist and a double-tiered skirt with a flounce. A matching Juliet cap of white polyester eyelet with double-layered, fingertip, silk illusion veil formed her headdress, and the bride carried a natural wicker basket of orange delight roses with white daisies, purple status, stephanotis, baby's breath and trailing ivy, trimmed with white eyelet and lace ribbon. The bride made her wedding gown and headdress.

Maid of honor was Arlene Fidler of Norwich, friend of the bride. She wore a floor-length, backless, orange and white gingham pinafore gown with flounce, made by the bride, with the bodice edged in white eyelet lace. A cluster of white daisies was tied in the back of her hair with an orange ribbon, and she carried a natural wicker closed umbrella with white and yellow daisies, orange delight rosebuds, purple status and orange ribbon.

Tara Jamieson of Mississauga, friend of the groom, was flower girl and wore a floor-length orange and white gingham dress with short puffed sleeves and gathered skirt with a flounce, topped by a pinafore apron of white eyelet polyester, made by the bride. Her headdress was the same as

the maid of honor and she carried a miniature, closed, natural wicker umbrella with white and yellow daisies, orange delight rosebuds, purple status and orange ribbon.

Best man was Robert Wissenz of Acton, brother of the groom, who also ushered the guests along with Michael Oliver of Otterville, brother of the bride. Darren Watt of Woodstock, friend of the bride was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, the bride and groom toured Otterville in a 1931 Model A, Ford Roadster owned and driven by Al Lewis of Otterville. Guests were invited to the home of the bride where punch was served by the bride's sisters, Dianne and Shelley, and the groom's sisters, Ellen and Janet. They were all gowned in floor-length gowns and wore corsages of white daisies. During this interval before dinner a blue grass group of four from Smithville entertained the guests on the lawn.

Dinner for 140 guests was served at the Community Hall, decorated in orange and white streamers and white wedding bells with the baskets of flowers from the church. Bride's table featured a three-tiered round wedding cake, topped with two love birds, set over a miniature circular fountain flowing with green water. The cake was made by the aunt of the bride. Other decorations were the bridal bouquets and silver candelabra with orange candles. Guests' tables were decorated with long, circular table cloths of

orange, purple or green gingham with yellow candles encircled with purple, white, and orange gladiola florets.

Mr. Karl McEwan of Oakland, uncle of the bride, was master of ceremonies, and Mr. Jack Spicer of Hamilton, another uncle of the bride, offered the toast to the bride.

For receiving guests the bride's mother chose a floor-length coat and gown ensemble of polyester chiffon in a floral print on a melon background, worn with off white accessories and an off white cymbidium orchid corsage. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, empire style gown in soft beige accented with brown braid at the waist and the v-neck. The gown featured a fitted bodice and flowing skirt and was worn with brown accessories and an orange cymbidium orchid corsage.

After the dinner, a band "Sunrise" from Courtland played for the dance in the evening, and following the dance all were invited to the bride's residence for lunch, served by the aunts of the bride.

For a wedding trip to the Thousand Islands the bride made a three-piece pant outfit with halter and slacks in ombre polyester knit, shading from soft melon to rust, topped by a co-ordinating flowered overskirt worn with a wooden bead choker, a gift of the groom, beige accessories and a melon shade cymbidium orchid with orange delight rosebuds. The groom also gave a drop pearl necklace and pearl earrings to the bride.

Guests were present from Acton, Hamilton, Fruitland, Mississauga, Dundas, Woodstock, Warton, Burford, Smithville and Niagara Falls. Special honored guests were Brenda's maternal grandmother, Mrs. James Grantham of Penticton, B.C., and Henry's paternal grandfather, Mr. Henry Wissenz from Stoney Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Wissenz are residing at The Maples Inn, Guelph. The bride and groom are both continuing their courses at the University of Guelph.

Prior to her wedding, the bride was entertained at showers given by Mr. and Mrs. George Oliver of Burford; by Mrs. Jack Walther and daughter, Mrs. Jim Rice, of Otterville; by Mrs. Donald McMullen of Otterville and by Miss Arlene Fidler of Norwich. A surprise stag for the groom given by the best man and friends at Acton, and a surprise personal shower given the bride by friends of the Wissenz family.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville, Ontario, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Elaine, to Henry Alexander Wissenz of Huntsville, Ontario. They are being married in an outdoor ceremony at the home of the bride's parents on August 30, 1975.

Aug. 17/75

LONG POINT REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Historic Site Plaque



THE JOHN BACKHOUSE MILL

John Backhouse emigrated from Yorkshire to the United States in 1791 but, shortly thereafter, moved to Upper Canada. He served as a Major in the 1st Norfolk Militia in the War of 1812 and became a chairman of the Quarter Sessions, then the chief instrument of local government. He is believed to have erected this mill in 1798. It remained in the possession of his descendants until its purchase in 1955 by the Big Creek Region Conservation Authority, having been in continuous operation for a longer period than any mill in this province.



Erected by the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity.
October 1, 1957.

The Grist Mill

To our generation, familiar with cheap steam, electric, gas and diesel power it is difficult to understand the plight of the pioneer who had none of these advantages. Lumber had to be laboriously hewn with the broad axe. Grain was pounded in a hollow formed in the top of a hardwood stump to form a coarse meal which had to do duty as flour. No wonder the pioneer was cheered when some enterprising fellow-settler, at considerable cost and risk, threw a dam across a stream and erected a crude mill to meet the need for flour and lumber.

Tradition tells us that the first wheat grown in Norfolk County was harvested only two short years before the erection of the Backhouse mill. It was threshed with the flail, winnowed in the gentle breezes from the Bay, and then taken by open boat to be ground at the nearest mill, on the Niagara River, a long and perilous journey on which the very existence of the infant settlement depended.

In the absence of roads, a settler frequently took upon his shoulder a bag of wheat and trudged weary miles of difficult trail through the bush to have it ground. If his load seemed heavy before he reached his destination, he might take courage from the reflection that it would be lighter on the return journey, when the miller had taken his toll.

Fortunately the watersheds of the Big Creek region were abundantly provided with small streams upon which power sufficient to operate a grist mill or saw mill could easily be developed. So valuable were these potential water powers, or mill seats as they were then called, that the lots on which they were situated were reserved by the Government and often granted only on condition that the holder would agree to erect a mill for the convenience of his neighbours. The erection of a mill immediately enhanced the value of adjacent properties. Others, with some little capital to invest, were attracted to the spot and soon there grew up a store, a blacksmith shop, and other needed conveniences. The mill became the nucleus of a little community that frequently grew into a village, a town or a thriving city. This was particularly the case if the stream was large enough to form a safe harbour and provide shipping facilities for the product of the mill.

Wheat when turned into flour, and logs when sawn into lumber, found a ready market. So the farmer was able to dispose of his surplus products in exchange for such things as he needed, and in his spare time, (if he ever had any), he might find employment in the mill.

On the whole, it would be difficult to overestimate the part played by the mill in providing for the comforts of the lonely settler whose strenuous life was made more endurable, whose path to prosperity and eventual ease was made less rugged, and whose wife and children had every reason to call down the blessings of Heaven on the thrifty miller and his splashing wheel.

DR. J. A. BANNISTER,
Port Dover, Ont.

Outline of the Mill Operation

Down through the years from 1798 to the early 1950's, the pioneer homesteader and latterly his descendants on modern farms brought their wheat to this mill to be ground into flour. The settler's grain was generally exchanged for so many pounds of flour at the mill, but in special cases the settler might have his own grain ground into flour. A typical rate of exchange was thirty pounds of flour for a bushel of wheat.

The grain, after being weighed in the south-east corner of the mill, was emptied directly into a hopper in the basement. From here the grain was raised in the various enclosed elevators (*conveyer belts*) to the top floor, where it was stored in bins. From these storage bins the grain next went to cleaners in the basement, and subsequently through the elevators again to the second floor where it was deposited in another bin directly over top of the rolls. From these bins the grain was fed by gravity into the various rolls on the main floor. After the initial rolling, the flour was raised by elevators back to the second floor where it went through the *Plan sifter*. Some flour was taken off here, and the balance went back to the roller mills for regrinding. The flour was then returned to the *Plan sifter* on the second floor, or to the *scalper sifter*. When the flour had been milled to its proper consistency it went to the packing bins on the second floor, which are located directly over the cone and the packer on the main floor. Here the flour was put into sacks for shipment abroad or for local use. The packer was generally used in preparing flour for export shipment.

In early days the bran, or outside husk of the kernel, was a waste product and was dumped into the creek. In later years its value was realized as a livestock feed. Middlings is a floury substance suitable for feed, but not for flour. When first built, there were no modern machines such as are now in the mill. All grinding was done on the two stones which are still visible on the west side of the mill on the main floor. There was only one grinding, and the flour and the bran were separated by a large *bran reel*.

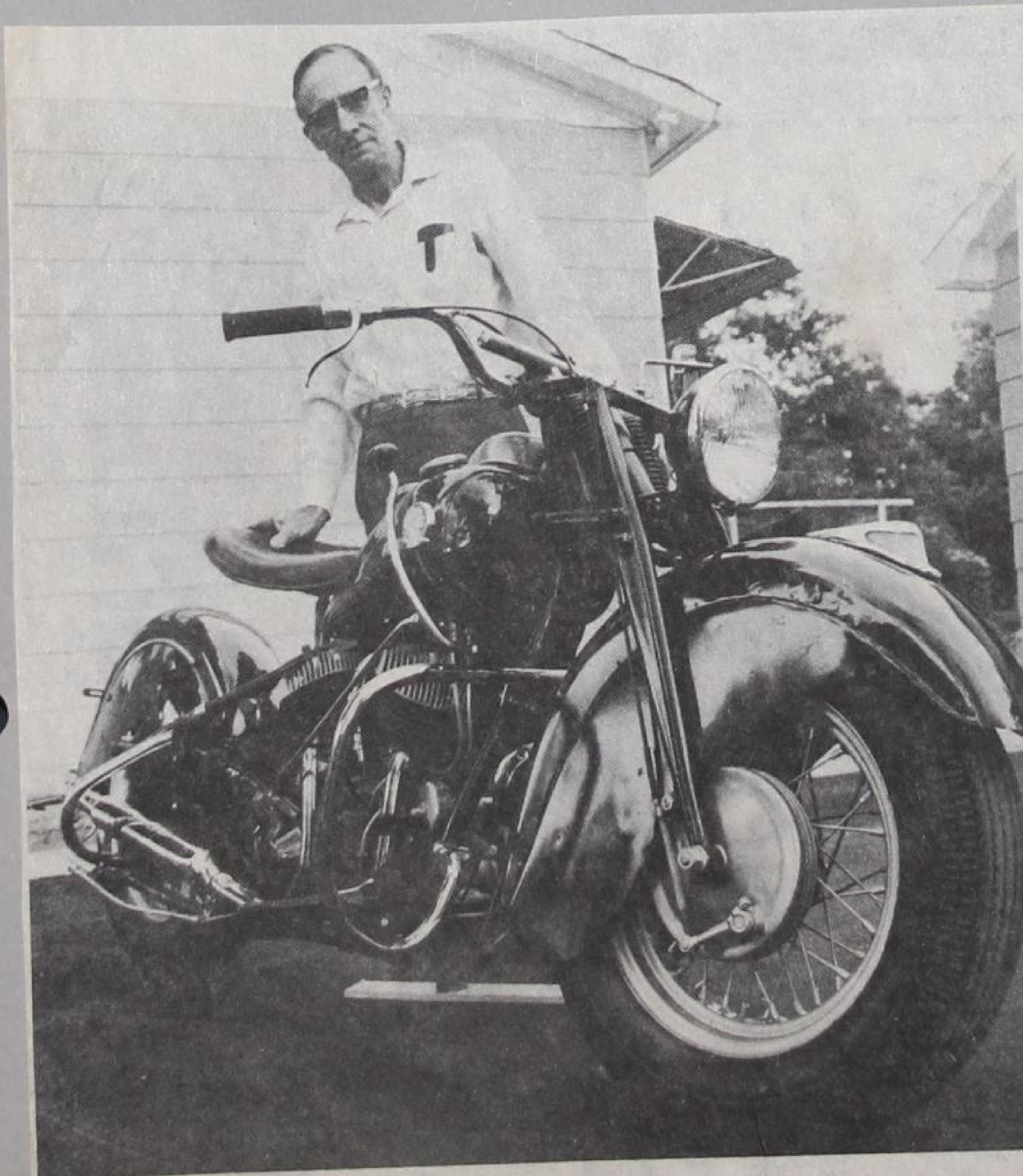
The original form of motive power for the mill was an overshot water wheel which was located on the west side of the mill at the end of the flume. This overshot water wheel was replaced by the present turbine water wheel around 1880. The turbine is enclosed in a housing and is not readily visible. The water power turning the turbine was transferred to the mill machinery by a system of shafts and gears operating off the main *wooden drive shaft*. The turbine is still in operating condition but the mill machinery has been disconnected from the main shaft to reduce the fire hazard.

(The items in italics are marked with signs in the Mill)

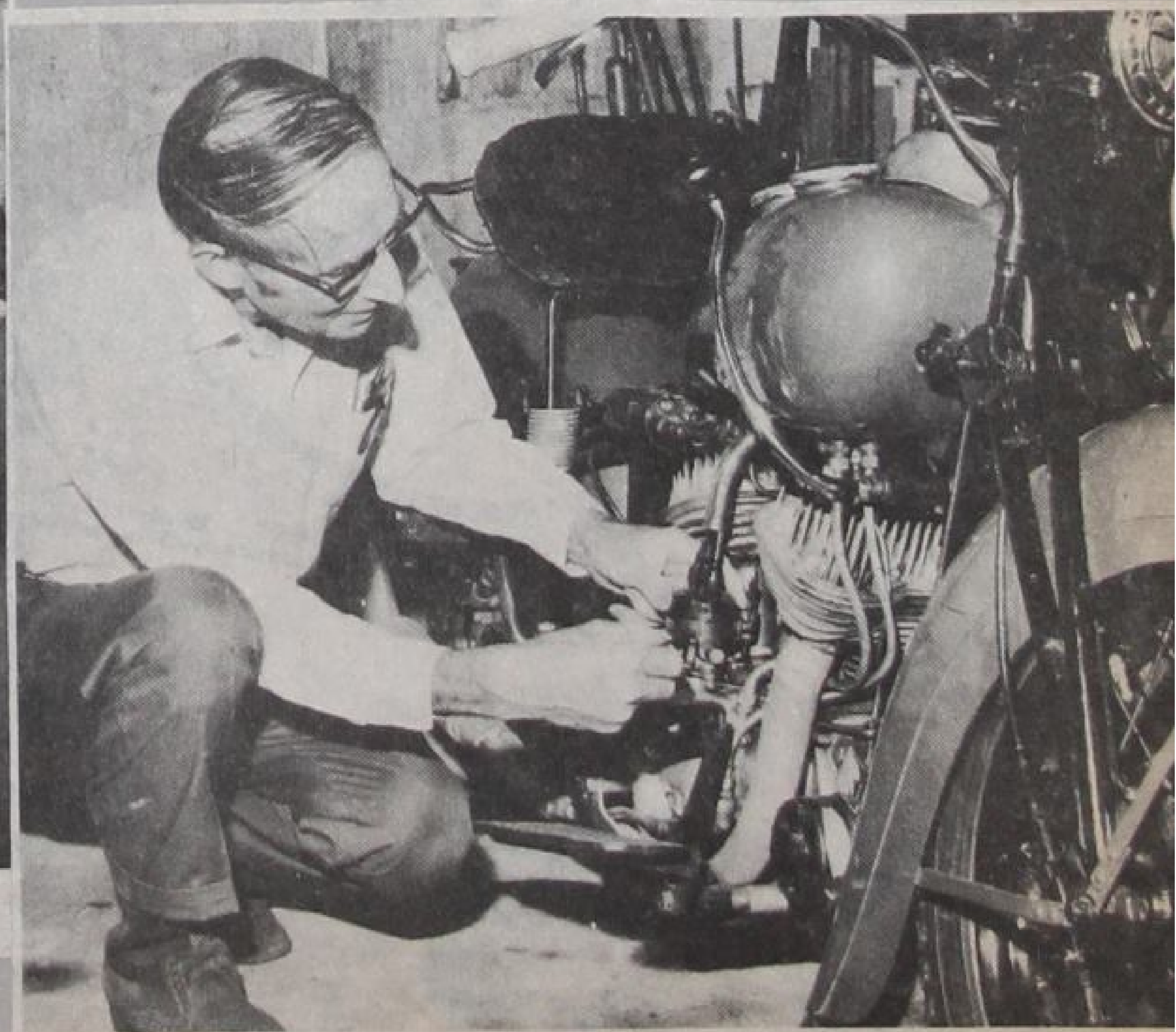
He likes bikes



These parts represent several complete motorcycles.

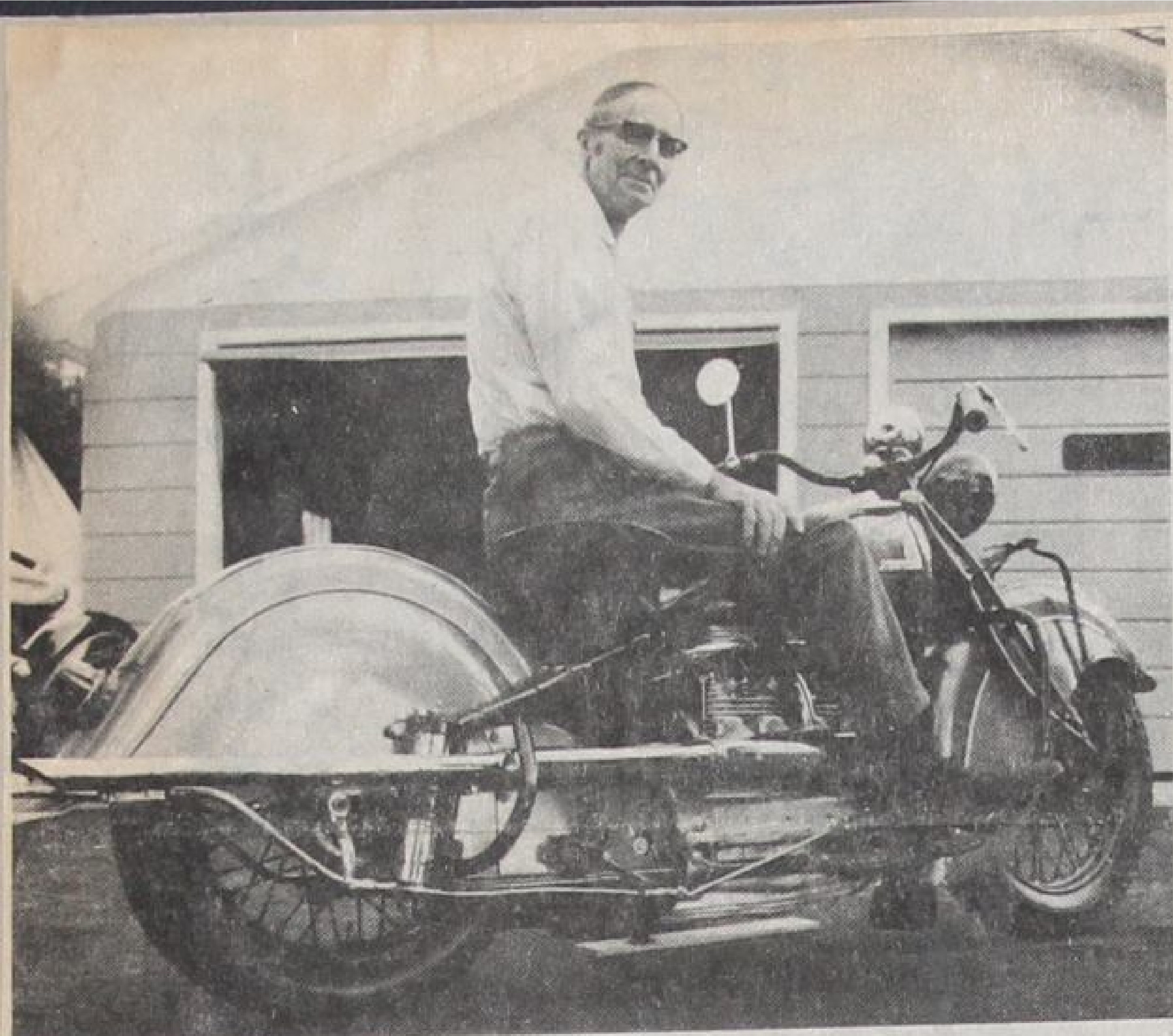


Mr. Picknell with his restored 1946 Indian Chief 74.

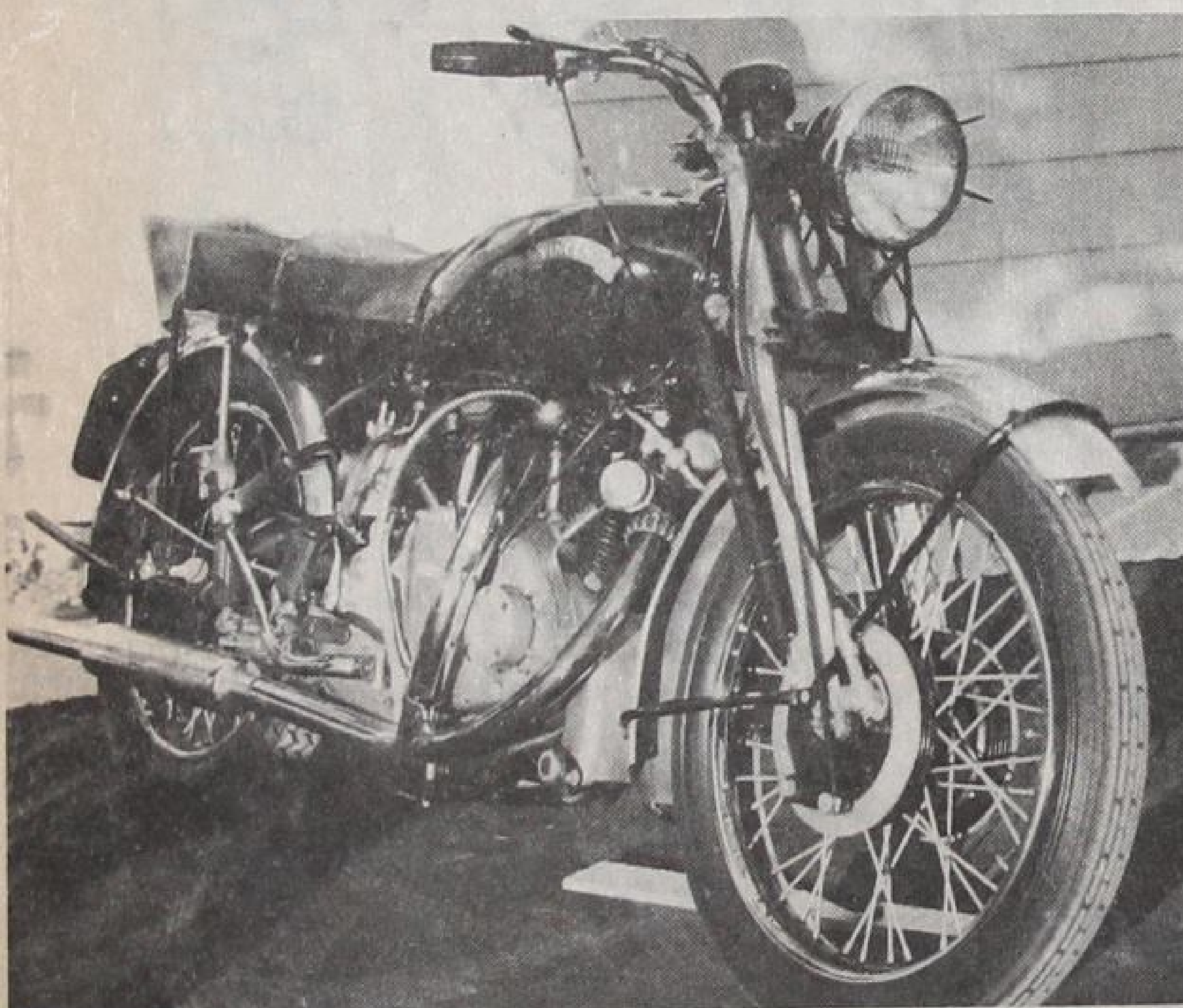


Tuning up a 1939 model Indian Scout 45

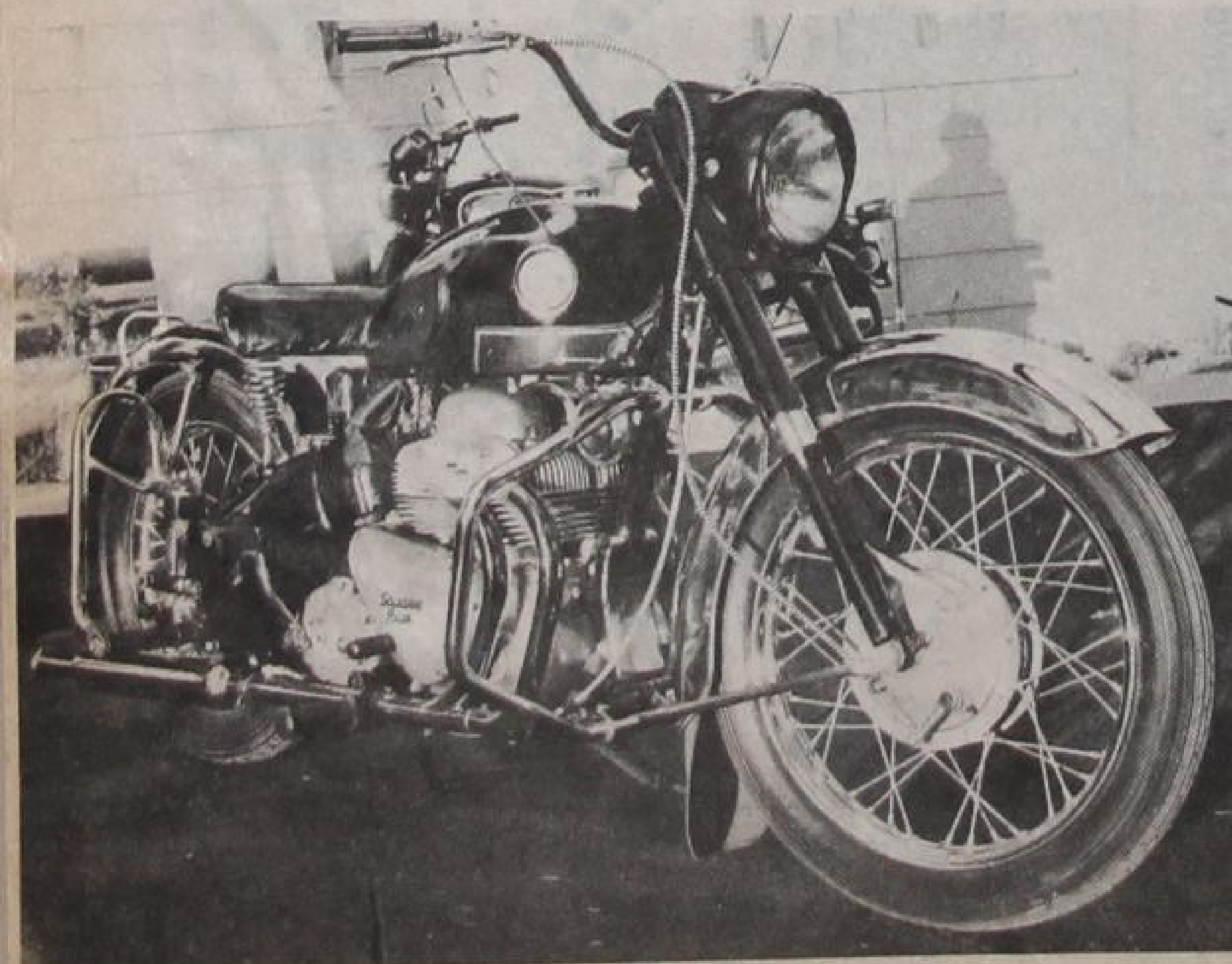
Otterville's Art Picknell collects and restores historic motorcycles



1940 Indian Four once owned by Ernie Simmons.



1951 Vincent Rapide, a quality English bike.



Ariel Square Four has two crankshafts.

Art Picknell, of Otterville, has had a long-standing love affair with motorcycles.

He acquired his first one in 1928 -- a 1912 Indian, much the worse for wear, then found he could not get parts for it, so it was really good for coasting downhill. He had traded his bicycle in on the old machine, to Ed Friend, a motorcycle dealer in Tillsonburg in the late '20's, but when the dealer could find him no repairs, they traded back.

His next motor bike was a 1918 Excelsior, made in Chicago, and this one ran. He has ridden ever since, and in his earlier years, toured much of Northern Ontario on two wheels, visiting Timmins, Kapuskasing, Cochrane, Kirkland Lake. It was mostly gravel roads at that time, and mud after you left North Bay.

Married in 1941, the honeymoon trip was made, naturally, on a motorcycle; by this time a superbike of its era, an Indian Four.

Now, and for some years past, Mr. Picknell is a collector of vintage motorcycles, which he lovingly restores to their original glory in his workshop at his home. At present he has 10 machines, all shiny and perfect in appearance, and purring like the proverbial tomcat in a creamery.

"It's probably just as well you don't keep track of the hours you spend on one of these," Art grins, "But I enjoy working with mechanical things, and it's relaxing pastime. Part of the fun is finding information and specifications on these old machines, and locating parts for them."

A welder by trade, Mr. Picknell operated his own shop for some years, using an arc welder he built himself, powered by an old automobile engine. He now works for King Trailers in Woodstock, and during the good weather, rides back and forth daily on a modern, 1974 B.M.W. 900 cc bike.

One of Art's prizes is a 1940 model Indian Four, which he purchased from the late Ernie Simmons, an eccentric collector of aged airplanes and motorcycles. It was in pretty rough shape when brought home in 1966, but was restored and running by Spring, 1967.

"Ernie did a lot of collectors a favor by hoarding these old bikes," Art said, "for without him, there would have been a lot fewer around."

Another top mount in the Picknell stable is a 1951 Vincent Rapide, which is a little-known machine today, but was once considered the standard of quality by which all others were judged. Made in England, production started in 1924, when Phillip C. Vincent and his partner, motorcycle racer H.R. Davis, not satisfied with quality of existing machines, determined to design and build something better. Production was discontinued in 1958.

Mr. Picknell is a member of the Vincent Owner's Club, the single largest motorcycle club in the world, he said, and through meets and newsletters, owners of these fine bikes trade information, parts and gossip. Mr. Picknell has a catalogue showing every small part and all assembly details of the Vincent, and he said parts are still available from Conway Motors in England, although for some Japanese machines produced 10 years later, it is impossible to secure repairs.

At present, Art has 10 machines in top running condition, including an Ariel Square Four, a British motorbike once the aspiration of every rider. He also has a 1946 Indian Chief 74 cu. in. an Indian Scout 45, vintage 1939, a Francis Barnett and a number of others.

That's running. Stored on shelves in his shop are parts for a lot more, and though they might appear to be hopelessly scrambled, Art knows where each piece belongs.

Son Bob is also a motorcycle buff, and rides to work on a new Harley-Davidson 74 Electroglide. Another son, Ernest, was an enthusiastic rider until last year when he was struck down by a speeding car while walking on a road. He is now in a wheel chair.

Asked which of his bins of parts he plans to assemble next, Art said he hadn't made up his mind. "But I think it might be a Harley," he added.

A fascinating avocation, it requires dedication, skill and a thirst for knowledge.

And Art Picknell qualifies in every respect.

Housewife column by Mary Hastings

DEAR MARY HASTINGS:

It is a long time since last I wrote, but I read the column every day and really like the new format. I can manage nicely without the recipes and the naked little figures in the cartoon usually published in the same part of the paper.

Spring Fever requested the words of the enclosed old song The Volunteer Organist. I am happy to be able to supply this. When I had to sell my piano due to lack of room I gave much of my music away to friends who had just purchased a piano, but I still have a stack of very old sheet music which was stored in a cupboard in our garage.

I was thinking recently of Mauve Butterfly who requested a few years ago Kipling's poem about the garden. I was reading a magazine, This England, and covering several pages was this poem, beautifully illustrated.

A friend had kindly lent me several copies of this magnificent publication which comes out four times a year. My greetings to Mauve Butterfly.

The Volunteer Organist is a real Victorian tear-jerker if there ever was one. I knew I had it, but I wish you could see the ragged and worn sheet music I copied it from. It had been mended with scotch tape and I'm glad it was all there.

I am going on 77 years old and this sheet music was played by a sister 12 years older than myself. I remember it as a small child, together with the hymn sings by this sister, a younger one and their friends after church on a Sunday night.

Unfortunately there was no written name and date on the sheet, but I'm sure it dates back to about 1903. The Gypsy's Warning was another one of which I still have a copy.

ANOTHER BAROVIAN

I have had to cut back on the amount of poetry fea-

tured in this column, but because I think The Volunteer Organist is priceless — and not too long — I'm running it as a mid-week brightener:

THE VOLUNTEER ORGANIST

The preacher in the village church one Sunday morning said,

"Our organist is ill today, will someone play instead?"

An anxious look crept o'er the face of every person there

As eagerly they watched to see who'd fill the vacant chair.

A man then staggered down the aisle whose clothes were old and torn.

How strange a drunkard seemed to be in church on Sunday morn!

But as he touched the organ keys, without a single word.

The melody that followed was the sweetest ever heard.

Each eye shed tears within that church. The strongest men grew pale;

The organist in melody had told his own life's tale.

The sermon of the preacher was no lesson to compare

With that of life's example who sat in the organ chair.

And when the service ended, not a soul had left a seat

Except the poor old organist, who started down the street.

Along the aisle and out the door he slowly walked away.

The preacher rose and softly said, "Good brethren, let us pray."

The scene was one I'll ne'er forget as long as I may live.

And just to see it o'er again, all earthly wealth I'd give.

The congregation all amazed, the preacher old and gray,

The organ and the organist who volunteered to play.



Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville, were honored Sunday by friends and members of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, and presented with a wall clock. From left are Mr. and Mrs. McMullen, Jack Riste and Jack Freeland, church wardens, and Rev. Herbert Herring, rector of the church. Mrs. McMullen has been organist at the church for 53 years. The former Winnie Young, she was married to Mr. McMullen on Sept. 12, 1923, in the rectory of St. John's Church in Tillsonburg by Rev. W. H. Dunbar, after which the couple travelled by train to Detroit on their honeymoon. The couple have one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Mann.

Otterville native marks 50 years in priesthood

Rev. W. Ridley Parson celebrated 50 years in the Anglican Church priesthood, Sunday by conducting early communion services at New St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Rev. Parson's wife, the former Marjorie White; three sons and their wives, John and Linda of Peterborough; David and Joan of Stratford; Mark and Elaine of Detroit; and grandsons, Matthew, Peterborough and Christopher, Stratford, attended the special service. They presented Rev. Parson with a new Eucharistic vestment set which he wore at the service.

Rev. W.R. Parson was born in Otterville and still owns and operates the family tree farm

in that community. He is a member of New St. Paul's Church and following his retirement in 1970 has conducted mid-week services at that Church.

The Otterville native has had a distinguished career. After being ordained, he served as rector of Christ Church, Huntingford and Trinity Church East Zorra.

The Woodstock Collegiate Institute graduate received a Masters degree from University of Chicago in 1930. Following graduation he served the Elmhurst, Ill. parish for 15 years and Grace Episcopal Church, Freeport, Ill. for 10 years.

Bishop George Craig Stewart

presented Mr. Parson with the Bishop's Cross for distinguished service based on his work in the Elmhurst Ill. parish of the Church of Our Saviour.

He returned to Canada to serve a parish in Dutton, and as rector of Petrolia during the building of the New Christ Church there.

Rev. W.R. Parson later returned to the United States to be rector of Church of the Ascension in South West Detroit. While there he was involved in Urban Renewal and Neighborhood projects under Bishop Richard Emrich.

Following his retirement, August 20, 1970, the Parsons returned to Oxford County.



Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newman, 22 Lisgar Ave. celebrated their 45th Wedding Anniversary recently with a family dinner. The couple were married in Tillsonburg by the late Rev. Albert Carr and have resided here since then.

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The building housing the Royal Bank in Otterville was known as the Otterville Savings bank when this picture was taken. It has changed little since then, the street lamp has disappeared and the trees are different now.

Drape charter for Edward Arthur

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held their regular meeting in the IOOF hall on Monday evening. Noble Grand Mrs. Wilma Butler presided, assisted by Vice Grand, Mrs. Violet Cole.

Members draped the charter for the late Edward Arthur. A card was signed for Oliver Hill, a patient in Tillsonburg Hospital.

Correspondence was read by secretary Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, and announcement made of the installation to be held Monday evening, October 6. Several visitors were present from Norwich Lodge.

Following the meeting, a sale of vegetables, fruit and plants was sold by auction with Mrs. Pickersgill the auctioneer.

Sept 1975

COLLEEN MARIE DAVIS

Colleen Marie Davis aged 17 years passed away on Thursday, September 18, 1975 at Cedar Springs Hospital, Blenheim.

Born in London she was the daughter of Glenwood Davis and the late Jean Marie Masson of RR 1, Otterville.

Surviving are her father and one sister Glenda of Waterloo, also her grandmother Mrs. John Davis of RR 1, Otterville. She was predeceased by her mother in January of this year.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence Norwich on Saturday, September 20 at 2 p.m. with Rev. E. Egilsson of Otterville United Church officiating.

The bearers John, Howard, Stanley and Bruce Davis, John Hanson and Andy Burton.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

The family of the late Colleen Marie Davis wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for flowers, cards and donations received during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Rev. E. Egilsson, the Arn and Son Funeral Home, Dr. Pearce and nurses of Wentworth ward of South Western Regional centre, Cedar Springs. The Pallbearers and the ladies of Otterville United Church for serving lunch. Thanks again. - Glen and Glenda.

To relocate Oddy House

Norwich Township council has granted a two acre site at the Erbtown Cemetery, located at the west end of the town, for the reconstruction of the Oddy House.

Dr. Murray Downing and Rod Taylor, area residents interested in the historical project were present at the council meeting, Monday, at the Township Offices in Otterville.

Dr. Downing explained that plans call for the disassembly of the eight sided one storey frame house and moving it to the Erbtown site. There it will be mounted on timbers. Eventually a basement will be built under the structure and space provided for an Adult Community Centre.

Dr. Downing said that the

New Horizons, a senior citizens group, will then take on the ongoing expenses for adult projects.

Estimated cost for the project is \$40,000. Once the site has been named a historical site by the municipality, interested citizens will be able to go to the Ontario Heritage Foundation for funds to assist in its development. This will likely occur once the house has been moved and reconstructed.

Presently the structure which was built in 1965 is on the McKay-Davis Farm, northeast of Otterville. Farm owners have donated the house but it must be moved this year.

Dr. Downing said that plans are to have it moved this fall.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) - Harvest Home Service will be held at St. John's on Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m. with the Rector Herb Herring conducting the service.

Plans are being made for the annual beef supper in the parish hall on Sunday, November 9, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

OBITUARIES

MRS. CHARLES H. PENNINGTON

Murtle Pennington passed away September 10, 1975 at Lee Manor, Owen Sound.

She was a resident of Norwich and London for several years. After the death of her husband, Charles, she moved to Owen Sound.

The funeral was held Friday September 12 at 3:30 p.m. with interment in Owen Sound Cemetery.

Swimming events results listed

Sept 14/75

OTTERVILLE (C) — Following is the report of the swimming events held in the swimming pool in Otterville park during the past two months.

Senior Red Cross - Brenda Marshall, Darlene Smith, Wilma McMullen, all of Otterville; Roberta Ellington of Teeterville, Kim Rouse and Linda DeVos of Norwich.

Intermediate Red Cross Sherry Walters of Otterville, Judy Fidin and Suzanne Beckham of Norwich.

Junior Red Cross - Randy Gray, Pat Lohmann, Nancy Marshall, Sandy Christensen, Debbie Lohmann, Cindy Haskett, Loralee Pettigrew, Fred Hodgson, Joanne Ladosz, Sandy Thompson, Richard DeWachter, Aletha Shearer, Jessica Douglas, all of Otterville, Marianne Vandenberg, Janice Bruce, Michele Vandenberg, Irlene Sikma, Nancy Haggith, Julie Beckham and Cathy Rouse, all of Norwich.

Pre-beginners enrolled, 73; passed 20; tested 41.

Beginners enrolled, 65; passed 31; tested, 58.

Junior, 40; passed 20; tested 25.

Intermediate 14; passed, 3; tested 9.

Senior, 9; passed 6; tested, 7. There must be at least three qualified instructors for the Red Cross program next year.

Life Guard George Smith states a very successful term at

the pool. The new swimming pool provided excellent conditions for young and old and the weather was ideal. Swimming started the last of June and continued through until Mon-

day, September 1, Labor Day. Members of the staff included: Christine McMullen, Janice Fleming, Patty Davis, Shelly Shearer, Cathy Davis and Debbie Cooper.

Norwich Trinity Church honored

One day this last week the Rector of Trinity Anglican Church, Rev. Herb Herring received a telephone call. The caller asked to be shown the church.

Later a car drove up containing an elderly lady, a younger couple, and a distinguished-looking gentleman who introduced himself as "Bill Crump."

During the tour of the church, Mr. Crump asked to see the old records, stating that his

grandfather, Rev. J.T. Wright has been Rector of Trinity and had baptized him as a baby in 1903.

Sure enough, the produced records verified the Baptism, also the signature of Rev. J.T. Wright and the signature of Dr. Austen Ellis, the father of the lady in the party.

This was not all, Mr. Crump turned out to be the Anglican Bishop of Saskatchewan!

So local boy made good! and

became a dignitary of the Church.

OTTERVILLE (C) Mr. and Mrs. H. Redman of RR 2, Otterville, were recent guests with Mrs. Gary Fazekas and baby son, Scott Allan, in the General Hospital at Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill spent a couple of days this week at Timmins. Their son, Peter, accompanied them. He has been accepted in St. Mary's hospital there in the T.L. department.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Robbers of Parry Sound were Saturday evening guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Deaths

BERVA M. WOOD

Mrs. A. Norman Wood of Willowdale passed away at North York Hospital, Willowdale, on Thursday, September 25, 1975.

She was the former Berva M. Parker.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. W.D. (Frances) Hurteau of Willowdale; one son, Arthur Wood of Burlington; one brother, Lorne Parker of Norwich; and three grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be conducted on Saturday, September 27, at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

MRS. NORMAN WOOD

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mrs. Norman Wood of Willowdale who passed away on Thursday, September 25, 1975, in North York Hospital at Willowdale was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. Einar Egilsson, minister of Otterville pastoral charge, conducted the service which was largely attended by relatives and friends. Among the many floral memorial tributes were donations to Canadian Cancer fund.

Pallbearers were Nate McMullen, David Kennedy, Jack Parker, Fred Fish, Grant Brady and Clayton Fulkerson.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Following the service the family and friends were served lunch in the St. John's Parish Hall by members of St. John's Church Guild.

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Present awards at Lions meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the parish hall, Otterville on Monday evening, September 22 with Lion president Fred Thompson presiding.

There was a large attendance with three from the Vittoria Lions Club and one Lion visitor from Florida.

Lion Dalton French reported on the free Lions swimming buses which made two trips each week to the pool in Otterville during the summer. There were 1,056 children on 17 trips. The largest being 120. This is an increase over the previous years.

Lion Dr. Tim Scott gave a brief report on the recent annual Carnival.

Deputy District Governor Howard Fleming presented the following awards:

Key memberships, Lion's Ed McFarland and Nelson Gleason.

Fifteen-year pins, Lion's Gloyd Cole, Ralph Crittenden and John Davis.

Perfect attendance - pins for the past year - Lion's Jim Auger, Lorne Campbell, Gerry Christensen, Gloyd Cole, Albert Cornwell, Ralph Crittenden, George Davis, John Davis, Murray Downing, Rene DeCooman, Toney Drescher, Howard Fleming, Dalt French, Oscar Gare, Nelson Gleason, Ron Kiddie, Les Dickson, John

Leitch, Don Miller, Jim McLaren, Don Pettigrew, Ed McFarland, Dave Ramer, John Sandham, Bob Scott, Tim Scott, Gord Shearer, Bill Rynard, Fred Thompson, Andy Vandenberghe, Jack Walther and Murray Wardell.

Lion John Davis reported on last Saturday's Walk-a-thon in support of Olympic training. Although final reports are not completed yet the event was successful.

Lion Jim Leslie reported the ticket sales on the recent car draw at the Carnival was the most successful yet.

Lion Jim Auger reported on a recent inter-club visit to the Jarvis Club and Lion Ron Kiddie reported on a visit to Cayuga Club.

The annual Veteran's Night will be held in the Norwich Legion Hall, Monday evening, November 10th and Lion Ron Kiddie has begun plans for a snowmobile race during the winter. Lion Howard Fleming reported the annual spring rally will be held in Hagersville on Nov. 1, and that ladies may also attend.

It was decided that the club would investigate the future purchase and installation of an electric score clock for the Norwich Arena.

Convention draw was won by Lion President Fred Thompson.

Organ recital

on new organ

ELGIN (C) - An organ recital was very much enjoyed on Friday evening in the United Church on the recently purchased Conn organ, with Mr. Larry Baguley as the demonstrator for the organ.

An excellent variety included Sacred numbers as well as more modern selections from "Mame," "Wizard of Oz", etc. demonstrating the numerous musical instrument effects, as well as chimes and varied sound effects, by a very accomplished organist.

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Mrs. Ted Church of Norwich drove home from the Norwich-Otterville Lions carnival in style on the weekend. She was the winner of the new 1975 Buick LeSabre given away in a car draw, by the lions. Left to right are Lion Ed McFarlane, Chairman of the carnival committee; Mrs. Church; and Lion president Fred Thompson.

Lions Carnival - all winners

Just about everybody went home a winner from the Norwich-Otterville Lions' Club Carnival held in the Norwich arena last Friday and Saturday. All participants won because a good time was had by all and a fair list of carnival visitors also went home with tangible prizes.

Leading that list was Mrs. Ted Church of Bond Street in Norwich who drove away in her new 1975 Buick LeSabre. The car was the major prize given away at the Carnival. Mrs. Church held ticket 1162.

Norwich-Otterville Lions' president Fred Thompson says that the car draw is the main money making project of the club.

Also riding home were Jane Spek of Stover Street Norwich and Jeff Murray of Victoria

Street Norwich. They won the girls' and boys' bikes at the carnival. Nancy David of Otterville took home a rich friend...the \$50 money doll on Friday night.

The \$50 money doll given away Saturday was won by Russ Morgan of RR 1, Norwich. Heather Underhill of Palmer Street in Norwich won an eight-track stereo tape player.

All of the draws were conducted by Bolivian exchange student Maria del Rosario (Charey) Arzabe who is staying in Otterville.

The winning ticket in the car draw was sold by Mrs. Jim Palmer of Springford. Lion Jim in a newcomer to the club.

Numerous door prizes were donated by merchants of the area.



Norwich-Otterville Lions president Fred Thompson is shown at the Lion's carnival held in Norwich on the weekend, with eight-track stereo winner Heather Underhill, centre. The eight-track was one of several door prizes. Drawing the ticket was Bolivian exchange student Maria del Rosario Arzabe (Charey).

Walk for athletes

Norwich-Otterville Lions are sponsoring a 14 mile walkathon in aid of Olympic athletes. The walkathon is one of many that will take place on Saturday Sept 20.

Proceeds will be split 50-50 with Olympic aspirants and local service activities.

For the Norwich-Otterville walk, sponsor sheets are available at McFarlands Garage, Burgessville, D.M.T., Norwich, Allen's Supermarket, Otterville and Fleming's Texaco, Springford.

The walk will start at the

Arena in Norwich at 8 a.m. The route will go one mile north of Norwich, two miles west, then five miles south, then turning east through the village of Otterville on to 59 Highway, going north back to the arena.

The Legion branch has sponsored any Lion who walks to the tune of 10 cents per mile. Not to be outdone the Lions have sponsored any Legion member who walks at 20 cents per mile.

Lion president Fred Thompson pointed out that the funds are in aid of the athletes only, not for the games themselves.

BY DAVE BLAIS

A delightful, talented and charming ambassador from South America has arrived in the Otterville area to win the hearts of everyone she meets.

She is Maria del Rosario Arzabe of Bolivia "Charey", to her friends, which almost everyone she meets is destined to be.

Charey tosses long beautiful black hair, big round eyes and is filled with zest common to many of the peoples of her native land.

She is part of the Rotary Club sponsored, student exchange program. Charey will be in Canada until this coming June and will attend classes at the Norwich High School as part of her program.

She is presently the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Downing, 3 Church Street, Otterville.

Mrs. Downing said that she herself was an exchange student in England and is familiar with the objectives of the exchange program. She said that the program basically offers an opportunity for students to learn the cultures of other lands, while promoting good will.

Charey has the good will part down pat.

Bolivia, her home country, is described as the heart of South America. It is bound by Chile on the west and Brasil to the north and east; to the south, Argentina.

Charey lives in the city of Santa Cruz, which has a population of two million compared to the total population of six million for the entire state. Santa Cruz is situated in the eastern sector, and rests at the foothills of the Andes.

Charey explained that in, Santa Cruz, which is largely tropical, it is warm all year round.

However, winter is not a total stranger to her. She lived with her father, Walter Arzabe, who is a doctor and was the minister of health for year in La Paz.

La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, rests on the top of the Andes. Winter is a common thing there.

Bolivia is known for its gold silver and tin mines.

In Charey's hometown agriculture is a prime industry, where sugar cane and cotton are produced.

Oil from the Santa Cruz area is also exported.

Charey said that the people of Bolivia are very happy and friendly. She played a few songs from an album of Bolivian music. It was bright and gay and seemed to reflect the love for festival dance and song that her people possess.

Charey said that there is a rising middle class in Bolivia, and that presently the government will financially support the education of the poor but the rich must pay their own way.

In Bolivia there are fourteen subjects which are compulsory to all students; among them are the studies, of the, English and French languages.

Once Charey has completed her year in Canada she will have enough credits for a grade twelve diploma. When she returns to South America she will have five months of her regular schooling to complete and then she will enter university.

Charey said that she plans to study either architecture or medicine.

Part of the exchange program is to see all points of interest in the visiting area.

Thus far since her arrival in late August, Charey has visited the Univeristy of Western Ontario, London, she has attended the fair in Tillsonburg where she said she was fascinated by the flowers, children and especially the animals.

Future plans include a trip to Ottawa via Toronto.

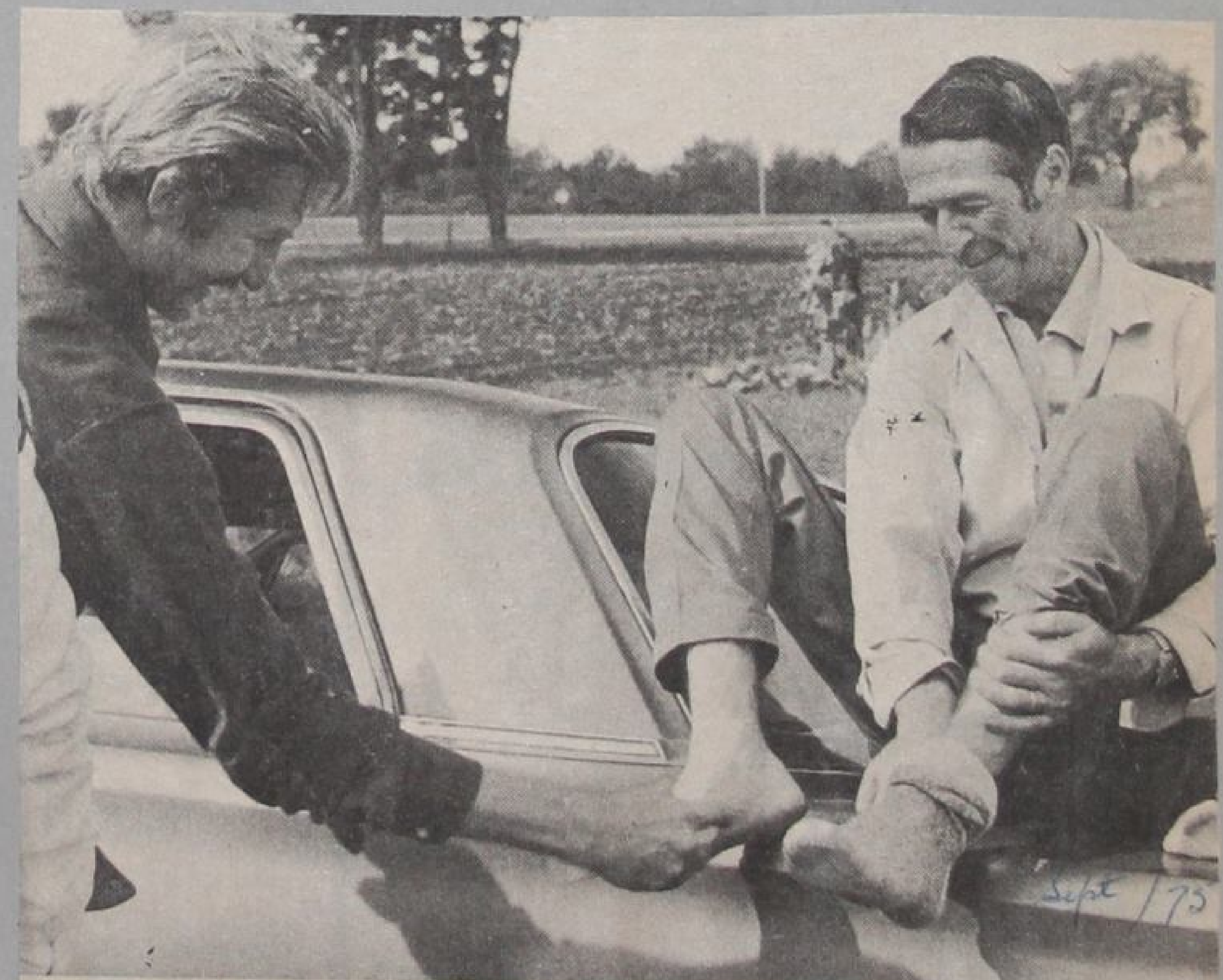
While she is here, Elliot Wilkinson of Hamilton is staying with her parents in Santa Cruz, while Joel Howard of Norwich, is in Orwro, which is in the southern part of Bolivia.

Mrs. Downing said that this coming weekend Charey will travel to Peacock Point, on Lake Erie, to stay with the parents of Joel Howard for the few days.

Pretty Maria Arzabe, 16, of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, is one of the students involved in the Rotary Club sponsored student exchange program. Miss Arzabe, "Charey" to her friends, will be completing a year at the Norwich High School and then return to South America. She is presently staying with Dr. and Mrs. Murray Downing in Otterville. Exchange program allows students to travel to other countries to learn about the people and their cultures.



Charley: From Bolivia with love



Thirty-five walkers braved the rain Saturday for the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club walk to help Olympic athletes in training. They had pledges of approximately \$900. for the 14-mile trek, reports walk chairman, Murray Wardell. One of the walkers, John Davis, is shown getting his feet checked at a checkpoint on the Tony Dresscher farm. Youngest in the walk was three-year-old Cristie Hill, who walked one mile for \$42. Half the proceeds remain with the local club, with half going to the Olympic athlete training program.

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH - 1975 TAX DEMAND
AND MILL RATES

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich has enacted that the following rates and taxes be levied and collected from all ratepayers of the Township of Norwich for the purposes listed below:

<u>WARD 1 (SOUTH NORWICH)</u>	<u>FARM & RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
<u>PURPOSE</u>		
County of Oxford	6.9996	8.2349
Township General	33.2620	39.1360
Elementary	32.9460	36.6070
Secondary	26.8400	29.8220
Oxford Separate Schools	34.4400	38.2600
Norfolk-Haldimand -Separate School	33.1100	- - -
Village of Otterville	2.8680	3.3740
<u>WARD 2 (VILLAGE OF NORWICH)</u>		
County of Oxford	4.4251	5.2060
Township General	61.9830	72.9200
Elementary	21.2560	23.6180
Secondary	16.7920	18.6580
Oxford Separate School	22.2900	- - -
<u>WARD 3 (NORTH NORWICH)</u>		
County of Oxford	6.5251	7.6766
Township General	39.7630	46.7790
Elementary	31.6460	35.1620
Secondary	25.7030	28.5590
Oxford Separate	33.0600	- - -
Haldimand Norfolk Separate	33.0700	- - -
Village of Burgessville	2.8680	3.3740
<u>WARD 4 (EAST OXFORD)</u>		
County of Oxford	6.3809	7.5070
Township General	22.0520	25.9470
Elementary	31.1890	34.6550
Secondary	25.0330	27.8140
Oxford Separate	32.3200	35.9100
Brant Separate	32.3200	- - -

DUE DATES

Taxes are due and payable in two installments, the first of which is due on SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1975 and the second due on NOVEMBER 28, 1975. The 2 interim tax levies due March 27, 1975 and June 27, 1975 have been deducted from the enclosed Tax Demand whether paid or not.

PENALTY AND INTEREST

A penalty of 1% will be added on the first day of default and an additional 1% per month on the first day of every calendar month thereafter to amounts not paid when due until the end of the year 1975. Interest will then be added at the rate of 1% per calendar month after December 31, 1975.

DISCOUNT - A Discount of 2% will be allowed on the November installment if paid in full with the September installment on or before the 30th day of September 1975.

PAYABLE - All taxes are to be paid at the Township Office, Main Street, Otterville or at the following banks: Royal Bank of Canada, Otterville Branch, Tillsonburg Branch, Woodstock Branch; Bank of Montreal, Norwich Branch; Imperial Bank of Commerce, Norwich Branch; Toronto-Dominion, Delhi Branch.

Where the money will come from in 1975 to pay for the cost of tax supported services in the Township of Norwich.

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Realty and Business Taxes</u> imposed for Municipal and School Board purposes	\$1,543,998.00	35.555
<u>Province of Ontario Contributions</u> applied to reduce the taxes imposed for Municipal and School purposes	2,528,963.00	58.240
<u>Other Municipal and School Board revenues</u>	269,381.00	6.205
	<u>\$4,342,242.00</u>	<u>100.000</u>

In 1975 Ontario will contribute \$1.63 for every dollar of Realty and Business Taxes imposed by the Township of Norwich.

In addition, Ontario will contribute another \$Nil toward the cost of capital projects.

MERLIN M. HOWSE, Treasurer

FRED LOWES, Deputy Treasurer.

Trottier - Hearn

Two baskets of hot pink and white carnations and commercial mums decorated the entrance to St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg, on Friday, October 17, 1975, at 4 o'clock, for the wedding of Beth Ann Hearn and Denis Joseph Trottier. Rev. Fr. J.P. Nelligan performed the double-ring ceremony before a setting of four baskets of hot pink and white carnations and commercial mums flanking the altar. Guest pews were also decorated in the hot pink and white color scheme. Mr. Bradley Scott of Tillsonburg, organist, played Praise the Lord and The Wedding March, and accompanied the soloist, Miss Mary Empey of Brownsville, who sang Walk Hand in Hand, before the ceremony, and We've Only Just Begun, during the signing of the register.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hearn of 364 Townline, Tillsonburg, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Georges Trottier of 16 Maple Lane, Tillsonburg.

Given in marriage by her father and mother, the bride chose an elegant, floor-length gown of white peau de soie,

styled with a high neckline, fitted bodice set in by imported Swiss lace and offset by seed pearls. The fitted waistline carried through to the back chapel train. The full cuffed sleeve and the overall skirt were inset with matching lace and a full ruffle bordered the skirt and train. A four-tiered, elbow-length, silk illusion veil was held in place by a Juliet headpiece of matching imported Swiss lace, crystals and seed pearls, and she carried a cascade of Forever Yours roses, white miniature carnations and baby's breath.

Miss Wendy Hearn attended her sister as maid of honor, wearing a floor-length, sleeveless gown of wine shade silk knit, styled on A-lines with a V-neck. The gown was accented with an elbow-length, full cape, bordered in wine maribou. Her headband was covered with matching wine maribou and she carried a nosegay of hot pink and white miniature carnations and baby's breath with hot pink streamers and wine maribou puffs. Gowned identically to the maid of honor were the bridesmaids. Mrs. Berdine



MR. AND MRS. DENIS JOSEPH TROTTIER



NO. 8
YOUR FAVOURITE WITCH WILL CACKLE WITH GLEE WHEN YOU TAKE HER TO SEE THIS VILLAGE BELLE -- two storey brick home originally built as Church Manse -- chestnut trim could not be duplicated today -- natural fireplace -- a home with character -- this home with a few adjustments could be the showplace of the area -- PRICE: \$58,900 -- Mtg. available -- M.L.S.

Old Rectory -



No. 12
SPOOK YOUR FRIENDS WITH A HALLOWE'EN PARTY IN THIS OLDER BRICK HOME -- village location -- older home -- excellent opportunity for someone with imagination -- PRICE: \$28,500 -- M.L.S.

Oct 75
Baptist *Spord*
Stinson

Executive installed

Oct 1975
OTTERVILLE (C) — Installation of officers for the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, in Otterville was held in the IOOF Hall on Monday evening, October 6, when the following officers were installed by Sister Jean Sloat, D.D.P., of East St. Thomas District 17.

Noble Grand, Violet Cole; Vice Grand, Greta Smith; Recording Secretary Olive Pickersgill; Financial Secretary, Anna Treffry; Treasurer, Winnifred McMullen; Warden, Eva Deveney; Conductor, Violet Howse; Inside Guard, Eva Hill; Outside Guard, Ethel Arthur; Chaplain, Grace Squance; R.S.N.G., Jean McClintock; L.S.N.G., Edith Avey; R.S.V.G. Margaret Kitchen; L.S.V.G., Helen Thompson; Jr. Past Grand, Wilma Butler; Musician, Betty Adlington; Colour Bearer, Carrie Moore.

The meeting was attended by 60 members and visitors and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and committee served lunch for the social hour.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Babcock of Beamsville called on Mr. and Mrs. Nat McMullen and other friends on Sunday, *Oct/75*

Mrs. Fred Forde of Algonac, Michigan, was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pauli were Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Brown of Keswick, accompanied by Mrs. Brown's two sisters, Mrs. Irene Golding of Micham, Surrey, Mrs. Joan Blunt of Crawley, Sussex, and Mrs. Blunt's daughter, Mrs. Rosemary Ellis and son, Garry, all of England, nieces of Mr. Reginald Payne, also a nephew Mr. Fred Payne and Mrs. Payne of Kitchener, the occasion being the first time Mr. Payne had met his nieces from England.

Friends meet former resident

Oct/75
OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Leonard (Fish) Lee of Oakville, a former resident of the village, was honoured by more than 30 friends on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft of Otterville.

The visitors, who were members of the United Church Women and other friends, were pleased to meet with Marion again and enjoy a social time.

Mrs. Beecroft was assisted by Mrs. Rod Taylor in serving tea. Mrs. Lee returned to her home in Oakville on Wednesday.

Rummage Sale. Sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church Club. To be held at Community Hall, Otterville, Saturday, October 18th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. *1975*

IVY PENNINGTON

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Ivy Pennington, a highly respected, life-long resident of Otterville and later a resident of the Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, for the past three years, passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, October 5, 1975.

Miss Pennington was the daughter of the late Thomas Pennington and the late Margaret Lewis. She was in her 90th year.

She was a loyal member of the Otterville United Church and for 70 years was organist and choir leader.

In June of the past year, Miss Pennington was honored and presented with a remembrance for her love and devotion to the church. Other offices she had filled through the years were singing in duets and services, pianist in the Sunday School and for many years was secretary-treasurer of the Women's Missionary Society, now The United Church Women, and was presented with a life membership.

Always alert to local interests as changes came into the village and area, Miss Pennington was gifted in passing along information of yester-year. One sister, Clara, predeceased her a number of years ago.

The late Miss Pennington is survived by a number of cousins.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be conducted Wednesday by Rev. E. Egidsson, minister of the Otterville pastoral charge, at 2 p.m. Interment in the Otter Cemetery.

MISS IVY

PENNINGTON

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Miss Ivy Pennington, who passed away on October 5, 1975, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on October 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egidsson.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist for the service. A large attendance paid their respects to the late Miss Pennington, and donations were received to The Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart Foundation, Gideon Bible Society and the Historical Society. Flowers were received from her neighbors and also from the United Church in appreciation for her love and devotion to the church and choir for over 70 years.

Relatives and friends met in the Sunday school room of the church following the funeral, where the U.C.W. served lunch.

Pallbearers were Fred Hill, Melville Beecroft, Norman Treffry, Fred Fish, Stanley Pennington and Carl Howse.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.



Members of the Cornell Women's Institute observed the 50th anniversary of their group Sunday with a luncheon meeting at Cornell Hall. From left are Mrs. Lillian Oatman, president;

Mrs. Evelyn Pearce, convener; charter members Zuella Hicks and Rhea Oatman who cut the birthday cake; Mrs. Marie Hicks and Mrs. Ileen Almost, conveners.

(Sick) - Edna Pearce - 1st Pres - Oct 1975

Couple honored at shower

OTTERVILLE (C) - Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen of Otterville, former residents of Newark, a community shower was held for them in the Newark United Church. There were upwards of 75 in attendance. The evening was convened by John McMullen, who was chairman for the evening.

The program consisted of a piano solo by Bonny Utter; a piano duet by Denice and Suzanne Doan; reading by Mrs. Jack McMillen and also one by John McMullen. A couple of contests were also enjoyed.

The bride and groom were invited to the front where lovely gifts were presented to them. They were assisted by Mrs.

Russell Jull and Mrs. Richard Learn, who were the bride's attendants at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen, Otterville, was surprised at their home when 17 close neighbors and friends called on them on a surprise visit. The visitors met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. McMullen and then went in a group to the door of Ross and Joyce, who were already entertaining Ross's mother, Mrs. Kilgour and Mr. Kilgour. The evening was spent in visiting and the ladies served dainty refreshments. Ross and Joyce thanked their friends and neighbors for coming and those who were responsible for the evening.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking our friends and relatives for the many lovely gifts which we received at the community shower for us at the Newark United Church. Special thanks to those who were in charge of arranging the delightful evening for us. - Joyce and Ross McMullen.

Oct 1975

MRS. HARRY TREFFRY

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mrs. Harry Treffry, who passed away in the Elgin View Nursing Home, Norwich, on Tuesday, October 28, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Thursday and was largely attended.

The service was conducted by Mr. Lloyd Winegarden. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist for the service.

The pallbearers were William G. McMullen, Hollie Jones, Arthur Picknell, Frank Ryerson, Gordon Lee and William Lee.

Memorial donations were made to the Canadian Cancer and Retarded Children's Fund. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

I, Robert Joseph Duffy, Queen St. Otterville will not be responsible for any debts other than those contracted by me personally or with my written authority as of October 16, 1975.



Colin Cope, 32, is the new owner manager of the Home Hardware store in Otterville. Mr. Cope, who is married and has two sons, resides in Woodstock, where he was manager of the Walker Store. The hardware outlet was formerly owned for 25 years by Rod and Marion Taylor. The Taylors carried on a family tradition as they took the store over from Murray Holmes, father of Mrs. Taylor, who had operated the store since 1919.

South Oxford Historical Society meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - The October meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at the Community Hall, Otterville.

Mr. Ken Peers of East Oxford was the speaker for the evening giving a most interesting account of Oxford County History from Wisconsin Glacier to the present time.

The county was surveyed in 1792 and Blenheim Township saw the first settlers about this time. Thomas Horner started the settlement here and Thomas Ingersoll bringing the next group to Ingersoll shortly af-

terwards. The Ingersoll settlers took up 66,000 acres at 6 pence an acre.

Mr. Peers related the history of communications, education, churches, crime and sports finishing with Oxford notables and recent Oxford history.

During the business a Show was discussed and proposed to be held in April at the Otter Valley Auction buildings. The show is to be comprised of an Art Show, local history, Display and Antique Mart.

It was reported that donations had been made to the Society in memory of the late Miss Ivy

Pennington. Miss Pennington contributed much to the writing of our local history and to the museum, and it was suggested that the money be used either in re-writing our local history or in a display for the museum.

It was decided to change the meeting night to Tuesday. The November meeting will be held the third Tuesday, November 18th at 8 p.m.

It will be held in the Women's Institute Hall. Springford Women's Institute have invited the Historical Society to meet with them when they present "Pages From the Springford

Tweedsmuir History". This should be most interesting to all as Springford has some very

interesting accounts written of its early history and the surrounding area.

Teacher receives degree

Mr. Robert (Bob) John Hansford, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trevet Hansford of RR 1, Otterville received his B.A. in Sociology Degree from the University of Western Ontario on October 25, 1975 at the Fall Convocation.

Mr. Hansford graduated from Otterville Elementary School in 1960, also graduated from Norwich District High School in 1965. Attended London Teacher's College where he graduated in 1966.

He was married in 1969 to the former Mary Cronkwright of Ingersoll and has one son Robert (Robbie) Gerald. He has been teaching at North Norwich Public School in Burgessville for nine years.



School bus safety patrollers from Otterville and Springford public schools pay attention here to OPP Constable Vern Fleming as they learn how to set out and light a highway warning flare. Constable Fleming, community services officer for the

Tillsonburg detachment, is conducting a training program to acquaint the young patrollers with ways of dealing with an emergency. In all, 22 are enrolled from the schools.

Installation of officers for Norwich OES *Oct/75*

The October meeting and installation of Norwich Chapter 175 O.E.S. was held on Wednesday evening in the O.E.S. Hall with a large attendance.

Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hanson presided and reports of the various committees were received. In honor of one of the guests who was present from Detroit, the American flag was escorted to the East.

P.D.D.G.M. Mrs. David Fife of Brantford was installing Matron and installing patron was Past Grand Patron Glen Hill of Brantford; Installing Marshall Mrs. Charles Perry; Chaplain Mrs. Camielle Lambert; District Deputy Grand Matron of District 18; Organist Mrs. Sidney Bowyer; soloist, Mrs. Grant Smith; Honorary Warder, Mrs. Jack Riste; Honorary Sentinel, Jack Riste.

Others assisting were: Mrs. C. Swatridge, Tillsonburg P.D.D.G.M. Mrs. Ila Dickson, Scotland, P.D.D.G.M.; Margaret Knight, Simcoe P.D.D.G.M.; Edith Bonham, Scotland, P.D.D.G.M.; Mrs. W. Addison P.M. and Lloyd Peat.

The following officers were installed for 1975-76: Worthy Matron, Mrs. Richard Saunders; Worthy Patron, Norman McIntyre; Associate Matron, Lillian Oatman; associate Patron, Carl Howse; Secretary, Mrs. John Storey; Treasurer, Mrs. Norman McIntyre; Conductresses, Marion Priddle and Mrs. Clayton Arthur; Chaplain, Mrs. Bill Hanson; Marshall, Mrs. Fred Pearce; Organist, Mrs. W. A. Stubbs; Star Points, Adah, Mrs. Harold Durkee; Ruth, Mrs. Fred Church; Esther, Mrs. Carl Howse, Martha, Mrs. Earl Petch; Electa, Mrs. R. T. McPherson; Warder, Mrs. Fred Evoy; Sentinel, Bill Hanson.

The newly installed Matron was presented with a sheaf of roses from her family. Her project for the coming year is equipment for the Shriner's Children's Hospital.

The retiring Matron and Patron were presented with gifts from the Chapter and officers by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Saunders and Worthy Patron, Norman McIntyre.

Other presentations were: The incoming Worthy Matron and Patron were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Hanson with their Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron pins. Mrs. Petch presented Mrs. Hanson with his past patron's jewel.

In lieu of gifts to the officers the retiring Worthy Matron made a donation to her project of the past year "Cancer Research," and presented each officer with a remembrance.

Tickets were sold on a china

tea pot which was won by Robert Walker of Paris. Lunch was served under the con-venership of Mrs. Lloyd Peat assisted by Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. McIntyre.

Guests were present from Detroit, Woodstock, Innerkip, Paris, Brantford, Scotland, Waterford, Vittoria, Port Rowan, Simcoe, Delhi, Port Dover, Ingersoll and Tillsonburg.

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Oldest church in Port Burwell is Trinity Anglican, which dates back to 1837. The churchyard contains graves of many pioneer residents. Minister is Rt. Rev. W.J. Hughes, who though past retirement age, continues to serve the congregation.

After 16 years, the Happy Gang is about to return. Its members are huddled in one of the wings at the east end of the big Bandshell stage at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. The crowd is spread out in front, reaching way, way back, spilling far beyond the seats, 20,000 people at least, the largest crowd ever for a show at the Bandshell. The size of the crowd is not just a surprise, it's a shock.

The Gang members are clustered tightly around a microphone from which a label dangles; it says, in rough ballpoint: "Off Stage Mike Knock Knock." Eddie Allen, the Gang's singer and accordionist, has his accordion on his shoulder, held by its strap, so his hands are free. In one hand, six inches from the mike, he holds an empty wooden cigar box; the other hand, knuckles curled, is poised, waiting for the cue.

The band on stage has been playing a little Forties music and the emcee says thank you very much and now ladies and gentlemen, "a sound that is so familiar..."

Eddie Allen gives the cigar box four sharp knocks, and Cliff McKay, good old, jolly old, fat old Cliff McKay, now 25 pounds thinner than in his radio days, comes up with the long, bubbling, "Whooo's therrre?"

Then all of them — Eddie Allen, Bobby Gimby, Lloyd Edwards, Bert and Joe Niosi, Jimmy Namaro and Bert Pearl — all of them bellow the answer: "It's the Happy Gang."

"Well, c'moooooooonnnnnn in," says Cliff McKay, and all of them, except Bert Pearl, go tearing out on stage as the applause sweeps across the crowd, carried along in great thick gobs of nostalgia and emotion. It is just as Cliff McKay gets into the "Who's there" that the first hankie comes out and a woman in a navy blue dress, with a newspaper on her head to keep away the sun, begins dabbing at her eyes, beaming through the tears.

The Gang are around the microphone on the stage now: "...if you're happy and healthy, the heck with being wealthy..." Bert Pearl still waits in the wings for his introduction. He's come all the way from Los Angeles and he is a mess of nerves and emotion, eyes filled with tears. Waiting beside him, Billy O'Connor, the Toronto musician who organized this reunion, who coaxed Pearl into making the trip, is also an emotional wreck. Tears roll down his cheeks, "Look at that, look at that," he repeats, gesturing toward the immensity of the crowd. The Gang brings on Pearl: "...that slap-happy chappie, the Happy Gang's own pappy, ladies and gentlemen, here's Bert Peaarrrl..."

O'Connor hugs Pearl, gives him a little shove, and Pearl runs to centre stage. There is a fresh wave of overwhelming

"Knock, Knock." "Who's There?"

It's the Happy Gang — back after 16 years

Nov 1/75

BY DICK BROWN



Welcome back, Gang. Clockwise from front left, it's Cliff McKay, Kay Stokes, Jimmy Namaro, Joe Niosi, Lloyd Edwards, Bert Niosi, Bert Pearl, and Bobby Gimby.

emotion and more handkerchiefs come out as the crowd rises and somebody yells, "Welcome home!" You can feel the... love. There is no other word for it.

Twenty-two years the Happy Gang was on radio, from 1937 to 1959, 4,890 performances. They were part of this country in a way no other bit of enter-

tainment has even approached. And now, at this particular moment, at the start of the first of the Happy Gang's two reunion shows, the memories come back in a rush. This is the ultimate piece of Canadian nostalgia. Thousands of people, clapping and remembering... the war years... the radio turned

on in the kitchen... the worn spot in the linoleum... the bread box with the chipped paint... doing the dishes after lunch (no dishwasher then)... the kids off to school... just after the national news, much of it bad... the Blitz... London takes another pounding... Liverpool gets it... there is talk that Hitler will invade England by spring... in those days, those incredibly bad days, the Happy Gang began every show with *There'll Always Be an England*.

Bert Pearl was a studio musician, a piano player, when the CBC asked him in 1937 to organize a half-hour of light music and chatter to fill a hole around noon in the programming of its Toronto station, CRCT. Pearl was a thin, intense man, sharp as a tack, as they'd say then; he'd dropped out of the University of Manitoba after a couple of years because he was having trouble making enough money playing the piano to pay his tuition. He'd hoped to be a brain surgeon, but he wound up playing the piano full-time.

For that first Happy Gang, Pearl rounded up two other CBC house musicians, Blain Mathe, a violinist who also played with the Toronto Symphony, and Bob Farnon, a trumpet player and singer (Farnon is now known internationally as a top conductor and arranger; he lives in the Channel Islands and was the only living member of the Gang whose commitments kept him from the reunion). Pearl also enlisted Kathleen Stokes, a tiny woman with a pleasant giggle, whom the rest of the Gang came to call "Nip." She was playing the organ at the time, at Shea's Theatre, which stood on the site of Toronto's new city hall.

They were an instant hit. The mail came flooding in and three months later they went on the CBC's national network. At their peak, estimates of their audience ran to 2.5 million. They were so popular they outranked the long-entrenched radio soap operas.

Others joined the gang: Bert and Joe Niosi, Lloyd Edwards, Cliff McKay, Bobby Gimby, Jimmy Namaro — and Eddie Allen, who went to the Gang at the age of 17. He was always the kid and Canadians watched — listened — as he grew up, married and had a family. In the war years, he provided a daily emotional twinge for service mothers across Canada when he said hello to his own mother. At the CNE Bandshell, Bert Pearl asks him to say it once more, and Allen does — "Hello, Mom" — and the mothers in the crowd, now grandmothers, remember and there are more tears. Then he sings in his sweet tenor, amazingly preserved. He sings an old, sad song, *I'll Never Smile Again*, and *The Way We Were* and, one of the corny traditions of The Happy Gang, *I'm a Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion Patch*.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shirley Sandham, RR 2, Tillsonburg, cordially invites relatives, friends and neighbours to attend an Open House in honour of their parents 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 1st, 1975, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 in the Senior Citizens Wing, Community Centre, Tillsonburg. Best Wishes only!

Otterville bazaar complete success

Nov 26/75

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first pre-Christmas Bazaar to be sponsored by the members of the Leisure Club, Otterville, was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Wednesday afternoon and proved a complete success. The doors opened at 2 p.m. and closed at 5 p.m. with very few items left unsold.

The Bake Table was lined with goodies and Mrs. Robert Martin and Mrs. Dora Fleming served the customers. Right next was Mrs. Laura Pettigrew looking proudly at her fine display of crafts. She was assisted by Mrs. Colin Robinson in making sales.

Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Nate McMullen, proud of their display of needlework, did not have to coax the

customers to purchase. Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Harold Waring favoured the Knick-Knack table and were ready to serve all and especially the school children who were enjoying a school holiday and were interested in the games on display.

On the other side of the hall was a marvellous display of plants and vegetables, which did not find ready sale from the counter but were sold by auction later. This department was taken care of by Colin Robinson, Stanley Nolds and Fred Cole.

Offset from these tables were Mrs. Tune McNally soliciting names for the autograph quilt while Mrs. David Kennedy was writing that name on the cotton blanket.

In the centre of the hall found Mrs. Harry Lee selling tickets on the afghan which she had made herself for the club. Harry Lee and Clayton Gilmore assisted.

The cup of tea or coffee with a cookie was just the right step for the shopper to sit and chat with neighbour or friend. Mrs. Donald Pettigrew and daughter, Heidi, assisted Mrs. June Ash and Mrs. Harvey in this department.

The time soon drew nigh to the draw for the lucky ticket on the afghan. This was done by Mrs. Clayton Arthur, president of the Senior Citizens Club in Tillsonburg. The draw declared Mrs. Gerald Treffry, a new resident of Otterville, the owner. Mrs. Treffry was not able to be present.

When the treasurer, Max Avey, had completed counting the receipts, more than \$400.00 was realized. This event was covered by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee.

Out-of-town shoppers were present from Tillsonburg, Delhi, Norwich and area.

Spicers have \$100,000 winner

It was a horsemen's dream come true. Merrywood Susie, a three-year-old filly in her first season of racing, has won over \$100,000 for her owners.

Wilfred Spicer, Delhi, co-owner of the horse with his brother, Derwood of Otterville, said that it is every horse owner's dream to some day own a big winner.

Merrywood Susie provided the answer to that dream as she travelled to the winners circle 18 times in 22 starts the past season. Twice she placed

second and third. She has won a total of 13 Ontario Sires Filly Stakes harness races.

The bay, sired by Scarlet Wave, and purchased from Merrywood Farms for an undisclosed figure, brought the total to \$104,380, placing second at Windsor Raceway, Sunday, November 9.

In that Sunday race, she placed second behind a horse called Armbro Pana. Spicer, describing the race, said she got off to a handicapped start in position 11. By the end of the

first quarter, she had travelled to fourth position. She then went to the top and stayed there until the final stretch when Armbro Pana passed her and crossed the wire one length ahead of her. Merrywood Susie finished two lengths in front of the third place horse.

Her time for the race was 2:02.

The fastest time she has ever set came July 13 at Garden City Raceway when she crossed the line in 2:01.3. Under two minutes for the mile is known in racing circles as the "Miracle Mile." Spicer brothers have hopes that she will accomplish this in her next year of racing.

The three year old almost did not live long enough to race. The first winter that the Spicer's had her, the barn where she is housed at the Norwich race track caught fire. Spicers lost two colts in the fire. Merrywood Susie escaped.

Wilfred said that a man had noticed the fire and went through opening the doors to the stalls. Susie managed to walk out. The other animals in the barn, following instinct, stayed close to what they thought was safety, their stalls, and perished. One of the two colts owned by the Spicers, which died had walked out but turned and walked back into the burning barn.

Wilfred operates a bakery in Delhi and his brother, Derwood, a retired bake shop owner, spends a great deal of his time with Merrywood Susie and the four horses the two brothers jointly own.

They became involved with horses 12 years ago when they decided racing would make a good hobby.

Wilfred said that in that time he has never seen a horse like Susie.

"Not even one that could come close," he said.



Merrywood Susie has earned a total of \$104,380 for owners, Wilfred Spicer of Delhi and his brother, Derwood, of Otterville. This was the first season of racing for the three-year-old filly, who competed in Ontario Sires filly stakes races all over Ontario. Shown with the horse are driver William Fritz and Wilfred Spicer, after it won first place in the Orangeville Stakes, September 7.

McGilligan - White

OTTERVILLE (C) - Floral arrangements on candelabra and candles in the windows decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, November 15, 1975, at 6 p.m. for the wedding of Julia Denise White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward White of Otterville, and William Alan McGilligan, son of Mrs. J. McGilligan and the late Mr. James McGilligan of Tillsonburg. Rev. E. Egilsson conducted the service and Mrs. N. McClintock of Otterville was organist, playing the Wedding March and accompanying the soloist Mrs. J. Walther who sang Morning Has Broken, Wedding Prayer and We've Only Just Begun, during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white satin, styled on princess lines with lace bodice inset and lace sleeves. The skirt of the gown extended into a train. Her four-tiered veil was held in place by a white silk rose headpiece decorated with forget-me-nots, and she carried a bouquet of natural fibre and white and pale blue silk flowers.

Mrs. William Hansford of Burgessville, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Miss Marilyn Rohrer of Norwich, friend of the bride, and Miss Diana Hughes of Springford, niece of the groom. They wore identical, floor-length, sky blue gowns with lace bodice and sleeves, enhanced with dainty flowers. Their headdresses were blue forget-me-nots and they carried bouquets of natural fibre with silk flowers in shades of blue.

Ed De Coopman of Tillsonburg, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were William Hansford of Burgessville, brother-in-law of the bride, and Frank Hozuch of Otterville, cousin of the bride.

Dinner for 100 guests was held in the Otterville United Church hall, decorated with candelabra, the bridal bouquets and natural flowers in crystal vases. Dancing at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall in Tillsonburg for 230 guests was held following the dinner, with music supplied by friends of the bride's family.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length, high waisted gown in a fall rust shade, with self ruffle at the neckline and wrists, worn with a corsage of salmon silk roses. Groom's mother chose a

floor-length, emerald green gown, with lace yoke and lace jacket, worn with a corsage of orange silk roses.

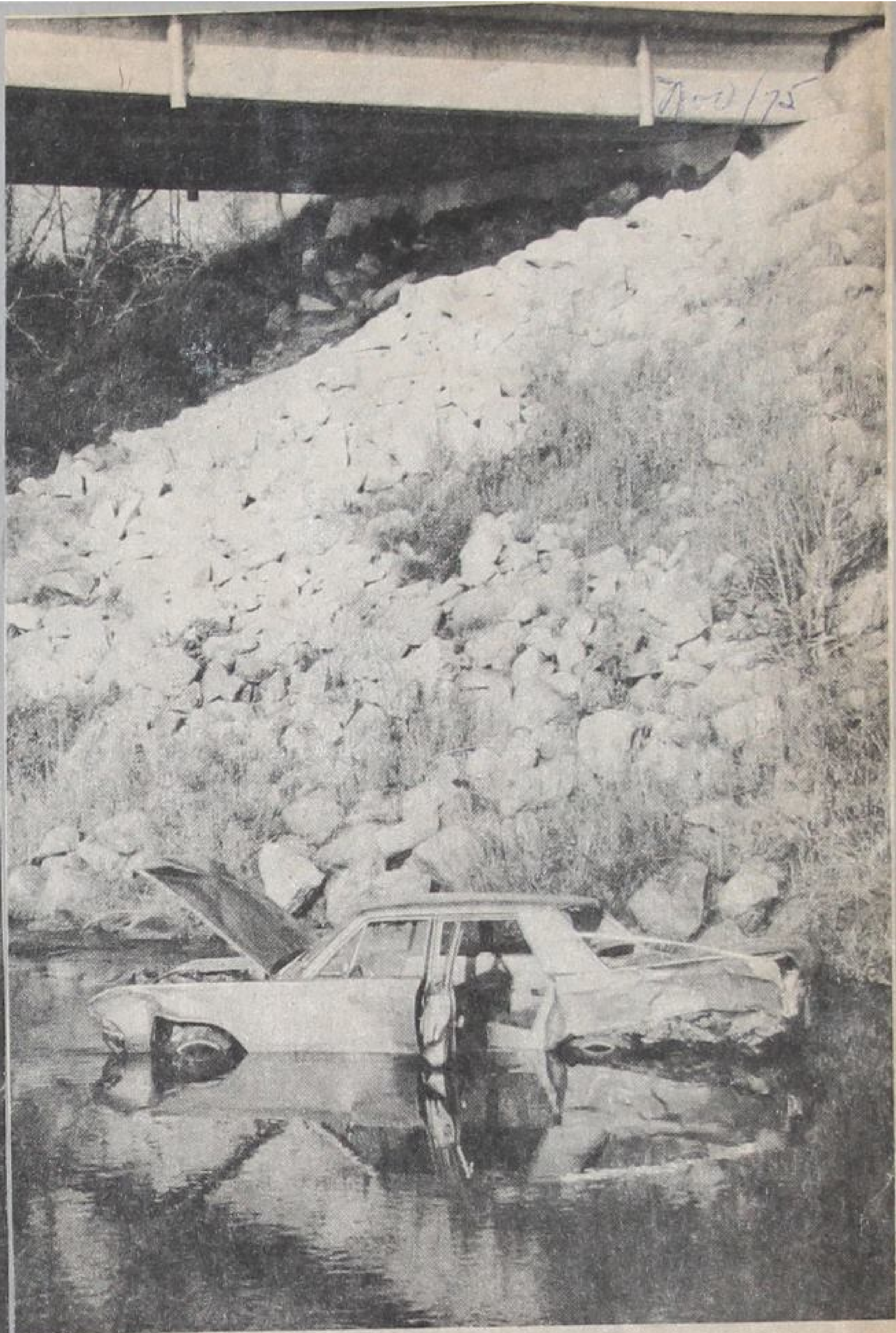
For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a dark blue tweed suit, worn with a corsage of natural fibre flowers in blue and white.

Guests were present from Winnipeg, Virginia, Toronto, Owen Sound, Dorchester, Woodstock, Otterville, Springford and Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. McGilligan are residing at Park Towers, Tillsonburg.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM ALAN MCGILLIGAN



Three Otterville youths received serious injuries when this car left Oxford County Road 13 opposite Rock's Mill and plunged into Otter Creek. Philip C. Miller, 16, of Otterville, was northbound when his car went out of control on the rainy road and travelled down the steep bank. Passengers were Douglas Furlong, 15, and Randy Mudge, 16. All were admitted to Tillsonburg hospital suffering from fractures and concussion. The accident occurred at 9 p.m. Monday and was investigated by OPP Constable Robert Parsons of the Tillsonburg detachment.

Where will the township offices be?



By E.J. Shrubb

Norwich Township council have an item on their agenda that is apparently to be decided on in the near future and that is the location of new Township offices.

While not one to have governments spend money unnecessarily it is obvious that the quarters now used by the council and its staff are somewhat cramped. Being located in the southern part of the Township means a lot of travelling for some councillors too.

With a township as large as we have it would seem fair to

have offices located in about the geographic centre which would put them in the middle of a field miles from anywhere. This surely is not feasible.

However, what is fair and what is feasible are two different things. A reasonably central location is logical and an economically feasible site is an obvious choice.

Norwich village, which bears the Township name, with its planned growth and noted as one of the growth areas in the County (therefore the Township) is the logically obvious place to have the township of-

fices located. A site in Norwich would not have to take up agricultural land with the attendant costs of installing services.

The village offers serviced land-water, sewer, etc; complete financial and business facilities and sites are available. By locating in the village it would be in the area of the main population density. Certainly not a fact to be overlooked.

It may not be in accordance with the planning proposals recently published but the township offices could be more than just offices. What not have

a Township Civic Centre?

A civic centre that would house an auditorium for the use of all citizens, for a theatre, dances, banquets and the like. Perhaps housing a new library facility, a senior citizens wing?

Data revealed by the planning proposals suggests that we should expect a 50 percent increase in population within the next five years. You have to think big to envisage that and while thinking big a township Civic Centre located right here in the village is a part of that thinking.

The money, you say, well, it

will not appear out of the air that's for sure. Grants are available from various governments for this type of building to cover some of the cost, but first must come the idea planted firmly in your mind that this is a good idea for the township. Other centres of about equal size have accomplished projects just as big to their betterment.

Township council in making a decision on the location of offices must surely realize the potential in having the Township offices in Norwich village. Norwich waits, expectant!



The above picture along with several others was loaned to the Gazette by the Norwich and District Museum for the Gazette's Centennial issue.

Norwich owes a great deal to the late Amelia Poldon for the history she has written of Norwich and the surrounding area. Another person is Mr. Al Bushel, secretary-treasurer of the school boards for many years has taken the time to compile a great deal of school history.

The first school in the township was opened in the fall of 1812 in a small log house on the bank of the Otter Creek, a little west of where the old agricultural grounds were situated at the north end of John Street. Attendance 15, teacher William Hulet. Other schools soon started up in the township.

Mr. Hugh McKee great-grandfather of Hugh McKee remembers the next school was between Brookside Farm and Mr. Ralph Moore's place. Then a school house was built where Ralph Pitt's house stands. This also was a log house. He tells when he was old enough to go to school he toddled off to Mathew Scott's storehouse. Scott kept a general store and did considerable business. John A. Tidey was the teacher and as a punishment for disobedience stood me in a bin of wheat.

Next came the "red" school house located where the Presbyterian Church now stands. This school continued for about 15 years. The number of pupils so increased that the school board saw that a new building would have to be built in order to afford sufficient accommodation.

The picture above shows the new school house erected in 1860 on South Court St., the grounds extending to North Court St. and along the east Victoria St. The building was of brick two stories high. There were two class rooms on the north end of the building, two entrances on the south-west, one for the boys and the other for the girls, the boys were seated on the west side of the room, the girls on the east. Mr. R. F. W. Robinson was the first teacher in the new building.

In 1864, the upper room of the school was finished off. G. W. Tidey had the contract for \$395 and Mrs. George Tidey was engaged as second teacher. Mrs. Tidey was one of the first Normal Teachers in the province.

There were several changes in the teaching staff of the school when Dr. Fitzgerald Sutherland (Mrs. McWhirter's father) was appointed principal with Miss A. E. Poldon the second teacher. Miss Poldon had all the grades until the promotion into the fourth books, and frequently there were over 100 pupils in her room there were 115 on the register.

In 1876 Norwich became an incorporated village and six trustees were elected and \$1,500 was asked for school expenses. In 1878 the west wing of the old school house was built. Albert Dykeman, contractor, price \$1,500. Different teachers were engaged, among them Alice Treffry.

In 1855 the fifth room was fitted up, and Miss Dyke, later (Mrs. Spence Walker) was engaged as a teacher. In 1888, J. D. Hogarth became the principal and through his influence, the entrance examinations were held in Norwich.

C. V. Corless succeeded as principal, in 1891 and in 1895 the growth of the school and the bad condition of the school building, made it imperative to build a larger and more comfortable building for school purposes.

The site selected for the new building was the north-east corner of Washington and Elgin Street.

Up to this time Miss Poldon told of the teachers engaged for teaching, many I did not mention. She also has given an outline of the careers of many outstanding people who received their former education in Norwich and I am amazed when I read about them and their accomplishments.

There is a display of china and glass loaned to the museum for a short time. The museum year will soon be coming to a close so take advantage of the next few opening days.

The museum is open: Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Groups and schools by appointment. Phone 863-2632.

TEN YEARS AGO

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W.N. "Sam" Wynn has completed 60 years as publisher of the Yorkton, Sask., Enterprise. The veteran publisher is the father of Mrs. Murray Downing of Otterville.

in Otterville

Bolivian girl spends Christmas



Chary Arzabe, a Rotary exchange student, shows some pieces of art from Bolivia. (News-Record Photo)

By Penny Stuart
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — From Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to Otterville would seem a long way apart, socially and culturally. However, when it comes to celebrating Christmas, there's really not such a great distance.

Chary Arzabe, a Rotary exchange student from Bolivia, is staying with Dr. and Mrs. Murray Downing in Otterville. It will be her first Christmas away from home and admits she'll miss her family at Christmas time.

They'll also miss Chary. "When my parents came to visit me, my mother was thinking about Christmas without the baby," she said with a smile.

"In Santa Cruz, the family is very close. All the family gets together in one house for a big dinner," she said. The family is an extended one, including aunts, cousins, grandparents, Chary described.

Chary is the daughter of a doctor in Bolivia. Her father was also Minister of Health at one time in the Bolivian government and owns a radio station as a hobby.

He is an optomologist, who has a special interest in acupuncture. Dr. and Mrs.

Arzabes' recent trip to Canada served the dual purpose of seeing their youngest daughter and attending an acupuncture conference in Montreal.

Thus, the young lady is accustomed to travel and loves it. "I like travelling and learning about others," she said. "The Canadian people are really nice."

Under the Rotary exchange program, the 22 students from Santa Cruz had the choice of going to Canada or the United States. "My parents were in Canada before and advised Canada," she said.

It's taken a little adjustment. "Bolivians are very close. If you feel something for someone, you show it," Canadians tend to be less demonstrative, she noted.

Indicative of the Bolivian attitudes are the carnivals. The Santa Cruz carnival involves 11 nights of dancing and street dancing during the day. The paeanry of these occasions is obvious in the costumes for some of the special dances.

For the "Diablado" dance, masks are embroidered with gold, silver and colourful beads.

In fact, Chary describes her country as steeped in history and pageantry. The country is largely Roman Catholic and so when the family attends midnight mass on Christmas Eve, it is in a large native-barroco style cathedral. The church is elaborately engraved and "all inside is gold."

The food at Christmas is also different, although

Chary had a hard time explaining the differences. "We have a different taste in some foods than in Canada," she said.

She further explained her country has three different climatic zones. The Andes are cold; the valleys, temperate; and her own area is tropical.

Food, dress and the people vary drastically in the three areas. There are 34 different varieties of potatoes, each with a different taste, available in Santa Cruz, she said.

Cooking bananas, commonly used in Bolivia, are never found in Canada. They are about a foot in length and red in colour. Delicious whether fried or baked, she said.

Sugar, coffee and tea all taste different in Otterville. "Here, I have to keep shovelling sugar into the cup to get a taste," she laughed. Sugar cane and cotton are two major industries in her country.

Petroleum is another major product near Santa Cruz, the industrial centre of Bolivia.

The coffee is "really black" and strong, she said. "Everything tastes different ... but I can't describe it."

However, she was very convincing on the point the turkey dinner her family would be eating in Bolivia would be very different from the dinner she would share with the Downings, especially with side-dishes of cooked bananas.

Chary has also had to adjust to the school system. Because of the seasons

change (it is now spring in Bolivia), she will not lose a year at school.

At Norwich High School, she takes both grade 12 and 13 subjects. Through hard work, she'll return to Bolivia to complete high school next November.

In Bolivia, students attend school from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and take 14 subjects. Failing one subject means loss of the year. The afternoons are spent on elective subjects and Chary, with an interest in music, has taken harp and a little guitar.

In Canada, she is continuing music lessons and has added something new to her skills — ice skating. She considers the Canadian sport a lot of fun and is rapidly learning.

Chary's probable future involves university, possibly in Spain. However, her English has been improving since coming to Canada and she said a Canadian university might be a possibility as her language ability improves more.

"If I don't take architecture for interiors, I think it's very important to teach kindergarten. I love children, music, poems. I'm thinking seriously about that," she said.

In Canada, she has at times been in a teaching role as speaker at different clubs and groups. She has a small collection of art objects and slides which help her convey the stories of her country to her new Canadian friends.

No matter what her plans, the months spent in Otterville will have been an experience.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Church held their congregational potluck supper in the Parish Hall on Sunday evening.

Following the dinner members joined in singing Carols, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Nate McMullen and piano by Mrs. Jack Freeland. Rev. Herring led in the singing of O Canada.

Gifts were distributed from the prettily decorated tree and Carl Howse was assisted in distributing bags of candy to everyone.

Rev. Thomas Murray, Rural Dean of Oxford County, was guest speaker in the morning service at St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday.

During the service the guest speaker dedicated a Lectern Bible which was given as a Thank-offering for prayers and kindness to Richard Picknell by the members of the Picknell Family.

Special music was heard when John Avey of Norwich sang as a solo "Father In Heaven" - Hendel-Largo.

Offering was presented by Arthur Picknell and Jack Freeland. Dec 175

Shows slides of England

OTTERVILLE (C) — William McMullen of Otterville and Delmer Clinton of RR 1, Norwich who are both machinists in the village spent a holiday in England during the past summer. They brought back many coloured slides from their holiday and presented them in the Community Hall on Friday evening.

Delmer welcomed the 50 in attendance and William showed the slides and was also commentator. When they had completed their pictures Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Groats who were present showed many lovely pictures of their home in London and finished the show by showing some lovely colouring around Otterville.

The visitors expressed their appreciation to the folk who entertained for the evening.

Guild holds Yule meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — Christmas Meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse, on Thursday and was preceded with a potluck dinner. President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided for the meeting, and there were ten in attendance.

Members signed their names on cards for shut-ins and church calendars were given out. Mrs. Nate McMullen invited members to her home for the January meeting.

Christmas carols were sung. Members enjoyed the hour when they opened gifts which were exchanged in the group. Mrs. Howse was thanked for opening her home.

Sentence was reserved in the case of Frederick Sherman for a pre-sentence report. Mr. Sherman pleaded guilty to charges of impaired driving and driving while his licence was under suspension. Two previous convictions for impaired driving were noted. Dec. 8/75

Fred Sherman of Otterville was remanded in custody until December 23, on charges of impaired driving and driving while prohibited. Sentence was reserved for a medical report. Judge R.G. Groom presided during the morning session of Provincial Court. Dec 22/75

Trottier enters race to buy Tiger-Cats

By BILL WARREN
of The Free Press

Harold Ballard, or anyone else who has a desire in purchasing Hamilton Tiger-Cats football team, will have to wait until next Friday before they can do so.

At that time, George Trottier, a Tillsonburg businessman, will exercise his option, as laid out in an agreement he has with majority shareholder Mike DeGroot, of first right or refusal, in a special meeting in Hamilton.

Under the agreement, which Trottier received when he purchased 30 per cent of the Canadian Football League team's shares two years ago, Trottier has first claim to DeGroot's shares, which total 51 per cent, or controlling interest, if and when DeGroot decides to sell.

The agreement further states that Trottier has 30 days to form a decision.

A recent offer to purchase by Ballard, owner of Toronto Maple Leafs' National Hockey League team, has brought Trottier into the picture.

Before Ballard can purchase DeGroot's shares, he has to wait until Trottier has rejected the selling price. If, on the other hand, Trottier likes the selling price, he can exercise his option and buy the shares, leaving Ballard out in the cold and himself as majority owner of the Tiger Cats.

"I will go to Hamilton next Friday and make up my mind at that time," said Trottier.

Trottier had hoped to hear from DeGroot regarding a selling price but so far the price is still unknown.

Two years ago, Trottier purchased 30 per cent of the Tiger-Cats stock, or 3,000 shares, for \$500,000. Allowing for inflation, that would be a \$2 million price tag on the Hamilton club today.

If Trottier finds the price tag agreeable, he would become the majority shareholder with 81 per cent of the stock, as DeGroot's entire block of shares would be sold.

The possible change in ownership led to a speculative question concerning a London team in the CFL.

"If, and I say if, I were the majority owner of Hamilton, I

would not oppose expansion. I would co-operate with a London entry," said Trottier.

"The Hamilton football club wouldn't stop London from entering."

On Nov. 21, at a CFL owner's meeting in Calgary during

Grey Cup week, a request by London businessman Ralph Duffus to continue secretive meetings with the league over a future team in London was rejected, destroying hopes for a CFL team in London in the near future.

Mail strike ends

By JULIAN HAYASHI
and ISAAC TURNER
of The Free Press

The 41-day mail strike ended Tuesday but an uneasy truce exists between the bitter Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and the post office.

The post office faces obvious labor problems. Only 51.8 per cent of the union's 22,000 members voted Monday to accept the offer of settlement.

"We are going back to work, but all of us — including those who voted to accept the offer — will be fighting every day during this contract for all the things that are missing," said CUPW chief negotiator Jean Claude Parrot.

CUPW president Joe Davidson echoed his

remarks and said it was "obvious that profound and continuing" discontent would remain within the post office labor force, emanating from the bitterness of the strike and the contract.

The union denied voting rights to 3,000 workers who crossed picket lines during the strike and another 4,000 did not bother to vote — one third of the total membership — in the nationwide referendum Monday.

The union, at an Ottawa press conference, said 14,541 inside postal workers voted and 7,531 accepted the government offer for settlement, 6,869 rejected the terms and there were 141 spoiled ballots — about one per cent of the total cast.

The strike ended officially at 5 p.m. Tues-

day. Postal workers on late afternoon shifts began returning to their jobs but the union in London and elsewhere maintained their picket lines until the final minutes.

A spokesman with the post office in Ottawa said few centres in Canada had more than one day's backlog of mail, with the exception of Vancouver which has about two days of backlog.

A London post office spokesman said letter carriers would begin work today. There are about 142,000 pieces of mail for inside workers to sort, representing about 12 hours of work.

The spokesman said workers were returning Tuesday after the strike ended and he expected all of the 325 strikers to be working to-

Leisure Club has Christmas party

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Otterville Leisure Club continued in their Christmas festivities, having held a most successful pre-Christmas bazaar, and last week enjoyed a Christmas party in the Community Hall, which was followed with a program.

Thirty members and friends sat down to a well laden table of goodies. Seated at the head table were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Harold Waring. The tables were decorated effectively in keeping with Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson and Mrs. H. A. Waring were the program committee. Mr. Robinson was the MC for the program and called on Mrs. David Kennedy, who gave a

reading, "What Is Christmas?" followed with a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, "Silent Night" and "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes."

A humorous reading was given by Mrs. Harold Waring, "Nathan's Flat." While the ladies cleared the tables, the members took part in a contest on "Advertisements" pictured on the wall and the product to be named. Mrs. Nate McMullen and Fred Cole were the winners for the ladies' and men's prize.

Mrs. James Squance and Mrs. Laura Pettigrew interspered the program with Christmas readings.

President Mrs. Harry Lee presided for a brief business session. Plans were made for the next meeting to be held in the hall, featuring games of "Court Whist." Treasurer Max Avey gave the financial report.

Harry Lee spoke briefly, thanking the members for their

help at the bazaar and asked for their continued support in the future.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Mr. Robert Martin and to Mrs. David Kennedy, who had birthdays coming up.

A number of Christmas carols were sung, with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano, and singing led by Mrs. Waring.

Jack Riste sang "While Shepherds Watched" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Mrs. Laura Pettigrew voiced appreciation to the retiring president, Mrs. Harry Lee, who has served as president of the Club for the past three years, and presented Mrs. Lee with a silver pin.

Mrs. Lee thanked the members for their kindness during her term of office. Max Avey, acting the part of Santa, took the gifts from the prettily-decorated tree in a gift exchange, and was assisted by Colin Robinson and Harry Lee in distributing the gifts.

Prior to dispersing, Colin Robinson gave a reading which contained a message for each member pertaining to a resolution in the work of the club — that greater things may be accomplished in the year that lies ahead through the leadership and combined efforts of the members.

MISS JOY COWIE

Miss Joy Cowie of 49 Earls Court Cres., Woodstock, passed away suddenly, following a car accident near Ingersoll, on Saturday, December 13, 1975, in her 16th year.

Born at Otterville, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cowie. She had resided at Otterville with her parents until moving to Woodstock three years ago.

Surviving, besides her parents, are one brother, Walter Cowie of London; two sisters, Mrs. James (Deborah) Phillips of Ingersoll, and Faith Cowie at home; and her grandparents, Mrs. Amy Cowie and Mr. Walter Cotton, both of Norwich.

Resting at the M. D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home, 69 Wellington St., N., Woodstock, until 11 a.m. Wednesday, thence to First Baptist Church, Woodstock, for service at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Gordon Allen.

Interment in Lynedoch Cemetery.

Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

OBITUARIES

MRS. BRUCE ALEXANDER
NORWICH (C) — Mrs. Bruce Alexander of 22 Stover St. S. Norwich, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 1975, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

The former Annie Frances Ecker, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ecker and was born in North Walsingham Township. She had been a resident of the area for the past 58 years, living in Langton prior to moving to Norwich and area. She was a member of the U.C.W. and of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Bert (Jean) Hill of Otterville; one son, William Alexander of Burford; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held on Saturday, December 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.

Visitation at the Funeral Home from Thursday, December 11, at 2 p.m.



We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours. - Fred and Helen Thompson.

1975

LONDON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1975

CLIFFORD - In loving memory of a dear mother, and grandmother, Doris Clifford who passed away one year ago December 12, 1974.

You suffered much in silence
Your spirits did not bend
You faced your path with courage
Until the very end
In tears we watched you sinking
We watched you fade away
Our hearts were almost broken
You fought so hard to stay.
— Always remembered by
Norma Jean, Leonard and
Donald and families.

Norwich OES hold Christmas, birthday party

Norwich Chapter 175 O.E.S. held their Christmas party and celebrated their 48th birthday on Wednesday evening in the O.E.S. hall for members and their families.

A potluck supper at 6 p.m. preceded the meeting, the tables were prettily decorated in keeping with the Christmas theme. Following supper the children were taken up stairs where they received gifts from the decorated Christmas tree and after receiving the gifts went home.

The Worthy Matron Mrs. Richard Saunders, and in the absence of the Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre, Past Patron Carl Howse presided in the East, for the regular meeting.

The usual reports were presented, The Altar was draped in memory of the late Olive Adams of Hamilton, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

At the close of Chapter, a Birthday cake was brought in and a candle-lighting ceremony was held around it.

Mrs. George Lowe had the honor of lighting the first candle, being the only charter member present, and also lighted a candle for the year she was Worthy Matron. She was followed by Past Matrons Miss Marion Priddle, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. Ernest Morley, Mrs. Fred Church, Mrs. W.A. Stubbs, Mrs. Earl Petch, Mrs. Carl Howse, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. R.T. McPherson, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. John Pritchard, Mrs. Fred Pearson, and Mrs. Bill Hanson. All gave the highlights of their year.

During the ceremony, Jack Riste sang "The Holy City" and "O Come All Ye Faithful". The candles were extinguished by Past Patron Carl Howse.

The officers, members and guests retired to the banquet where birthday cake and was served.

A lucky draw was won by Ernie Morley. Guests were present from Port Rowan and Brantford and included the District Deputy Grand Matron Camiele Lambert of Port Rowan and two presiding Matrons and one presiding Patron.



In Loving Memory

TEN YEARS AGO December 31, 1965

The Rotary Club has announced that the 1966 edition of the Rotary Show will be a novel type of variety show instead of the usual time-honored minstrel show.

Otterville - Council has purchased three acres of land and a 42 foot-wide roadway from William Wardell to be used as a disposal area at a cost of \$800.


TWENTY YEARS AGO December 8, 1955

Otterville - William Butler and Joseph Ash have purchased the building and equipment from the Slaughter Brothers and will take possession the first of March.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 29, 1955

Otterville - J. Wesley Fish celebrated his 94th birthday at his home on Saturday, and as usual spent part of the day in his print shop working.



W. Worth Davis, F.S.M.C., who left for Cape Town on Saturday and will spend the remainder of the winter in the southern



The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Singing Tower at Mountain Lake, Florida, contains one of the world's largest carillons and was given to the American people by Edward Bok.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR
Alex and Marie Bradburn


Of 313 Quarter Line Road,
Tillsonburg.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander
and Son Funeral Home until
Tuesday, December 30, 1975, noon
thence to St. Paul's United
Church, Tillsonburg for service
at 2.00 p. m.

CLERGY
Rev. Ross E. McCann.

INTERMENT
Delmer Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made
to the Tillsonburg Hospital Trust
Fund gratefully acknowledged.



Christmas brings tragedy

Two killed, home gutted

While the Christmas holiday was a time of happiness and celebration for most Tillsonburg households, tragedy struck three families.

James Alexander Bradburn, 51, and his wife, Lydia Marie, 48, died as the result of a car crash near Hamilton.

Clair Rush, 29, of 4 Ann St., collapsed and died of a heart seizure on Christmas Eve, minutes after he arrived at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, complaining of chest pain.

William Broad and family lost their house and practically all of their

possessions in a disastrous fire which was discovered early Boxing Day.

Reports of the Bradburn accident indicate that Mr. and Mrs. Bradburn, 313 Quarter Line, their son Brad, and Barbara Ellis, both of Toronto, were travelling on Highway 2, near Alberton, 10 miles south-

west of Hamilton, on Christmas night when a second car went out of control in heavy snow, crossed the road and smashed into the Bradburn car.

Mr. Bradburn died shortly after the crash. Mrs. Bradburn was taken to Hamilton General Hospital, but died Saturday.

Killed in the westbound car were Brian D. Rowe, 18, and his brother, Robert, 21, both of Hamilton.

Arson is suspected in the Boxing Day fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Broad at 155 Lisgar Avenue.

Firemen received the call at 7:15 a.m. and found the fire well advanced. Mr. and Mrs. Broad and family were on vacation in Florida for Christmas, but returned by air Friday when advised of their loss.

Police discovered that the home, which backs on Lake Lisgar, had been entered by a rear door, and Fire Investigator Ronald J. Chalmers, from the office of the Fire Marshall, Woodstock, was called in. He is conducting a thorough investigation.

Mr. Rush, whose sudden death leaves a wife and two small children, was formerly deputy clerk-treasurer for the Town of Tillsonburg. He left that position to join the firm of Jack Graves Real Estate Ltd. and last fall joined the staff of the recently-formed Livingston Woodland Realty firm.



Gutted by fire in the early hours of Boxing Day was this Lisgar Avenue home of Mr. and Mrs. William Broad. The family was away for the holiday and the fire was well advanced by the time it was discovered at about 7:15 a.m. A probe is being made by an

investigator from the office of the Fire Marshall as to the cause of the costly blaze. No estimate of damage has been made, but the house is beyond repair. Only the two-car garage at the end of the house escaped the full force of the flames.



Tobacco strippers

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

Stripping of the 1975 tobacco crop is almost finished on the Norwich Township farm sharecropped by Howard Wells, left, and Kenneth Mann, both of RR 1, Otterville. The crop totalled 16½ acres and 35 per cent of it has been shipped.

Christmas cards

originated

in England

Although there are several claims as to who originated the sending of Christmas cards, there is evidence this lovely custom began in England in the early 1800's. It is generally acknowledged that Louis Prang, a native German who settled in Boston, introduced them in America in about 1875.

His early cards, produced by a process of color lithography, were models of expert craftsmanship. They featured flower designs such as daisies and roses, and were quite unlike Christmas cards of today. By 1881, Prang was turning out about 5 million cards a year, and as time went by he offered more typical Christmas scenes, including the visit of Santa Claus, Madonna and Child, and blazing fires.

In 1880 or 1881 Prang sponsored an open competition for Christmas card designs, offering prizes that came to about \$3,000. More than 600 entries were received and were exhibited in galleries. Noted personalities of that time acted as judges.

The superior quality and workmanship of the Prang cards added to their popularity. However, with an increasing demand for cards, inferior, inartistic, cheaper cards came flooding in from Europe, and Prang found it hard to compete. He stopped producing his beautiful cards, but they are still highly valued and sought after by collectors.

Now we have cards available to fit our every mood, and one would be hard pressed to imagine the number of artists and verse writers who make up the creative forces of this vast industry. Sending and receiving Christmas cards is one of the delights of the holiday.

Mrs. C. Morris heads Happy Bluebirds

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club in 1976 was held in Cornell hall on Thursday evening with 13 members present.

President Mrs. Clarence Morris presided and opened the meeting with a reading "Day Dreams." Roll call was answered by renewing membership.

Members of the Cornell and Otterville group were in charge of the evening.

Minutes were read by secretary, Mrs. Stanley Davis, who also gave the financial statement.

Election of officers followed, with Mrs. Daisy Ash past president presiding. Mrs. Clarence Morris, who has served the past two years as president, was re-elected for another term of office. Other officers are secretary, Mrs. Harold Waring; treasurer - Mrs. Stanley Davis; cards and flowers, Norwich, Gladys Lumsden; Milldale, Mrs. Daisy Ash; Cornell, Mrs. Harold Pearce; Otterville, Mrs. Harold Waring.

Mrs. Harold Pearce presided for the remainder of the evening when readings were given by Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Mrs. Tune McNally, Mrs. Harold Pearce and Mrs. Harold Waring. The latter also conducted a contest with a list of household commodities and the contestant asked to tell where each was manufactured.

This part of the program

closed with the singing of "O Canada."

Hosts of the evening served lunch and members enjoyed a visit around the table. A hearty welcome back to the club was given to Mrs. Hiram Mitchell who had been absent for many meetings, and Happy Birthday was also sung to her on the occasion of her birthday last week.

Mrs. Ida Rachar, on behalf of the club, thanked the ladies for the pleasant time and announced the March meeting to be held in Norwich.

Columbia slides shown at meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Rod Taylor, newly appointed president of the United Church Women of Otterville United Church, presided for the January meeting held in the schoolroom of the church on Thursday evening. There were 22 present.

Meeting opened with the hymn "Standing At The Portal" followed with the theme prayer, after which the president welcomed members and minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Irvin Gehring, who was also re-appointed to the

Board of Stewards. A letter was read from the Session thanking the ladies for their part in laying the carpet in the church. Members were reminded of the Oxford Presbyterial which will be held in Woodstock the end of the month, and Mrs. Laura Hooker gave the report of the finance committee.

Mrs. Harold Arthur, on behalf of members, expressed appreciation to Mrs. Fred Cole who served the U.C.W. as president for the past two years and presented her with an antique goblet. Mrs. Cole thanked the group for kindness during her term as president.

and for the gift which she would prize.

Mrs. Melville Beecroft conducted the worship service which opened with a hymn and followed with prayer. Mrs. Harold Arthur gave a reading "January is many things."

Mrs. Beecroft, who with her husband had been on a holiday to South America, brought interesting highlights of a travelogue and gave an illustrated talk on Columbia with visits to Cartagema and Santa Marta, which are resort towns. Other places visited were Medellin and Bogota. Mrs. Beecroft also told of the history of the country and industries. The travelogue was accompanied with slides.

Meeting closed with a hymn, and a social time.

Officers elected for 1976

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first meeting of 1976 of the Leisure Club of Otterville was held in the Community Hall on Wednesday afternoon with a small attendance.

The newly elected president Harry Lee presided for the meeting and welcomed those present.

Officers for 1976 for the Otterville Leisure Club will be - Past President, Mrs. Harry Lee; President, Harry Lee; 1st Vice, Colin Robinson; Secretary, Mrs. Ernest Pettigrew; Treasurer, Max Avey; Good Cheer, Mrs. Fred Moore; Program Convener, Mrs. Harold Waring; Social Convener, Mrs. Max Avey.

The president reported that the ceiling had been completed in the furnace room of the hall. Max Avey presented the treasurer's report. It was

decided that the members take turns in the social hour as they appear alphabetically. Mrs. David Kennedy reported that she and her husband had audited the books and they were found correct.

It was unanimously decided that there would be a business meeting once a month. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Waring read of that first meeting which was held in the Community Hall in 1972.

A social hour followed with Mrs. Avey, Mrs. Clifford and Mrs. Robinson serving the lunch.

Record number at Lions Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - Lion President Fred Thompson presided at the regular meeting of Norwich - Otterville Lion's club in the Parish hall, Otterville, on Monday evening, January 26, 1976.

This was the largest regular Lions meeting in the history of the Club, with 62 members present, including 18 guests from various Clubs, Port Dover, St. Williams, Tillsonburg and the new Delhi Lions Club.

Two new members, Lions Gary Walther and Lion Ferraro, were inducted by President Thompson, assisted by Lions Albert Cornwell, Jim McLaren and past district governor, Mort Cooper. Sponsoring members were Lions Gordon Hill, and Dr. Clare Westmacott, respectively.

Approval was given that the Club again pay the annual dues for the Norwich Cubs and Scouts which is sponsored by this club. The Oxford Lung Association also received a donation.

Lion Mort Cooper presented president Thompson with his 10-year chevron.

Lion Murray Wardell introduced the speaker, Judge Robert Groom of Tillsonburg, who reminisced about many humorous events, some involving Norwich, Otterville, and area. He concluded by illustrating the great practical value of service clubs towards their community.

He was thanked by Lion Dave Ramer.

There were several reports of visits by this club to other area Lions Clubs mostly accompanying Deputy District Governor Howard Fleming, promoting his candidacy for District Governor this spring.

An executive meeting will be held Monday February 2nd. The Clubs annual ladies night will be held in Norwich Legion hall Saturday night, April 10.

Convention draw was won by Lion Murray Wardell.

Anglican Guild elects officers

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen with seven members present. The roll call was responded to by the members paying fees.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president, presided.

Reports were given by the treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen, and Good-Cheer by the convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Election of officers resulted as follows: honorary president, Mrs. H. Herring; past president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; president, Mrs. Fred Howse; secretary, Mrs. Harold Durkee; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee; auditors, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Fred Church.

Pillow cases were handed out to the members for completion.

The meeting closed with prayer and a social time was enjoyed. Mrs. Durkee invited the members to her home for the next meeting on January 29.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January, 1956

Otterville - Mrs. Jack Riste of John St., saw a robin at her home last week. This is the first reported seen here this spring.

Wilford H. Hill, manager of the Tillsonburg plant of the Welland Vale Mfg. Co. for the past 35 years, has retired because of health reasons. E.T. "Ernie" Grass, assistant manager since 1920, now assumes the management.

THIRTY YEARS AGO January, 1946

One of the largest black walnut trees in Ontario, and possibly in Canada, was recently purchased by the Pannil Lumber Co. Ltd., of Kitchener. Main portion of the tree, brought from near Vittoria, weighed 12 1-4 tons.

Otterville - An auction sale of the Tamblin property and household goods on Dover St., was held recently. The house, garage and other lots were purchased by Fred Walther, who plans to build a new house on the garage site.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January, 1956

Otterville - Tip Top Cannery recently shipped a carload of canned vegetables and fruit to England. This is the first time on record that goods from the Otterville cannery have been shipped so far.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 1956

Otterville - John and George Davis, who have been employed in the plumbing and tinsmith shop of Ron Collver for the past several years, have commenced their own business.

Annual vestry meet held

Jan 1976

OTTERVILLE (C) - Annual vestry meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland with an attendance of 14.

Rev. H. Herring opened the meeting with prayer. Carl Howse was re-appointed vestry clerk and read minutes of the last annual meeting and of a special meeting held last April.

Reports were given by the treasurer, Church report and missionary budget paid in full by Miss Eva Deveney; Ladies Guild, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Church club, Miss Eva Deveney; cemetery board and Sunday school, Carl Howse.

Officers elected were: Rector's Warden, Carl Howse; People's Warden, Arthur Picknell; Deputy Warden, Martin Cowan; delegate to Synod, Peter Gilchrist; alternate, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; Church treasurer and budget secretary, Miss Eva Deveney.

Organists, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Freeland. Church Guild Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Fred Howse and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Board of management, Jack Freeland, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Martin Cowan, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Jack Riste, Dick Saunders, Catherine Furlong, Nate McMullen, Mrs. Harold Durkee, and Miss Edna Furlong.

The Rector's report was read and a committee was appointed to make plans for the Diamond Jubilee, 60 years in our present church building, to take place in June, 1976.

After business was concluded all officers were thanked for

helping make 1975 a very successful year.

A sympathy card was signed by all for the Furlong family in the recent death of a member, the late Charles Furlong.

Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer, and a social time was enjoyed.



Mr. George L. J. Trottier, President of Trottier Investments Limited is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Paul Samuel Teolis as Comptroller for the Trottier Companies. Mr. Teolis has an extensive accounting and management background through his R.I.A. training. He has previously been employed as Retail Accounting Manager for M. Loeb (London) Limited, General Manager for a distributing firm in Toronto and more recently as a business consultant.

Mr. Teolis will remain active as the President and General Manager of the London Beefeaters Football Team.

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Among the winners in Saturday's Otter Valley Poultry Club competition were: First row (left to right) Jim De Cap, Grant Hagerman; second row, John Hoekstra, Lloyd Stringham; third row, John Holley and Gary Thompson; fourth row, Jamie McLees Jr.; fifth row, Brian Culver; back row, Terry Myers and Morley Barber.

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Newsy Notes from the Nursing Home:

A bus trip in December to Simcoe to see the panorama of lights in the park and around the Simcoe homes, was enjoyed by 28 residents. For one ninety-year-old gentleman, this was his first bus ride.

December birthday party celebrants were Adeline Kerr 82 years, George Austin 60 years, Herbert Wilcox 73 years and Burrell Kendrick 84 years.

January birthdays were Victor Bricknell 76 years, Wilfred Wigle 62 years and Ben Smith 66 years.

The celebrations were with the residents and staff gathered around to sing Happy Birthday before the candles were blown out. Then everyone received cake, ice-cream and assorted pop.

— Help Wanted —

SECRETARY - TREASURER

— Required for —

OTTERVILLE HYDRO ELECTRIC SYSTEM
Must have good knowledge of bookkeeping, accounting procedures and typing. Office space required.

Forward resume in own handwriting to:

Otterville Hydro Electric System

OTTERVILLE, ONTARIO

No applications will be accepted after January 31st, 1976.

**CHARLES LaVIGNE
FURLONG**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Charles LaVigne Furlong of Otterville passed away on Saturday, January 10, 1976, in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in his 73rd year.

Born in Otterville, where he lived in the same house until his death, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Furlong. He completed his school education here and graduated from Osgoode Hall in Toronto in 1928. Later he went to Windsor, where he practiced law until three years ago with the firm of Furlong, Furlong and Furlong, two being his cousins. Mr. Furlong was most fond of travelling and did this extensively in many parts of the world, returning from Russia recently, where he spent three weeks. On holidays and weekends he liked to be in his garden at his home in Otterville, where time was also spent visiting friends and shut-ins. Mr. Furlong was an adherent of St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville and attended an Anglican Church in Windsor.

Never married, Mr. Furlong is survived by his sister, Miss Edna Furlong of Otterville, with whom he made his home, and by a number of nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Fred Furlong in 1957, and Jack Furlong in 1974.

Funeral service will be held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Tuesday, January 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. D. Herring.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

**CHARLES LAVIGNE
FURLONG**

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Charles LaVigne Furlong who passed away on Saturday, January 10th, 1976, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home in Otterville on Tuesday, January 13th, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring.

Rev. Ridley Parson of Woodstock, a life-long friend of Mr. Furlong, gave the message at the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Among the many floral tributes were memorial donations to Gideon Bible, St. John's Church, Canadian Friends, Canadian Cancer, Heart Foundation, and for the Mentally Retarded.

The bearers were George Douma, Jack Freeland, Arthur Picknell, Clarence Tichbourne, Edward Moore and Laverne Rush.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Following the service, relatives and friends were invited to the home of Miss Edna Furlong where members of St. John's Guild served a cup of tea.

MRS. FRANK BROAD

Mrs. Frank Broad of RR 1, Burgessville, passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday, January 18, 1976, in her 84th year.

The former Caroline R. Yarrington, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Corish Yarrington. She was born in South Norwich Township, and lived in that area until her marriage on February 23, 1916. She spent five years in the Springford area prior to moving to the Burgessville area 55 years ago. She was a member of Burgessville United Church; of the United Church Women; and was a Sunday school teacher for a number of years.

Surviving, besides her husband are three daughters, Mrs. Donald (Lorraine) Ross of Dwight, Mrs. Jack (Frances) Harding and Mrs. Robert (Marion) Armstrong, both of Woodstock; two sons, Wray Broad and Harold Broad, both of Burgessville; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Clarence (Mabel) Swartz of Dundas, Mrs. Henry (Jean) LaMont of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Mrs. Howard (Myrtle) Kipp of Princeton.

Rested at the Arn & Son Funeral Residence, where service was held Tuesday, January 20, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Maxwell Johnson of Burgessville United Church.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

MRS. GLADYS BELL

Mrs. Charles Bell of Springford passed away at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, on Monday, January 19, 1976, in her 78th year. She was the former Gladys Oatman.

Her husband, Charles Bell, predeceased her.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Garfield (Clara) Wardle of Springford; three sons, William Bell of Springford, Robert Bell of Aylmer and Rev. John Bell of St. Catharines; two sisters, Mrs. Bert (Irene) Newman and Mrs. Mae Sinclair, both of Tillsonburg; one brother, Will Oatman of RR 6, Tillsonburg; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be



Jan 19/76

As an opening event to mark the 50th anniversary of its founding, management of Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital held a contest for a suitable slogan to be used throughout the year, open to staff members. Winner was Mrs. Joan Neale, R.N., Nurse Practitioner, who submitted "50 Years of Care, 50 Years of Caring." She was presented with her prize, 50 silver dollars, by Mrs. Joan Francolini, right, chairman of the 50th anniversary arrangements committee. Three independent judges selected the winning entry. They were J.C.R. McKnight, Publisher, The Tillsonburg News; Lois McConnell, Director, R.N.A. Education, St. Thomas-Elgin General Hospital; and Peter Smith, Administrator, Woodstock General Hospital.

Jan 19/76
goodbye
Charlie Furlong
we have lost a
good friend.
we will always
remember you
the **Douma family**
Tills News



The Tillsonburg Eaton's Catalogue Office will be one of many casualties of this week's decision by the T. Eaton company to "phase out" catalogue sales. The catalogue segment of Eaton operations should be finished in May, estimated a press release from the company. Shown superimposed on the Tillsonburg

Eaton's store is the Spring and Summer '76 catalogue, which should be distributed in the near future. Two more catalogues will be distributed after this one, prior to the closing of the office. (Frank Rubie photo).

A tradition ending

Eaton's 'phasing out' here

The Tillsonburg Eaton's catalogue office will be one of hundreds of casualties because of the decision of the T. Eaton Company to discontinue its catalogue operations. A press release from the T. Eaton Company, issued this week, announced that the company "will phase out its Catalogue operations during 1976, after the current catalogues have expired and the balance of the inventory has been sold."

Local store staff members are under instructions from head office, not to make

any comments regarding the decision. Supervisor Victoria Chrastina referred The News to a Toronto telephone number.

However, local employees did acknowledge that the Tillsonburg store will be closed, as part of the shut-down of operations.

The Eaton company has announced that the closing "will occur about the end of May."

The press release states that "in addition to the regular 1975 Fall and Winter

Catalogue which is still in the market, the new 1976 Winter Sale as well as the Spring and Summer Catalogues have just been issued, and two new books will be issued later in the Spring."

The reason for the termination of the tradition-laden catalogue was economic, says the release. "In 1974 alone, net operating losses exceeded \$17 million."

Eaton's says that "the high costs of creating and producing catalogue books, the dependency on costly distribution and transportation services, and the market demand for greater variety in fashion assortments and styles, together with easier access to shopping centres and increased competition from the growing number of retail stores in traditional catalogue markets, have been factors contributing to the poor financial performance of the catalogue."

The decision is going to mean that about 4,500 full-time staffers will have to find new jobs. Another 4,500 part-time employees will also be affected.

After catalogue is beaver next?

By FRANCES KILBOURNE
for The Free Press

First the Farmer's Advocate bit the dust. Then the Family Herald. And now, the Eaton's catalogue!

Say it isn't so . . .

Tell me John Diefenbaker has been writing obscene notes to the Queen. Tell me the Russians scored 43 goals against Team Canada. Tell me the beaver is extinct.

But, please don't tell me there won't be any more Eaton's catalogues.

The winter edition always arrived during the hottest spell in August. The discomfort of the day was considerably lessened by a quick glance through the snowsuits, boots and snow blowers . . .

The summer edition came without fail in the midst of the worst blizzard of the winter. An hour spent browsing through the catalogue did wonders for the spirits. Spring, with warmth, sunshine and growth was just around the corner, even if the corner was presently obscured by 10-foot snowdrifts.

The Christmas edition slipped in somewhere along with the Halloween witches, with wise moms quickly hiding it away for a more suitable time. Perhaps it would appear the day the preschoolers were about to eat each other up, or the older children were housebound with the flu. By the time she did get around to ordering from it, the volume was so ragged she had to borrow one from her neighbor for that all-important order.

Sale catalogues arrived at regular intervals, usually the day after you had just ordered the items which graced the cover of the new edition, reduced 15 per cent. But the amount you'd save on the rest of the sale items more than made up for your loss.

The Eaton's catalogue has been instrumental in educating generations of Canadians.

Immigrants learned English studying the well illustrated books with their helpful captions.

For countless children it was their first book, from which they learned the names of objects, discovered the thrill of turning the page for more attractions, and when the edition was outdated, sharpened their cutting skills making cut-outs from the book. Sure, a good many pages were ripped, crumpled, and chewed, but that was a form of learning, too. The catalogue was a valuable education tool in the one-room school long before the age of the audio-visual consultant.

The clothing pages were instrumental in keeping many a fashion conscious woman, or man, up to date on what was out, as far as clothing went. The fashion wasn't exactly Vogue, to be sure, but it fitted perfectly on Main Street.

And long before family living classes were introduced in the schools, the same subjects were well discussed over the lard-pail lunch boxes, with exciting bits of information gleaned from the previous night's reading of the Eaton's catalogue.

The catalogue was everything to everybody.

For my grandmother it meant countless yards of calicos and gingham, ordered early in autumn. The materials reappeared under the Christmas tree months later as dresses, shirts, blouses, and pinafores.

To my father when he was a youth, the catalogue was the supplier of the vital ammunition and traps used in his wintertime fur trapping.

My husband, as probably every other farm boy in Canada, found the catalogue filled with a million delights. There were saddles, tools, Meccano sets, miniature steam engines, and guns, in an age when the only imaginable target for a gun would be that dratted woodchuck back up the lane.

For me, the catalogue was filled with dolls. I presume some of the "blushing brides", or "wetting babies" made their way to our house via the chimney or other means, but I do remember for sure the time we bought a stove from the catalogue. I can see it yet . . . a massive thing in sparkling white enamel with ink black iron, complete with a water reservoir. It's very name, Wingham Clipper, still warms my body and soul.

What killed the Eaton's Catalogue? The experts mumble something about increasing urbanization. I could have told them that two years ago when I

searched in vain through the winter catalogue for men's flannelette shirts, the staple of any farmer's wardrobe. I knew then that we rural mail order customers were now a minority.

So there won't be any more Eaton's catalogues. In that case the ones that now fill our magazine racks will be carefully stored on the top shelf of the closet, to be brought out only on very special occasions.

We'll be saying a few years hence, that was this was the year of step ladder shoes, Evel Knievel sets, and pocket calculators. Don't worry, these items will be in their time just as quaint as the celluloid collars, buggy whips, and killer corsets that fill the pages of the turn-of-the-century catalogues, which now are being reprinted for their nostalgic value.

Don't be surprised if the next time you drop into a secondhand book shop, or antique and curio store you see the very same catalogue you ordered your last year's wardrobe from, among the desirable merchandise. It's got something to do with the law of supply and demand, hasn't it?

What will be the next Canadian institution to follow the Eaton's catalogue example? Who knows! But whatever goes next, it can hardly be missed as much as that remarkable book from Mr. Eaton.

For 90 minutes Jan. 18, Cross-Country Checkup on CBC Radio heard the chorus of regret over the loss of the catalogue echo from the outposts of Newfoundland to the shores of the Arctic at Inuvik.

The magic of the catalogue, according to W.O. Mitchell, the Prairies' best-known humor writer described the endless resources of the catalogue. He recalled the day a local judge sentenced a bootlegger from the catalogue which he brought to the bench instead of the Criminal Code of Canada.

He remembered the educational and entertainment possibilities which the pages of pictures of half-dressed young men and women offered as they modelled underwear and unmentionables.

Other callers offered these comments:

One suggestion came that the government subsidize the catalogue;

One woman from Newfoundland credited the catalogue as being a catalyst which brought the province into Confederation because duty would not be charged on imports ordered through the catalogue after Newfoundland came into Canada;

One Saskatchewan man said it was instrumental in his learning English;

A blind man said the reliability of goods purchased through the catalogue was its greatest asset. Blind people, he said, had been tricked into believing they were sometimes buying one thing and getting another;

Author James H. Gray of Calgary reported the roads of the catalogue had caused a number of business failures in small western communities over the years, and, long before there were pictures in elementary school text books, pictures in the catalogue illustrated reading lessons in western schools;

One woman said it wasn't the "stork" who brought babies to her home, but the catalogue;

Moncton, N.B., the centre for Maritime distribution, faces municipal financial disaster with the closing of the mail order operation;

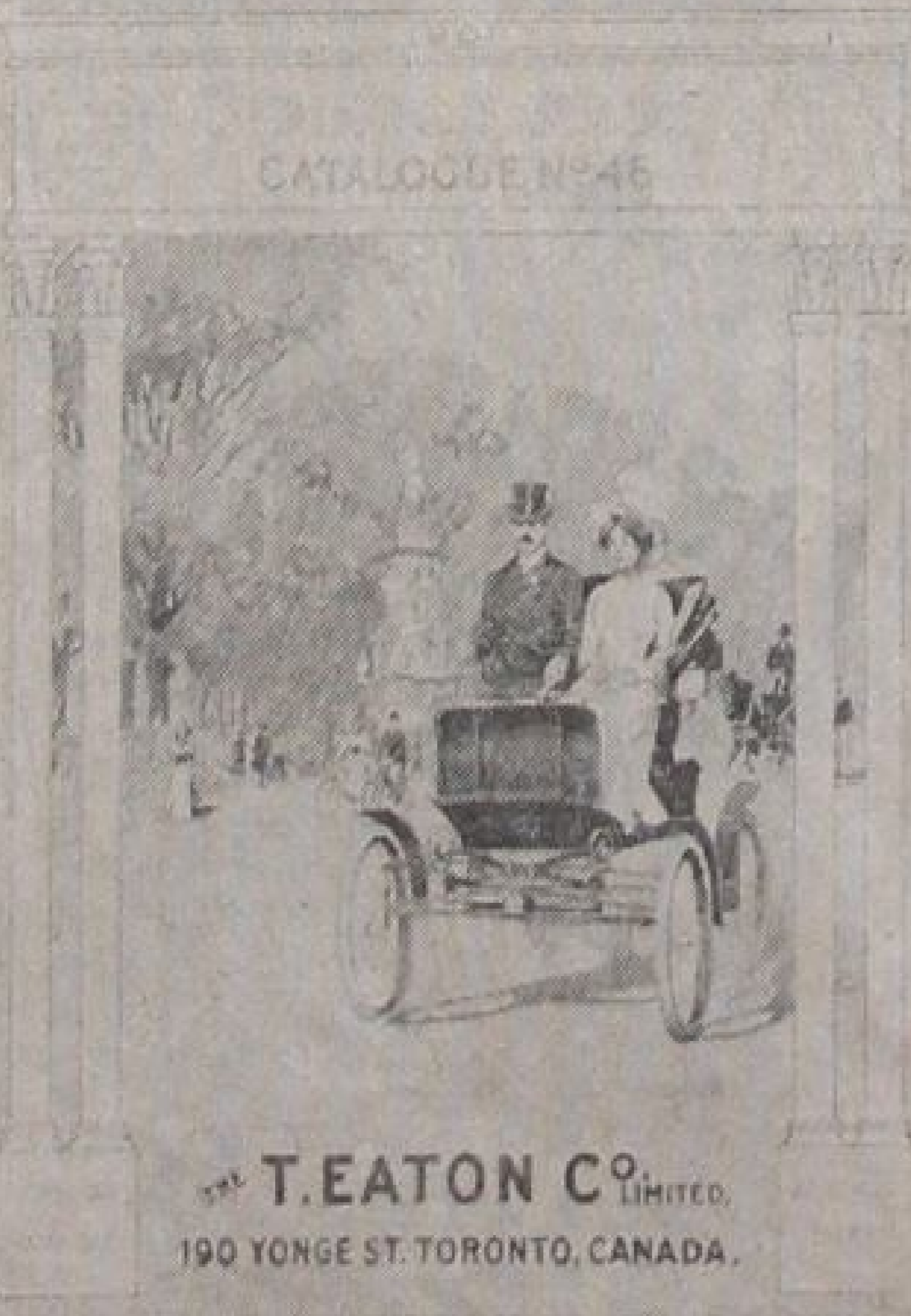
Callers cited different uses for the illustrations — one woman as a young girl made cut-out dolls because the poses were all so similar, a man said the men's winter woollies underwear looked so cozy when they carried a rifle or shotgun it said a lot for both guns and winter underwear;

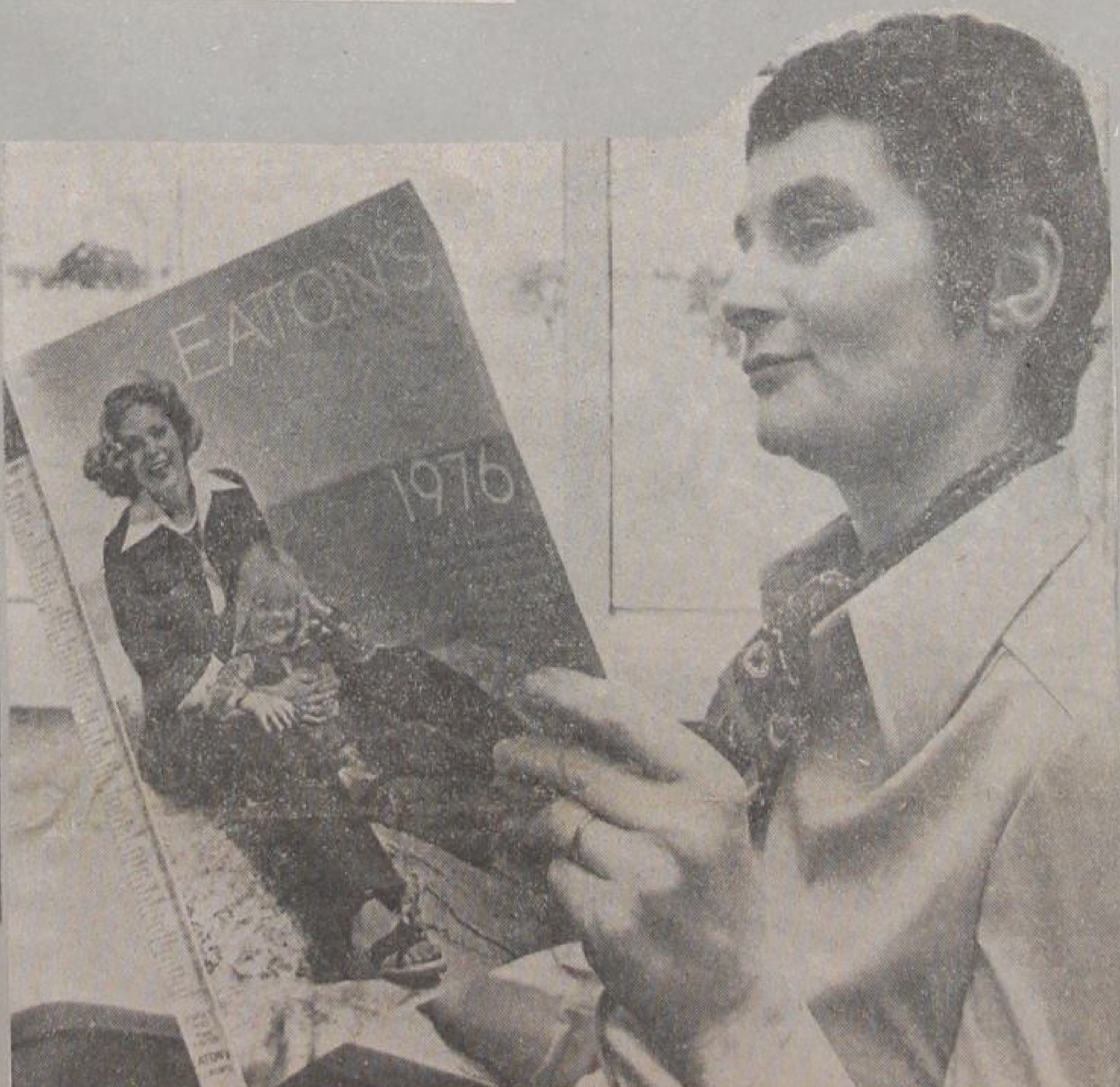
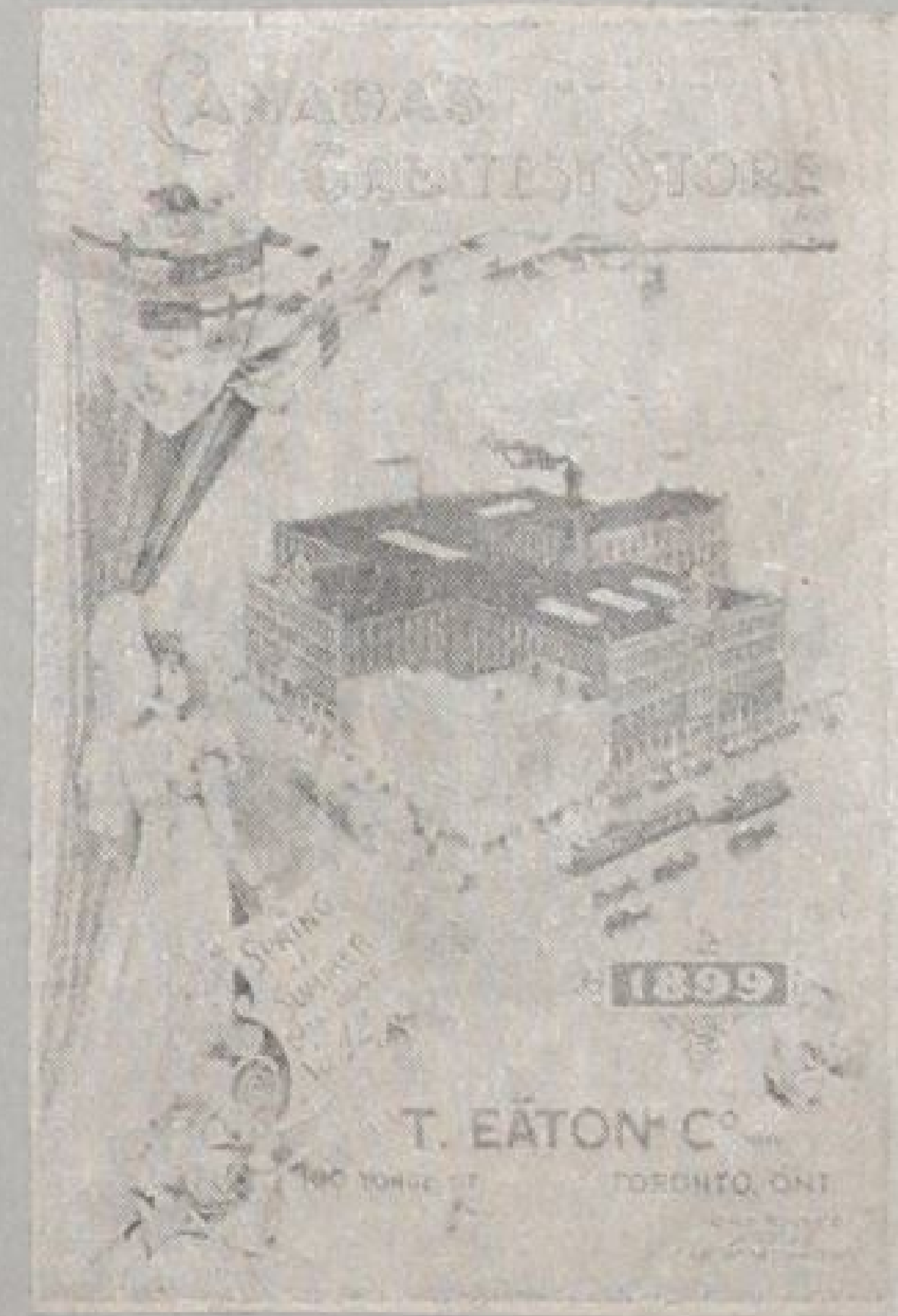
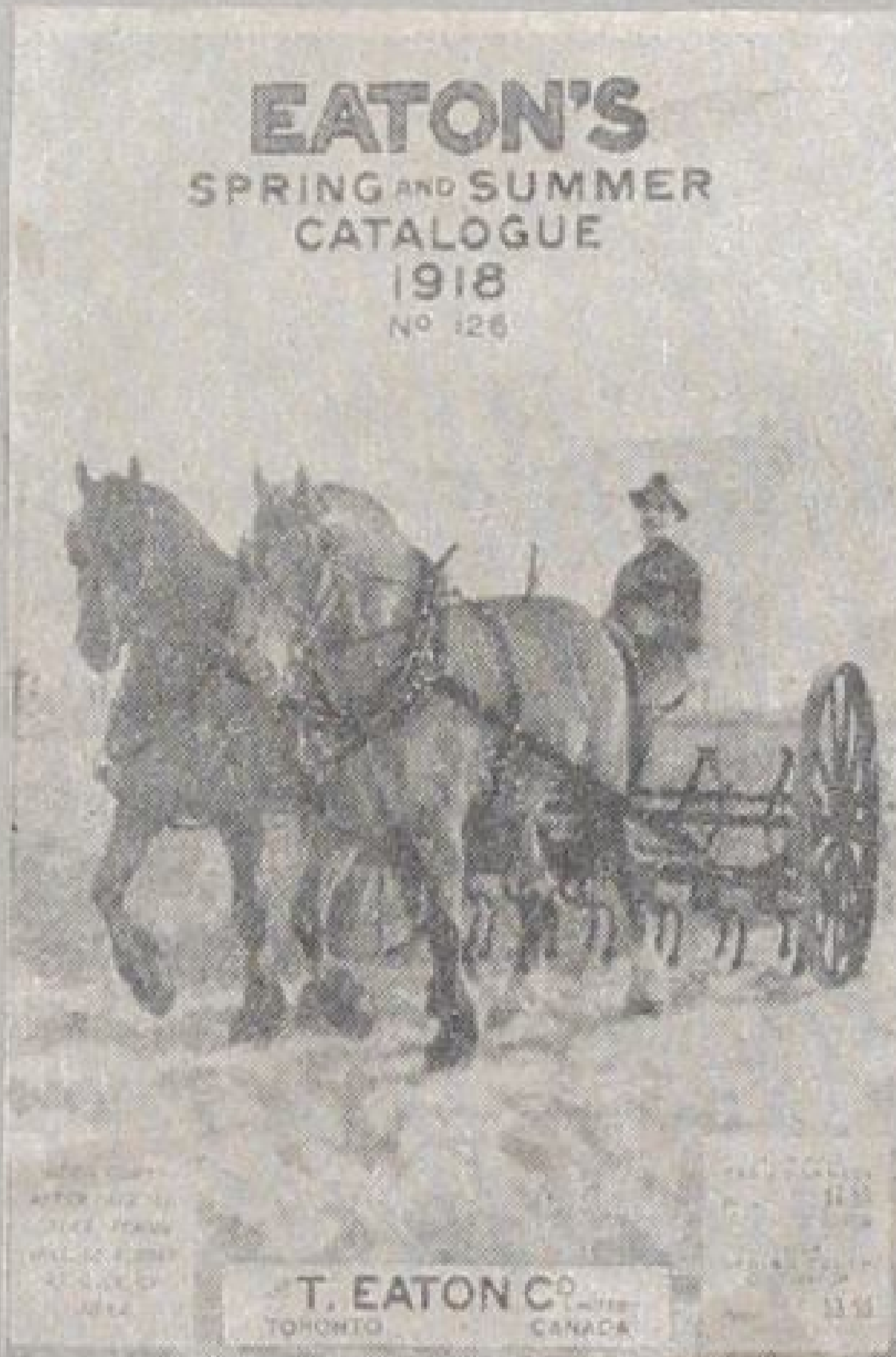
One woman reported that when the catalogue orders arrived at the local post office before Christmas it was almost impossible to get inside the store;

One caller suggested that the staff of the huge mail order business take a 20 per cent cut in salary to help make up the losses, but a Winnipeg employee reported "without rancor" that the workers would not be left with a living wage;

At one time you could buy a house and build it yourself through the catalogue;

A Montrealer estimated he and his family had spent \$25,000 ordering through the catalogue over the years.





By Bill Ironside of The Free Press
When the snowdrifts are 10 feet high, writer Frances Kilbourne of Mt. Brydges says Eaton's spring and summer catalogue has always done wonders for the winter-bound Canadian.

Otterville store purchased *Feb 1/76*

OTTERVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Henry VanDenBrink of Norwich have purchased the former Tom Allen Foodtown store on Main Street to add to their Janny's Ready-to-Wear and Dry Goods Store in Norwich which they've owned for three years.

satisfied with customer response. While "nothing drastic" has been planned for the store itself, the VanDenBrinks want to "fill right-up" to provide residents here with a store that can cater to most of their customers' needs.

Most of the store will be as close to a supermarket as possible with fresh meat counter, and beauty aids as well as the usual line of groceries. Store space equals 5,000 square feet. Four people are to be employed in the near future.

The new name for the Otterville store is Janny's Groceries and Dry Goods and after one week of operations the couple are

"We're expanding a dry goods line for better selection and baby and shower gifts will be a specialty," said Mrs. VanDenBrink.

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Tom Allen's Foodtown, Otterville, is under new management as of this week. Henry Vanderbrink of RR 1, Otterville, the new owner, will be expanding into dry goods. Mr. Allen plans to go into the Real Estate business, after having operated the store for the past five and a half years with son-in-law, Jim Auger. Shown here are: (left to right) Henry Vanderbrink Tom Allen and Jim Auger

Celebrate 85th birthday *Feb 1/76*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew was guest of honor at the home of her son, Donald, and Mrs. Pettigrew and family at Springfield, on Sunday evening. The occasion marked the 85th birthday of Mrs. Pettigrew, whose neighbour, Miss Gladys Nobbs accompanied her to share in the birthday party.

Mrs. Cecil Finch was taken by ambulance to the Hospital in Tillsonburg on Monday. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Church services in the village at Fellowship Baptist and St. John's Anglican were withdrawn on Sunday due to the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver

and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gehring have returned to their homes after a holiday in Hawaii.

Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Batson have returned to their home after a holiday in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, travelled by bus to Florida where they spent three weeks.

Mrs. Laura Hooker is a patient in Victoria Hospital, London. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Thurman Smith of Tennessee called on her cousin, Mrs. Harold Waring, on Wednesday.

Society hears winning essays *Feb 1/76*

OTTERVILLE (C) - At the January meeting of the South-Norwich Historical Society the three winners of the Local History Essay Contest presented their essays. Participants were students of Grades 7 and 8 in Springfield and Otterville Schools. The students were encouraged to work independently on the essays and to gain knowledge from interviewing senior citizens of the area.

First prize of \$10 was awarded to Wilma McMullen of Otterville for her essay on "Quaker Life." Second prize went to David Stover of Rock's Mills for the history of the Stover Farm. Nicole Vitas of New Road won third prize for

her essay on Life Around Springfield and Cornell in the early part of the century as gleaned from interviewing Milo Hicks and Mrs. Patterson.

Mrs. Jack Walther introduced the winners and presented the prizes. She remarked that there were 10 excellent essays to judge from making it very difficult to pick what the judges considered the top three.

After the presentation of the essays, the film the "25th Box" put out by the Postal Department, was shown. The film depicts, the late George Wilcox's successful promotion of rural mail delivery in Canada. His efforts were rewarded by the first rural

delivery in 1908. Mr. Wilcox was a resident of the 7th Concession South Norwich, grandfather of Don Wilcox of Springfield.

During the business a letter from the Harold Innis Foundation was read, suggesting an exchange of membership between the two organizations. The Foundation wishes to be of service to the community as opportunity and their finances permit and the Historical Society can help provide the link. The group agreed to the exchange.

The February meeting is Tuesday 17th, at 8 p.m. at the Community Hall, Otterville. George Hulme will peak on the Early Indians of the area.

Couple mark 25th wedding anniversary *1976*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Ken and Shirley Lee, a highly respected couple of Otterville, were feted with a party on Sunday, February 15 marking the 25th anniversary of their wedding.

The event was planned by their family and assisted by Bill and Dorothy Lee and family of Bookton at whose home the party was held. The party was to have been a surprise, but owing to the fact that Ken and Shirley had planned to spend the weekend with relatives and friends in Northern Ontario, their family had to tell them.

Along with the Anniversary, birthdays were remembered also, with the bride's on Sunday, the 15th, and the groom's on the 17th of February.

Among the lovely gifts

received was a dozen red roses Ken had chosen for Shirley.

The couple received the 65 guests with Mrs. Lee wearing a green polyester, street-length dress trimmed with white.

Ken Lee is agent in the village for electrical appliances while Shirley, with her household duties, takes her place in the Fellowship Baptist Church services and in women's meetings.

The many guests were met at the door by the family and Mrs. Ronald Steinoff was in charge of the guest register.

The table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake. Ken and Shirley have three children, Mrs. Ronald (Pat) Steinoff of Woodstock, and Allen and Scott at home.

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Noon luncheon plans made ^{Feb/76}

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Ladies Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday afternoon.

The newly-elected president Mrs. Fred Howse, presided and following prayer all repeated "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. H. Herring read the Scripture lesson from Romans 13. Mrs. Howse read a poem "I Need." Roll call was answered by seven members. Minutes were read and correspondence dealt with.

Mrs. Jack Riste invited members to her home for the next meeting on February 12th when roll call will be answered with a Bible verse containing the word "Praise."

It was moved and seconded that the Guild sponsor a noon luncheon to be held in the Parish all on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Mr. Herring read a poem "Bread" and Mrs. Riste gave a reading "My Prayer."

Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer and a social time was enjoyed. The hostess was assisted by the president, Mrs. Howse.

Official Board ^{Feb 1976} holds meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Official Board of the Otterville pastoral charge held their meeting in the United Church Monday evening with 16 members present.

Rev. Egilsson reported on finances and membership of the charge, and also briefly outlined plans for work on the church during the next three months.

The following appointments were made: Presbytery representative, Robert Hopkins; alternate, Douglas Babbey; central treasurer, for the Minister's salary, Mrs. John Davis; recording steward, Melville Beecroft.

Max Avey, who has been the central treasurer for the past 16 years carrying on the work for the Missions and Service fund, resigned this position. He was commended by the Official Board for his years of service.

Sunshine Club holds meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Sunshine Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Roland Harrison, Mill St., on Thursday evening. The meeting was in keeping with St. Valentines Day and members all wore something red.

President Mrs. Jim Auger, presided and welcomed all. Roll call was answered with members telling the name of "their First Sweetheart." Minutes were read by Dorothy Wardell.

During business, plans continued for the annual pancake dinner which the club sponsors each year and which will be held in the Parish Hall, March 2nd.

Cards were signed for shut-in friends. A cake was made and decorated in keeping with the happy season by Mrs. Donald Chisholm. Tickets were drawn on it and winner was Kelly Auger, wee daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Jim Auger.

Mrs. John McSkimming invited members to her home for the next meeting, March 26th.

Mrs. Shearer gave courtesy remarks.

FORTY YEARS AGO

February 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newman and Fred Emmons attended the concert in London given by the famous violin virtuoso Jan Kubelik. They also had the pleasure of meeting him at the close of the concert.

The price of gasoline went up here this week one cent a gallon. It now sells for 25 cents a gallon generally including tax.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 1926

In Montreal an unmarried woman who owns property has the right to vote, but loses that right as soon as she is married.

Within five years the ordinary automobile will be operated 40 to 50 miles on a gallon of gasoline, retailed at present prices, says the chief engineer of the Sun Oil Co. Philadelphia. American automobile manufacturers, by failing to co-operate with petroleum producers in placing a high compression motor on the market, are retarding this revolutionary development in transportation, he charged.



This group of men represent the Township of Norwich Council. They are, seated left to right, Councillors Bob Pettigrew, and Stewart Miles, Mayor Les Dickson, councillors Jack Burn and

Jim McDowell; standing left to right, Councillor at Large Kenneth Peers, Councillors Carl Beal, Jim Butler, Rogert Orth, and Cecil Mingle, Clerk, Bob Watkins and Deputy-clerk, Wayne Johnson.

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Just a new package

Norwich restructuring doesn't

By Leo Beingsner
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — After 13 months of actual administration, the truth about restructuring can be told: "What benefits from restructuring? I haven't noticed any."

And Leslie Dickson, mayor of the Township of Norwich, doesn't see the reverse either so that one wonders over the purpose of rearranging Oxford County into pseudo-regional, two-tier government.

Mr. Dickson believes the move was by a provincial government faced with controversy and displeasure from regionalized areas and which will be attempting regional reorganization of Oxford-Perth-Brant.

"Restructuring was just a gesture... the next step is to throw us (Oxford) in together with another area such as Brant or Perth counties, or both, and we'll become one unit," he said. "The province was slowed down on this by criticism (over regionalization) but give them enough seats in

the legislature and they'll start again."

The mayor would have been just as happy to see the four wards of present Norwich remain as separate municipalities and work out their own problems: "We, the county and the city (of Woodstock) have always co-operated on services."

The service of water to residents in the county, and specifically the Township of Norwich, is an example of the same old product in a new package, or will be if Oxford assumes responsibility for water systems in urban centres in the county. Mr. Dickson noted Bill 95, which designated the restructuring, puts the responsibility for water on the county away from the townships. Any upgrading of present systems in Otterville or Norwich will have to be approved by county council and expansions debentured through Oxford to satisfy the province.

The details of the takeover should be hammered-out by March and Mr. Dickson is hoping

the county acts more as a "rubber stamp" to a municipality's recommendations on water matters. What is more likely, and expensive, is that the county will draw-up an Oxford water program and triple water rates in existing systems to gather funds for future aims.

Also being worked out on the county level is garbage disposal towards centralized areas and this too is simply carrying on what had been outlined in the county prior to restructuring. "Bad policy", in the mayor's opinion, is the restriction by the county planning and development people — at the behest of the province — of directing urban and industrial growth around established built-up areas to the detriment of rural townships.

And even, as in the case of Norwich in former East Oxford, where Highway 401 has attracted industry (notably General Motors of Canada) the county has discouraged any dreams of extensive subdividing.

Oxford may have a point in that Woodstock would have to provide water and sewer services for industry in the area and the city can barely take care of its own needs. Another point is that 50% of the planning and development committee's membership are "urban people" and naturally Woodstock wants potential industry as badly as Norwich.

Mr. Dickson notes "resentment", at least from Norwich municipality, that approval for any development in the township — industrial, residential or commercial, — has to first be gotten from Oxford County council.

A brighter side to restructuring is that taxes in Norwich have not skyrocketed — nor diminished — although the '76 budget (expected to be brought down late this spring) will surprise Ward 4 ratepayers who lost the benefit of surplus funds enjoyed last year and will pay more for "Special services".

Wards 1 and 3 may actually see a reduction in their mill rates this year but Ward 2 — the village — will have "reduced support" from the other wards for shared services. Taxes in Otterville, Norwich and Burgessville are expected to remain a "few mills higher" than in rural sections, again for services enjoyed within town limits.

The '76 budget will enjoy about 5% more in assessable property than last year but factors such as township wage settlements may offset this figure. To compound any problem is the province's vagueness to date on grants and to what



Leslie Dickson, Mayor
Township of Norwich

level they will be held in cost-cutting times.

Mr. Dickson is looking forward to "market value assessment" to be instituted

province-wide by Queen's Park in '77 after several years delay: "I'd like to see MVA implemented if only because everyone in the township will be assessed on the same basis, the actual value of their buildings and property." He said part of the current taxing mish-mash in different localities, resulting in disparate assessments on equal properties, was due to varying ways of determining mill rates and their values.

But MVA in turn may simply introduce what the mayor fears is inevitable; shared assessment over the entire county with taxes pooled from all municipalities.

"(Shared assessment) will lead to dissolution of area councils and a step to one-tier government, which I don't think much of," said

Mr. Dickson. He didn't think much of amalgamation either.

Within the township itself, residents shouldn't expect too much in the way of service projects this year as the provincial belt-tightening will inevitably affect grants for new schemes requiring ongoing subsidization in future years.

"We hear a lot of reference to recreation and currently the province provides 25% grants on expenditures up to \$75,000. If we decided, for example, we needed a new arena the province might determine we don't need it because of the decline in the number of young people and the ongoing costs involved."

As for roads needs in the township the effect on the public works budget is not known as yet but austerity would affect construction schedules with priority given to road maintenance.

In another reference to the Norwich arena, Mr. Dickson mentioned the recreation committee will deal with proposals to renovate the old structure to provide larger dressing room and office facilities. This will mean an expansion in construction and the cost — suggested to be substantial — will be rated over the entire municipality as residents of all wards utilize the arena's services.

Fire protection is a concern of council, especially in Ward 4, where recent moves were made to establish a department in the northend. The Village of Norwich fire department will be beefed-up with tankers to provide added protection to outlying areas surrounding the town; and an entirely new fire map has to be finalized to insure a home or business is no more than minutes from protection.

The question of staff — and how much — has become almost academic of late as workloads under council's committee system are keeping office personnel "busy" despite there being 22 full-time and seven part-time employees of the township. The staffs of the four former townships had to be kept on for one year under Bill 95 for restructuring. Outside workers totalling 15 will not be decreased either although retirees in the near future are not slated for replacement.

Otterville appears to be the permanent location for municipal offices with the township buildings in other wards either used for other matters — senior citizens' meeting halls for example — or planned to be disposed of if necessary. The Ward 3 offices fit into the latter category as council "can't justify keeping them."

Long-awaited and definitely in need are zoning by-laws covering the entire municipality. Council is currently studying a draft-plan submitted by the county planning director which is expected to be finalized not earlier than the end of this year. After the by-law receives township approval, copies of the draft will be sent to Norwich residents and any protests dealt with at that time. Final approval comes from the Ontario Municipal Board and could be as late as the spring of '77.

Until that time council expects to stick to the principle of the draft by-law to avoid confusion, especially in Ward 1 where zoning by-laws were non-existent prior to amalgamation.

Mr. Dickson knows Norwich is mainly rural in nature and hopes to see council initiate some sort of legislation protecting woodlots and other undeveloped areas: "Owners of woodlots should be compensated more than at present for saving treed sections in lieu of interest on income they might otherwise derive. Norwich cannot tolerate the clearing of any more bush cover as this will effect the quality of the rural areas in the future. Lakes and private swamps are important to the environment and should be exempt from taxation

unless used for private gain."

As chairman of the county council's finance and administration committee, Mr. Dickson said that although Oxford departments have yet to bring down their individual '76 budgets, he doesn't expect any "particular increases" in county assessment to the township.

"However, we (the county) did end up with a considerable surplus at the end of last year and this is going to help considerably this year. It all depends of course on county wage settlements and whether the roads department sticks with or increases the '75 allocations."

Perhaps the most important thing to say about restructuring then is there may be no miracles but there aren't any disasters either.



These four men are responsible for the day to day activities in and around Norwich Township. They make and file all records, gather all information pertinent to the operation of the

municipality and keep a close watch over the money. Left to right they are Clerk Bob Watkins; treasurer, Merlin Howse; deputy-clerk, Wayne Johnson; and deputy-treasurer, Fred Lowes.

Need permanent municipal offices

Some of the members of Norwich Township council may feel that a decision on a permanent office is not urgent as yet, but administration staff at the Township may not totally agree.

Both Clerk Bob Watkins and deputy clerk, Wayne Johnson expressed the feeling that a permanent location that will provide proper facilities, is needed.

Mr. Johnson said that records for the Township are still scattered throughout the different former township offices. Norwich Township council has been toying with the question of permanent office location since the restructuring last year, and as of yet have made no decisions. In the words of deputy-clerk Johnson "they seem to be avoiding the issue."

"We don't have the facilities as yet," he said.

They pointed out that the amount of filing space they have is limited and that at present there is no vault space.

Deputy-clerk Johnson pointed out that by law they are required to keep certain documents at close reach.

Looking at the upcoming year Clerk Watkins said that one of the matters which council will hopefully be facing this year is the passing of a comprehensive zoning by-law, which will be a by-law to provide for all of the zoning in the Township. Presently the council is reviewing the draft text of the by-law. Watkins said there is still a great deal of work to be done.

The former Township of South Norwich had no comprehensive by-law while the former Township of North Norwich had one, but it had not been ap-

proved by the Ontario Municipal Board, before the restructuring.

The former Township of East-Oxford had an approved by-law.

On the subject of restructuring, Clerk Watkins said that the new move has been of benefit to them in that it has allowed them to specialize in particular fields.

They explain that due to this ability to specialize, they are now better informed and thus the flow of information from the clerks to the councillors and mayor is improved.

Being knowledgeable on all things concerning governing and operating the municipality is one of the responsibilities of the Clerk and the administrative staff. Basically, they handle the day-to-day activities of the Township. They are also responsible for the preparation of agendas, record minutes of all council and committee meetings, handle all correspondence, and all paper work related to the Township.

In the money end of it, matters are handled by Treasurer Merlin Howse and deputy treasurer, Fred Lowes.

Other faces which are familiar in the township office are those of Agnes Savill, Marjorie Watkins, (wife of Clerk Watkins) and part-time employee Jean Dow. These women form the office staff.

Statistics-wise, Norwich presently has a population of 9,784 and assessment of \$15,360,462.00 with an operating budget of \$1,543,944.03.

The total amount of construction for 1975 in the Township stands at \$5,649,501.00. Of that, \$2,602,900 is dwellings.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1976

SINGLE COPY 20 CENTS.



Art Maedel, left, of Maedels Red and White Store in Norwich received a Certificate of Merit from the Norwich Chamber of Commerce for his service to the community over the past fifty years. Making the presentation for the Chamber is Lorne Parker an old friend and fellow businessman.

Art Maedel receives honor

Art Maedel of Maedels Red and White Food Store in Norwich was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the Chamber of Commerce.

Lorne Parker who made the presentation to Mr. Maedel gave a few of the many accomplishments that led to the presentation.

Norwich, a home town boy he is a member of the United Church, an Oddfellow, Past Master of the Masonic lodge, and is still the secretary of that organization.

He was very active in Municipal affairs, a member of the arena board, the school board and the P.U.C. and on County Council for a number of years.

During the time he was a

baker in the village, he was the president of the four county Bakers Association of Oxford, Elgin, Norfolk and Middlesex.

In accepting the award Mr. Maedel made it quite clear that he is not retiring. He said that not having too many hobbies, his main hobby was meeting people and this is one thing he still intended to do because he enjoyed it so much.

Art was born and bred in

Ontario Housing to conduct survey

The Ontario Housing Corporation on behalf of the Ministry of Housing will conduct a survey to determine the need and demand for senior citizen housing in the Township of Norwich.

A research analyst will estimate the number of senior citizens living in the community whose housing is inadequate or who are spending more than they can afford on accommodation.

The demand in the area for such Ontario Housing Corporation accommodation on a rent-geared-to-income basis will be determined from information gathered through advertising, direct mail questionnaires, interviews and applications on file with the local housing managers.

The study, which will begin soon, was requested by the

Municipal Council of the Township of Norwich.

It will include an assessment of economic trends, growth factors and current and future housing needs in the municipality.

Letters outlining OHC's senior citizen rental housing program will be mailed to senior citizens, asking them if they wish to participate. If an interested senior citizen does not receive a questionnaire by mail, he or she may obtain one from the Clerk's Office, Township of Norwich, P.O. Box 100, Otterville, Ontario.

A typical senior citizen apartment consists of a bedroom, living room, bathroom and a kitchen which is equipped with a stove and refrigerator. In larger cities senior citizen accommodation may be provided in high-rise buildings, but in most communities the typical senior citizen development is a one or two-storey building.

After it receives the result of the survey, the municipality can initiate the development process by adopting a resolution asking O.H.C. to provide the required accommodation.

Senior citizen housing is erected at no capital cost to the municipality. The Federal Government, through Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, lends O.H.C. 90 per cent of the capital costs and the province lends O.H.C. the balance. Both governments are repaid by O.H.C. with interest.

O.H.C. makes an annual grant to the municipality to cover normal municipal taxes. The Federal Government pays half the cost of rent subsidies, the Provincial Government pays 42½ per cent, and the municipality 7½ per cent.



A typical setting of Ontario Housing Corporation's senior citizen complex. Each one bedroom apartment comes equipped with stove and fridge in the kitchen. Each has a living room with small patio or balcony (Ministry of Housing photo).

Valentine party held

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Although St. Valentine's Day is on February 14, members of the Leisure Club, celebrated the day one week earlier when 25 members and friends were entertained in the community hall. Members and guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson who pinned a small heart on each one with their name.

Mr. and Mrs. Avey were attentive social conveners, assisted by members.

At 12:30 the group sat down to well laden tables. Grace was sung after which president, Harry Lee, welcomed all and

expressed birthday wishes to Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew, the newly appointed secretary of the club. Mrs. Colin Robinson pinned on a carnation corsage after which "Happy Birthday" was sung, to which Mrs. Pettigrew replied.

Following the dinner, it was revealed that Clayton Gilmore was sitting on the marked chair and he was presented with a cup and saucer. Following the Valentine program a Floral Love Story contest was enjoyed with winners, Mrs. Harry Lee and Mr. Fred Cole.

Mrs. Harold Waring convened the program assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson. Program opened with the

"Queen". Mrs. Waring gave a reading "Country Courtship" and with regret announced the illness of two members, Mrs. Cecil Finch and Mrs. Stanley Noels, who were both patients in Tillsonburg Hospital. Visitors Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stover and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hicks of Springford were welcomed.

Clarence Stover delighted the club with his humorous Scotch songs and jokes. He was accompanied at the piano by his wife, who was pianist for the afternoon.

Another visitor to the Club who expressed her desire to join was Mrs. Alice DeGraeve of Otterville. Mrs. DeGraeve is a native of Belgium and has been a resident of Otterville for the past 27 years. This was her first meeting and she was most happy with the afternoon.

Musical chairs was played and Mrs. DeGraeve won the prize in this competition.

Another number on the program was putting small cotton soft puffs in a dish, blindfolded. The contestants who were all given hearty applause, were Jim Squance, Max Avey, Fred Cole and Frank Hicks.

Program closed with "O Canada" and the remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing several games of progressive euchre.

Irish stew luncheon planned

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Ladies Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste on Thursday, February 12.

President, Mrs. Fred Howse, presided and following prayer all repeated The Lord's Prayer. Roll call was answered by seven members. Minutes were read, correspondence dealt with, and treasurer's report given.

Mrs. Fred Howse invited members to her home for the next meeting, February 26, when roll call will be answered with a Bible verse containing the world "Living."

Final plans for the noon luncheon were made for March 17, Irish Stew and pie will be served.

Meeting closed with prayer by the president and lunch was served by the hostess.

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DEPUTY TREASURER
Fred C. Lowes

February 11, 1976.

An Open Letter to:
ALL SENIOR CITIZENS
TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

Ladies & Gentlemen:

As indicated by the accompanying advertisement, the Ministry of Housing is acting at the request of your Municipal Council, having the Council's full support.

Information has been presented to Council that indicates a need for subsidized low-rental housing for Senior Citizens in the Township of Norwich. Your response to this survey will confirm or disprove this need. For the survey to be meaningful it is essential that each single person, and each married couple, over 60 years of age to respond as soon as possible. May we therefore urge you, whether you feel you may or may not qualify, to complete the questionnaire, seal it as indicated and drop it in the nearest mailbox. No postage is required. Your co-operation is anticipated and appreciated.

Should you have any questions please contact the Municipal Offices as indicated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

W. Leslie Dickson

W. LESLIE DICKSON, Mayor,
TOWNSHIP of NORWICH

Oxford County schools chief ^{Feb} stepping down ₁₉₇₆

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Oxford County education director George Simmons will retire in September, ending a 40-year career in education.

But he might return to teaching.

"I've always wanted to teach night school," he said, and would like to follow up on his ambition if a position he's interested in becomes open.

Mr. Simmons was the first director of education for the former Woodstock board of edu-



GEORGE
SIMMONS
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from post
in September

cation in 1967, and was appointed director of the county board when it was formed in 1969.

He was Woodstock's appointee to the Fanshawe College board of governors for its first seven years and was the first principal of College Avenue Secondary School while overseeing construction of the facility.

He taught geography and shop at Woodstock Collegiate for 14½ years and for six years at Central Public School.

Medical Centre a functioning reality

The Norwich medical centre, an established fact in the village now for over 18 months, was opened in July of 1974 by Oxford MP Dr. Bruce Halliday. It was the culmination of the efforts of many people.

In October 1972, a group of interested citizens met and elected a steering committee to

start planning for the centre. On that committee, originally chaired by Ralph Schut (a former Norwich businessman), were Lorne Parker, Eric Maunell, George Friesen, Harry Cayley, Mrs. H. Thorne, Mrs. C. Lossing, Harold Lossing, Laverne Irving, Rev.

Doug Flint and Rev. R.D. Duncanson.

This committee was involved in visiting other medical centres, particularly those in smaller communities such as Norwich.

Not knowing what effect the restructuring of Oxford County

would have on the area, North Norwich, South Norwich, Norwich and East Oxford councils were included in visits by the committee, as well as local service clubs and area doctors.

From these visits and meetings, building, finance, and administration committees were set up for the Norwich and District Medical Centre.

The building committee included Lorne Parker, Eric Mannell, Cecil Mingle, Harold Wenn, Stewart Miles and Dr. Russell Hall.

In May of 1973, after much study by the original 11 man committee, a set of recommendations were drafted. It was deemed necessary that the Village council take over the project as a municipally-financed venture in order to apply for Federal-Provincial funds to get things moving along.

Village council passed a resolution accepting this, and applied for an \$80,000 Winter works loan. North Norwich council also gave its support to the committee.

In September, 1973, Norwich and North Norwich councils met in joint session to discuss the proposals by the steering committee. The village council committed \$45,000, and offered a lot for the building at a cost of one dollar.

Preliminary plans and estimates for the building were in the discussion stage with a Woodstock architect.

In mid-October, 1973, village council received word that a loan was approved in the amount of \$79,200 from the Winter Capital Projects Fund, who said 'the loan is for the construction of the Norwich and District Medical Community

Health Centre. This centre will provide continuous medical and dental services to the Village of Norwich and area residents of the surrounding community.

"The project will create 900 man-days of employment at a payroll cost of \$36,000, and is due for completion by May 1974."

The labor cost of \$36,000 is a forgivable loan.

Before work begins on the project the Ontario Municipal Board had to give its approval.

In November, 1973, the final set of plans were examined and the project had an estimated cost of \$100,000. It was to be a one storey design on a two-acre lot just west of the senior citizens' building.

Early in January 74, tenders for the building were called by the architects, Ventnor and Dickson of Woodstock. A bid of \$125,000 by Van Gup Construction of Belmont was accepted. During the first week of February the first sod was termed for the 4,500 square foot centre, that would house three medical suites, a dental suite, a public health nurse room and an optometrist. There will be parking for up to 35 vehicles.

Work was completed on the centre at the end of June 1974 and opened for business in July.

The official opening took place on July 29, 1974.

Medical personnel at the Centre now include two medical doctors, Dr. Russell Hall and Dr. Clare Westmacott, and Dr. Louis Ferraro a dentist. Also Dr. Douglas Clapp, an optometrist has an office there.

The centre has proven a real benefit to area residents and is a definite asset to the community. Many patients came in from Scotland and Harley area as well as the Norwich area.



To complement the staff at the Township office are Marjorie Watkins, left and Agnes Savill. Mrs. Watkins, wife of Clerk Bob Watkins, answers the telephone, radios road employees and tends to other duties, while Agnes Savill, is secretary to the clerk's department.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1976

Record January snowfall

We're snowed again

No self-respecting groundhog would dare stick his nose out today, cloud or sun. It seems that the big snows of January are continuing into February, and the first working and school day of the month saw work and school slowed or stalled.

High school students in Tillsonburg were not complaining... for the second time in about a week, exams were cancelled at Annandale and Glendale high schools. Many bus routes were not run for high schools and public schools in the area.

Ravin's Coach Lines reported all busses out, but they were only travelling on main roads. T and S Coach Lines had pulled all

busses off the road except those running in town.

Businesses have been slowed down by the storm, and the tobacco auction exchanges in Tillsonburg, Delhi and Aylmer were closed today. This is the second day this year that the exchanges have been shut down because of snowstorms.

In a couple of years time, the old-timers sitting around country stores and coffee shops will be saying that they "remember the winter of '76... now that was some snowfall."

All former records for January snowfall were wiped out this year, as this area recorded the most snow ever in the month of January. Previous record snowfall occurred in January, 1923.

Records for the entire area are kept at the London offices of the Ministry of the Environment, who reported 104 cm. (40.9 inches) of snow this year, compared to a normal snowfall of 49 cms.

The 1923 record was 103 cms.

Normal snowfall for one year is 201 cm., which has been already passed by one cm. this year. Record for most snowfall in one winter was 1970-71, when 343 cm. fell.

Who pays for pool?

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BY DAVE BLAIS

A settlement between Norwich Township and Gilvesy Construction Limited, Tillsonburg, over added costs involved in the construction of the Otterville Community Pool, still remains undecided.

Tuesday, council met with Dennis Vass, Engineer with the construction firm and Rick Butler a representative from Doug Vallee Consulting Engineers, Simcoe, who worked on the project.

Gilvesy is seeking a total of \$3,845.70 in added costs due to

problems encountered during the construction.

Delays in final go ahead from the township, lack of access, to the site, and improper soil conditions for the bottom of the pool were factors which contributed to the added cost.

Questions arose over the provision of the access to the site. Vass, reading from the contract, said that the township was responsible for the maintenance of the access which covered part of an adjoining farm. Gilvesy was awarded the contract in November of 1973, but official go-ahead from the Township was not given until February 1, 1974.

Wet conditions soon set in and problems with the access, with it. Eventually all of the cement for the pool had to be wheelbarrowed in.

Councillor Carl Beal earlier had argued that he didn't think it was a true statement that the township was responsible for the access but that they were to give permission to use it.

Gilvesy originally began using the access but their trucks became stuck in the mud and had to be towed out, which

added to the costs.

Problems on the site were not limited to mud.

It was found, as they dug deeper, that the soil was unsuitable for providing a proper bottom. A deeper-than-planned hole had to be dug and added fill, gravel, had to be put in.

A total of 504 tons of gravel were needed and an additional 250 cement blocks were needed.

Earlier, council, due to the delay and because sub-trade and material costs had risen before actual construction could begin, gave the company a sum of \$5,285. Original cost of the contract tendered in October 1973 was \$89,494.00.

Council looked towards the work of the Consulting engineers as they queried why the condition of the soil for the bottom was not known before construction began.

Councillor Stewart Miles said that it looked like they were going to have to pay for the mistakes of their consulting engineers.

Councillor Jack Burn reflected councillor Miles' opinion when he said that he felt that the consulting engineers had let them down.

A decision has been tabled.

In other business council, learned through the Protection to Persons and Property Committee that payment to Norwich Police staff for overtime work in 1975 amounted to \$10,300. Presently discussions are going on between the Chief of Police Bob Knight and the committee regarding the enlarging of the police force to take in full time or part-time personnel.

Finance and Administration accounts in the sum of \$1,051.89 and Recreation and Community Services accounts totalling \$1,688.14 were approved for payment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A TRIBUTE

The Editor: At a time when it is increasingly difficult to acquire a true friendship, it is a rewarding experience, but to have the friendship of a special type of person is a rare, pleasurable happening.

It was on Broadway that our paths crossed. Tall, walking so erect, one would presume without difficulty that he had been a graduate of a military academy - so poised, so free of pretence, with his infectious, friendly smile in easy conversation. His memory spanned the years in a twinkling, with confident assurance there was no mistake in the data. One detects a trace of loneliness. This is only natural; in March he would have celebrated a 70th wedding anniversary with his life's partner. It was not to be. His lifelong sweetheart passed away recently.

Born in 1880, his younger days up to 20 years were spent on the farm. What a blessing! At the turn of the century, he moved to an urban environment with his wife, where he found no cement sidewalks, only wooden slats to protect the walker from the dirt; no highway, just dirt roads. He remembers when the road that leaves

Broadway at the present Met store toward Simcoe was called Rotten Road. Too, memory reminds that service was rendered to Tillson Company for one dollar a day. Fine shoes cost three dollars; good work boots one dollar; as a carpenter he earned 75 cents a day; good suit of clothes cost seven dollars; butter was a shilling a pound or 25 cents for two pounds; eggs, five cents a dozen; cheese, six or seven cents a pound. On the farm in his late teens, to earn a dollar and fifty cents it was necessary to be in the bush at the crack of dawn and work till dark to saw and split four cords of wood at 38 cents a cord. Cows sold for 25 dollars; pigs at two or three dollars, live weight.

George Ostrander lived a disciplined life. He took good care of himself, healthwise. Many citizens of Tillsonburg look on him as a miracle man. It is a pleasure for anyone to meet him. I am honored, indeed, to pay tribute to this Christian gentleman. Few persons would be more knowledgeable of Tillsonburg history.

Sam A. Innis,
Sunnyside,
Norwich.

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An in-service education program for Tillsonburg District Hospital employees in supervisory positions concluded this week, with 12 persons receiving certificates. The series, titled "Managing People" was taught by Miss Norma Jones R.N., director of staff development, and was held under the auspices of Fanshawe College. Seated are Ruth Clark, housekeeping; Mary Sitts, dietary; Alice Marshall, housekeeping; Mary Hit-

man, housekeeping, and Lorraine Rosehart, administration. Standing, Miss Jones; Sharon Taylor, laboratory; Mary Barrett, X-Ray; (Cathy Prong) medical records; Albert Collins, maintenance; Mary Webb, dietary; Dorothy Verbuyst, dietary; Pat Gray, administration; and Marshall Tweedy, Fanshawe College liaison officer who presented the certificates.

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Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chambers of RR 1, Otterville are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Diane to Larry Woodhouse, only son of Horace and the late Delores Woodhouse of RR 2, Burgessville. The wedding to take place February 15, 1976.



Springford United Church...worship since 1831.

Springford United Church history

CORNELL (C) - Back in 1831, Mr. Dyer Wilcox gave a parcel of land large enough for a church building, yard and parsonage, with the understanding that any orthodox denomination could use the church building which was to be erected. This was first used by the Congregationalist; later a few Methodists began using it, and with the decrease of the former and an increase of the later it finally became their property.

Large Ebnagelistic meetings were held. On the old church which was remodelled and bricked in 1894, was the name of "Springbrook," but with the coming of the post office the name was changed to "Springford," as the former name was already used in the province. A Mr. Jenvy bought the Wilcox Estate. The village was built off that estate. The Church and Parsonage lot was to remain with certain conditions-one being, that they were to meet with a trusteeship of three once a year. If they did not do this the property would go back to the estate. They did not follow these conditions and so the property went back.

Mr. Jenvy's daughter, recalls being in the church one day when a Congregational minister came in the church to look around, and went away. Soon

after the Congregationalist church people made claim to the church. Since Mr. Jenvy was the owner, he went straight away to Woodstock and got a deed for it, and presented the church and parsonage lot to the Methodist people. Mr. Jenvy was a Superintendent of the Sunday School for 20 years, a recording secretary, class leader and sang in the choir along with A L. Wilcox.

Some of the former ministers are Rev. D.C. Defoe; Rev. Grandy; Rev. Woltz; Rev. Ottowell; Rev. Fred Davies, 1922-23; Rev. Albert Elliott,

1923-27; Rev. H. Johnson, 1927-28; Rev. Wilkins, 1929-30; Rev. George T. Shields, 1930-47; Rev. W.G. Wylie, 1947-54; Rev. D.R. Morrisson, 1954-61; Rev. T. Lindsay, 1961-63; Rev. D. Ramsay, 1963-69; Rev. C. Leach, 1969-72; Rev. E. Egilsson, 1972 - present.

The past year of 1975 was a good year for the United Church having celebrated 50 years of Union. This Union was when Canada's Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists joined to become one church, known as the United Church of Canada.

ERNEST GARNETT

OTTERVILLE (C) - Ernest Garnett of Otterville passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday, February 15, 1976 in his 76th year. He had been a patient in Hospital for the past six weeks.

Born in Lambton County, he was a son of the late Alexander Garnett and the former Annie Atwood. He came to Otterville nearly 30 years ago and was employed by Spicer's Bakery, driving a bake truck for the past three years. He then bought a service station in the village, enlarging it to include a grocery store, which was open seven days a week and in the evenings. He retired two years ago due to ill health and the business was sold to Gray's Variety Store.

Surviving are his wife, the former Thelma Stewart; one daughter, Mrs. George (Ernaleen) Heaslip of Otterville; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Maud Pryor of Sarnia, and Mrs. Minnie Lemoine of Oil City; and one brother, Alex Stewart of B.C.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Wednesday, February 18, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson of Otterville United Church. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

ERNEST HARNETT

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Ernest Harnett, who passed away in Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday, February 15, 1976, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Wednesday, February 18.

Rev. Einar Egilsson minister of Otterville United Church, conducted the service, and Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Among memorial tributes were an arrangement from "The Neighbours" and donations to The Gideon Bible, Canadian Cancer, and Heart Foundation.

Pallbearers were Fred Pinnoy, Richard Saunders, Colin Robinson, Lawson Spicer, Ellwin Spicer and Douglas McLachlan.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 served lunch at his late residence following the service.

Aimee Semple McPherson

By Richard Houghton

"Called from a milk pail on a farm two miles west of Salford, to the preaching of the Gospel from a world pulpit."

These are the words that Aimee Semple McPherson used to open a book of her own personal testimony to God.

The words may sound dramatic, as well they should because the story is true about Aimee Kennedy, who was born in the Township of Dereham and grew up to be world famous evangelist, and founder of a church.

And it has now been 50 years since the young woman from the country near Ingersoll splashed across the headlines of newspapers across the continent after being found wandering in the desert of Mexico.

As Aimee Kennedy she had attended Dereham rural school, Salford Public School and Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

She met her first husband when she attended a revival meeting in Ingersoll, and her future husband, a young Pentecostal minister, preached at the revival.

Actually, Aimee attended the meeting only with the intention of scoffing at the worshipping Pentecostals, as she says in the transcript of her personal testimony.

"On our way to a rehearsal we dropped into the revival. I was hunting what amusement the services might provide me and was little prepared for the arrows of conviction which were already aimed at my heart," she said.

"Sure enough, the people said Amen, and Hallelujah, and I tried to smile, but when a tall young evangelist, Robert Semple arose to his feet on the platform and opened the Word of God to preach, all frivolity died from my heart and face".

"He talked as though he really believed the whole Word of God, and declared that Jesus was the same yesterday, today and forever. His message upon repentance and a born again experience, a life free from the world of sin, pierced my heart with conviction."

Aimee Kennedy and the evangelist Robert Semple were married that summer beneath a bower on the lawn of the farm house near Salford, and they went to live in Stratford, where the minister was in charge of a mission.

Later they went on to London to start a mission, and from there to Finlay, Ohio, and in this way started their travels and ministry around the world.

The couple ended up preaching in mission fields in China, where

Robert Semple was stricken with malaria.

"Were away down the coast at Macao," wrote Aimee, "when Robert was taken seriously ill, and was carried in a very weak condition back to Hong Kong. Each day he grew weaker, and although I was confident the Lord would heal him, he felt that his work was ended."

"One night at midnight I sat up in bed with a start. Out of the window at the foot of my bed I could see across the great square court into the window, which I knew to be beside my husband's bed. There I saw a bright light burning. A great terror seized upon my soul, as I heard the quick step of the night nurse coming along the corridor connecting the two wards."

"Come quickly, he is sinking fast, were the words that sounded in my ears."

The widowed Mrs. Semple and a baby daughter Roberta returned to Canada, where she married a second time and under her new name, McPherson, became an evangelist, touring the United States and Canada.

She finally settled in Los Angeles where her magnificent Angelus Temple was constructed as well as a home for herself, completely by faith, in 1923.

In her personal testimony Aimee recalls how her home, which she had promised to her daughter, along with a canary came to be built.

It was just before a worship service in the Angelus Temple.

"One evening, just before I arose to preach, a young woman sprang to her feet in the audience, crying, 'Excuse me please, but I must say a word. I am only a working girl but I own four lots of land, and the Lord has spoken to me that I am to give one of these lots to Mrs. McPherson that on it she may build a little bungalow for her babies,' said the girl."

"Why, praise the Lord, I'll dig the cellar for you," volunteered a stalwart man rising in the congregation. "Yes an I'll help yez," came the voice from an Irishman from another part of the building. "I'm a lather and plasterer, I'll give my services free," offered another. "I'll furnish the dining room," said a kindly-faced man from over there."

"I have not much to offer when compared with these people," said a timid little voice from the rear of the hall, "but I have the sweetest singing little canary bird that you ever heard, and I'll give that for the little girl."

By 1925 Sister Aimee as she was called by the members of her congregation was nearing the apex of her career. The once-widowed, and now divorced farm girl had become the continent's best known woman evangelist.

On May 18, 1926, Mrs. McPherson went for a swim at a California beach. She disappeared, and was feared drowned.

Five weeks later, Aimee Semple McPherson reappeared along the Mexico-Arizona border walking in from the desert, and

saying she had been held captive in a shack. No one was able to locate it, and grand jury hearing and court proceedings were to follow.

Aimee was critical of the newspapers of that time for continually criticizing her.

"The newspapers, anxious for an sensation, picked up what anybody had to say, magnified it to suit themselves and flung it out over the wires."

"At last I grew very weary of all the terrific persecution and

unfairness, and demanded a showdown. The prosecutor hailed everybody he could find into court who had been muttering about us, and the whole business was thrashed out."

Nothing was to come of the case in the end, and other stories moved in to take up the front pages of the investigative newspapers of the roaring twenties.

Aimee Semple McPherson continued her career as evangelist. In the 1930's she visited Southwestern Ontario.

One area visit was in September 1934 when Sister Aimee was in Ingersoll and Salford prior to speaking in London. At Ingersoll she recalled the days when she helped take cream from the farm to the cheese factory.

Of Aimee's theories of divine cures, one Londoner who has seen her in action said.

"I have personally witnessed some wonderful cures. She believes in the anointing with oil, and incessant prayer is carried on at the watchtower, in connection with the temple, by her workers, who hold the torch

of prayer aloft for 24 hours daily taking turns at their high office."

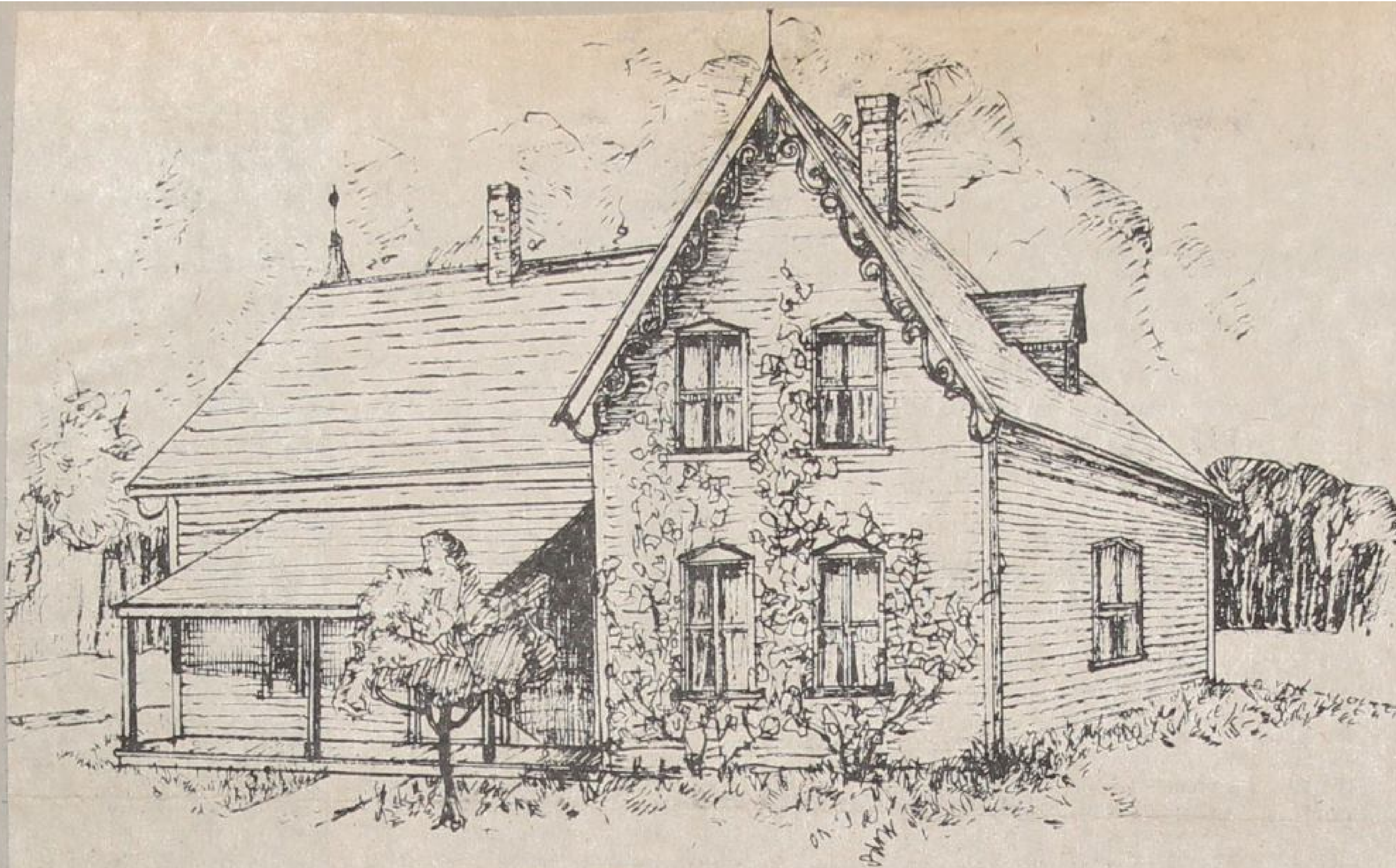
Another person who had recently returned from a visit to the temple when Mrs. McPherson was preaching there said, "Whether or not you believe in revivals and religious emotionalism, you must believe in the sincerity of Mrs. McPherson. She speaks three times each Sunday and at least once daily. She depends more on inspiration than on preparation, she says."

Mrs. McPherson died Sept. 27, 1944 in her hotel room in Oakland, California. A corner's jury decided her death was due to an accidental overdose of sleeping pills.

Subsequently it was revealed her personal property as designated in her will was less than \$10,000. A son by her second marriage was to succeed her as head of the Four Square Gospel Organization, as her church was known by then.

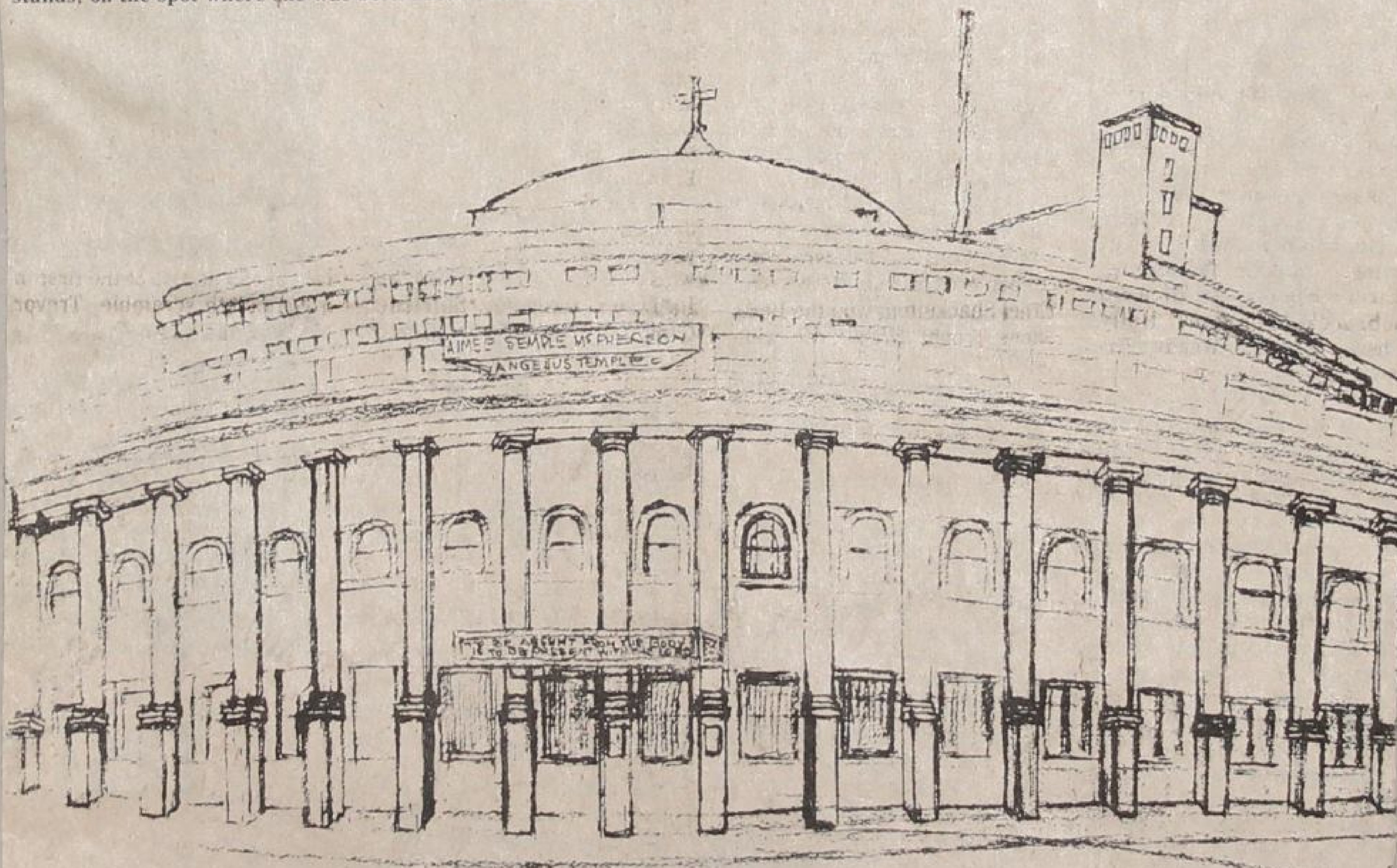


Aimee Semple McPherson



This is the house where Aimee Kennedy, later Aimee Semple McPherson was born on September 7, 1890. The house no longer stands, on the spot where she was born about one and one half

miles west of Salford.
(Drawing courtesy of Harry Whitwell).



Aimee Semple McPherson began construction of the Angelus Temple, in Los Angeles, California, with only \$5,000 cash. On Jan. 1, 1923 the temple valued today at over \$2 million with a

seating capacity of 5,000 was dedicated. (Drawing courtesy of Harry Whitwell).

Farewell party

honors couple

March 1976
OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allan who recently sold their Foodtown Grocery Store in Otterville to Henry Vandenbrink, were pleasantly surprised in a farewell party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McSkimming by former employees during their five years of business in the store.

The evening was spent socially and Mrs. McSkimming was assisted in serving a dainty lunch.

Before dispersing, Mr. Allan was presented with a desk set by Howard Sherman and Mrs. Allan was presented with a silver brooch by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. Both thanked their friends for their kindness, also Mrs. McSkimming for opening her home for the pleasant time.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO
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Owners of radio receiving sets are reminded that license fees will be due on the first of April, and should be paid promptly to A.S. Kellam, who is the authorized collector for this district. Fee is \$1 per annum.

Township treasurer leaves for Norwich

March 1976
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Slams electrical regionalization

Regionalization of electrical utilities could be disastrous, according to Norfolk councillor Lorne Hunter.

Mr. Hunter said he knew nothing of discussions about restructuring electrical utilities at the regional level until Monday's Norfolk council meeting.

But he said if the regionalization of water and sewer services were any example, he is definitely opposed to the idea.

Mayor Jerome Van De Slyke reported to council that two meetings have been held including the mayors of the six area municipalities across the region to discuss the possibilities of restructuring.

He said the general consensus was opposed to the idea.

"It can't do anything but hurt us," Mr. Van De Slyke said.

He explained that with restructuring, the P.U.C.s across the region could be asked to take over larger areas, and purchase Ontario Hydro equipment at a substantial cost.

He said Ontario Hydro wants to "get out of a headache" and the manpower and equipment cuts in their budget "would look good for them."

He said the Port Rowan P.U.C. is now operating with a \$20,000 surplus which would be wiped out.

Mr. Van De Slyke said another meeting has been planned with the P.U.C. chairman of the region to discuss the matter.

"I have no doubt what the outcome will be," he said. "I can't see any advantage."

Mr. Hunter said the regionalization of water and sewer is "a disaster we can hardly cope with." The services, he said, have been downgraded with customers paying a lot more to get less.

He said if Ontario Hydro wants to get out of its problems, that is not the concern of the P.U.C.

HOWSE TREASURER

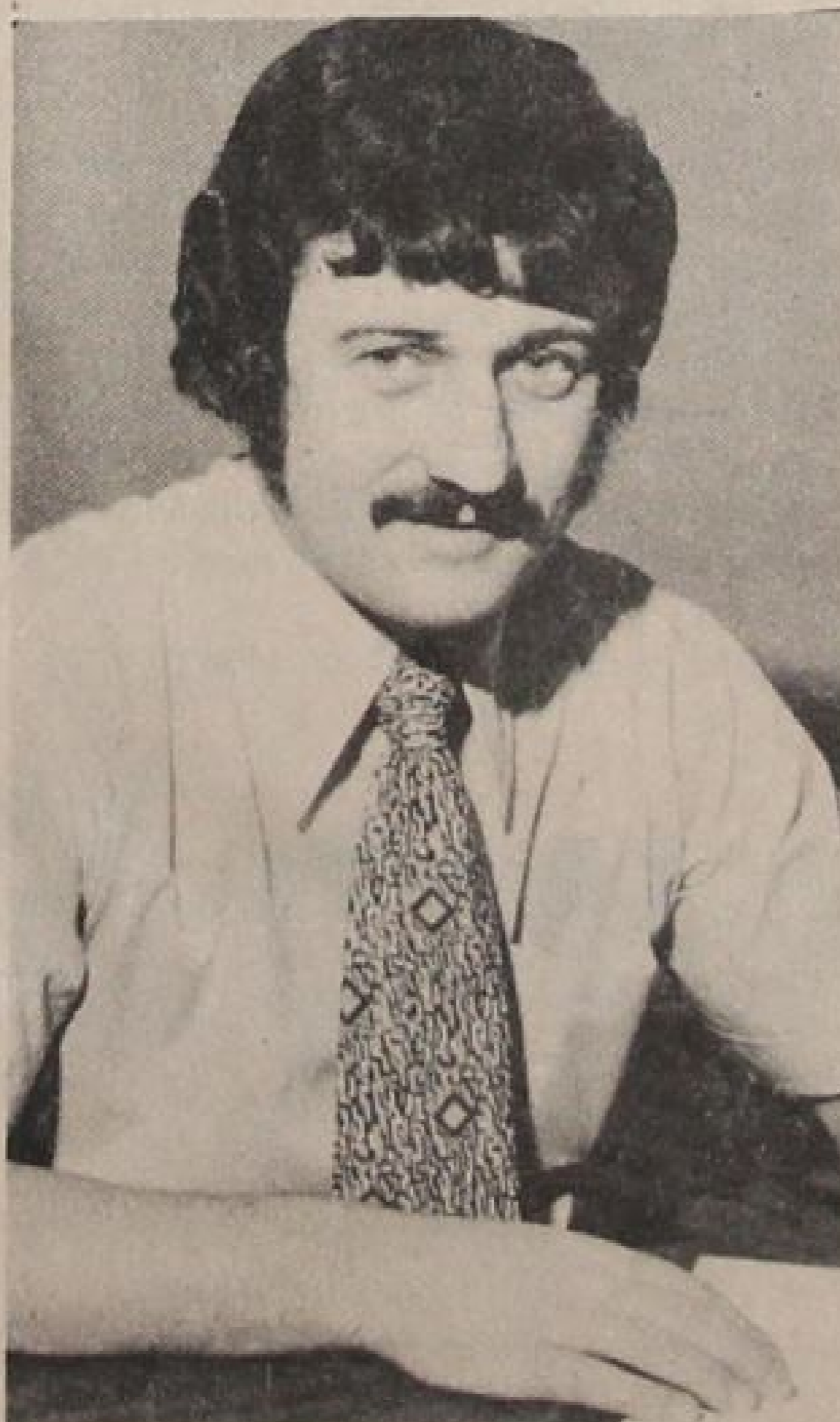
In other business, council approved the application of Merlin Howse, of RR 1 Langton for the position of treasurer at a salary of \$17,000.

Council also approved the tender of Doug Lambert, RR 3 Simcoe for roadside grass mowing for 106.2 miles at \$2,124.

Councillor Hector Verhoeve noted that three out of the four grass mowing

designated areas of the township have now been contracted out.

A recommendation of the public works committee was approved, stating that the township of Norfolk will not be responsible for the construction of streets lying adjacent to or within registered plans of subdivision, the construction of which have not been provided for by a subdivision agreement.



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Dog packs draw poster protest in Otterville



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Wintario grants

approved for area projects

Projects in Otterville, Norwich, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock have been given Wintario grants, the ministry of culture and recreation announced.

The Otterville-based Western Ontario All-Star Band will receive \$4,825 to buy instruments and equipment for its 20 members, while the Norwich and District Historical Society will receive up to \$2,000 to build an addition that would hold displays of artifacts and other historical materials.

The Township of Norwich will receive up to \$2,500 to build a two-court tennis facility in Springford. The money will be used to cover construction costs.

Tillsonburg Public Library will receive \$11,000, conditional on a successful local fund-raising drive.

The Brantwood Diving Club in Woodstock will receive up to \$8,266 to bring their pool facilities up to Olympic standards. Lighting and a three-metre diving board will be installed.

A \$4,000 travel grant will help send 150 children to the Klondike Days Festival in Alberta. The Eternity's Children Baton and Drum Corps of Woodstock will be competing in the Festival this July.

Appreciations

Julius and Margaret VanHooren of Otterville wish to thank our many friends, neighbors, and relatives for thinking of us on our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Many thanks for cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes. Your good intentions were appreciated, and we regret that illness prevented the planned open house. Special thanks to our family and all others who helped make it a special time. - Julius and Margaret VanHooren.

Otterville Personals

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville 879-6655

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison were recent guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. W.E. James, and Dr. James at Dorchester when Dr. and Mrs. James observed their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. James, other brother Vern Addison of Simcoe, and his son, Brock and wife, of Dundas, were also present for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull, and

Glenna of Mount Elgin, were recent guests with Mrs. Harold Waring.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur have returned to their homes after spending two weeks in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad of Springford were dinner guests on Sunday with Mrs. Harold Waring. The latter accompanied them to Woodstock where they called on relatives and friends.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Edna Furlong has returned to her home after spending several days in Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler and family and the former's mother, Mrs. Wilma Butler, have returned to their home after a holiday in Florida.

Mrs. W.E. Nicholls, Brian and Karen of Downsview, were dinner guests on Tuesday with Mrs. Harold Waring. Later in

the afternoon they were entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Hill where ten ladies of the church congregation were invited to meet with Mrs. Nicholls and family. Mr. Nicholls was a former Pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen were recent weekend guests with the former's sister, Mrs. James Armstrong and Mr. Armstrong at Dundas.

Convention costs \$2,963

Seven members of the Norwich Township Council attended Ontario Good Roads Convention, held in Toronto recently. The bill passed on to the township for the convention amounted to a total of \$2,963.46.

Councillors were paid per diem rate of \$60 for attending, transportation, lodging and meals with a \$25 per day limit on meals. Some attended for two days, others for three.

Council earlier passed a resolution authorizing the members of the council to attend if they so desired.

Councillor Ken Peers, Chairman of the public works committee, did not attend. Five of the seven councillors who went were members of the public works committee and Councillor Peers felt that they were adequately represented.

Mayor Les Dickson did not attend because he said that he did not have the time, and that he had attended several of the conferences in the past.

Those who journeyed to Toronto were

Councillor Carl Beal; Leonard Williams, road foreman, Councillors Stewart Miles, Robert Pettigrew, Jim McDowell; Merlin Howse, treasurer; Robert Butler, township road superintendent, Councillors Roger Orth, Jack Walther and Cecil Mingle.

Mayor Les Dickson said that the conference is of educational value, but added that it also depended on how attentive the councillors were.

"So much of it is not of the official meeting, but of other matters pertaining to other areas of municipal administration," he said.

Questioned on whether it may have proven to be an expensive education. The Mayor replied that it was better that many councillors did attend in that the passing on of information could entail added meetings which are also expensive.

He added that councillors who attended could come back and put into use, as members of the council, the information they had learned.

He referred to the passing of information in the form of a report as too time consuming.

He concluded by saying that in his estimation the conference was worth it.

Following discussions Monday by the council, the matter of wages for township employees was passed back again to the hands of the various committees. Council has been involved in wage considerations with the township employees for sometime.

Wage negotiations are underway for the police, road department, and administration staff.

Mayor Dickson said that certainly the maximum that could be offered would be 10 percent to fall within the guidelines of the anti-inflation board.

He said that at one point an eight percent raise was offered but that some of the groups had asked for between 10 and 12 percent.

The Liquor License Board of Ontario has given it's approval for a liquor vote to be held in the former Township of East Oxford, now Ward 4 of Norwich Township. Township council must now go ahead and prepare a voters list. Though no date has been set as yet, it is felt that it could be sometime in June.

Leisure Club gets grant

Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde today announced the awarding of a New Horizons grant for \$11,675 to a group of retired people in the Norwich area.

The Leisure Club, Otterville, will use the grant to furnish and equip a centre and to expand activities to include crafts and games.

The award is part of \$1,703,405 given to 245 groups of retired people across Canada. Since the New Horizons program was introduced, the Federal Government has funded 5,492 similar projects for a total of \$31,928,485.

New Horizons enables retired people to create projects of their own choosing. It offers grants to groups of retired people who will undertake activities for the benefit of themselves and others in their community.

Council has received a petition with over 25 per cent of the eligible 1400 voters in the area asking for a liquor vote. Earlier two interested parties, Mike Solarz, of the Melrose Motel and Restaurant, on Highway No. 2, and The Oxford Fish and Game Club located on Concession 3 of the former township, approached council asking for the vote.

CELEBRATES 78TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Arthur Hanson spent a most happy and memorable day on Sunday, March 28, 1976 at her home 17 Carmen St., Norwich, when her family held Open House, the occasion being her 78th birthday.

During the beautiful Spring day many relatives and old-time acquaintances called to wish her the best of health and happiness.

Amid the visiting and reminiscing, her daughters Margaret, Ellen and Marianna graciously served birthday cake and ice cream to over 80 callers.

The day ended with a happy birthday phone call from her daughter Grace and family of P.E.I.

My Spring of '76 began with a most delightful day Sunday the occasion of my birthday and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, relatives and friends for the many cards, gifts and the pleasure of your company during the afternoon. My 78th birthday will long be remembered and to each and every one a sincere thank-you. - Gertie Hanson.

ELGIN SCIDMORE

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Elgin Scidmore, who passed away on Thursday, March 18, 1976, was held from the Nelson F. Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday, March 20.

Rev. H.D. Herring, Rector of St. John's Anglican Church, conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Pallbearers were Cecil Smart, Fred Hill, Delmer Clinton, Raymond DeMontmorency, Ross Chambers and Frank Swanton.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

The late Mr. Scidmore was a most successful market gardener, well-known in the pickle industry, with many bottles prepared for market and local sales. This business had been in the Scidmore family for 70 years or more, and prior to going to market the pickles were sold from door to door. Greenhouses were also filled with vegetable and flower plants, and in later years Mr. Scidmore made weekly trips to Woodstock Market.

Besides this industry Mr. Scidmore was known for entertaining as an elocutionist and his selections were always much appreciated.

Worst day since '73

The daily average price at the tobacco auction exchanges on Friday was the worst price in almost two and a half years. Friday's price dipped to 73.50 cents per pound, on only 1,425,641 pounds sold.

That price, 73.50 cents, was the worst since the opening days of the 1973 crop sales. The last day to finish below 73.5 was November 9, 1973 (Day 12 of that market), when the daily average was 70.21 cents. The '73 market quickly climbed, with the overall average soon above 74 cents, and 1973 finished with a 79.40 cents average.

Friday's seasonal low comes, perhaps coincidentally, on the same day that talks were broken off between the tobacco board and the trade. The groups may resume negotiations, but have not set a date to do so.

The final day of sales last year also saw a low price...73.75 cents, as an end-of-market slump carried daily prices very low. But this time around, there is still about a quarter of the 1975 crop to sell.

All farmers will, however, receive a deficiency payment (interim payment cheques will arrive today and tomorrow), to bring the overall average for the 1975 crop up to 94 cents per pound.

MRS. GRACE LEACH

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Grace Leach of RR 1, Otterville, passed away in District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg on Thursday, March 18, 1976, in her 85th year.

Her husband, Samuel Leach, predeceased her.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Barney (Iva) McKiernan of RR 1, Norwich, and one son, Larry, of RR 1, Otterville. She was predeceased by three sons, Harvey, Stanley and George, and one daughter, Lucille.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Daisy Campbell of Courtland, and Mrs. Winnie Ribble of Ayr.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, March 22, at 1 p.m. conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Among the many expressions of sympathy were memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation and to the Intensive Care Unit of Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Pallbearers were Jim McKiernan, Joe McKiernan, Jack McKiernan, Kenny Leach, Paul Leach and Murray Leach.

Interment in Eden Cemetery.

Leisure Club St. Patricks meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by members of the Leisure Club on their regular meeting day, held in the community hall.

After a welcome by president Harry Lee the program got underway with the committee Mrs. Harold Waring and Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson in charge.

Several games of Court Whist were played with Mrs. Fred Cole having the high score and Mrs. Fred Moore consolation.

Members were requested to look for mystery package with Mrs. Cole and Colin Robinson winners. Mrs. Tune McNally, who was the mystery lady, was identified by Mrs. Cole.

A short reading was given by Mrs. Waring, "A Springtime Prayer."

Singing of "O Canada" brought this part of the program to a close.

Previous plans had been made to cancel the next meeting, but Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore invited the Club to their home on Wednesday of next week, with Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Harold Waring to be assistant hosts.

Mrs. Colin Robinson and Mrs. James Squance were hosts of the afternoon, when cake and coffee were served. Members enjoyed a friendly chat over the teacups, which closed another interesting afternoon.

Otterville Baptists elect slate of officials

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual business meeting of Otterville Baptist Church was held Wednesday evening in the Sunday schoolroom, and opened with the singing of Standing On the Promises. Prayer was given by Bruce Stover and Scripture read by Charter Davis. William Hansford, Robert Hansford and Charter Davis led in prayer.

Bruce Stover was chairman for the evening and the clerk, Mrs. Bruce Stover, read the

minutes of the past year. Other reports given included the auditor's report by Fred Hill; treasurer's report by Mrs. William Butler; Sunday School treasurer's report by Charter Davis; and W.M.S. report by Mrs. Fred Hill.

The election of church officers resulted as follows: Deacons, reinstated; Ainsley Barber and Robert Hansford; clerk, Mrs. Bruce Stover; assistant, Mrs. Shirley Lee; treasurer, Mrs.

Wilma Butler; assistant treasurers, Delbert Wrigglesworth, Dwight Davis, William Hansford and Brian Davis; pianist, Mrs. Wilma Butler, Dwight Davis and Brian Davis; ushers, Chairman, Robert Marshall, William Hansford, Brian Davis, Murray Treffry, Dwight Davis, Glen Hill and Alex Davis.

Flower convener, Mrs. Fred Hill; social committee, Mrs. Marilynn Treffry, and Mrs. Doreen Hansford; auditors, Fred Hill and Robert Marshall; reporter, Mrs. Shirley Lee;

maintenance committee, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Charter Davis.

Nominating committee, Pastor, Deacon's Board and Sunday School Superintendent.

Election of Sunday School officers resulted as follows: superintendent, Robert Hansford; assistant, William Hansford; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. John Hansford; treasurer, Charter Davis; assistant treasurers, Murray Treffry, Alex Davis; pianists, Dwight Davis, Brian Davis, and William Hansford.

Teachers, Robert Hansford, William Hansford, Mrs. Bruce Stover, Mrs. Robert Hansford, Mrs. Charter Davis, Mrs. Delmer Clinton, Mrs. Brian Davis.

Spare teachers, Mrs. Murray Treffry, Robert Marshall, Mrs. William Hansford.

After a coffee break, the program for the coming year was discussed.

Mr. Bruce Stover thanked all who had so faithfully served over the past year, and meeting closed with a hymn and prayer by Fred Hill.

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World Day of Prayer held at area Baptist Church

OTTERVILLE (C) - World Day of Prayer service was held in Fellowship Baptist Church and attended by women of the United Church, St. John's Anglican and the Baptist Church taking part in the service.

Theme of the service was "Education - for all of Life" as prepared by Christian women of Latin America.

Opening service was conducted by Mrs. Fred Hill. Mrs. William McMullen was pianist and accompanied Mrs. Murray Treffry who sang a solo "Heavenward Bound."

Scripture reading was taken from Matthew 13, and read by Mrs. Fred Howse.

A skit "The Reality of Poverty" was presented by Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, members of the Anglican Church. Bible reading, from Matthew 25, was read by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

"The Reality of Relationships" was presented by Mrs. Edward Arthur, Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. Edward White.

Members of the Baptist Church were Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. Murray Treffry. These ladies were in the skit "The Reality of Repression."

Mrs. James Twinem of Courtland was guest speaker and addressed the group on the theme.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read Scripture from Amos 5. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Fred Hill and thanked by Mrs. Bruce Stover. Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Jack Walters presented the offering. "There's a World Out There" was the name of the chorus which was sung throughout the service.

Mrs. S.C. Eitel speaker at Institute meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. S. C. Eitel of Tillsonburg, district convener of resolutions, was guest speaker at the March meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. Jack Walther, 6th Concession, Norwich Township.

The speaker, in her jovial way, gave an informative talk on the making of resolutions, to use the handbook, to get all the basic facts of the resolution before presenting them. A discussion followed which led to suggestions of topics which could be practiced in the community.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Max Avey and thanked by Mrs. H. H. Batson and presented with a gift.

President, Mrs. Beecroft,

presided over the meeting.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Jack Walther and roll call responded to with members telling "Something I would like to do better this year." A note of appreciation was read from Mrs. Laura Hooker and the president passed on the appreciation sent from Mrs. Myrtle Addison for her box of treats.

Mrs. Waring reported her activities during the month.

April meeting which will be the annual meeting held in the community hall with a potluck dinner served at 12:30 p.m. Following the meeting, members will be on hand upstairs to receive donations of clothing or any other saleable article for the rummage sale on the following Saturday, April 10. The doors are open at nine a.m. to 11 a.m.

In response to a request for baking to be donated to the "Spring Show" of the South Norwich Historical Society it was left to the member.

This show is being held in the Otter Valley auction rooms, Otterville, Saturday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Sunday 1 to 5 p.m., April 24th, 25th.

Mrs. Avey, convener of resolutions, presided for the program. Motto was given by Mrs. H. H. Batson "Action in the Community begins with you." Mrs. Harold Waring gave whistling selections, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Walther and Miss Trudy Walther gave a selection on the electric organ and a selection on the piano.

A social hour followed and refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

Lodge observes 30th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - Another milestone was reached recently, when members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 celebrated 30 years of the organization.

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge of Tillsonburg was present and opened the meeting. Sister Margaret Kitchen introduced D.D.P. Sister Jean Sloat of East Elgin, St. Thomas No. 17. Sister Helen Thompson introduced Sister Jean McClintock, Assembly Musician.

Guests were present from Tillsonburg, Norwich and Aylmer. One officer was reported absent.

Minutes were read and approved. Sister Emma Strudwick was reported ill in the General Hospital in Toronto, and Sister Clara Griffin was also reported ill. It was noted that through the thirty years all memberships were paid.

Communications were read and dealt with. Sister Greta Smith and Sister Wilma Butler will be the representative and scholar to attend Grand Lodge Assembly in June in Toronto.

There were three members

presented with 25-year Jewels at the meeting, Sister Annie Godby, Sister Amy Cowie and Sister Olive Pickersgill. Sister Clara Griffin was also eligible but unable to be present. She will receive her pin later. DDP Jean Sloat pinned the jewels on each and wished them well in the future.

Sister Jean Sloat spoke briefly, as did Noble Grands of Tillsonburg and Norwich. Sister Winnie McMullen spoke on behalf of the Charter members.

The lighting of the candles on the prettily decorated cake was done by all the Noble Grands.

There were four Charter members present at the birthday party who were at the Institution of the Lodge in 1946. These were Sister Ethel Arthur,

Sister Josephine Howse, Sister Winnie McMullen and Bro. Max Avey.

The Institution of the Lodge was conducted March 15, 1946, in the afternoon in Myrtle Rebekah Lodge hall, and that evening there were 42 candidates inducted in Otterville.

Sister Wilma Butler, Jr. Past Grand, convened the social hour.

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NDHS holds mini U.N.



Christine McMullen, representing Nigeria in her award winning costume.

The third annual student United Nations assembly was held at the Norwich and District High School last Friday and Saturday morning.

About 200 students representing the various countries of the U.N. presented resolutions on world problems. Students came from Tillsonburg, Port Credit, Woodstock, Clinton, Toronto and Simcoe to take part in the assembly with the Norwich students.

Staff advisor, Mr. David Hall said "In four years of teaching, what I witnessed during the day and half long session was probably the best educational experience for students that I have seen.

During the morning and early afternoon a number of resolutions were passed.

Japan and Sweden presented a motion concerning the cod war between Iceland and Britain. The motion which suggested the two countries begin negotiations to solve the dispute was approved by the assembly.

The French and Dutch representatives jointly presented a motion to provide financial aid from France, Belgium and West Germany be given to Luxembourg to set up customs checks. That motion was tabled.

A motion by Honduras and Indonesia that the United Nations condemn member nations who are training and supporting professional killers was approved by the model assembly.

The motion presented by Mozambique and Zaire also suggested white Rhodesians take notice of the black nations' sincere efforts to help the blacks gain equality.

At one point during the late afternoon, proceedings were interrupted by mock terrorist activities and kidnapping of delegates. A mock bomb went off during a speech. An adjournment was called and the proceedings were soon back to order.

Mr. Hall said "They (the mock terrorists) were role playing and maybe the terrorism is part of their representation of the world as they see it."

Saturday morning was taken up with the debating and passing of the many motions brought to the floor. The debating by the student delegates was termed "just tremendous." A great deal of research and thought, by the student delegates, of the countries they represented was obvious in the way they presented the motions.

On Thursday night, preceding the Assembly an introductory party was held at the Innisfree Farm. Friday evening saw a banquet held at the United Church in Norwich with a dance afterwards at the school.

The students who attended the assembly from other areas were billeted in the homes of the Norwich students.

Chris McMullen, of N.D.H.S. representing Nigeria was selected as delegate with the best costume. Best delegate was John Robson of U. of T Schools who represented the USSR. Top delegation was the Canadian delegation of Bob Phillips, Greg Lester, Jim Mitchell and Gary Hill.



Listening attentively to a speech is Norman Pearson (N.D.H.S.) representing the United Kingdom. Behind Brent Van Parys representing Yugoslavia gives it same thought.



Liz Rapley, of Norwich was a representative on the Polish delegation.



Voted the best delegation and deep in conference are from left to right Gary Hill, Jim Mitchell, Bob Phillips, Gary Lester, they represented Canada.



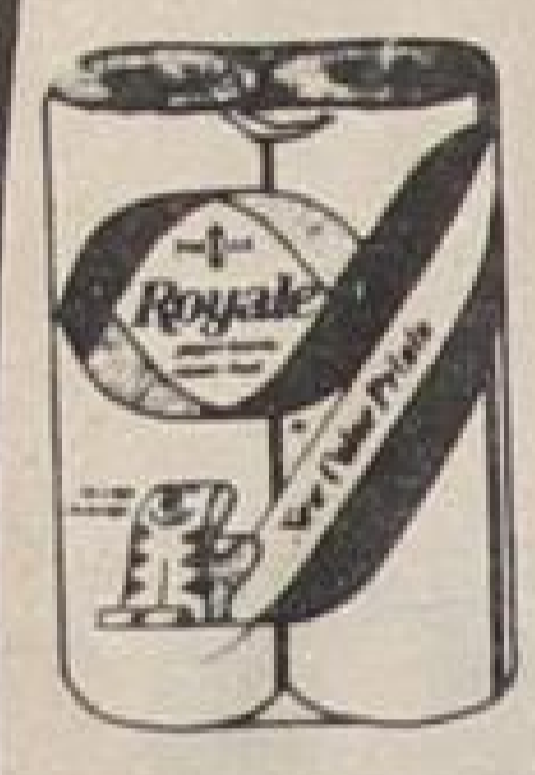
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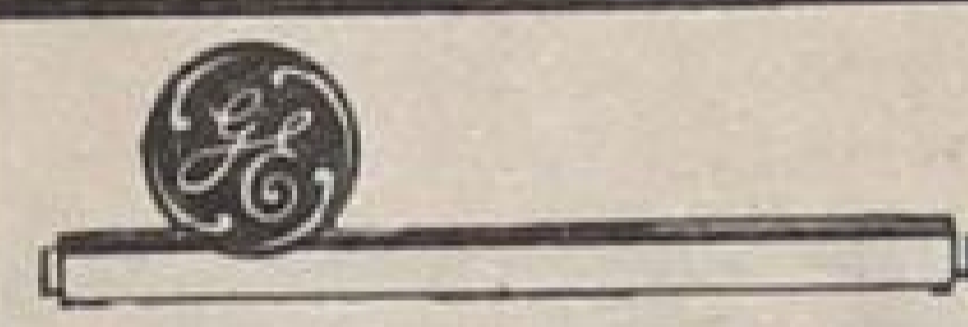


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Two members of Norwich Chapter, No. 175, Order of the Eastern Star, received their 50-year membership jewels at the Past District Deputies' Night, held last week in the chapter rooms. Left, Dorothy Stewart of St. Clair Shores, Mich., who presented the 50-year jewel to her mother, Mrs. Douglas Carroll, and Mrs. Clayton Arthur of Tillsonburg, who received her jewel from Mrs. David Kennedy.

May 176

OES presents 50-year pins

In honor of Past District Deputy Grand Matron Lillian Oatman, a member of Norwich Chapter 175, O.E.S., the chapter entertained the Past District Deputy Grand Matrons of District 18 at their regular meeting on Wednesday evening in the O.E.S. hall.

Presiding in the east were Worthy Matron Mrs. Richard Saunders and Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre, who welcomed the guests.

One of several highlights of the evening was the presentation of 50-year membership pins to Mrs. Douglas (Vera) Carroll and Mrs. Clayton (Alice) Arthur. Mrs. Carroll joined the Eastern Star Chapter at Burford in 1926 and was Worthy Matron in 1938. She was presented with her pin by her daughter, Dorothy Stewart of St. Claire Shores, Mich., herself a Past Worthy Matron.

Mrs. Arthur joined Verdun Chapter, Aylmer, in 1924, was Worthy Matron 1951-52 and was a past financial secretary. She was presented with her pin by Mrs. David Kennedy, a past Matron of Norwich Chapter.

Both honorees, who later affiliated with Norwich Chapter, thanked Norwich Chapter for their pins and were presented with plants by the

Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron.

Miss Oatman read a poem on "Friendship"; introduced the Past District Deputy Matrons and presented each with a gift to Marion Fife, Brant Chapter, Brantford; Ilene Rusling, Waterford; Viola Moore, Victoria; Florence Waddle, Port Dover; Viola McLung, Past Grand Matron, Brantford; Ila Dickson, and Edith Bonham, Scotland; Margaret Brown, Hester Walker and Evelyn Bowman, Paris; Ariel Perry, Woodstock; Florence Poole, Norwich, and Dorothy Suddiby, Zion Chapter, Brantford.

The P.D.D.G.M.'s choir sang, accompanied by Mrs. Rusling. Gordon Churchill of Drumbo, the Estarel minister of the Chapter, was introduced by W. P. Norman McIntyre. He thanked the chapter for their gift and spoke on the questions "Who am I? "Where Did I Come From?" and "Where Am I Going?"

He was thanked by Carl Howse and presented with a gift.

A social hour followed. Lunch was served under the con-venership of Enid Morley and Vivian Peat. The tables were centered with two anniversary cakes, one for Mrs. Carroll and the other for Mrs. Arthur.

GLADYS BARNARD POOLE

Mrs. George Poole of RR 2, Scotland, passed away at her home on Tuesday, May 4, 1976, in her 64th year.

Surviving besides her husband, are a daughter, Mrs. James (Marie) McLellan of Tillsonburg; a son, Ron Poole of Otterville; and five grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Thursday, May 6, at 2 p.m.

Interment in Norwich Gore Cemetery.



May 28th 1976

Muriel Mann was returned for her second term as president of the ladies' auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 153 and was installed in office Thursday night.

LAMOUR - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, May 17, 1976, Clarence Lamour of RR 2, Tillsonburg, in his 83rd year. Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home, where service will be held Thursday, May 20, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Kenneth Foote, Pastor James Twinem, and Rev. William Anderson. Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Gideon Bible Society or to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Fund will be gratefully acknowledged.

MRS. STANLEY NOELS OTTERVILLE (C)

Following a lengthy illness, Lela Florence Coulter, beloved wife of Stanley Noels of Otterville, passed away in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg on Saturday, May 22, 1976 in her 61st year.

She was a member of the Leisure Club, Otterville, and a former member of the Happy Bluebird Club.

The late Mrs. Noels is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Pruner of St. Thomas; four sons, Robert of Sparta, William of Brownsville, Basil of Mississauga, and Wayne of London; 15 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral service was held on Monday afternoon from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home. The service was largely attended.

Rev. E. Egilsson, minister of Otterville United Church which Mrs. Noels attended, conducted the service.

Mrs. William Butler was pianist for the service and accompanied Mrs. Ruth Collver who sang as a solo "The Old Rugged Cross."

Among the many memorial tributes were donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Heart Foundation, C.N.I.B., Canadian Diabetic Association, Canadian Kidney Foundation, and Gideon Bible Society.

Pallbearers were David Johnston, Bobby Noels, Michael Noels, Russell Noels, Earl Pruner and David Horton.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

Members of the UCW served lunch in the schoolroom following the service.



Mrs. Nellie Taylor celebrated her 80th birthday last Sunday. Mrs. Douglas Reeves presented her with a money tree and Mrs. Ron McRae presented her with a gold watch. Mr. Hugh Parkhill gave the address to Mrs. Taylor.

Mar 1976

Celebrates 80th birthday

In honor of the 80th birthday of Mrs. Charles Taylor of 29 Stover St. N. Norwich (fondly known to all as Nellie Taylor) the Community held Open House in the United Church Parlours on Sunday March 7th from 2-5 p.m., attended by around 200 relatives, friends and well wishers.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Wyecombe daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doan, March 4th 1886. As a child she attended school there. In 1917 she married Charles W. Taylor and farmed in South Middleton for three years prior to moving to a farm on the 6th concession of South Norwich Township. In 1944 they moved to Norwich, where Mrs. Taylor still resides. Mr. Taylor passed away in March 1964.

She is a very active member of the Norwich United Church, Unit One of the U.C.W and is custodian of the church, where you can find her most any time helping some organization or individual also a active member of the Lawn Club, the Womens Institute, the Utility Club and an afternoon league Bowling team at the local bowling alley.

Mrs. Taylor has one daughter Mrs. Crawford, (Fannie) Palmer, five grandchildren Mary Ellen (Mrs. John Baker) of Oklahoma U.S.A., David Woodstock; John on the home farm, Janice, Nurse at the Sick Children's Hospital Toronto, and Karen, nurse in training at Woodstock General Hospital also four great grandchildren: Mary Catherine and Stephanie Jane Baker of Oklahoma and Alaina and Katharine Jayne Palmer, Woodstock.

At the "Open House" on Sunday the guests were received by her daughter and

husband, Fannie and Crawford Palmer. Her graddaughter Karen attended the guest book.

The tea table was covered with a white damask cloth centered with a birthday cake, enhanced on either side by a lovely floral arrangement and silver tea service on each end.

Mrs. Muriel Bishop invited the guests to the tea room Pouring were Mrs. Wray K. Hartley, Mrs. L.B. Hallam, Mrs. Raymond Demontmorency, Mrs. Howard Butler, Mrs. Cecil Wilson and Mrs. David Chambers.

Serving were Mrs. A. Wisson, Mrs. Hugh Parkhill, Mrs. Harold Card, Mrs. Hilton Hilliker, Mrs. Paul Moore and Mrs. Douglas Reeves.

Keeping things running behind the scenes were Mrs. W. Waring, Mrs. Hugh Hughes, Mrs. W. Hogg, and Mrs. E. Slater.

During the afternoon Hugh Parkhill addressed Mrs. Taylor, and stated everyone was proud of her wisdom, wit, friendship, love and respect. Mrs. Douglas Carroll presented her with a money tree and Mrs. Ross McRae presented her with a gold wrist watch.

Mrs. Taylor was also the recipient of many messages of congratulations and best

wishes, cards and gifts. On her birthday March 4th her family presented her with a color television set, and on Monday her daughter and son in law. Fannie and Crawford, entertained her to a family dinner party when 15 were present.

It is a privilege to have an 80th birthday and to have so many friends to help celebrate the occasion. To each and every one of you my sincere appreciation, for your generous gifts, kind wishes, and above all your friendship. It was truly a memorable day for me. Thank you all. - Nellie Taylor.

Mar 1976

Norwich township may absorb

Otterville garbage collection

Cost for garbage collection in Otterville may be absorbed by the Township of Norwich. Three Otterville residents met with the Protection to Persons and Property Committee, April 6 to ask that the cost for garbage collection in their town be paid by the township.

Presently the village, under a new contract drawn up this March, is having their garbage collected on an individual basis with each resident paying Burnett Sanitation a rate of \$30 per resident.

Norwich and Burgessville on the other hand, are charged a rate of \$16 per resident and \$25 commercial, this being paid by the Township through taxes.

Clerk Bob Watkins said that the question was brought before the committee by Murray Wardell, Nelson Gleason and John Davis.

Mr. Watkins said that presently approximately 30 percent of the residents of Otterville are having their garbage collected by Burnett Sanitation, the same company which picks up the garbage in Burgessville and Norwich.

In Monday's council meeting it was decided that a petition should be received from the residents of Otterville before any decision could be made.

Clerk Watkins explained that it was felt that it would be an imposition on the taxpayers of Norwich Township to go ahead until the Township fathers knew whether the majority of the residents of Otterville were in favour of the move.

Mr. Watkins said that he has checked with Burnett Sanitation and they would be willing to go along with the new proposal.

Speaking for the committee, Mr. Watkins said that they would like to see Otterville

garbage collection operated the same as that in Norwich and Burgessville.

10 PERCENT RAISE

In other business, council settled on a wage agreement with the Road Department employees giving them a ten percent raise for the coming year. Also included in the settlement was an additional holiday Remembrance Day, and a 25 percent increase in service pay.

The service pay increase is only available to men who have served a total of five years with the department. The holiday schedule also was changed. To be eligible for five weeks vacation the employee must have served 18 years instead of the previous designated 25.

LIQUOR VOTE

The by-law establishing the date for the liquor vote for the former Township of East Oxford was passed.

May 26, residents eligible to vote will place their ballots on the following questions; Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption in a licensed premise with food available or are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a lounge licence for consumption in a licensed premises.



The Lion guarding the entrance to Otterville Park, which can only be reached by the walkway, is very appropriate. The park is a long-time project of the Norwich-Otterville Lions club.

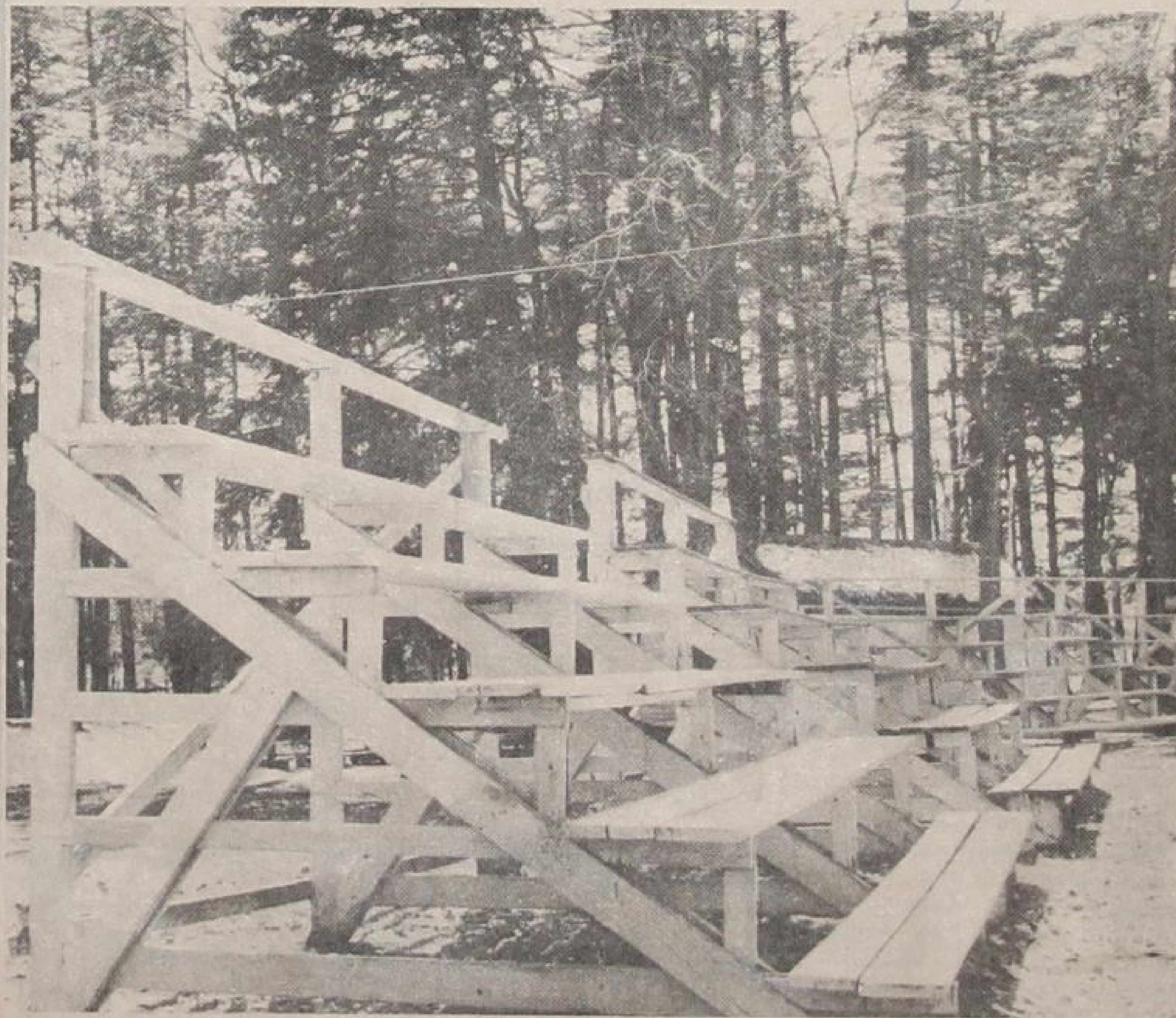
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NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF
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All complaints respecting infraction of Municipal By-laws are to be lodged in writing, or by phone, with the municipal officials at The Township Office, Box 100, Otterville or by phoning 879-6568 during normal office hours.

ROBERT C. WATKINS,
Clerk
Township Of Norwich



The bleachers at the Otterville Park may look slightly barren as yet, but with ORSA teams, and assorted younger ballplayers, all operating from the park this summer, the bleachers won't be empty very often.

congregation joined with Otterville Baptist Church for a time of fellowship and a social hour with their pastor, Rev. H.B. Hisey and Mrs. Hisey and sons, before they move to make their home at Markham.

A new fishing craft is being built at Port Burwell for Jack Gleadall. Ralph Hurley of Port Burwell is the designer and builder.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
April 1946

Otterville - Plans for a swimming pool in the community park were formed at a joint

FORTY YEARS AGO
April 1936

The price of bread dropped from nine to eight cents on 24-ounce loaves locally on Friday.

Otterville

1976

OTTERVILLE (C) - Nate McMullen celebrated his 75th birthday on Sunday, April 11, and to mark the occasion, Mr. McMullen, family and relatives, enjoyed a dinner of Chinese food at Tavistock. On their return they called at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, where they visited several friends who are residents there from Otterville. Mr. McMullen was accompanied by Mrs. McMullen, daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mann of Otterville, sister-in-law, Mrs. Jack Riste, and Mr. Riste.

Turkey supper, St. John's Parish Hall, Otterville, Sunday, April 25, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$3.50, children 12 and under \$1.75, preschoolers free. Tickets at the door.

1976

Huge crowd at supper despite bad weather

Apr 25/76

OTTERVILLE (C) - Neither snow, rain, nor strong winds kept 300 persons from attending the annual turkey supper held in the Parish Hall on Sunday night. Members of St. John's Church Club sponsored the event and, even though small in membership, they were assisted in work and donations for the dinner which made the evening a complete success. Selling tickets, at the door were Arthur Picknell, Martin Cowan and Jack Freeland, assisted by Rector Herring. Guests were present from Oshawa, Toronto, Michigan, London, Zenda, Kitchener, Tillsonburg, Norwich and a number of the congregation from Sydenham United Church, Brantford.

Mrs. Richard Saunders is president of the Club and greatly appreciated the generosity of the congregation for their assistance that night.

meeting of the South Norwich community park board, South Norwich Township Council and the village trustees of Otterville. This will be a memorial to the soldiers of the township.

Tillsonburg now has a population of 4,624.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
April 1946

Otterville - The general store on the south side of Main street, owned by J.S. Leitch and Son, was sold last week to Bernard R. Babcock of Beamsville.

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) - Morning service was well attended on Sunday. Rector H. D. Herring conducted the service and Holy Communion service. Mr. Jack Riste sang as a solo "Open The Gates of The Temple."

Flowers were placed in the church in memory of former members.

Announcements included the turkey supper which will be held in the parish hall on Sunday, April 25. St. John's Church Guild will hold their meeting on Thursday afternoon, in preparation for the supper.

A number of visitors attended the service.

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Barbecue plans made by Lions

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville, on Monday evening, April 26th, with Lion President Fred Thompson presiding.

There were fifty-six present including eight visitors, with representatives from the Jarvis and Caledonia Lions Clubs.

Plans are underway for holding the annual chicken barbecue in the Park, Otterville, on June 19th. This Club has also been asked to help in preparing a chicken barbecue at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, on June 12.

It was decided that the Club would again support delegates from Norwich District High School as representatives to the forthcoming United Nations Seminar at the University of Western Ontario; also to again sponsor Minor Ball at Springford, Otterville, Norwich and Burgessville at \$1.50 per registration.

Plans are announced for the annual ball game and fireworks display to be held in the Park, Otterville, on May 24th.

HOWARD BUTLER

Howard Butler of 59 Main St. West Norwich, passed away suddenly on Thursday April 8th, 1976, in his 66th year at Woodstock General Hospital.

Born in Windham township, Norfolk County, son of the late Charles E. Butler and Lulu (Butler) Morgan. As a young man he moved with his parents to Norwich where he has since resided.

Mr. Butler was a merchant operating a Coal and Feed business and Feed Store on Main St. for over 25 years retiring from the business in 1964. He was later employed at the Woodstock U.C.O. and the Canadian Tire Store, Norwich. Recently he has been custodian of the Community Centre and Library.

He was a member of the Norwich United Church, a Past Noble Grand of Hayden Lodge No. 152 I.O.O.F., Past Master of St. Johns Masonic Lodge 104 AF and AM and past District secretary of Wilson District.

A former member of the Norwich Public School Board The Norwich Council, The Ingersoll Golf and Country Club, a past-president and secretary of the Norwich Chamber of Commerce, former past president of the Poultry and Pigeon Club, was former secretary-treasurer of the North Norwich Agricultural Fair Board and a past president and past secretary of Norwich Otterville Lions Club of which was a member for 26 years, was an ardent Alley and Lawn Bowler and a former member of the Norwich Soft Ball Club and had played with teams at Tillsonburg, Mount Elgin and Norwich Legion.

Surviving is his wife the former Elsie Carroll, one daughter, Mrs. Terrance (Carroll) Burke of Pickering, one son Murray at home, one sister, Mrs. S.D. (Dorthea) Rees of Hialeah Florida, two step-brothers George Morgan, Niagara Falls and William Morgan, Windsor and a nephew Morgan Rees of Florida.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence Norwich, on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church officiating.

The flower bearers were John Lynes, Gordon Walker, Harold Nethercott, Bob Erhardt, Leslie Goodall, Dr. Robert Fewster, David Croft Jr. and Joe Halborn.

The pallbearers were: Cecil Mingle, William Butler, Harry Cayley, Maurise Longworth, Lorne Parker and Gordon Powell. Interment was in North Norwich Gore Cemetery.

A Masonic Service was held at the Funeral Residence on Friday evening at 8 p.m. by the Officers and members of St. Johns Lodge, Norwich.

MILTON T. QUINTEN

Milton Thomas Quinten aged 78 years formerly of Burgessville passed away at Norville Nursing Home Norwich on Wednesday April 7th, 1976.

Born at Tansley, Halton County son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Quinten. He was a farmer and worked with his father on the farm.

Surviving are two sisters Mrs. Donald (Ruby) Meyers of Sarnia and Mrs. Frank (Lila) Savill, Otterville three brothers Valerina and Kenneth of Burgessville and Arthur of Clearwater Florida.

The funeral was held on Saturday April 10th at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich with Rev. Max Johnson of Burgessville United Church officiating.

The bearers were: Allen Savill, Glen Silmour, Arthur Moore, Dan Monahan, Edward Lauzon and Fred Newton.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

CLARENCE HERBERT (GUMP) DOUGLAS

OTTERVILLE (C) - Clarence Herbert (Gump) Douglas passed away suddenly at his residence, RR 2, Otterville, on Thursday, April 29, 1976, in his 68th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Fern Pickersgill; eight sons, Frank Douglas of RR 2, Otterville, David Douglas of Comber, Donald Douglas of Harrisburg, Pa., Peter Douglas and Elmer Douglas, both of Norwich, Hugh Douglas of Scotland and Murray Douglas and Buck Douglas, both at home; eight daughters, Mrs. Don (Eva) Anderson and Mrs. Doris Anderson, both of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Jerry (Ella) Trepanier of Cochrane, Mrs. Tom (Edith) McCauley of Brantford, Mrs. Al (Fay) Bigras and Lorraine Douglas, both of Otterville, and Melanie Douglas and Jessica Douglas, both at home; his step-mother, Mrs. Gordon (Pearl) Oakes of Simcoe; 30 grandchildren; one brother, Harry Douglas of Simcoe; and two sisters, Mrs. Don (Gladys) Tomlinson of Norwich and Mrs. Evelyn Duffy of Otterville.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Saturday, May 1, at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Clarence Douglas, who passed away on Thursday, April 29, was held from the Nelson F. Funeral Home, Otterville conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson at 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Mrs. William McMullen was pianist.

Among the many memorial tributes were donations to the Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Bob Duffy, Wayne Beemer, Douglas Tomlinson, Brian Douglas, Larry Duffy and Butch Douglas.

Interment was in Bookton Cemetery.

Following the service the relatives returned to the schoolroom of the United Church where members of the United Church Women served lunch.

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Society holds

Spring Fair ^{Apr} 24-25 1976

OTTERVILLE (C) - A two-day Spring Fair was held on Saturday and Sunday by the South Norwich Historical Society in the auction sales rooms on Main St., East.

The purpose was to raise money towards a museum.

Inclement weather kept many people home but the show went on and the visitor was not crowded from viewing all the maps, stories, pictures, models, artifacts, art done by local artists, and assorted crafts. One display featured a model of the first school built in the township in 1812.

A bake table filled with goodies was soon sold out.

Lovely quilts were on display and tickets sold on one of the displays was won by Blaine Oatman of Springford. An Autograph quilt, filled with names in the area and throughout the province, was another special exhibit. The quilt belongs to the Leisure Club.



Harry Lee, Otterville, stands with his work, wood-carvings depicting pioneer farm life. The carvings were part of the South Norwich Historical Society's show Saturday and Sunday in Otterville. Mr. Lee's creations are excellent in their detail and display a formidable talent.



Wagons ho!

Harry Lee of Otterville looks over his covered wagon model at the South Norwich Historical Society's spring fair. The wagon is one of a number of displays at the fair today and Sunday in the Otter Valley auction barns. (Photo by Williams)

Show to help raise money for museum

The South Norwich Historical Society was formed in an attempt to "preserve all the history that is soon forgotten in small places," says Doreen Mountain of the society.

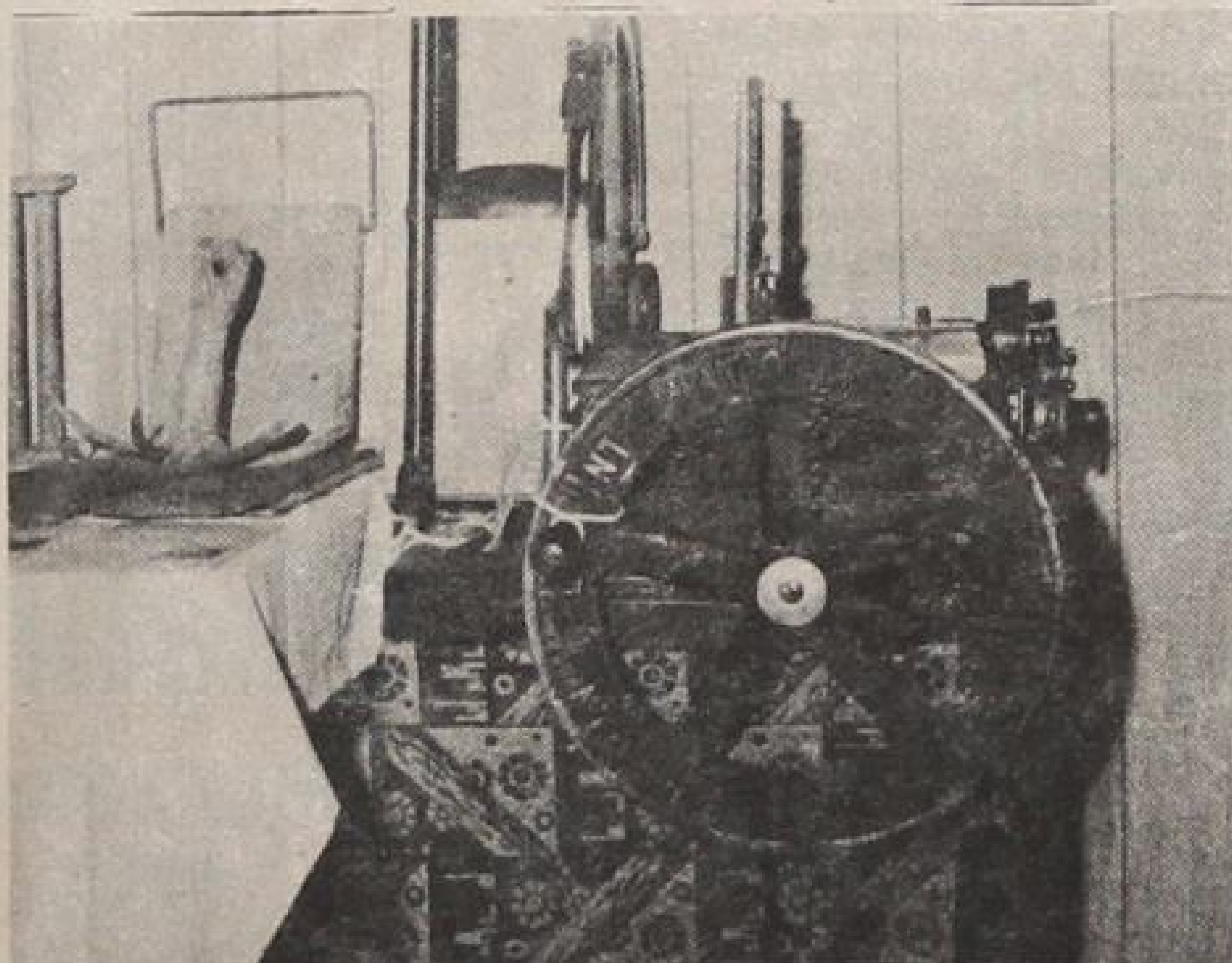
The society held a historical show and sale Saturday and Sunday to raise money to put towards a museum.

"We have a lot of artifacts in boxes and labelled, but we have no place to display them," Mrs. Mountain said. "It takes money."

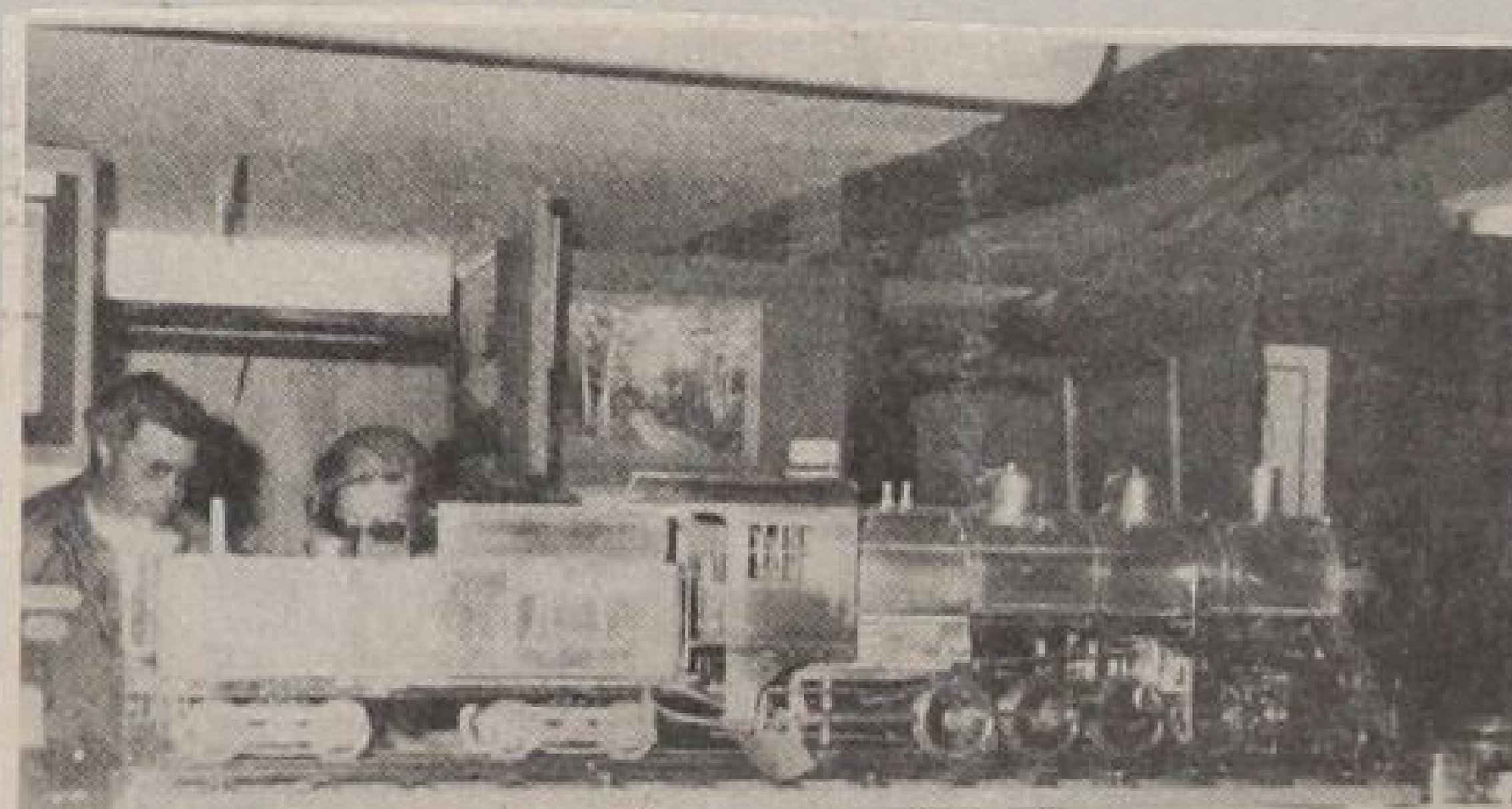
Baked goods and crafts were on sale at the show as well as arts and crafts by local people and area merchants. The merchants bought space from the society to show and sell their wares. Those present were Chuck Porter and Fireside Antiques, both from Woodstock; The School Bell Shop, Scotland; Rachel Bossy, Langton; and Min's Indian Crafts, Oswegen.

The show was held at the Otter Valley Auction Barn at the east end of the village of Otterville.

Mrs. Mountain said they were pleasantly surprised by the number who attended the show in spite of the weather.



This meat slicer was a favorite of the people who attended the Historical Society's show in Otterville over the weekend. As well as having historical artifacts, the show also featured arts and crafts and baked goods which were for sale. Proceeds from the show will go towards a museum for the South Norwich Society.



This CNR switcher steam engine was on display at the South Norwich Historical Society's show. The model is owned by Russ Sibbick of Brantford who says the engine can pull three or four people behind it.

Museum fund project for historical society

The South Norwich Historical Society is staging a "Spring Faire" historical show this week-end, in a fund-raising effort aimed at saving the South Norwich museum. That facility has been temporarily closed due to lack of adequate facilities. It was located in the now-crowded South Norwich township offices, which are currently serving the entire amalgamated township of Norwich.

The "Faire" will be held in the Otter Valley Auction Rooms in Otterville, on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, April 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. 1976

It will feature a display of history of the now-extinct township of South Norwich (1855-1975), prepared with map, story, mural, models, and artifacts. It features a model of the first school built in the

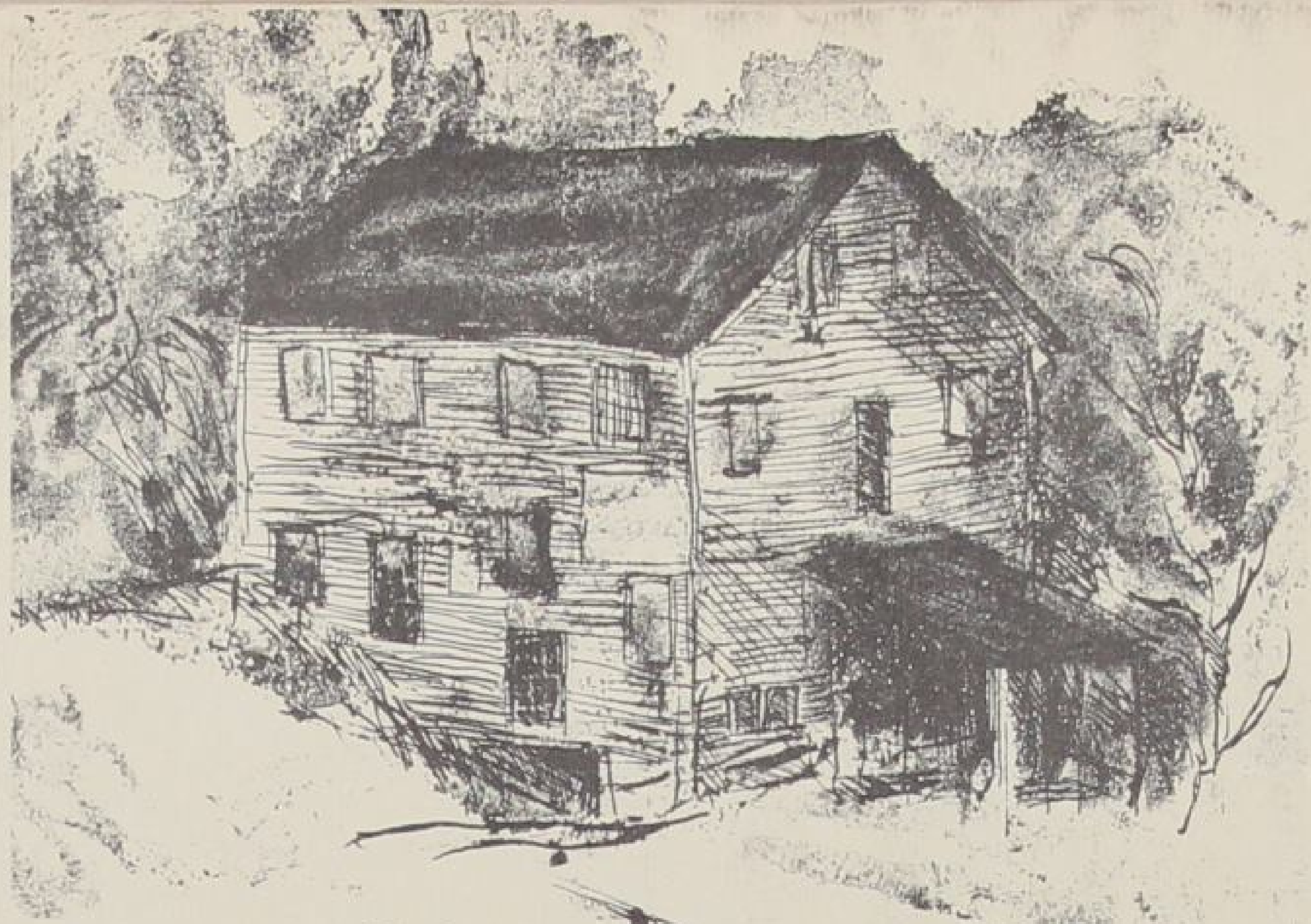
township, constructed in 1812. The model was made from a description given in 1878 by Milton Cameron, who had attended the school.

There will be a display of art, by local artists, and some of the paintings will be offered for sale. Wood carving and apple dolls will also be on display and for purchase.

Antique dealers will be on hand, with selected antiques for sale, as well as craft dealers with Indian leather work and macrame.

On the grounds, antique farm machinery will be displayed.

The society is in its first year of organization, and funds raised will be used for a museum, and for promotion of the preservation of local history in general.

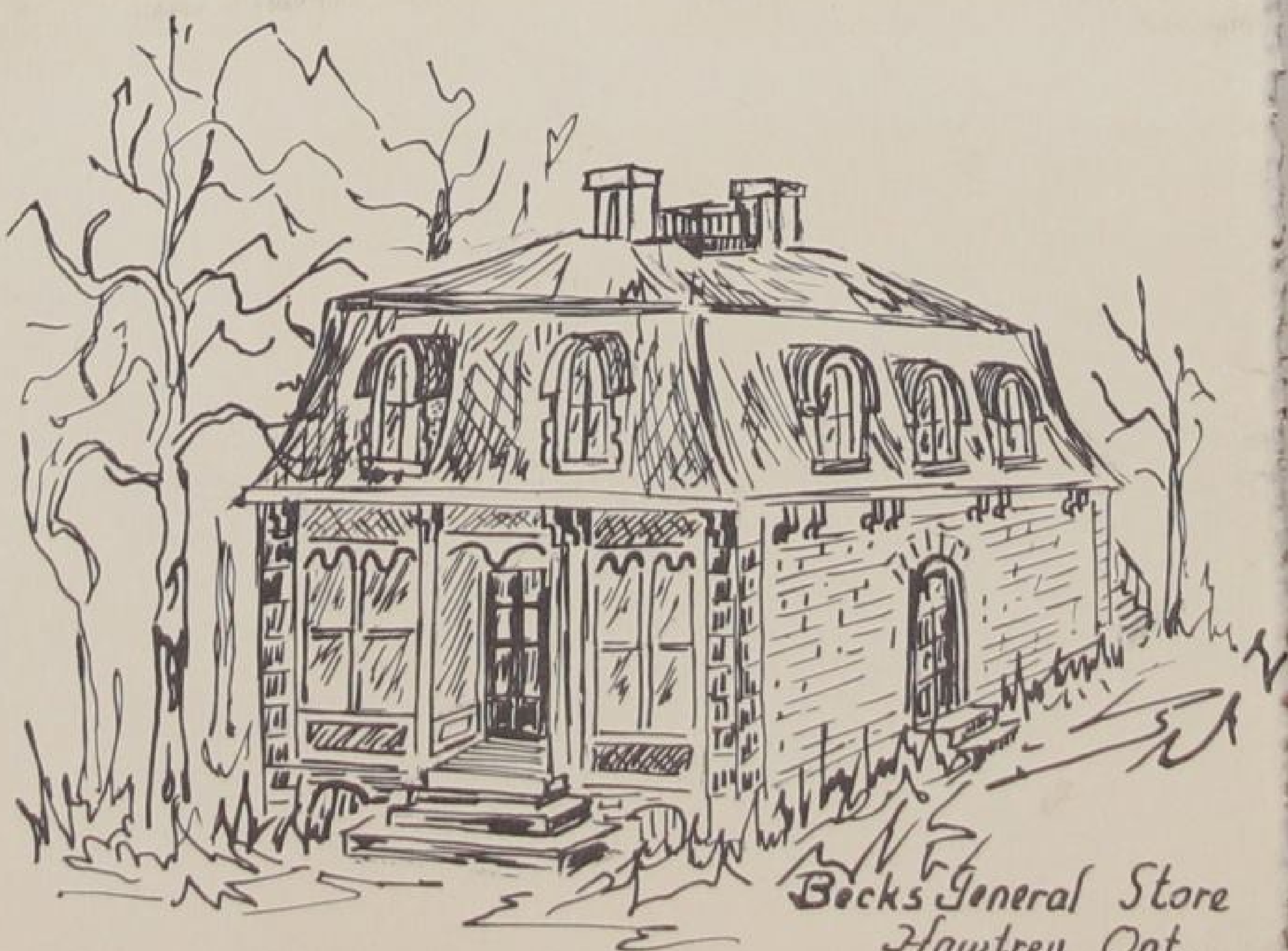


Otterville Mill 1845



Geo. Wardle's Shop
Springford Ont.

E. Manning



Becks General Store
Hawtrey Ont.

Wavell - DeKetelaere

Two large arrangements of white and yellow mums, glads and carnations decorated St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, April 10, 1976, at 2 p.m. for the wedding of Linda Marlene DeKetelaere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice DeKetelaere of RR 2, Tillsonburg, and Paul Reginald Wavell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wavell of Queen St., Otterville. Rev. Fr. J. P. Nelligan conducted the ceremony. Mrs. Moon, organist, played The Wedding March, Ave Maria, The Lord's Prayer and O Perfect Love, and John Avey of Norwich, friend of the groom, was soloist.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a gown of sparkling organza, styled with empire waist, and a falling chapel length train trimmed with lace. The sheer sleeve was trimmed with lace appliques to form bell sleeves. A three-layered French illusion veil was held by a lace and pearl trimmed headpiece and she carried a cascade arrangement of Jaffa orchids, white carnations, yellow roses and white stephanotis with greens and baby's breath.

Doreen DeKetelaere of RR 2, Tillsonburg, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a floor-length, yellow gown on soft flowing lines, with a tie belt at the waist, cap sleeve and square neck which joined a round collar to form a small tie to the side. Her headdress was a spray of yellow baby carnations and stephanotis and she carried a nosegay of mauve daisies, yellow poms, and pink sweethearts with multi colored ribbon. Bridesmaids were Elaine Verscheure of Langton, cousin of the bride, Linda Waeyaert of Delhi, Marlene Ronson of Tillsonburg, both friends of the bride, and Debbie DeKetelaere of Tillsonburg, sister of the bride. They were gowned similarly to the maid of honor, only in aqua, pink, mauve and mint green respectively.

Linda Pepper of Woodstock, niece of the groom, was flower girl and was gowned in yellow similar to the bridesmaids, carrying a mini-nosegay.

Mr. Dale Avey of Tillsonburg, friend of the groom, was best man, and ushers were Mr. Brian Little and Mr. Tim Moore, both of Otterville, Mr. Ken Albright of Tillsonburg, all friends of the groom, and David DeKetelaere of Tillsonburg, brother of the bride. Master Craig Rachar of Otterville, nephew of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception for 340 guests was held at the Royal Canadian

Legion hall. Bride's table featured two long arrangements of multi color daisies, poms and carnations. Guests' tables were decorated with peach carnations.

Bride's mother received guests in a peach, rib knit, A-line, ensemble with underskirt, long sleeves and mandarin collar trimmed with pearls, worn with a green cymbidium orchid and pink sweetheart corsage. Groom's mother chose a floral gown of multi color chiffon, styled on A-lines with long sleeve and V-neck, worn with a yellow cymbidium orchid and red sweetheart corsage.

Bride's gifts were tear shaped charms with bride and groom in the centre; and groom's gifts were sterling silver key holders.

For a wedding trip to the Poconos, the bride chose a two piece, peach outfit worn with brown accessories and a gardenia corsage with pink sweethearts.

Guests were present from Napanee, Brockville, Toronto, Peterborough, Exeter, St. Catharines, Strathroy and St. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wavell are residing in Woodstock.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at showers given by her mother and sisters; aunts, Mrs. Loucks and Mrs. Vandergunst; and by Mrs. Wavell and sisters of the groom.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL REGINALD WAVELL
(Wilson Studio, Delhi)

Men of Trees to meet in Otterville

The Oxford Men of the Trees are meeting in the Otterville Community Hall on Tuesday of next week, April 13th at 8 p.m.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be E.R. "Pud" Johnson who is Regional Forester with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Oxford Men of the Trees are a unique organization in this part of the world being the only one in Ontario. There are some groups in England where Men of the Trees originated many years ago.

Don Taylor, Agricultural

representative for Oxford County and formerly secretary of the Men of the Trees said "the group here started in 1971 when a number of farmers and businessmen became concerned with the minimal amount of tree cover in the county and the need to maintain and increase woodlots."

Instrumental in getting the organization started were Dr. James A. Vance who was with the O.W.R.C. and Mr. V. King of King Trailers in Woodstock. Along with the now Norwich Township Mayor Les Dickson and councillor Ken Peers, as

well as Mr. Charlie Tatham, these men now distribute trees throughout the county.

Working with Junior Farmer clubs and Boy Scout groups to distribute these trees they will later this month be handing out over 41,000 trees to be planted.

HOWARD ALLEN BUTLER

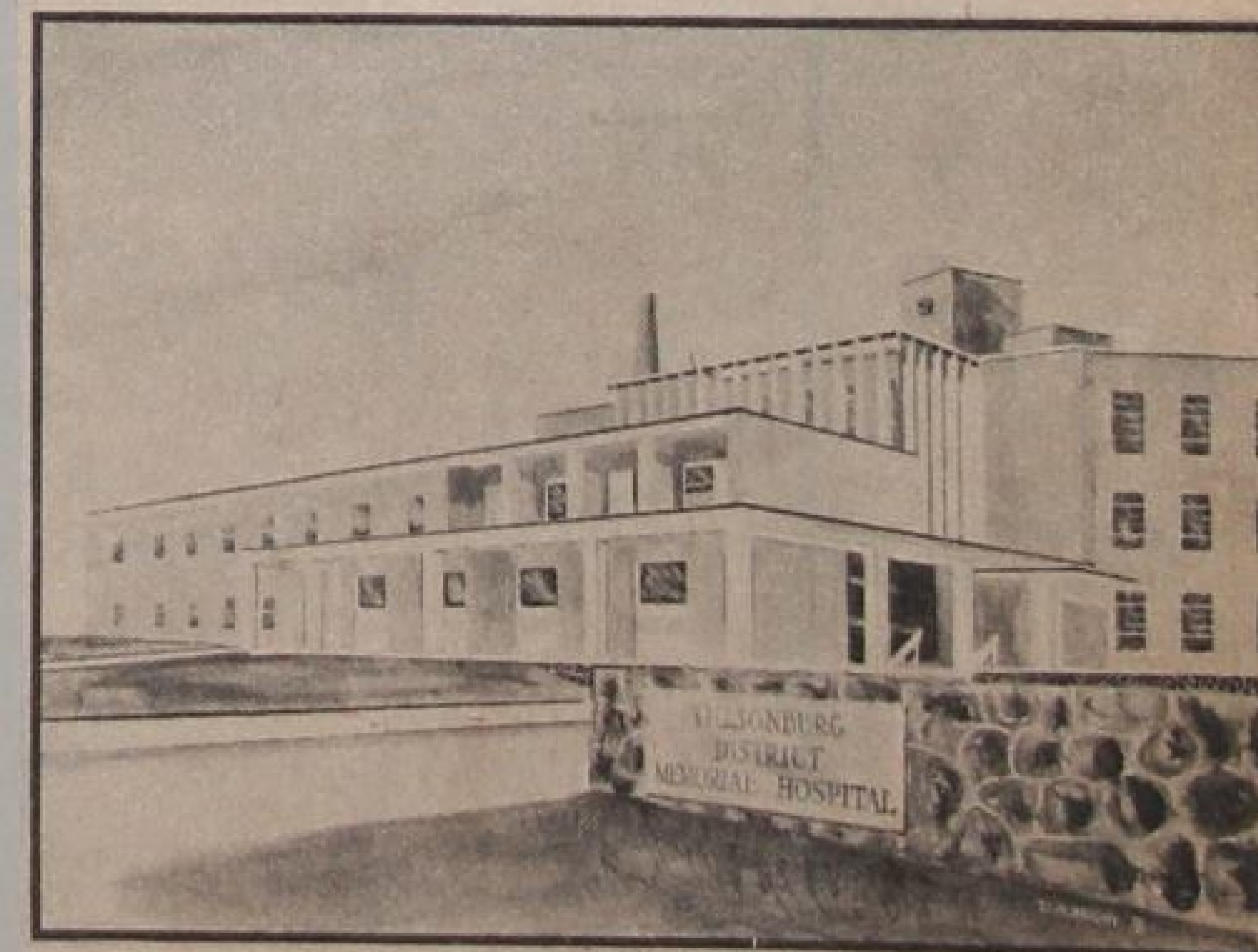
NORWICH (C) - Howard Allen Butler of 59 Main St., W., Norwich, passed away at Woodstock General Hospital on Thursday, April 8, 1976, in his 66th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elsie Carroll; one daughter, Mrs. Terrance (Carol) Burke of Pickering; one son, Murray Butler, at home; one sister, Mrs. S.D. (Dorothea) Rees of Hialeah, Florida; two step-brothers, George Morgan of Niagara Falls and William Morgan of Essex; and one nephew, Morgan Rees of Florida.

Resting at the Arn Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Saturday, April 10, at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Douglas Flint.

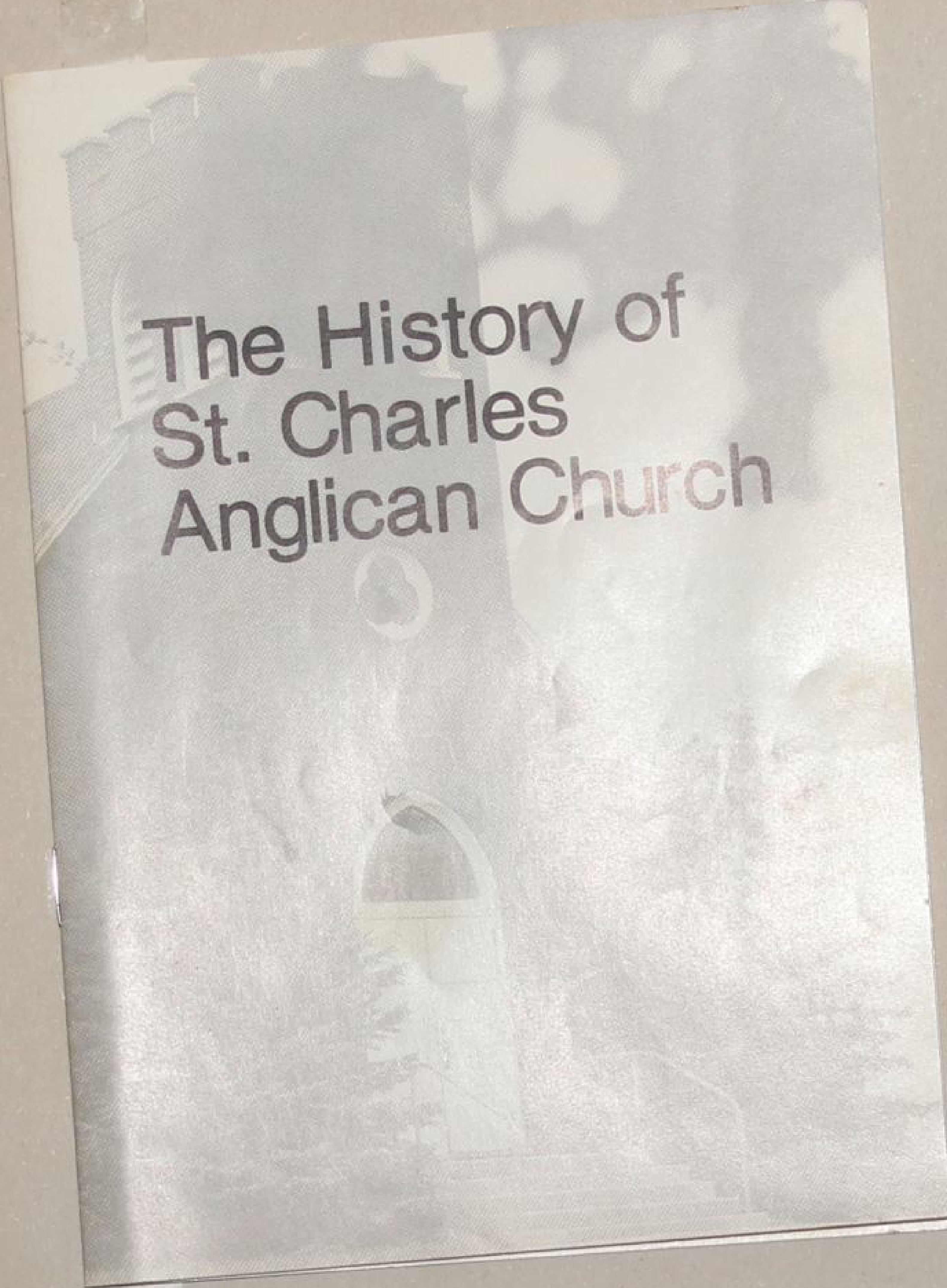
Interment in North Norwich Gore Cemetery.

Masonic Service will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home.



These sketches of the hospital, showing its change in 50 years, were drawn by artist Don Albright from photos, are reproduced on notepaper being sold by the Auxiliary to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital as part of the observance of its half-century of service to the community.

Apr 1/76



The History of
St. Charles
Anglican Church

Donations needed for Oddy House project

May 12/76

As most residents of the area are aware, the octagonal house, originally located in Milldale, has now been moved and relocated at the west end of Otterville.

The house, built in 1860 by Thomas Wright, was known for over 50 years as "Woodlawn" and is truly original in design. Since this building has recently become available, historical architects have been enthusiastic about its preservation. The house will be restored to form an adult community centre. It will have a full basement and will be available for various adult activities.

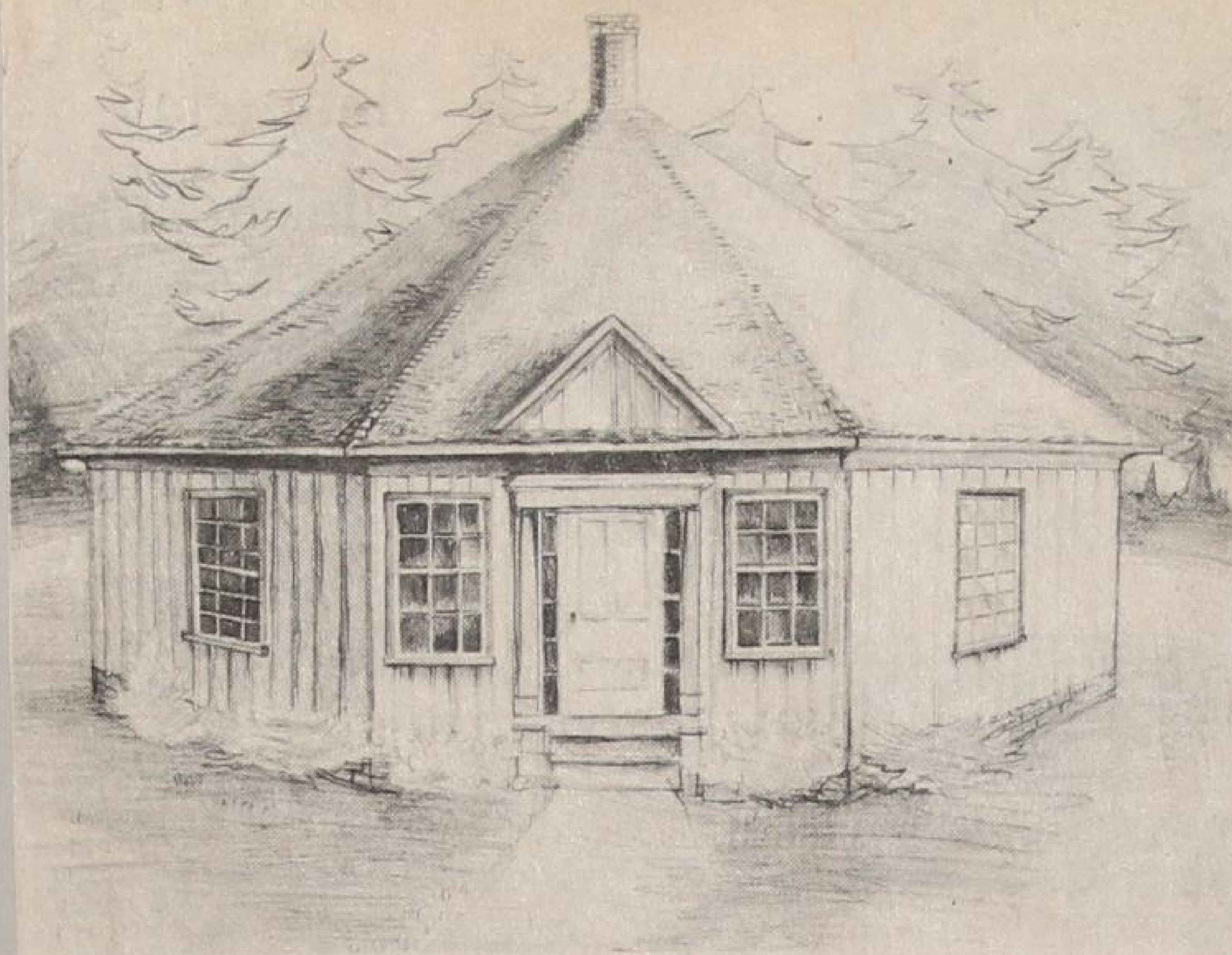
The Ontario Heritage Foundation has fully endorsed the project, advancing \$20,000

towards moving and restoration. Money is set aside by government and allocated to communities with a worthy project and enthusiastic citizens. This project has enabled some of our tax dollars to be returned to our own community. We are fortunate in being able to add the octagonal house to the picturesque atmosphere of our community, as the house was desired by others.

A request has been submitted to Wintario but this depends in part upon public support from residents of this area. The support of all local citizens and organizations can assure completion and success of this worthy project. This community has been the envy of others in the past, in its unified support for community projects. Let's show that we have the same enthusiasm when senior citizens are concerned.

Fund raising projects will include a Bike-a-thon planned for June 19th. If you can't ride, be a sponsor.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact Melville Beecroft, Otterville. All donations are income-tax deductible.



An artist's sketch of the octagonal Oddy House depicts the 1860 building as it should look after it is moved and restored to become an adult community centre for the Otterville Leisure Club.

Restoring Oddy House

May 14/76

A group of concerned citizens in Otterville, calling themselves the Norwich South Heritage Committee, has taken up the project of moving and restoring an octagonal house built in 1860.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation granted \$20,000 to have the house moved and restoration started. A Wintario grant has been applied for but in order to be eligible the amount of the grant must be matched by funds from local contributors.

The house was built by Thomas Wright in 1860, who called it "Woodlawn." When the building was purchased by John Oddy in 1911 it became known as the Oddy House.

The New use of the building will be as an adult community centre for the Otterville Leisure Club. As little alteration as possible will be made to the building and it will be furnished where possible to depict the era of its construction. The Leisure Club has been given a New Horizons grant to furnish the house to its needs.

The building was owned by Mr. and Mrs. McKay Davis Milldale, who offered to give the house to the township to be restored in the area as an adult community centre. The township provided the site of the old Erbtown Cemetery on the western edge of Otterville, where the first church was built in South Norwich in 1819 by Quakers, as a new location for the structure.

The main floor of the house contains a large meeting room,

small meeting room, large kitchen, washrooms, cloakroom, and another small room. A full basement is being constructed to provide facilities for shuffleboard and other activities.

The building is 40 feet across the octagon with a 20-by-20-foot back shed that forms a trapezoidal porch at the side of the house. The central chimney is also octagonal. The exterior of the house is of board and batton construction with triangular battons.

Mrs. Don Pettigrew, Springford, is chairman of the Norwich South Heritage Committee; Melville Beecroft Otterville, is secretary-treasurer; Rod Taylor, Otterville, heads restoration

procedures; and Mr. M. Downing, Otterville, heads the fund-raising committee.

A bike-a-thon to help raise money to qualify for a Wintario grant will be held at 9 a.m. June 19 for citizens of the area.

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NORWICH, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976



The Oddy house, originally located just south of Milldale on 59 Highway now sits in three pieces on movers equipment at its new site, donated by Norwich Township, at the west end of Otterville. The project to save the rare, octagonal-shaped house is spearheaded by Mrs. Don Pettigrew of RR 1, Otterville.

Scrapbook recalls clubs

twenty eight years

May/76

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. Daisy Ash at Milldale. President, Mrs. Clarence Morris, presided and the meeting opened with the singing of "Let's all Sing Like the Bluebirds Sing."

Minutes were read and roll call responded to with a quotation from an April Calendar which appeared in a newspaper several years ago.

Readings were given by Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Pearce, and Mrs. McNally. Mrs. Ash, who has kept a splendid scrap book of doings of the club, related that this was the 28th year since the organization of the Happy Bluebird Club. Many memories were recalled as the Scrapbook brought to mind pictures and writeups of the past.

The members enjoyed several games of cards.

Members of Cornell and

Otterville were hosts for the meeting.

Several games of cards were enjoyed after which a social time was enjoyed.

The members sang "Happy Birthday" and appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Ash and social committee for the pleasant evening.

May meeting is in charge of Cornell and Otterville ladies, with the meeting to be held in Cornell hall, Thursday, May 27, at 8 p.m.

Guild meets in Otterville

May 1976

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Anglican Guild held their regular meeting in the Parish hall on Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Herring read Scripture from the 16th chapter of St. John and then spoke briefly from the reading.

Roll call was answered by using the word "Refuge." Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer, gave her report.

Invitations were sent to groups in the area inviting them to an evening together on Wednesday, May 26, when Rev. and Mrs. S. Obah of Uganda were guest speakers.

Next regular meeting will be held in the Parish hall on June 3rd.

All enjoyed a bountiful lunch prepared by the hostess, Mrs. Florence Church, and after this members made "Name Tags" to wear at the Deanery meeting, held in Tillsonburg earlier in the week.

Quilt winner named

May 19/76

OTTERVILLE (C) - The South Norwich Historical Society met Monday evening, May 10th, at the firehall in Otterville with president, Bill McMullen, chairing the meeting.

It was reported that approximately 500 people attended the "Spring Faire" show, in spite of the terrible weather. The quilt, which helped considerably in fund raising, was won by Blaine Oatman of Springford.

It was decided to run the food booth again at the Norwich show.

Plans for a June 26 bus tour to Niagara-on-the-Lake were outlined and seats are being booked. The tour includes: Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, box lunch, tour of 1816 house, Niagara Apothecary, and an early church.

There have been several meeting changes recently and this probably accounted for a small attendance. Consequently it was decided to try to establish the second Monday of each month as a meeting night.

Next meeting will be June 14 at 8 p.m. at the firehall in Otterville.

Cripple to receive \$100,000

May 5 1976

Crippled Richard Picknell of Otterville will receive \$100,000 from an out-of-court settlement Tuesday for injuries received two years ago in a car-pedestrian accident.

Mr. Picknell, 22, suffered head and back injuries when struck from behind by a car while walking along Cedar Road in Turkey Point shortly after midnight June 30, 1974. He is confined to a wheelchair for life.

Earl Cherniak, Mr. Picknell's lawyer, said his client's damages are worth considerably more than \$100,000 but he recommended the settlement because of legal issues which could have restricted his client's benefits to \$50,000.

Mr. Picknell was struck by a car driven by Bradley Wright of Norwich but owned by Donald Freeman of RR 3, Norwich.

Mr. Cherniak said Mr. Wright had taken Mr. Freeman's car from a party at Turkey Point that night. The keys had been left in the car but Mr. Cherniak said Mr. Freeman would have testified he did not give Mr. Wright permission to take the car.

If Mr. Freeman's consent was not established, Mr. Cherniak said, he would be free of liability and his insurance firm would not have to pay. Mr. Wright's insurance only covered him while driving his own car.

Thus, Mr. Cherniak explained, if the issue of Mr. Freeman's consent was resolved against Mr. Picknell, the most he would receive would be \$50,000 from the motor vehicle accident claims fund.

Under the settlement, he said, Mr. Freeman's and Mr. Wright's insurance companies are each paying \$50,000.

Mr. Cherniak said there was a grave risk that, if his client pursued his suit for damages, he could end up with only half the agreed-on settlement.

Norwich Tp. council hears tentative budget

May 26th 1976

OTTERVILLE - Norwich Township treasurer Fred Lowes presented a preliminary budget to township council on Tuesday which would set taxes at about \$519 for a home in Norwich assessed at \$4,000.

A taxpayer with a home assessed at \$4,000 paid \$436 last year.

The proposed budget will be discussed by council and a final version will be agreed upon in two or three weeks, Mr. Lowes said.

He said while the updated tax roll is not yet available, expected changes should not have much impact on the tentative tax rate.

The proposed budget is \$2,551,709, compared to \$2,206,582 last year.

Each of four wards in Norwich Township has its own tax rate.

In Ward One (formerly South Norwich Township), the proposed residential and farm tax rate is 121.715 mills, up 26.3 mills from 1975, while the proposed commercial rate is 138.599, up 30.2 mills from last year.

Ward Two (formerly Norwich village): residential and farm 129.648, up 20.7; commercial 149.389, up 23.7.

Ward Three (formerly North Norwich Township): residential and farm 123.748, up 25.4; commercial 141.027, up 29.1.

Ward Four (formerly East Oxford Town-

ship): residential and farm 117.633, up 24.4; commercial 133.997, up 28.0.

The four wards were created by township restructuring less than a year ago, after the 1975 rates were set.

In each ward, tax rate increases reflect increases in the Oxford County subsidy paid by all Oxford County ratepayers and increases in education taxes paid to the Oxford county board of education for secondary and elementary schools, Mr. Lowes said.



Legal Notices

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

TENDERS

Renovate

Municipal Office

OTTERVILLE

Tenders will be received by the undersigned until

Noon, Tuesday,
May 25, 1976

for the renovation of the Township Office, Otterville. A plan of the work to be undertaken will be available at the Township Office.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

R.C. Watkins, Clerk
Box 100,
Otterville, Ontario.

Sponsoring playgrounds

May 1976

Norwich Township Council in conjunction with the Provincial Government will sponsor playground activities this summer for one week each at Springford, Burgessville, and Oxford Centre and for two weeks at Otterville.

The Township will again fund activities in Norwich for the month of July as this program was in operation prior to restructuring of the Township.

Last year playground ac-

tivities were carried on in Burgessville under the "Opportunities for Youth" program during July and August with Carol and Marilyn Buckrell leaders.

This year due to the withdrawal of the Youth program, there will only be one week of activities, unless some Burgessville citizens will be interested in sponsoring the playground activities for a longer period.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

May 1946

Otterville - Fred Moore, who recently disposed of his dairy business to Harold Arthur of Otterville, will be moving to Cultus, where he and Mrs. Moore have purchased a general store.



Seated by a recent painting Mrs. Kilpatrick says painting is a very relaxing hobby.

Mary Kilpatrick leaves Otterville hydro

BY E. J. SHRUBB

In Otterville there lives a lady who has just retired at the young age of 84.

Mrs. Mary Kilpatrick, who has been the secretary of the Otterville Hydro Electric System since 1941, said she felt it was time to retire.

Originally from Killarney Lake, Mrs. Kilpatrick came to Otterville in 1938 with her husband, Art, from Western Canada. Mr. Kilpatrick was appointed constable for the Village of Otterville and the Township of South Norwich.

The job of bookkeeping fell to Mrs. Kilpatrick when her husband became the superintendent for the Hydro system in 1941. The outside work kept Mr. Kilpatrick busy so she kept the books and records for him. The front porch of her home, just west of the Cliff Rachar garage, was converted into an office for the system.

It wasn't until 1954 that Mrs. Kilpatrick officially became the secretary of the system. When her husband died in 1968 she continued on with the office. The repair work and maintenance on the system was carried out by various electrical contractors until Norwich P.U.C.

was asked by Otterville Hydro to take over the outside work.

After 35 years keeping the office, Mrs. Kilpatrick tendered her resignation to the commission last year. It took effect on March 31 of this year when Mrs. Jean DeWachter of RR 1, Otterville, was appointed as the new secretary.

Mrs. DeWachter's husband, August, is an electrical contractor and he is the serviceman for Burgessville Hydro.

At an age when most people are content to sit and contemplate life, Mrs. Kilpatrick, in 1963, took up oil painting. She remembers that she always liked to do sketches when at school and always felt she would like to paint.

With no formal training, she has produced many paintings over the last 13 years. They are fine looking works and are admired by many. "Painting is very relaxing," she said.

Retirement will apparently present no problems for this lady. "I have lots to do," she says. "Keeping a little garden and my housework will keep me quite busy."

She has just returned from an Easter visit with her son, Gordon, in Jefferson City,

Miss., travelling with her daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Melvin Treffry) and family of Burford. She has two other daughters, Mrs. Merle Squance of Guelph and Mrs. Sydney (Norma) Molfat of Vancouver, B.C., nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



Mrs. Jean DeWachter, RR 1 Otterville has recently been appointed secretary of the Otterville Hydro Electric System.

Letters to the Editor

BEAUTIFUL FAMILY

Sir: Few families who have lived in Oxford County, more richly deserve to be called "the salt of the earth" than the Scidmore family, three spinsters, one bachelor, father and mother.

Coming from rural England, they settled on a farm one mile directly north of Otterville, it was in the latter years of the nineteenth century.

Baptists by faith they were devout, faithful Christians and members of the small red brick Baptist Church of Otterville until the battle of the 'Isms' modern and fundamental.

Being farmers in England they became market gardeners for livelihood. Faithful to their stall on Woodstock Market they introduced scidmore pickles and relishes to multitudes of satisfied customers.

The two cardinal virtues that made the Scidmores conspicuous were humility and honesty. Never arrogant, always honest and industrious, market gardeners rarely get rich but it is a satisfying, soul stimulating vocation.

Of the spinsters Irene took to school,

Lavina and Bernice kept the home hearth warm, Irene became a beginners teacher.

If ever a person was placed by God it was Irene, no finer Christian used tender loving care more successfully a thousand or more third generations shall not soon forget those first days of school.

After one year at Milldale (a mile east of home) she spent more than sixty years walking up hill and down dale, one mile and a half to teach in Otterville. Rarely was she absent too rarely was a ride given.

Over eighty years when she retired she had given her life for the youngsters she taught and loved so well, retirement was brief.

Elgin the Bachelor had a fascinating talent for humorous readings so found many opportunities to use his talents, at gatherings in the Otterville area.

Elgin passed to his reward for deep faith, honest, humble living a few weeks ago. The cement block square farm house now stands stark against the sky alone, desolate, forlorn and grey but the beautiful Scidmore family will not soon be forgotten.

Sam A. Innis

"Sunnyside" Norwich



Don Oatman and Larry Schofield are enthusiastic about their upcoming album. They have recently returned from recording their first album, and both have original songs included on it.

Don Oatman records first album

BY ELLEN NOVACK

About five years ago, Don Oatman joined a band. About five days ago, he recorded his first album.

Don Oatman, an employee at Max Scott's Tillsonburg Hammond Organ Centre, actually began singing at the age of eight at church where his mother played the organ. Until he was 13 he sang at nine different churches on Sundays, and then his singing career was reduced to the occasional wedding or anniversary.

He explains that he never really had a child-like, high-pitched voice, and it had not altered greatly when five years ago a friend asked him to join a band called the Rhythm Airs. At the age of thirty he started singing week-ends with the band at clubs, weddings and receptions.

By January of this year he formed his own group, and continued week-end performances. The new group, Don Oatman and Impact, consists of four others from the area. Brian Craig plays drums, Kris Jackucinkas is on guitar, Tony Bee plays organ, and Larry Schofield alternates among electric piano, synthesizer and electronic keyboard.

Of the four, only Schofield

accompanied Oatman to Toronto to record the album. The record taping came as a bit of a surprise to most people, but especially to Oatman. He had written a song three years ago which "came while I was driving up north" and it is entitled The Love I Give to You.

"Everyone kept telling me to do something with my song so I took it to Jim Allison in Burford."

Allison is the owner of Thunderbird Recordings, and he convinced Oatman to record an album rather than a forty-five.

Oatman said that it was at Allison's request that he used experienced recording musicians as his backup.

"He decided to use musicians who had recorded before, because we needed someone who knew what he was doing," said Oatman.

Through Allison, Oatman met Wayne Heimbecker from Paris, Ontario, who played lead and rhythm guitar and also wrote three of the songs performed on the album.

The three men decided to use as much original material as possible, and recorded a song by Schofield, as well as those by Oatman and Heimbecker. The balance of the songs were

chosen because they are standard requests when the band plays.

They rehearsed for two months and sent Thunderbird Recordings a rough tape which was given to the backup musicians for studio accompaniment.

Oatman, Heimbecker and Schofield went to Thundersound, the Toronto recording studio, for several days, after which Oatman received tapes of the upcoming album.

The record, Something Old, Something New (With the Love I Give to You), will not be released for 6 to 8 weeks because the recording company wants to pave the way and promote the album. Thunderbird Recordings will release three of the album's songs on forty-fives, one a week, and send them to all radio stations.

Oatman finds that the most exciting aspect of the entire venture is hearing how his songs sound with professional backing and equipment.

He has been asked to record a second album, but says he wants to "hold off until I hear what happens with this one."

Although he is very excited, he is not really sure of how he feels, or what he thinks about the whole thing because, "I don't think it's all hit me yet."

Old Backus flour mill

May 1976

re-opened Saturday

BY KAREN MONCK

About 150 people congregated at the Backus Conservation Area for the Long Point Region Conservation Authority's "Our Milling Milestone" on Saturday.

The ceremonies to open the old Backhouse mill included the official starting of the mill by Mrs. John C. Backus and the presentation of a \$35,000 cheque to the LPRCA by the Ivey Foundation.

The opening marked the completion of the restoration of the mill to its original 1798 operating condition. Mrs. Backus pulled a lever to set the gears of the mill in motion to start the water-powered grinding of flour.

Mrs. H. Lorraine Shuttleworth presented a cheque for \$35,000 to the LPRCA on behalf of the Richard and Jean Ivey Foundation for the purchase of the property next to the conservation area.

The mill, built in 1798 by John Backhouse, has been completely restored to its original condition by the LPRCA. All the equipment

in the mill is in full working order. The mill was first powered by an overshot water wheel, but switched to turbine power in the 1880's. The mill was in full operation until 1956, longer than any other mill in Ontario.

The 415-acre Backus Conservation Area will be the site of three more mills to be restored by the authority. A sawmill, windmill and cider mill have been acquired by the authority and will be set up on the property. Roy J. Smith, chairman of the LPRCA, said the authority plans to have the cider mill installed by the fall, using the help of SWEEP labor over the summer.

Two-pound bags of stone-ground, whole wheat flour from the Backus mill were on sale for two dollars following the opening ceremony. A tour of the mill was held for guests after Mrs. Backus started the mill.

Ladies from the Long Point Chapter of the Eastern Star in Port Rowan served bread, made from the flour, with homemade jam, coffee and tea.



To start the gears of the restored Backhouse mill in motion, Mrs. Backus had to pull a lever inside the mill. Roy J. Smith, chairman of the Long Point Region Conservation Authority (left), has just given Mrs. Backus a little help with the stiff lever.



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May 3, 1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen,
Main Street,
Otterville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McMullen:

After 40 years in education George Simmons, Director of Education for the Oxford County Board of Education, will retire at the end of July, 1976.

A committee has been organized to plan a retirement party for George to honour him suitably for his many years of dedicated service.

A reception, dinner and dance has been planned for Saturday, June 19, 1976, commencing at 6:00 p.m., at the Oxford Auditorium in Woodstock.

As someone who has known George, or worked closely with him for many years, a special invitation to attend his retirement party is being extended to you. Please complete and return the enclosed form in order to secure tickets for the party and/or to contribute, if you wish, towards a retirement gift for George.

Enclosed as well is a card upon which you might like to write a "message" to George or a reminder of some happy experience which you might once have shared with him. All cards which are received will be mounted in a special binder and presented to George at the party.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Stoakley,
Chairman, Oxford County
Board of Education.

GEORGE SIMMONS
RETIREMENT PARTY
JUNE 19, 1976
6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Please Check

() Please send me _____ tickets (\$9.50 per person) for George's retirement party. Enclosed is a cheque for \$ _____ which includes my contribution towards a retirement gift.

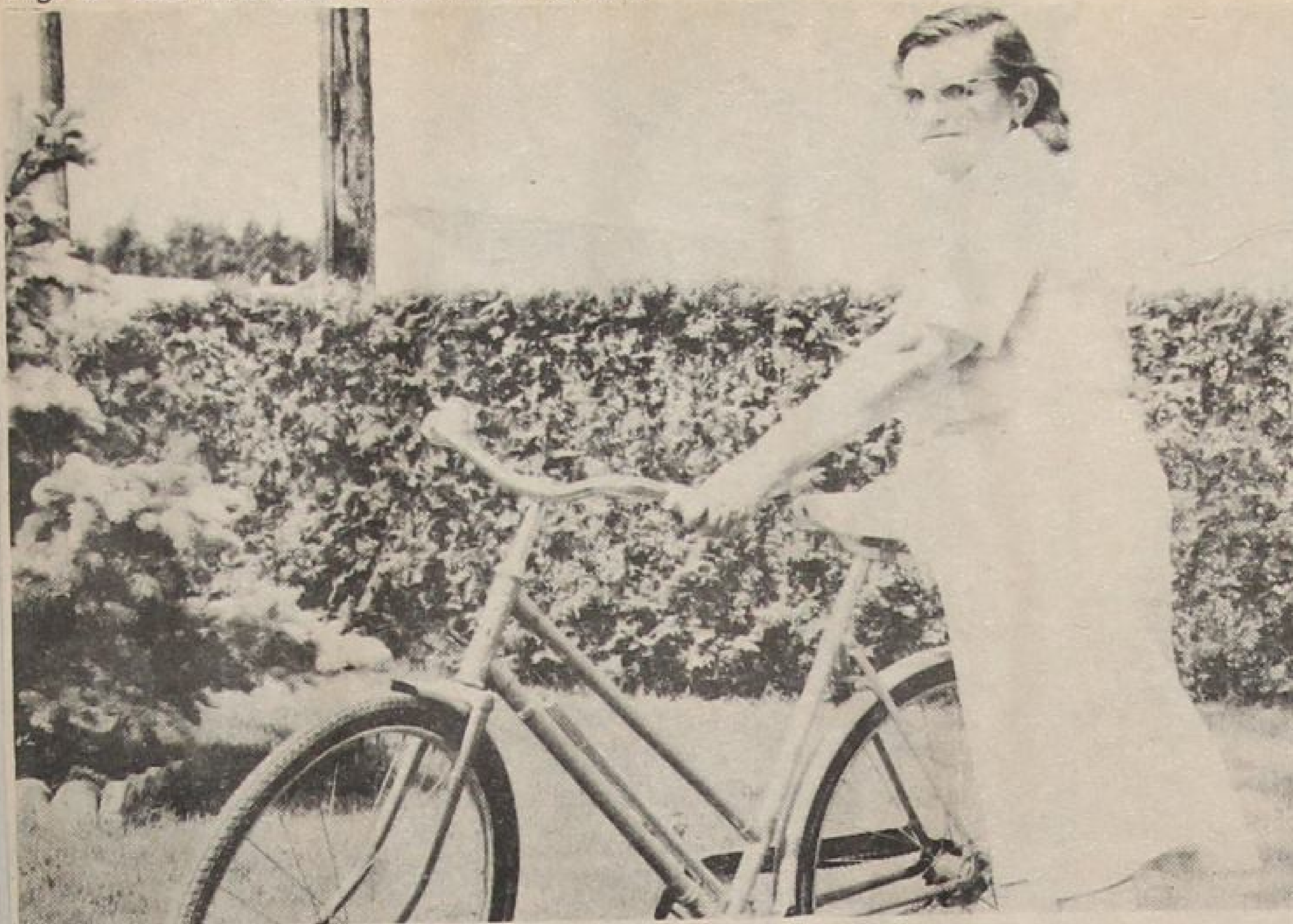
() Sorry, I can't attend the party. Please find enclosed, however, my contribution towards a retirement gift for George.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

(Please mail this form in the self-addressed, stamped envelope.)

Don't forget to include your "message" card as well.



Mrs. Alice DeGraeve of Otterville plans to ride 15 miles in Bike-a-thon to help raise funds for restoration of the Oddy House in the village. Mrs. DeGraeve, a bike enthusiast for many years regularly rode her bike to Norwich last year to visit her sister.

Guild to buy camp bicycle

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild met at the parish hall for their regular meeting, with president Mrs. Violet Howse, conducting the meeting. Mrs. Harold Durkee read Scripture from Galatians 5.

Five members answered roll call.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report and handed in lace for three pair of pillowcases.

It was decided the Guild buy a used bicycle for the Huron Church Camp at Bayfield.

The Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Richard Saunders presided.

Final plans were made for the Jubilee Church service when

the 60th Anniversary of the church will be observed. Members are to meet in the parish hall at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, to prepare food for a pot-luck lunch.

A picnic for Guild members will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste on June 29th.

Meeting closed informally and lunch was served by the hostess.

Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dr. and Mrs. Howard Petch of Victoria, B.C., and Mr. Stephen Petch of Toronto were recent guests with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch. Miss Heather Brodie of St. Agatha is holidaying with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch.

Visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Downing are Mrs. S. N. Wynn of Yorkton, Sask., and Mrs. W. H. Cox of Ottawa, also from Toronto, Mr. J. W. Wynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen were guests on Sunday, June 13, at the retirement party for the former's mother, Mrs. Ross Kilgour, held at Harris Heights public school, Ingersoll. Mrs. McMullen poured tea during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen also attended the party.

Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Edna Pearce and Mrs. Harold Waring spent Thursday with Miss Maude Hussey in Guelph.

Mrs. Mabel Hillier and son Floyd of Alexandria, Virginia, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen. Floyd returned home last week. Mrs. Hillier remained and will return to her new home in California later on.

McMullen

reunion 1976

OTTERVILLE (C) — The 13th annual McMullen reunion was held in the Community Park, Otterville, on Sunday, June 20, attended by 25 relatives from Sarnia, Alexandria, Virginia, Woodstock, and Otterville.

A chicken dinner was enjoyed at 5 p.m.

Games were arranged by Mrs. Howard McMullen and conducted by Miss Wilma McMullen. Youngest person present was Mike McMullen of Woodstock and the eldest, Mrs. Mabel Hillier of Alexandria, Virginia.

A peanut scramble was enjoyed by the children and prizes were given to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McMullen of Woodstock invited the families to their home in Woodstock for the next reunion to be held June 19th with Wilma McMullen, program convener.

Otterville news briefs

OTTERVILLE (C) — Monday evening guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jull of Newark. Mr. Murray Jull of Galt also spent part of the holiday with them.

Mrs. Harold Waring accompanied Mr. Fred Broad of Springford and sister, Miss May Broad of Tillsonburg, and Miss Florence Raymond of Springford to Woodstock on Sunday, where they visited relatives and friends. On their return they were guests of Miss May Broad at the Restaurant at Holbrook.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill has

been appointed as Custodian of the Otterville Post Office. She succeeds Mr. Charles Bradford who held that position for several years.

Plans are underway for the annual Sports Day to be held in the Community Park, in June. The event is sponsored by the Businessmen's association.

Mrs. H. A. Waring returned to her home on Friday after holidaying for several days with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morley at Burgessville.

Mrs. Grenville Johnson of Toronto was a recent guest with her sister, Mrs. Rod Taylor, and family.

70 years old, will ride 15 miles

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Alice DeGraeve of Otterville is planning on entering the 15-mile Bike-a-thon in Otterville June 19th.

Mrs. DeGraeve, 70, has been a bicycle enthusiast for years and has rode to Norwich and back to visit her sister Mrs. Bernard Robeys in the Nursing Home there, this being her usual mode of travel.

The Bike-a-thon is in support of raising funds to complete Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in which the 1860 Octagonal "Oddy" house will be restored, at the west end of Otterville.

There are several entrants in the Bike-a-thon and various prizes including one for the oldest and youngest riders. First boy and first girl to finish and highest pledges by both boys and girls.

The 15-mile course will begin at the community Hall, Otterville at 9 a.m. south to Pettigrew's Corners, west past Cornell, on west to Five Points, then back along the New Road, then north to Springford then finally east to Otterville.

Pledge sheets may be obtained at Springford and Otterville schools and Gray's Variety Store in Otterville.

Future Government Grants will partially depend upon the amount raised by the Bike-a-thon.

Bike-a-thon planned in Otterville Saturday

OTTERVILLE (C) — There appears to be considerable interest in next Saturday's Bike-a-thon in Otterville.

School principals in Springford and Otterville report considerable interest among the students and there is also indications that several adults intend to ride.

The Bike-a-thon is in support of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and the reconstruction of the 1860 "Octagonal" Oddy house now taking place at the west end of Otterville.

Reconstruction continues to make steady progress with the completion expected this fall.

Since this project began in 1974 sizable government grants have been allocated. Further grants through such organizations as Wintario are expected and these will depend in large part upon the success of such public fund raising

projects as the Bike-a-thon. All donations made to the Bike-a-thon or to the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre will be income tax deductible. Mel Beecroft, Otterville is the secretary.

Riders should register in the basement of the Community Hall, Otterville before 9 a.m. Saturday.

Prizes will be given for the first boy and the first girl to finish the 15-mile course. Prizes for the oldest and youngest riders to complete the course and the prizes for the boy and girl turning in the highest receipts.

Indications are that the new Centre should fill a useful purpose in the community. In as much as other municipalities and other groups were anxious to acquire this home for reconstruction in other areas, the committee feels that local interest will continue to grow.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. George King a former resident of Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Woollatt of London were visitors on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their May meeting in the Cornell Hall with the Cornell and Otterville groups in charge.

HOPKINS - Larry and Marlene Hopkins (nee Finch) are pleased to announce the arrival of their first child, a son, Regan Larry. Born June 14th, 1976, at Victoria Hospital, London, and weighing 7 lb. 1/2 oz.

Scenes from Otterville bike-a-thon held Sunday

THIRTY YEARS AGO

June 1946

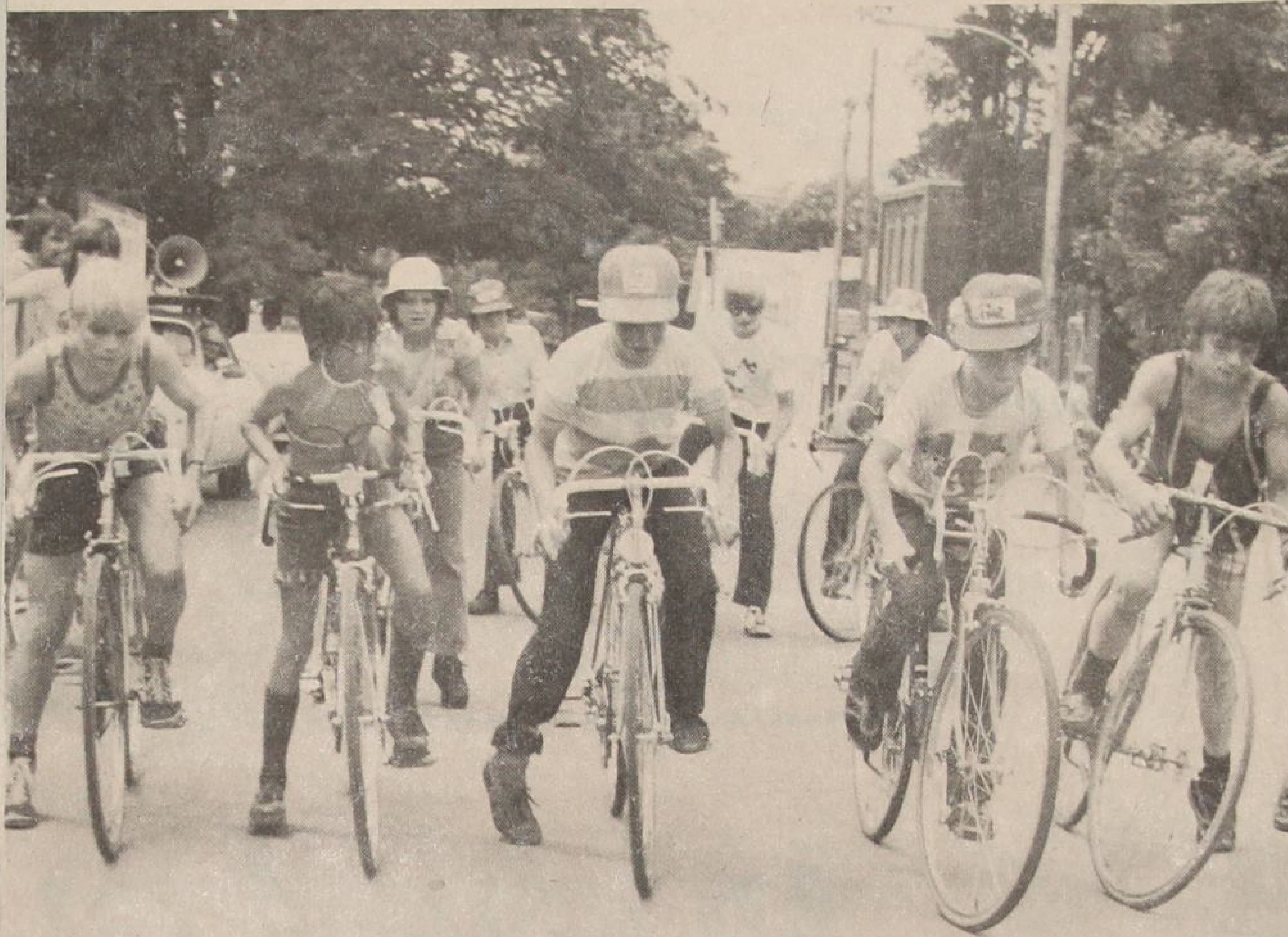
Petz' Fruit store on Broadway has undergone improvements recently when two large rooms, well insulated, were built in the basement for the storage and ripening of bananas.

Otterville - Mrs. Ruth Elliott, for over 60 years the ringer of the village bell, died on Wednesday, June 12.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 1926

Postage rates: Canada, for local delivery, two cents for the first ounce, and one cent for each additional ounce; Great Britain, and all other places within the Empire, except in the North American continent, three cents for the first ounce and three cents for each additional ounce.



Participants line up for the Otterville Bike-a-thon Sunday, a project to raise money for Oddy House renovations. Those with ten-speed bicycles attempting to win the prizes for the first to

complete the 15 mile course, are shown anticipating the start of the event.

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One of the organizers of the Otterville Bike-a-thon, Murray Downing, has a serious discussion with participant Bill Pratt, editor of The Tillsonburg News, right.



Dale Arthur, left, and Paul Bobcock, right, were the first riders back in Otterville from the 15-mile bike-a-thon for the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, in Otterville, on Sunday. They finished in 55 minutes. Fastest lady was Robin Davis, centre, in one hour. (Photo by Will Fick.)

Otterville bike-a-thon raises over \$2,200

From seven to seventy, they all finished the 15-mile bike-a-thon, although a few were aided by short lifts in a fire-truck, and all received refreshments at various check points.

The Otterville Bike-a-thon Sunday afternoon drew 65 participants, many volunteers, and should raise more than \$2,200 for restoring the Oddy House.

Organizer Murray Downing felt a few more people would have ridden if weather conditions Saturday had not

postponed the charity ride, but he was pleased with the success of the bike-a-thon.

The Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and the Norwich-Otterville Lion's Club supported the Bike-a-thon, and six prizes are to be awarded when pledge moneys are turned in.

Prizes of Olympic, Wintario and Lion's Car tickets will be awarded to the oldest rider, 70 year old Alice DeGraeve, and the youngest, Larry Hussey, seven. Paul Babcock, 13, and Dale Arthur, 12, tied, finishing

first, while Robin Davis, 11, will receive a prize as the first girl to cross the finish line. All three completed the 15-mile, figure eight course, in less than an hour.

Reconstruction of the 1860 Octagonal house is underway. The foundation is now laid, and Dr. Downing said next week the building will be lowered on the foundation, rejoined, and new roof, windows, and basement will be added.

Estimated cost for the renovation is \$40,000, said Dr.

Downing, adding that the government has granted \$20,000 for the project, plus a senior citizen's grant to refurbish it.

"If we hadn't gone ahead and moved the house, there are plenty of other groups waiting to do it," he said.

Wintario will match the amount raised by projects to restore the Oddy House.

Pledge money may be turned into Mr. Neale at Springford School, Mr. Little at Otterville School and to Mr. Beecroft in Otterville after school closes.

To All Citizens, Ward I, Norwich Township:

As most residents of the area are aware, the octagonal house, originally located in Milldale, has now been moved and relocated at the west end of Otterville.

The house, built in 1860 by Thos. Wright, was known for over 50 years as "Woodlawn" and is truly original in design. Since this building has recently become available, historical architects have been enthusiastic about its preservation. The house will be restored to form an adult community centre. It will have a full basement and will be available for various adult activities.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation has fully endorsed the project, advancing \$20,000. towards moving and restoration. Money is set aside by government and allocated to communities with a worthy project and enthusiastic citizens. This project has enabled some of our tax dollars to be returned to our own community. We are fortunate in being able to add the octagonal house to the picturesque atmosphere of our community, as the house was desired by others.

A request has been submitted to Wintario but this depends in part upon public support from residents of this area. The support of all local citizens and organizations can assure completion and success of this worthy project. This community has been the envy of others in the past, in its unified support for community projects. Let's show that we have the same enthusiasm when senior citizens are concerned.

Fund raising projects will include a Bike-a-thon planned for June 19th. If you can't ride, be a sponsor.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may contact Melville Beecroft, Otterville. All donations are income-tax deductible.

Please Give Your Full Support.

June/76

Otterville Sports Day successful

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual Sports Day sponsored by the Otterville Businessmens Association was a decided success.

The day got off to a good start with a parade of decorated floats, bicycles and an array of other vehicles.

The parade began Saturday morning on Main Street at 9:30 and ended in Otterville Park for Sports Day events. The fire truck led the way for paraders.

At 9 a.m. the parade lined up at the South Norwich Road Dept. Garage and moved slowly to Dover St. and over to Park along Main St.

The full day of entertainment for the children and adults meeting with their neighbours and friends proved successful winding up with a dance in the pavilion throughout the evening.

Judges for the day were Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Ross Mc-Mullen and Mrs. Mae Leonard and the businessmen were ably assisted in their efforts by the Sunshine Club.

Prizes were awarded as follows:

Best float, Minor Ball; second Humane Society; third Douma Farm.

Bike Rodeo, boys, Dennis Walters, Sandy Thompson, Cam Pettigrew. Girls, Cindy Haskett, Debbie DeRoo, Donna Butler.

Race winners were:

Age five and under - Hali Walthers, Marty McElhone and Liam Dowds.

Age five - seven - Kerry McElhone, Derech Morrison and Brent Butler.

Age eight - ten Jennifer White, Lisca Oenema and Irie children.

Over ten - Sandy Thompson Cam Pettigrew, Michael Green and Haskett Family.

GAMES:

Penny Throw - six - nine -

Nancy Marynissen, Lisa Oenema.

Made Before Posters - Melaney Douglas, JoAnn Barnim, Roxann Duivenvorde and Jessica Douglas.

Youngest in parade - Sadie McElhone - two months old.

In the swim meet winners were:

RELAYS

Front Crawl - Phil Thompson, Gordy Pathy, Troy Miller, John Pathy, Darlene Smith Brenda Barnim, Karen Lynch, Lorie Lynch.

Breast Stroke: Troy Miller, Phil Thompson, Ken DeRoo, Daren Clifford.

Front Crawl - Phil Thompson, John Pathy, Kevin Baret.

Back Crawl - Phil Thompson Darlene Smith, Brenda Barnim.

RELAYS

Ten - eleven - Front Crawl - Boys: Tom Smith, Rob Davis, Floyd Gilbert.

Breast Stroke: Marty Smith, Aletha Shearer, Robin Davis.

Front Crawl - Richard Bar-

nim, Danny Marynissen, Aletha Shearer.

Back Crawl - Richard Barnim Aletha Shearer, Marty Smith.

Breast Stroke - Richard Barnim, Marty Smith, Floyd Gilbert Dwayne Barnim.

Front Crawl - Mary Marynissen, Janette Butler, Karen Dow.

Back Crawl - Donna Butler Karen Dow, Nancy Marynissen.

Breast Stroke - Karen Dow, Nancy Marynissen, Eric Barnim.

RACES

SIXTEEN YEARS

Front Crawl - Rick Grim.

Back Crawl - Rick Grim, Fred Hopkins.

Breast Stroke - Rick Grim, Mike Wilcox.

Breast Stroke - Paul Babcock, Phil Thompson, Lorie Lynch.

Egg On Spoon - Jane Furlong, Gordon Pathy, Paul Babcock.

Egg On Spoon - Marty Smith, Kathy Gould.

Egg On Spoon - Janette Butler.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe and Mrs. Doris Ker of Ingersoll were guests with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Addison on Friday at a birthday dinner in honour of Mr. Addison's 75th birthday. Other callers during the weekend were grandsons Douglas Addison of London, Wayne Addison and wife of Kitchener, Mrs. Mrs. Pearl McCarthy of St. Thomas and Mrs. Eartley Hawes of Port Stanley. 1976

Mrs. J.P. Heatley returned to her home in Chatham on Sunday after spending the week with sisters and brothers in Norwich, Otterville and Mount Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dow and daughter Glenna of Mount Elgin were recent Sunday guests with the former's sister Mrs. H.A. Waring. The latter returned home with them and spent the evening at their home.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie of Georgetown moved into the Baptist Parsonage on Monday afternoon. They were supper guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Addison and Mr. Verne Addison of Simcoe were Sunday callers of the latter's brother Wilfred Addison and Mrs. Addison.

Appreciations

I would like to thank my family and friends for flowers, gifts, cards and visits while I was a patient in Tillsonburg and London hospitals and after my return home. Special thanks to Dr. Downing, Dr. Chiu, nurse VanParys and nurse McMurchy, also to Norwich Midget hockey team, Otterville minor ball and Teen Dance Committee. - Rob Davis. June 1976

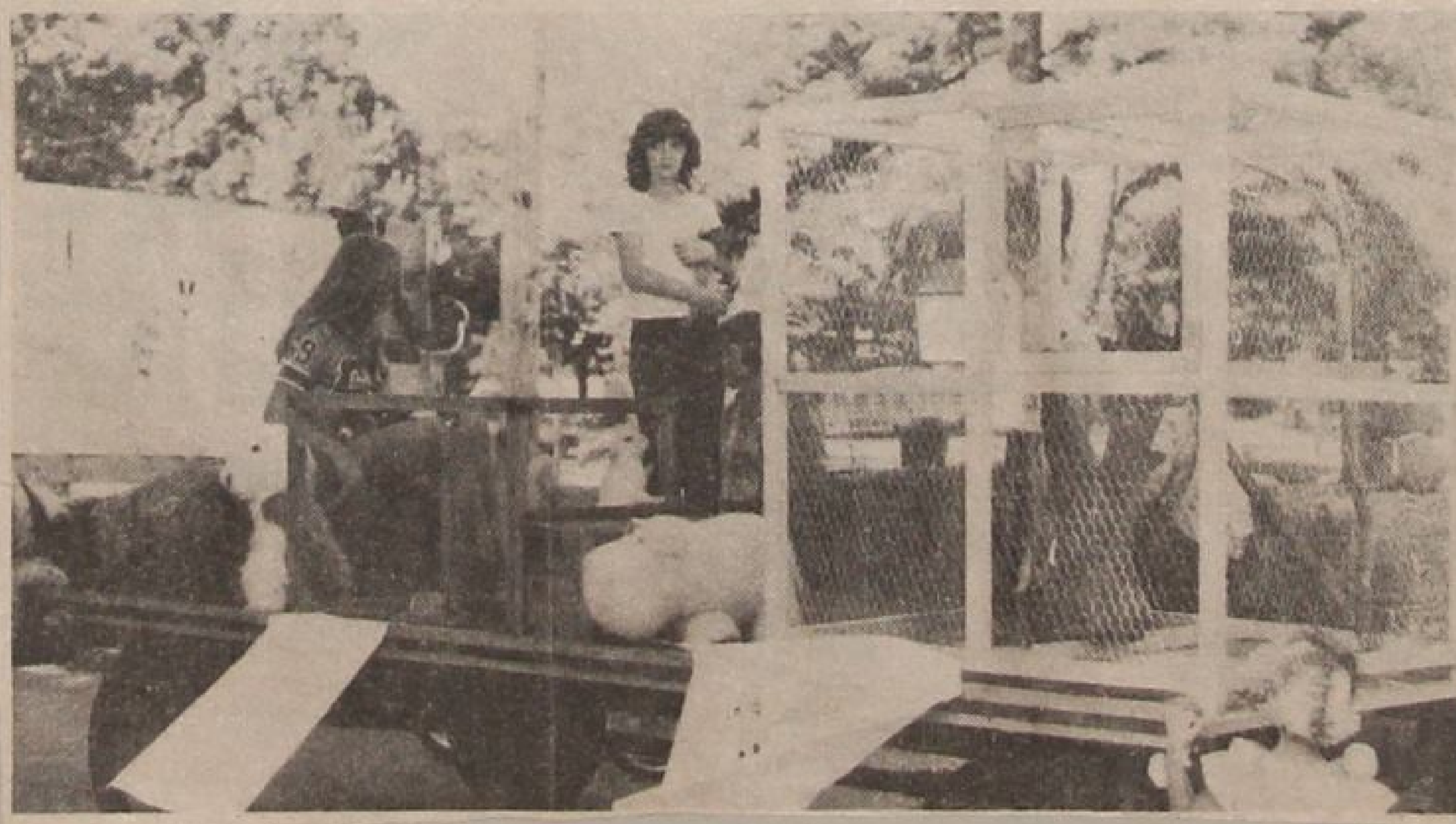
New minister of Otterville Baptist Church

OTTERVILLE (C) - Pastor Donald Gorrie who has accepted duties as Pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church along with Mrs. Gorrie were welcomed into the church on Sunday morning when the former presided for the service.

Mr. Bruce Stover gave the announcements which included the weekly prayer service on Wednesday evening. Mr. Stover also read a letter from Rev. Roy Hiron of Toronto who was the guest speaker at the Baptist Church for the 118th Anniversary. Rev. Hiron did appreciate the kindness shown to both Mrs. Hiron and himself and the social time when the ladies served lunch following the service.



First prize for floats at the Otterville sports day event was won by the Minor Ball entry pictured above. Second prize went to the Junior Humane Society whose float sported an assortment of pets including dogs, cats, a squirrel, a rabbit and a raccoon.



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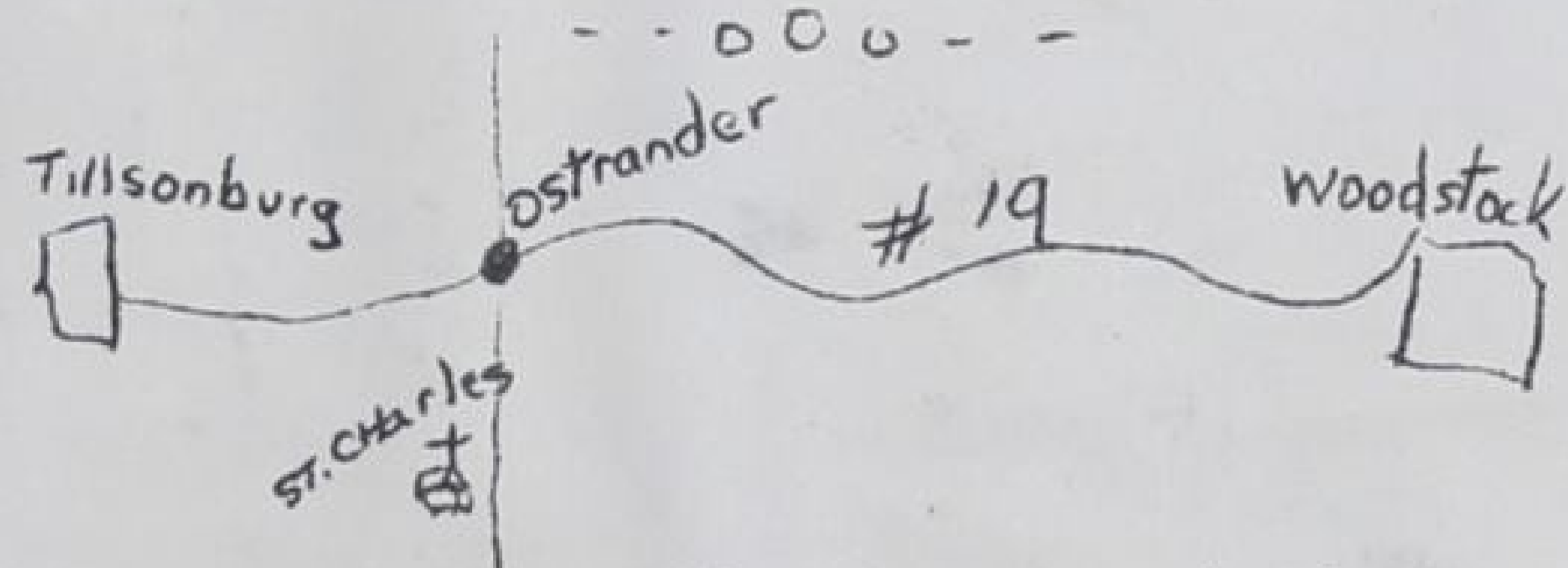
To

A HERITAGE CHURCH

ST. CHARLES, DEREHAM

Sunday June 27th 3⁰⁰ PM

Very Rev. K.B. Keefe Dean of Huron



On the Ostrander Sideroad, EAST of
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ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

OTTERVILLE

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The 60th year of the present Church
building presented by the Bullock
family of Otterville.

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Building commenced 1914

Finished and in use 1916

SERVICE at 11:00 a.m. June 27, 1976

GUEST PREACHER

The Very Reverend K.B. Keefe D.D.

Dean of Huron

St. Paul's Cathedral

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Church services held

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual Church service for the I.O.O.F. and Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 of Otterville was held on Sunday evening in the St. John's Church, Otterville.

Rev. H. Herring, rector of the church, conducted the service and gave the message which contained much food for thought. Speaking of the strong faith in the Order he commended the members in their many duties which they practice which sounded out the Motto of Friendship, Love and Truth.

Rev. Herring was assisted by several members of the Lodge throughout the service. Mrs. James Squance, Mr. Jack Riste, Mr. Carl Howse and Mr. Irvin Gehring.

During the service Mr. Jack Riste sang an appropriate solo "Rise Up O Men Of God" and was accompanied by the organist Mrs. Nate McMullen. The members met in a group

at the front of the church and were preceded by the flag bearers Bruce Addlington and Esther Smith.

Following the service the members met at the I.O.O.F. Hall where coffee and doughnuts were served. Bro. Max Avey thanked the members for coming and to Simcoe, Norwich and Delhi who were represented.

Other members who were heard from were Mrs. Fred Cole N.G. of the Violet Rebekah Lodge who expressed appreciation to the Minister for his timely message, and the entire service. Other speakers were Bro. Irvin Gehring and Bro. Bruce Alexander of Norwich thanking Bro. Max Avey for invitation to the minister, organist, soloist and the social time of fellowship.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Jack Riste. The ushers were Bryce Smith and Douglas Wilson.

**DONALD BRUCE
PETTIGREW**

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Donald Bruce Pettigrew of RR 1, Springford, who passed away on June 11, 1976, following a car-truck accident, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Sunday, June 13, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson of Otterville United Church, assisted by Rev. Douglas Hare of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Memorial donations were received for the Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bible, Heart Foundation Fund, Springford Minor Ball, Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and Can Save.

Pallbearers were Kim Malcolm, Dean VanEvera, Rob Davis, Randall Pettigrew, Chris Pettigrew and Robert Nunn.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

MRS. ALEX SLAGHT

Mrs. Alex (Beatrice) Slaght, 78, of Calgary, formerly of Otterville, died Tuesday, June 15, in Calgary.

She is survived by one son, William Slaght of Calgary; and four grandchildren.

Service will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville.

Interment in Windham Centre Cemetery. Visitors will be received after 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Eastern Star Service 8:30 p.m. Thursday.

MRS. ALEX SLAGHT

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Alex Slaght, the former Beatrice Beaton of Otterville passed away in Calgary on June 15, 1976, in her 79th year.

Born in Bookton, she was the daughter of the late Henry Beaton and Roxie Boughner. After the passing of her husband in 1967 she went to Calgary where she had spent the past seven years.

She is survived by her son, William of Calgary, and four grandchildren.

The late Mrs. Slaght was a valued member of the Otterville United Church, also of Otterville Women's Institute and a Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, Norwich Chapter.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Memorial donations were to Canadian Cancer and Heart Foundation. Burial was in Windham Centre Cemetery.

Members of the United Church Women served lunch to relatives and friends in the schoolroom of the church.

**ELIZABETH VICTORIA
STAPLETON**

Mrs. Elizabeth Victoria Stapleton of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, June 15, 1976, in her 71st year.

Her husband, William Stapleton, predeceased her in 1973.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Harvey (Mary) Brown of Mt. Clemens, Mich., Mrs. Henry (Gertrude) DeBlock of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Jack (Emma) McCready of Burgessville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Henry Ash and Joseph Ash of Otterville.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until Thursday morning, thence to Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. said by Rev. Fr. G.F. Childs.

Interment in the Parish Cemetery.

Prayers will be said tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home.

**MRS. ELIZABETH
STAPLETON**

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral Mass for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Victoria Stapleton of Otterville, who passed away on June 15, 1976, was held at Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church on June 17 at 10 a.m. conducted by Rev. Fr. G. F. Childs.

Prayers were said Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville.

Pallbearers were Dennis McCready, Jim McCready, Jerry DeBlock, Henry DeBlock, Michael Ash and Henry Ash.

Interment in the Parish Cemetery.

**ORA PEARL
HEMINGWAY**

Miss Ora Pearl Hemingway, aged 88 years, of 11 Washington Ave., Norwich, passed away on Sunday, June 20th, at the Norville Nursing Home, Norwich.

Born in Harley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hemingway and had resided in Norwich most of her life. She was a member of Norwich United Church and the U.C.W. and the Utility Club.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Bert (Clare) Barham, Norwich. She was predeceased by one sister, Mrs. John (Bell) Pritchard and a brother Lorne.

The funeral was held today (Wednesday, June 23rd) at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, with Rev.

MABEL VIOLA McKIE

Mabel Viola McKie of RR 2, Otterville, passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 1976, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 76th year.

Born October 22, 1900, she was the former Mabel Viola Arthur, daughter of Thomas and Mary Anne Arthur.

Surviving are one daughter, Marina Herron of Norwich; four brothers, Kenneth Arthur, Stanley Arthur, both of Otterville, Clayton Arthur of Tillsonburg and James Arthur of Burgessville; and two grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Thursday, June 17, at 4 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

MABEL McKIE

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Mabel McKie of RR 2, Otterville, who passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on June 15, 1976, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on June 18, conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson. Mrs. Jack Walther was the soloist accompanied by pianist Mrs. William A. McMullen.

Memorial donations were made to the Diabetic Association, Canadian Cancer and Heart Foundation.

Pallbearers were nephews Brian Arthur, William Arthur, Keith Arthur, Clare Arthur, Donald Arthur and Bruce Adlington.

The late Mrs. McKie was born at Hawtrey in 1900, daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Arthur. She was a valued member of the United Church, Otterville, Summerville Women's Institute and Norwich Chapter of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by one daughter, Marina Herron of Norwich and two grandchildren, Craig and Tara; four brothers Stanley Arthur, Clayton Arthur, James Arthur and Kenneth Arthur.

Interment was in Bookton Cemetery.

Relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur in Otterville where the ladies served tea to relatives and friends.

Coming Events

Mrs. Laura Kilgour (McMullen), all teachers, friends, relatives and former students are cordially invited to a Retirement Tea being held Sunday, June 13, 1976, 1 to 3 p.m. at Harris Heights Public School, 2 Caffyn St. Ingersoll.

Retirement

Tea

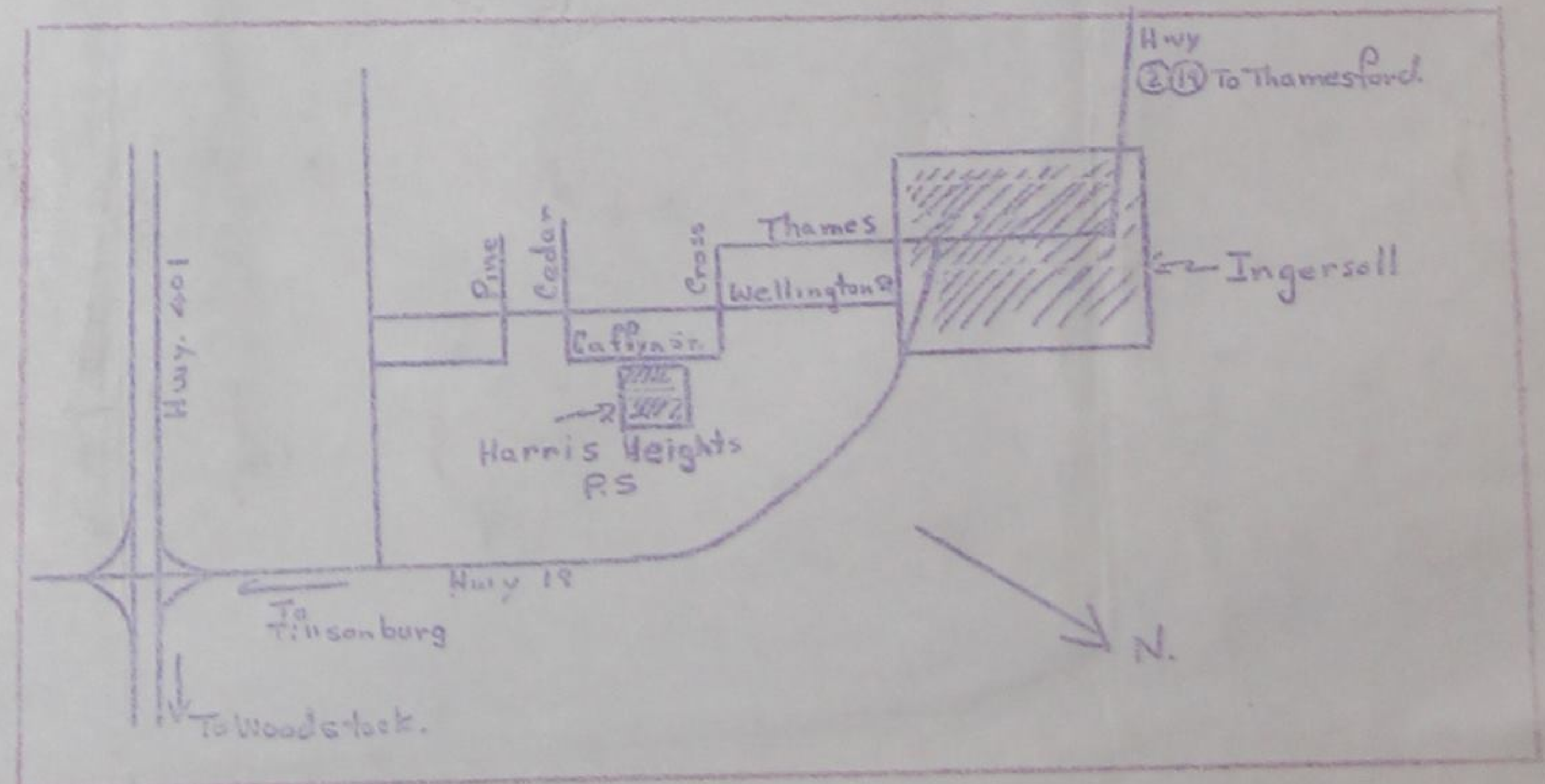
for

Laura Kilgour (McMullen)

Sunday June 13, 1976.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Harris Heights Public School
Ingersoll



Next Tuesday is census day

June 1, 1976, may be the most detailed and fully documented day in Canada's history. It is the date Census of Canada has chosen for residents to complete self-enumerations.

This will be the country's mid-decade census, the second national count on which so many policies and programs are based.

Tillsonburg residents will be answering questions about population, housing and employment. An agricultural census will be taken at the same time to update information where production methods and markets have undergone change.

Most urban householders can expect to receive a questionnaire between May 20 and 28. Farmers and those living in rural areas will receive them between May 25 and 28.

The census statistics are facts about Canadians, dealing with where we live, how many of us there are, our education, work, and migration habits.

Every household will receive a questionnaire. Two out of three will get the short form, requesting basic population information. This entails 13 questions.

Every third house gets a form with six additional questions covering information about education, employment and migration.

The Census of Agriculture contains 77 questions, but each farmer answers only those questions that apply to his farm: land size; type and area of field crops; numbers of livestock and poultry; numbers of workers hired and ownership of machinery and equipment as they apply to his specific farm.

The census was initiated in 1971, and since then costs of the census has risen \$10 million, to the \$31 million estimated for 1976.

The census data is used in many ways. In the public sector, the census provides information to assist in the structuring of existing legislation, and fund allocation.

Based partially on population figures from the census, the federal government makes various payments to the provinces for equalization grants, money for education, hospitals and health programs.

The data is used in structuring current programs and planning future ones. It directs policies, costs on new programs, regional development, health and welfare measures, education facilities, immigration, low-income housing and transportation networks.

The Census of Agriculture provides in-

formation of the wide variations in agriculture across Canada from region to region and even between counties or smaller areas. Data on differences in farm size and types are available for thousands of small areas.

The Agriculture data can demonstrate how effective present policies are, and direct attention to areas where inequalities may require special measures.

Information on the scale of crop or livestock production allows assessment of current or future marketing requirements and the development of new markets.

These statistics are publicized and widely used by private and public individuals and groups.

The week before June 1, the Census Representative will leave a questionnaire and instruction booklet at each home. The head of the household will be asked to complete the questionnaire for everyone living in that dwelling as of June 1. This includes other members of the family, plus any boarders or lodgers present at the time. If a boarder or lodger doesn't want to give census information on the same form as the head of the household, he or she may request a separate questionnaire.

Most questions on the form are answered by filling in a small circle with the pencil provided, and take only a few minutes to complete.

The questionnaire has been translated into 13 languages which are available on request.

After completing the form, householders who have received a postage-paid return envelope will mail the questionnaire back. When no return envelope has been received, the completed form should be kept until the Census Representative calls for it, between June 2 and 18.

After all questionnaires are returned, they are sent to Ottawa and microfilmed. The microfilm is used to transform the answers into a form which can be processed by computer. The original questionnaires are ultimately shredded and destroyed and, until that time are kept under tight security.

The Census of Canada publication program consists of a series of bulletins, microfilms, computer tapes, and tabulations in response to requests. Bulletin containing information from the Census of Agriculture Questionnaires will be released beginning in March, 1977.

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Council passes bylaws setting wages and salaries

Norwich Township council has passed bylaws setting salaries and wages for municipal employees.

An agreement reached with the Norwich Police Association set the salary for Chief Robert Knight at \$17,600. Constables' starting salaries were set at \$11,711 for fourth class constables, \$13,139 for third class constables, \$14,636 for second class constables and \$15,939 for first class constables.

Service pay for Chief Knight was set at \$60 for each five year period served for up to 20 years. Service pay for constables was set at \$5 per month after five years, \$10 per month after 10 years, \$15 per month after 15 years and \$20 per month after 20 years.

Council also approved a protection to persons and property committee recommendation to hire a part-time constable for Ward 2. Of 11

applications received for the post, the committee interviewed four applicants for the job.

Salaries for municipal office staff were set at \$18,150 for the clerk and treasurer and \$17,500 for the deputy clerk. Overtime for those three employees will be \$6 per hour for municipal meetings held outside normal working hours. A 20 cent a mile payment will be made for travelling on municipal business. Secretarial staff will receive \$3.85 per hour.

Public works employees' salaries were settled at \$16,500 for the road superintendent and \$14,300 for foremen. Hourly rates for grader operators are now \$5.06 and for workmen are \$4.95, retroactive to March 1. Service pay for public works employees is \$75 a year for 10 to 15 years employment increasing to \$325 for 30 years and over.

Noisy dogs cause a complaint

An Otterville resident is concerned about noise from nearby dogs, and wants to know what Council can do about it.

A letter from Lorraine Downing, Otterville, aroused much discussion among Norwich Council members at Tuesday's meeting.

She complained about noise from hunting dogs and asked if there was a by-law to prevent the disruption. She has requested the owner, John and George Davis, to move the animals, with unsatisfactory results.

Council discovered during subsequent discussion that a by-law to deal with the problem can be quite complex.

Woodstock has been working on a similar by-law, which has developed into 32 pages, for several months. A by-law to prevent noise entails buying equipment, such as a sound-level meter which runs from \$200 to \$2,000. A person must be trained to use the equipment and all municipal equipment must comply with by-law stipulations.

Sound levels must be decided for different areas, and for various times.

Council decided to study Woodstock's proposal, and check how a similar by-law in St. Thomas is progressing. But first, Council will call the Davis brothers.



This dilapidated 116-year-old cottage near Otterville may soon become a new meeting place for area senior citizens, if a \$40,000 renovation project launched by Norwich South Heritage Committee succeeds. (Photo by Williams)

Cottage to get new life

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — The Norwich South Heritage Committee has launched a project to restore a unique old cottage in the township and give it new life as a senior citizens' centre.

The committee was formed by several area residents interested in saving the unusual octagonal-shaped cottage, built in 1860 by Thomas Wright.

Norwich Township, most recent owner of the building, donated it to the committee. It was moved from its original site at Milldale to a site west of Otterville.

A \$20,000 grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation has financed initial renovation work by Albert Lewis of Otterville. The committee has applied for a \$10,000 Wintario grant, which must be matched by public funds.

Committee president Mrs. Donald Pettigrew says it is hoped the project, estimated to cost \$40,000, will be completed before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, members of the Otterville Leisure Club continue to meet in the village hall. They plan to furnish the restored cottage through a federal New Horizons grant.

The heritage committee is already planning a second project, to save the old Otterville mill. Township council has endorsed the project and has a committee working with the heritage group.

One man's farm junk is another's fascination

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — Gord McMullen, a life-long resident of the area, has a fascination for derelicts. It's not the down-and-out human kind he likes, but rusty old farm equipment — the older the better.

For 15 years, he has been taking in and fixing up all kinds of castoffs, dating back to the turn of the century.

He wants to preserve the artifacts of the horse-drawn era so future generations can see how people farmed in the past. Area farmers

who know of his interest sometimes give him items, everything from a grain cradle to early plows.

Today, the list of equipment rivals that of many farm museums with such pieces as a Noxon grain drill made in Ingersoll before this century, an early Massey-Harris grain binder in working order and an old wooden hubbed separator for hand feeding and band cutting — the Mount Forest New Favorite separator.

Mr. McMullen has a steel-hulled John White separator which was made in London. It is in running order and often seen in area steam shows with his wooden separator, which also works.

In his storage shed, he has various models of old hay forks and cars, a hay tedder used for fluffing hay after a rain and a Frost and Wood hay-loader.

Also in the shed is a horse-drawn sludge scraper (forerunner of the backhoe), a corn binder (daddy of the forage harvester) and a bone crusher used for making bone meal, a necessary mineral ingredient for cattle, plus other odds and ends.

Mr. McMullen has a few First World War era items, such as equipment to prevent milk from souring, ice saws and an ice-cutting plow used when area farmers had ice houses and cut a summer's supply for milk cooling.

Much of the machinery is in poor shape when Mr. McMullen receives it. Mrs. McMullen helps with painting. Parts for repair work are almost impossible to buy, so Mr. Mullen and his brother, who run McMullen's Machine Shop here, make the parts.

They do it for personal satisfaction and the enjoyment of others, Mr. McMullen says.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

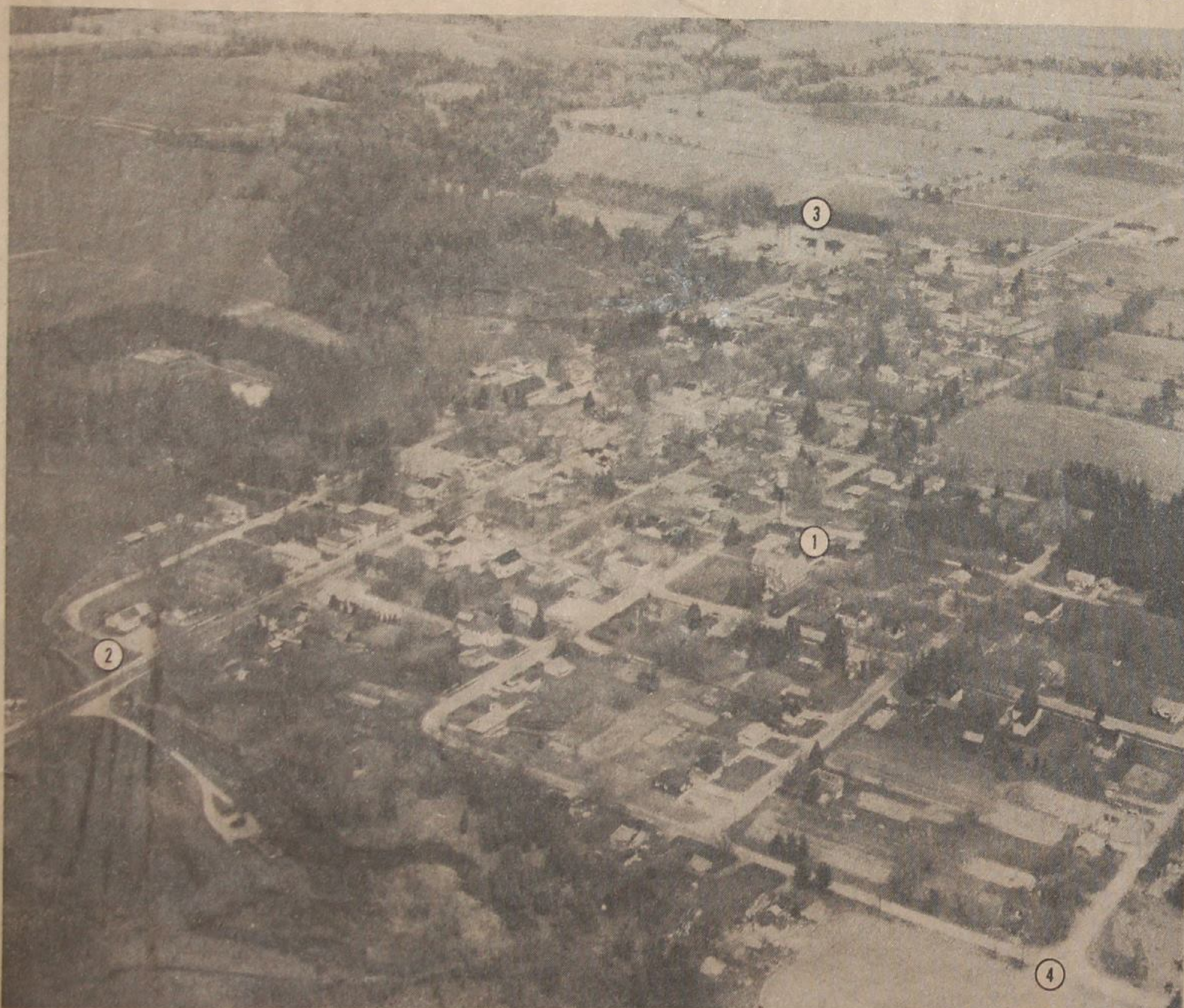
July 1946

Ray H. Nunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Nunn, who returned a short time ago from overseas service, was sworn in recently as a constable on the local Police Department.

Otterville - Three young couples, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Ross Davis and his wife, who recently arrived here from England, and Allan Jardine and his wife, who arrived in Canada from England this month, were honored at a miscellaneous shower in the parish hall of St. John's Anglican Church.

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The home town . . . then, and now



By Mike Jordan of The Free Press

Otterville . . .

Quaint, quiet rural life remains

Otterville is still very much the way the village was 30 years ago, a peaceful country village situated at the lower end of Oxford County. Some residential housing has been built along Otter Creek (2) and the Otterville Water Works building and tower (1) now supplies the

village's water. Sollinger Fertilizer Industry (3) closed its drying plant recently. In 1946, when the first picture was taken, Tip Top Canners owned the facility. The new road (4) leads to Powell Agri-Systems, which builds curing systems for tobacco.



Dam delightful

S. Norwich Society tour

Niagara-on-the-Lake

July/76

The South Norwich Historical Society enjoyed a most interesting and educational bus trip to historic Niagara-on-the-Lake. Tour was made possible through arrangements made by Forrest Kent who was a most informative tour guide for the group of 40, while touring the town of Niagara.

Mr. Kent, a former resident of South Norwich, gave the group a general tour of the town, stopping first at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This church was built in 1831 to replace a frame structure of 1794, burned in the War of 1812.

The church is of brick construction, with beautiful Greek Doric portico with its huge pillars, and enormous multipaned, round-headed windows. The interior is unique in several ways - one being, that the pulpit is at the entrance end of the building, so that late-comers would have to sneak into the "front" pew, or the gallery - rather than the usual "back" pew. The front pew might be tricky, also as the pews are box pews, which were sold or rented to individual families. The elevated pulpit is of beautiful black walnut approached by a curved stair. A gallery on three sides of the building seated the slaves.

Next stop was the Niagara Historical Society Museum - the oldest museum building in Ontario - opened in 1907. It houses many interesting displays, including possessions of Laura Secord, Isaac Brock, and uniforms and weapons of the 1812 war.

Lunch was enjoyed in the most beautiful garden and interesting early home of Forrest and Mary Kent. This home has been restored by the Kents under the guidance of architect Peter Stokes, and was certainly the highlight of the tour. The earliest part of the house was built about 1816 - a large keeping room with huge fireplace and narrow steep staircase at one end leading to the sleeping quarters above. This was added to in early years to form the present structure - storey and a

half with fine bay front and centre door case. The house is placed almost on the street line, as were the early houses.

After lunch the 1820 Niagara Apothecary was visited and St. Mark's Anglican Church. St. Mark's Church was built in 1805 and was used as barracks and hospital in 1810-12. It was gutted by fire in 1813, but the walls survived and the church rebuilt. In this church the box pews and galleries have been removed and the pews replaced by benches, amongst other changes. It now contains some beautiful stained glass windows. A huge stone plaque at the rear of the church is a memorial to the Reverend Robert Addison M.A. rector of the church from 1792-1829. Rev. Addison was appointed, in London, England, in 1791, as Missionary to Niagara. He was a cousin of the Addisons who settled in South Norwich, and encouraged their move to Canada. The church cemetery contains stones as early as 1782.

Before leaving for home, time was allowed for visiting some of the interesting restored shops in the area. Only a small portion of the restorations and history of "Newark," as it was first called, were covered in this trip, there is so much to see here - leaving lots of excuse for return visits to such a fascinating place.

Hefty increase in Norwich taxes

BY ELLEN NOVACK

If you have an average house in Norwich, assessed at \$4,000 and are a residential public ratepayer, your taxes will be up \$100 to a total of \$529.08 this year. Norwich council adopted the 1976 budget on Monday.

Township treasurer, Fred Lowes, said "you can't deny taxes are steep." The average mill rate is up about 26 mills, and the total township tax levy is \$2,055,205.

In Norwich, Ward Two, farm and residential ratepayers will pay 132.270 mills, up 27.8 mills from 104.456; commercial and business will pay 152.481 mills, up 32.0 from 120.402 in 1975; Oxford separate school farm and residential supporters will pay 136.609 mills, up 31.1 from 105.490; while commercial separate school supporters will be charged 157.301 mills.

In Ward One, farm and residential ratepayers will be charged 126.611 mills, up 25.5 from 100.048 in 1975; commercial and business will pay 143.198 mills, up 29.4 from 113.800; Oxford separate farm and residential will pay 130.179, up 28.6 from

101.542; separate school commercial, 148.273, up 32.8 from 115.453; Otterville public school farm and residential, 129.414 mills, up 26.5 from 102.916; and Otterville public school commercial ratepayers will be taxed 147.672, up 30.5 from 117.174.

A 23.7 mill increase faces farm and residential taxpayers in Ward Three, costing 127.322 mills this year, compared to 103.637 last year. Commercial and business ratepayers will be taxed 145.251 mills, up 27.1 from 118.177 mills. Separate school taxes are up; for farm and residential, 131.903 mills, up 26.9 from 105.051 and Burgessville public school taxes increased 25.7 mills for farm and residential to 132.222 from 106.505, while commercial public is 151.016, up 29.5 mills from 121.551.

Farm and residential ratepayers in Ward Four face a 36.5 mill increase, 121.128 from 84.655 while commercial taxpayers will be taxed 138.127 mills, up 42.2 from 95.923. Oxford separate school taxes have escalated. Farm and residential is up 39.9 mills to 125.686 from 85.786 and commercial is 143.190, up 46.0 mills from 97.178.



Tobacco harvest started Monday on the Otterville farm of Achiel DeWachter. While the bulk of his crop is not yet ripe enough for priming, Mr. DeWachter said he had two kilns of sand leaves which should be taken off. The veteran farmer, who has been growing tobacco since 1927, has 37 acres in crop this year and indications are that yield and quality should be excellent. A few

other farms have been reported as harvesting sand leaves, and general signs are that the crop could be earlier this year by a week or so if some hot, dry weather comes along. Some growers are pulling sands and discarding them as they have ample tobacco plants to fill their poundage quota.

Pastor moving, feted at social

July 22/76

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. and Mrs. Egilsson, who have served on the Otterville Pastoral charge for the past four years, were honoured by the congregations of the three churches, Otterville, Springford and New Road, on Thursday evening. The event was held in the schoolroom of the church in Otterville.

David Arthur, superintendent of the Sunday School, was chairman and a program with numbers from each church was enjoyed.

Coleen Pearce sang a solo accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Clarence Stover; Clarence Swance sang two solos, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Swance; a recitation by Debbie Bell; and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Engli playing a tuba and trumpet.

Mrs. Jack Walther lead in a number of choruses with Mrs. William McMullen at the piano, followed by a number of slides shown by Mrs. Walther of every department of Sunday School and church, taken last year.

Rev. and Mrs. Egilsson were invited to the front when Mr. Clarence Swance read an address written by Mrs. Jack Walther and presented them with a purse of money.

Each replied, expressing their appreciation to the congregations. Rev. Egilsson, along with his pastoral duties, was most helpful in visitation to the sick and his visits were deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Egilsson was chairman of the Oxford Presbytery and acting secretary of the London Conference. A member of Otterville church choir, she, with her husband, never failed to give a helping hand at special church functions.

Arriving at the church, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, they were

given hearty welcome from the folks already there. A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Egilsson and a boutonniere for Mr. Egilsson.

A special invitation was given to Pastor and Mrs. Gorrle who moved to the village recently to serve at Otterville Baptist Church, and they were also welcomed.

A social time was enjoyed over the friendly cup of tea served by members of the United Church Women.

Letters to the Editor

FORGOTTEN SENIORS

The Editor: Recently on a visit to see my grandmother in a Senior Citizens home it dawned on me how lonely and forgotten these people are. Once they get old their families just push them aside and forget them. It's really sad when you walk in and see the disappointment in their eyes as you go by them to the person you've come to visit.

As I was leaving I took a real good look and thought to myself what it would be like for me in their place. I would now like to share my feelings with you and I hope that they will help some people remember that some day they also will be in the same situation.

You don't have to praise them for things they have done
Or talk till you've nothing to say,
A hand in a hand or a chair by their side
Will pleasantly help pass the day.

A few hours for them when nearing the end
Is it so terribly bad,
Just think of the things they've given to you
They leave us so soon and it's sad.

Please don't forget loved ones when they're
growing old,
Don't push them aside like a fool,
When you reach that age and you're all
alone,
You wouldn't want them to be cruel.

Written by,
(Mrs.) Ollie Douma,
RR 1, Otterville.

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Do you know what it is to finely grow old
Can you understand how it feels
To be waited on both hand and foot
To be bathed and given your meals?

So often the young they tend to forget,
Just what you have given to them
They push you aside in an Old Folks Home
And visit when they get the whim.

They don't understand how lonely you are,
How pleasant a phone call can be
They forget how to say how much they love
you
And how important those three words can
be.

Do you know how it feels when you're
nearing the end,
And no one is there who once cared?
To the old, when the end is near, it's hard,
If they're left all alone 'cause they're
scared.

Readers Corner

BY HURON ECKER
HEADS BENT LOW

A stooped old man and a young
man
Chanced to meet one day
The young man said to the older
In his usual braggart way
Why don't you walk up straight
like me?
That's no way to grow old
It's all a form of habit
At least that's what I'm told.
The old man gave him a
knowing look
And said my dear young friend
Have you ever examined a
wheat field
And notice the heads that bend?
If not just look them over
As harvest time draws nigh
You'll find that the heads that
are empty
Are standing tall and high
But the heads that count in the
harvest
Are filled and bending low
Awaiting the reaper's sickle
Their time is short they know
And as the young man passed on
by
He slowly bowed his head
No doubt he pondered many a
day
On the things the old man said.

Legal Notices

July 1976

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HAROLD INNIS FOUNDATION

announces with regret
that the resident manager of
Innisfree Farm and Conference Centre
Ollie Douma (Mrs. Edward Douma)
is moving back to Woodstock
with husband Ed and children
Troy, Jennifer and Collin,
after two successful years at the farm.

The Foundation congratulates the Douma family
on their intelligent, responsible and resourceful
residence at the farm

and invites:
applications for the post of
RESIDENT MANAGER
(free housing in return for
managerial and custodial duties)

THE HAROLD INNIS FOUNDATION
RR 1, Otterville, Ontario,
1-519-879-6858

(a fact sheet will be sent to serious applicants.)

Births

HOPKINS - John and Bonnie
(nee Hanson) are pleased
to announce the birth of
their second son, Ian Kyle,
7 lbs. 6 oz., on July 6, 1976,
at Woodstock Hospital. A
brother for Bradley.
Proud grandparents are
Mrs. Johan Hopkins of
Norwich and Mr. and Mrs.
Alex Hanson of Otterville.

ADDISON - Charles and
Kathy proudly announce
the birth of their
daughter, Jenna Leah
born July 6, 1976, at
T.D.M.H. 8 lbs. 1 oz., a
sister for Lynanne.
Second grandchild for
Bruce and May Addison of
RR 2, Vanessa, seventh
grandchild for Alex and
Stella Hanson of RR 2,
Otterville.

We discovered this cute little
poem and am sending it along to
cheer all our sick and shut-in. It
goes as such:

O.I.C.

We are in a 10der mood today
& feel poetic, 2;
4 fun we'll just -- off a line
& send it off 2 U.

We are sorry if you've been 6
long;
But don't B disconsol 8;
But bear you ills with 4 de 2,
& they won't seem so gr 8.



Norwich Belvederes captured the seventh annual Straffordville Men's Fastball Tournament championship with a 2-0 decision over Tillsonburg Merchants in the title game Sunday night. Members of the Belvederes are, front row left, Terry Lamb, Bob Furlong, John Sibley (most valuable player), Brad Scott, Pat

Sprague, Art Cattrysse, Cary Hahn. Rear row, Neil Palmer, Bill Fidlin, Bob Stubbs, Neil Clifford, coach Tom Furlong and Murray Butler, manager. Absent, Ray Atkinson, Dennis Clifford, Joe Kungl.



Winners at Norwich Lawn Bowling Club in the New Horizons Olympic year provincial senior' trebels championships were Mrs. Hazel Hawson, lead; Mrs. Mary Furlong, vice, and Mrs. Ollie Marshall, skip. They will now play on July 25 at Brantford against the winners of four districts, and the winners there will go to Toronto on August 25.

Porter - Gehring wedding vows exchanged

OTTERVILLE (C) - The United Church in Otterville was the setting on Friday, July 2, at 3:30 p.m. for the wedding of Joan Brenda Gehring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gehring of RR 2, Otterville, and Jerry LeRoy Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Porter of Courtland. Rev. Einar Egilsson officiated before a setting of two baskets of yellow and white mums and baby's breath in tall white wicker stands, and white satin ribbons marking the guest pews.

Mrs. William McMullen was organist and played Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee as the Processional and Hawaiian Wedding Song as the Recessional. Soloist Mrs. Jack Walther of RR 1, Otterville, aunt of the bride, sang Morning Has Broken and during the signing of the register "We've Only Just Begun."

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white polyester satin with chapel length train. The gown featured a V-shaped standing neckline, fitted bodice, high waistline and full-length, lace

sleeves. The gown was made by the bride's mother. A Juliette cap with seed pearls held her waist length, three-tiered veil in place and she carried a cascade of white sweetheart roses and baby's breath, centered with a gardenia.

Linda Gehring of Hamilton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a floor-length gown of blue flowered polyester, similar to the bride's only with short sleeves. Bridesmaids, Elizabeth Barrie of Tillsonburg, cousin of the bride and Sandra Rachar of Otterville, friend of the bride, were gowned similarly to the maid of honor, only in yellow. The attendants wore a band of white spider mums and baby's breath in their hair and carried a nosegay of white spider mums, yellow sweetheart roses and baby's breath.

Best man was Pat Esseltine, friend of the groom, and ushers were Leslie Gehring, brother of the bride, and Doug Byers, friend of the bride and groom.

Dinner for 140 guests was held at the United Church. Bride's table featured a three-tiered

wedding cake topped with an inverted champagne glass topped with two love birds. Guests' tables were decorated with spider mums in milk glass vases and baskets of large yellow and white mums. Evening reception was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Norwich, with music supplied by "Soft Touch."

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Gehring chose a dusty rose, polyester, floor-length gown with V-shaped neckline and front gathers featuring a poncho of printed chiffon, worn with white accessories and a gardenia corsage. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, blue, floral gown with matching jacket, worn with white accessories and a gardenia corsage.

Bride's and groom's gift were leather manicure sets.

For a wedding trip to Florida, the bride chose a two-piece dress of polyester cotton printed in different scenic shades of pink, worn with straw bag and shoes to match, and a gardenia corsage.

Guests were present from Hamilton, Waterloo, Stratford, London, Woodstock, Simcoe and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter are residing in Courtland.

Prior to her wedding, the bride was entertained at showers given by Mrs. Chub Armstrong, aunt of the bride, by Mrs. Adam Oliver of Otterville and one by the groom's mother.

A wine and cheese rehearsal party was held at the home of the bride's parents.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY LeROY PORTER
(Photo by Ryder Photography)

Historical Society views movies

August meeting of the South-Norwich Historical Society was held in the firehall at Otterville. The program consisted of "Reminiscences of Otterville Area" through movies shown by Mrs. Jack Walther, taken in the area since 1945. Films were enjoyed of cadet days, at the old Norwich High School, Sesquicentennial celebrations at Otterville and Norwich, and Women's Institute gatherings. Films of Mrs. M. Downing's showed many old friends on the streets of Otterville.

During the business, a nominating committee was set up to bring in a slate of officers for September. The program conveners were obtained for the meetings from September through June 1977.

September meeting will be held at the Firehall, Otterville commencing at 7 p.m. with a pot-luck supper. The speaker will be Lyal Tait of Port Burwell, an author and local

historian, speaking on the Edison Family. All members, and prospective members, and

their families are urged to attend what promises to be an interesting meeting.

Decoration Day services held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Decoration Day which is always held the third Sunday in August was observed in the cemeteries throughout the Township on Sunday, August 15th. There was no service in Otterville Otter Cemetery, but relatives and friends from out-of-town and the village visited the Cemetery and many lovely tributes were placed in memory of loved ones.

With the Horses

Doug Arthur, a native of Otterville area, who moved to St. Catharines a few years ago, is coming back home. Doug who has one of the better stables on the Ontario Jockey Club circuit, has purchased a 100-acre farm near Norwich and a half-mile training track has already been laid on these grounds.

Otterville Personals

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville 879-6655

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. G.W. Hillier who has been a guest with her brother Mr. Nate McMullen and Mrs. McMullen and also visiting other relatives in the area returned to her home after five weeks stay here. Mrs. Hillier is now living at her home at a new address San Jose,

Calif. Her son Floyd and grandson Mike who were also guests here with relatives returned home earlier to move and get furniture settled in their new home.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove and Donald McGugan of London were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland. Mr. Lorne McCombs of Norwich spent part of the day with them.

Rev. and Mrs. Einar Egilsson minister of the Otterville Pastoral charge left on Monday for their new home at Sombra, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey attended the funeral service on Monday July 19th for the late Mrs. Gladys Losee of Woodstock. The late Mrs. Losee was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Avey.

Mr. and Mrs. Carman Ryder of Aylmer were recent visitors with their cousin Miss Gladys Nobbs.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hisey were visitors with Mrs. Harold Waring on Monday evening. Rev. Hisey also called on Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie at the Baptist Church Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. Inez Fisher accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe to Warton on Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner and sons.

A unique birthday party for Miss Gladys Nobbs took the form of a surprise on Monday July 26th. The party was held at Backus Mills, a delightful spot for any occasion.

The table was set at noon beside a pretty waterfall which sang a merry tune during the dinner hour. A well-laden table was finished off with a prettily decorated birthday cake and ice-cream.

This was the chosen spot to recline in lawn chairs and view the beauty of the place. Attending the party with the guest of honor were Mrs. Donald Pettigrew and daughter Heidi, Mrs. Jack Walther and daughter Trudy and Mrs. Harold Waring.

Miss Inez Fisher returned to Hamilton on Monday after spending most of the week with her cousins Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison. On Sunday Miss Fisher and Mrs. Addison accompanied their cousin Mrs. Beulah Bodkin of St. Thomas to Stratford to attend the memorial service for their cousin Gladys Fisher.

AUGUST 9, 1956

The tobacco harvest has started in earnest this week with a number of kilns already filled.

Rev. E. C. Grey, the new rector of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, St. Johns Otterville and St. Charles Dereham, commenced his duties in the three churches August 5th. Good sized congregations greeted the new minister and his family.

Former resident

visits area

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Leonard (Fish) Lee of Oakville returned to her home after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft.

On Monday afternoon Marion was the guest of honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beecroft when 33 of her Otterville friends called and were delighted to have a visit. The afternoon was highlighted with snapshots being reviewed of earlier days in Otterville.

The hostess was assisted in the tea hour by her neighbours, Mrs. Rod Taylor and Miss Vera Welsh.

Another added attraction of the afternoon was a lovely quilt fashioned in the pattern of "The Lone Star" made by Mrs. Lorne Treffry which was on display. Tickets were available with proceeds for the Historical Society.

Otterville park gets Wintario boost

Wintario has granted the township of Norwich \$3,408 to construct two tennis courts, a wading pool, picnic shelter and renovate a pavillion.

This project is sponsored by the Lions Club and work has begun in Otterville Lions Park.

Gord Shearer, liaison between the Lions Club and the Township, said the tennis courts are completed, and the pavillion has been renovated.

The wading pool has been excavated but construction is at a standstill. Now that the Wintario grant has come through, Mr. Shearer hopes to begin work again, although he says it has been difficult finding people to do the construction.

"We're having a heck of a time," he added.

First priority is the wading pool, after which the picnic shelter will be built. Mr. Shearer hopes the park additions will be ready for next spring.

"We've got our fingers crossed."

Otterville Personals

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of 27 Albert St. Norwich were dinner guests on Saturday evening with the latter's sister, Mrs. H.A. Waring.

The evening was in honor of Mr. English whose birthday was on Sunday August 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore have returned to their home after having spent several day with friends at Ipperwash.

Mrs. H.A. Waring was a recent guest with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller and family Joseph and Barbara at Glen Meyer.

Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Downing have returned from vacation during which time they were at Port Dover and Ottawa. Dr. Downing and daughter Janet spent a day in Montreal at the Olympics.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and daughter Kathy also their granddaughter of Simcoe spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. N.J. McMann at Musselman's Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Davis Graham and sons Kirk and Harold and daughter Melody of Edmonton, Alta. were weekend guests of Mr. Graham's cousin,

Mrs. Wilma Butler. Other relatives visited by the Graham family were their aunt, Mrs. Edna Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Butler and family of Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Berst and family of Woodstock.

Mrs. Harold Durkee and Jim and daughter Mrs. John Williams of Simcoe have returned to their home after spending the past two weeks in Cornwall England, visiting Mrs. Durkee's only surviving aunt, Devan and Cardiff-Wales. They visited London the birthplace of Mrs. Durkee's father, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and were guests of Mr. Speaker in the House of Parliament. Mrs. Durkee said they enjoyed a good flight only fog hampered their landing at Gatwick and landed instead at Heathrow.

Mr. Harold Durkee and daughter Kathy, Mr. John Williams and family of Simcoe have returned to their homes after having spent a week at Bobcageon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Wade of Toronto called on Miss Gladys Nobbs on Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, August 18, 1976

Readers Corner

PEOPLE ARE GOOD
BY MRS. OLLIE DOUMA,
RR 1, OTTERVILLE

Aug/76

Have you ever wanted to tell someone how much you really care or wished after someone was gone that you had just taken that few minutes to say how you felt? I'm sure that everyone has felt this way at one time of another. If you are afraid to express your true feelings to someone you care about or you don't know just how to or what words you should use show this to them. I hope it will help.

PEOPLE ARE GOOD

You never know until it's too late
How much people mean to you,
By the time you find how you really felt
They are gone and what can you do?

You tell them now, how much you care,
How you love them and need them around,
These feelings are beautiful and they should be shared,
Not tossed away, or stomped on the ground.

People are precious and should be enjoyed,
They can teach you so much if you listen;-
If you take the time to absorb what they say,
You will learn and your knowledge will glisten.

Love one another for the good they possess,
Don't judge them for faults or mistakes,
Forget all the bad and cherish the good,
And see what a difference it makes.



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Making of 508 Mary St. Woodstock are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Shirley Marie Making to Mark Innis son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis of Norwich. The wedding will take place August 21, 1976.

Lord mayor to visit

NORWICH — The lord mayor of Norwich, England, will be paying a visit to his area's Ontario counterpart Oct. 4, Norwich Township council has learned.

The lord mayor is to tour Canada and will visit Norwich after sightseeing at Niagara Falls. Council set up a committee to plan a welcome.

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Postage rates increasing

The basic First Class letter rate to the United States will keep pace with announced domestic rate increases to become effective next September 1 and March 1, 1977, the Post Office Department announced.

On September 1, the basic letter rate for mailing in Canada will rise to 10 cents and, on March 1, 1977, to 12 cents.

The rate of a one-ounce first class letter to the United States, its territories and possessions, has been 10 cents since last

March 1. This rate will remain in effect until March 1, 1977, when both the U.S. and domestic basic letter rates will increase to 12 cents.

"Coincidental with the implementation of new domestic rates, Canada Post must adjust its rates to the U.S., the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon and the Canadian Forces Post Offices and Fleet Mail Offices," Postmaster General Bryce Mackasey said.

In addition to the increases in first class domestic mail,

readjustments of rates in other classifications of mail as well as special services and related fees have been previously announced by Mr. Mackasey.

These charges will necessitate rate adjustments of mail to the U.S. in the printed papers and small packets classifications (similar to domestic third class addressed mail), surface parcel post and special services and related fees, effective September 1 and March 1.

The rates to the French Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon and the Armed Forces Post Offices and Fleet Mail Offices are similarly affected by the new domestic rates.

THOMAS NEWELL STAINBACK

Thomas Newell Stainback of RR 3, Vanessa, passed away on Friday, August 27, 1976, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in his 59th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Betty Jean Bill; two daughters, Mrs. B.W. (Karen Sue) Philbin and Mrs. Norman (Patricia) Eaker, both of High Point, North Carolina; his mother, Mrs. Mamie Stainback of Oakville; one brother, Bill Stainback of Weston; one sister, Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Sullivan of Oakville; and two grandchildren.

Rested at the Baldock Funeral Home, Simcoe, where service was held Monday, August 30, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Frederick Eatock.

Interment in Vanessa Cemetery.

ANDREW GREGORY FISH

1976
Andrew Gregory Fish, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fish, Main St., Otterville, passed away on Sunday, August 1, at St. Joseph's Hospital, London, aged 5 days.

He was born in Woodstock Wednesday, July 28, 1976.

Surviving, besides his parents, are one brother, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Fish and Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Herring, all of Norwich.

Funeral service was held Monday, August 2, at 4:30 at St. Charles Anglican Church Cemetery, Dereham Township.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HANSON

William Alexander Hanson of RR 2, Otterville, passed away at his home on Sunday, August 22, 1976, in his 78th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Stella Christo; four sons, Paul Hanson of North Bay, Brent Hanson of Prince Albert, Sask., Craig Hanson and Jeff Hanson, both at home; three daughters, Mrs. John (Bonnie) Hopkins of Burgessville, Mrs. Larry (Barbara) Godelie of

Brownsville, and Mrs. Charles (Kathrine) Addison of Vanessa, and seven grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Wednesday, August 25, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. R.D. Duncanson of Bookton Presbyterian Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery. Memorial donations to Bookton Presbyterian Church or Otterville United Church would be appreciated by the family.

ALEXANDER HANSON

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Alexander Hanson who passed away suddenly at his home, RR 2, Otterville on Sunday, August 22, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The service which was very largely attended by relatives, friends and neighbours was conducted by Rev. R. D. Duncanson, minister of the Presbyterian Church, Bookton.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist and accompanied Mrs. Jack Walther who sang as a solo "In The Sweet Bye and Bye."

The many memorial floral tributes showed the esteem in which the late Mr. Hanson was held in the community. Included in the donations were to the Gideon Bible Society, Canadian Cancer, Heart Foundation, Tillsonburg Association for Mentally Retarded, Bookton Presbyterian Church and Otterville United Church.

The pallbearers were Archie Hanson, Harry Hanson, William Hanson, Russell Gee, Louis Flewelling and Douglas Christo.

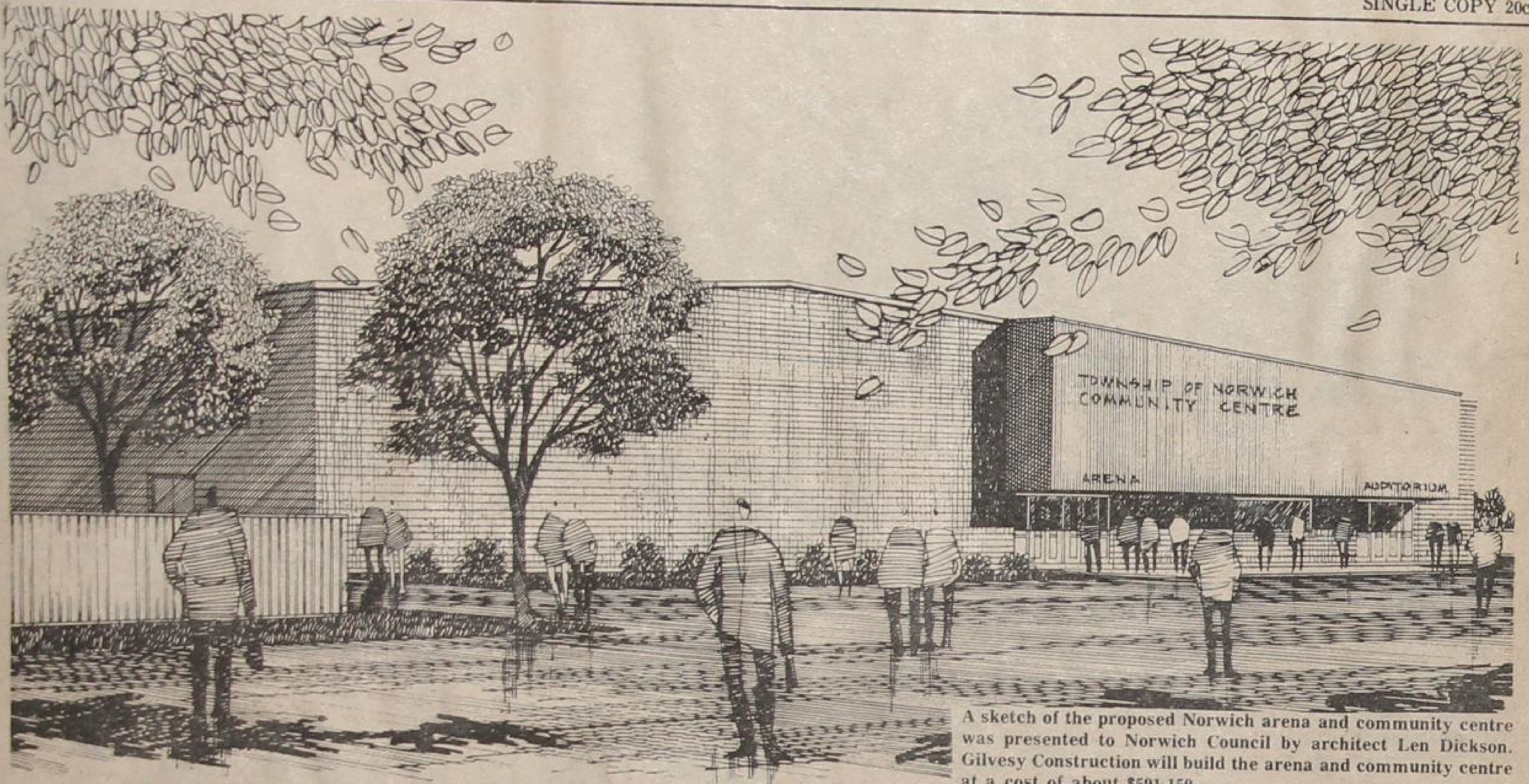
Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

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A sketch of the proposed Norwich arena and community centre was presented to Norwich Council by architect Len Dickson. Gilvesy Construction will build the arena and community centre at a cost of about \$591,150.

Bids opened, arena to cost \$591,150

The Norwich arena and community centre will cost \$591,150. Township of Norwich council has chosen Gilvesy Construction, Tillsonburg, to construct the building.

Gilvesy Construction presented the lowest bid of nine tenders. The base bid was \$542,000, and with extras such as revised seating, wood build-ins,

vinyl asbestos tile, hard wood flooring, fans, radiant heaters, plexiglass shields and plastic facing, the price amounted to \$591,150.

The second lowest bid came from Logan Contracting of Stratford with a total price of \$592,631.

Architect Len Dickson has been authorized to proceed on

behalf of Norwich Council with the Gilvesy contract and complete the arena before the community centre.

There was hesitation in deciding on Gilvesy Construction despite its lowest tender, since Councillors accused the company of charging about 17 per cent above its contract price on the park swimming pool. However,

everyone voted in favour of awarding contract to the company when the final vote was recorded.

Construction time is 28 weeks but the contract is dependant on approval from the Ontario Municipal Board. Some councillors anticipated trouble from the OMB because the proposed arena will be double the size of the old one.

OMB approval may take one week or several months to pass, and MPP Harry Parrot has promised to try and rush the process.

Meanwhile, Council authorized payment of \$6,500 for the completion of demolition of the arena. It has been razed, and the site cleaned of waste and debris to Council's satisfaction.

Fred Thompson heads arena fund campaign

The organizational meeting of the committee to head up the fund drive for the new Norwich community centre was held Monday night.

After a discussion of Methods of fund-raising, three main methods were decided on by the committee.

Selling a brick or block to be used in constructing the centre, a lottery, and a walkathon are hoped to bring in a substantial sum.

A target figure for the campaign has not yet been set and the details for the fund-raising methods are to be worked out between now and the next meeting August 30.

Committee chairman is Fred Thompson of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

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Present for the meeting were representatives from the spearheading club, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Skating Club, the Junior "D" Club and Minor Hockey. Other service clubs and organizations are to be contacted to attend the next meeting.

Official signing of the contract with Gilvesy Construction Limited of Tillsonburg for the construction of the centre was completed Monday by Councillor-at-large Kenneth Peers and township deputy clerk Wayne Johnson. The contract for \$591,150 was signed Friday by the Gilvesy firm.

An official sod-turning ceremony is being arranged by township officials for some time next week.

Oxford vocalist says it's hard finding musical niche in Canada

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Canadian musical talent is wanted but it's still difficult for Canadian musicians to get a start, says Don Oatman, a 36-year-old Springford vocalist. Mr. Oatman has reached a plateau of his own, having struggled to release several single records and complete his first long-play record.

"There is tremendous talent that has never been tapped," in the field of band music, he said.

He has found it expensive financing himself, however, without accepting 10 per cent of the proceeds in long-term

agreements with record companies.

He admits he could have made his records for one quarter of the price, but opted for quality productions to try to attract more attention.

He has sent his records to radio station across Canada, and has received some response, he said.

Mr. Oatman recently provided entertainment at a sidewalk sale in Woodstock, while peddling organs for a Tillsonburg distributor.

He is often seen at fairs across Southern Ontario, where he intends to distribute

his record *Something Old, Something New*.

The album includes *The Love I Give To You*, a song he wrote himself, and *Easy Life*, written by organist Larry Schofield of London who plays in the Don Oatman and Impact dance group.

Wayne Heimbecker of Paris has written three songs for the album, including one for the Springford singer — *You Have Given Me My Reason To Live*.

Mr. Oatman feels he will be satisfied if he breaks even.

"I am the middle of the road," he says, referring to his taste in music.

He began singing under the direction of his mother, Mrs. Wilfred (Mae) Oatman, at the age of eight. She was organist at Springford United Church, across from their home, and he sang in the choir.

He later took trumpet lessons and played with the Tillsonburg Community Band and Annndale High School Band in Tillsonburg.

There's more music in the Oatman family. Don's wife, Elsie, plays the piano; their 15-year-old son, Jeffery, the guitar; and daughters, Brenda, 13, and Christine, 11, are taking organ lessons.



Free Press Woodstock Bureau

Despite numerous singles and an LP album of his own, Don Oatman, a Springford singer, is struggling to find a musical niche in Canada. He and Larry Schofield, right, of London, recently provided entertainment at a Woodstock sidewalk sale.

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Phone check operative

BY KAREN MONCK

For one phone call a day, no one in Tillsonburg need fear lying ill or injured, unable to call for help, for more than 24 hours.

The Rotary Phone Check opened its lines to callers Tuesday. Every day,

two volunteers staff the telephones at the senior citizen's lounge at the community centre between 8 and 11 a.m.

The phone check is a free service to anyone living in Tillsonburg or within the free calling area. Seven people are presently registered for the service, but many more can be accommodated, said Don Watkins, chairman of the Rotary Phone Check committee.

To register for the service, one has only to phone 842-6474, leave their name, address and phone number, and call in every day. Because response was not as great as expected, the volunteers can easily handle registration of new callers.

Calls to check in may be made anytime between 8 and 11 a.m., and not necessarily at exactly the same time every day.

It is the responsibility of the caller to check in every day. If a caller does not contact the service, an attempt to contact the caller will be made by the volunteers. If they cannot reach the caller, the police will be notified to check into the situation.

For this reason it is necessary for someone on the service to notify the phone check staff if they are going away for a while. The service can then be discontinued until the caller returns. The service can also be used temporarily by someone who usually has a friend or relative who checks on them but who is going away on holiday.

The volunteer requirement of the service has been met for August by 28 people. A volunteer need only donate what time he has available to the service. It could be one morning a week, one morning a month or just one morning, said Mr. Watkins. Anyone wishing to volunteer time to the service should contact Mr. Watkins or any Rotarian.



Mary Travis, retired legal secretary, staffs the phones for the Rotary Phone Check, one day this week. All staffers are volunteers. Organizers are urging anyone who could use the service to contact the Phone check.

Otterville Park gets Wintario

boost *Sept 1/76*

Wintario has granted the township of Norwich \$3,408 to construct two tennis courts, a wading pool, picnic shelter and renovate a pavillion.

This project is sponsored by the Lions Club and work has begun in Otterville Lions Park.

Gord Shearer, liasion between the Lions Club and the Township, said the tennis courts are completed, and the pavillion has been renovated.

The wading pool has been excavated but construction is at a standstill. Now that the Wintario grant has come through, Mr. Shearer hopes to begin work again, although he says it has been difficult finding people to do the construction.

"We're having a heck of a time," he added.

First priority is the wading pool, after which the picnic shelter will be built. Mr. Shearer hopes the park additions will be ready for next spring.

"We've got our fingers crossed."

TEN YEARS AGO

September 1966

A meeting has been called for Monday, September 11, at 8 p.m. at the Lions Community Centre aimed at forming a Junior "D" hockey club for Tillsonburg.

Otterville - Disturbing noises are against the law in South Norwich township. At the September meeting of council a bylaw was passed which prohibits creating of noise which constitutes a public nuisance.

Beef supper

date set *Sept 9/76*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Anglican Guild met at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste with eight members and two children present.

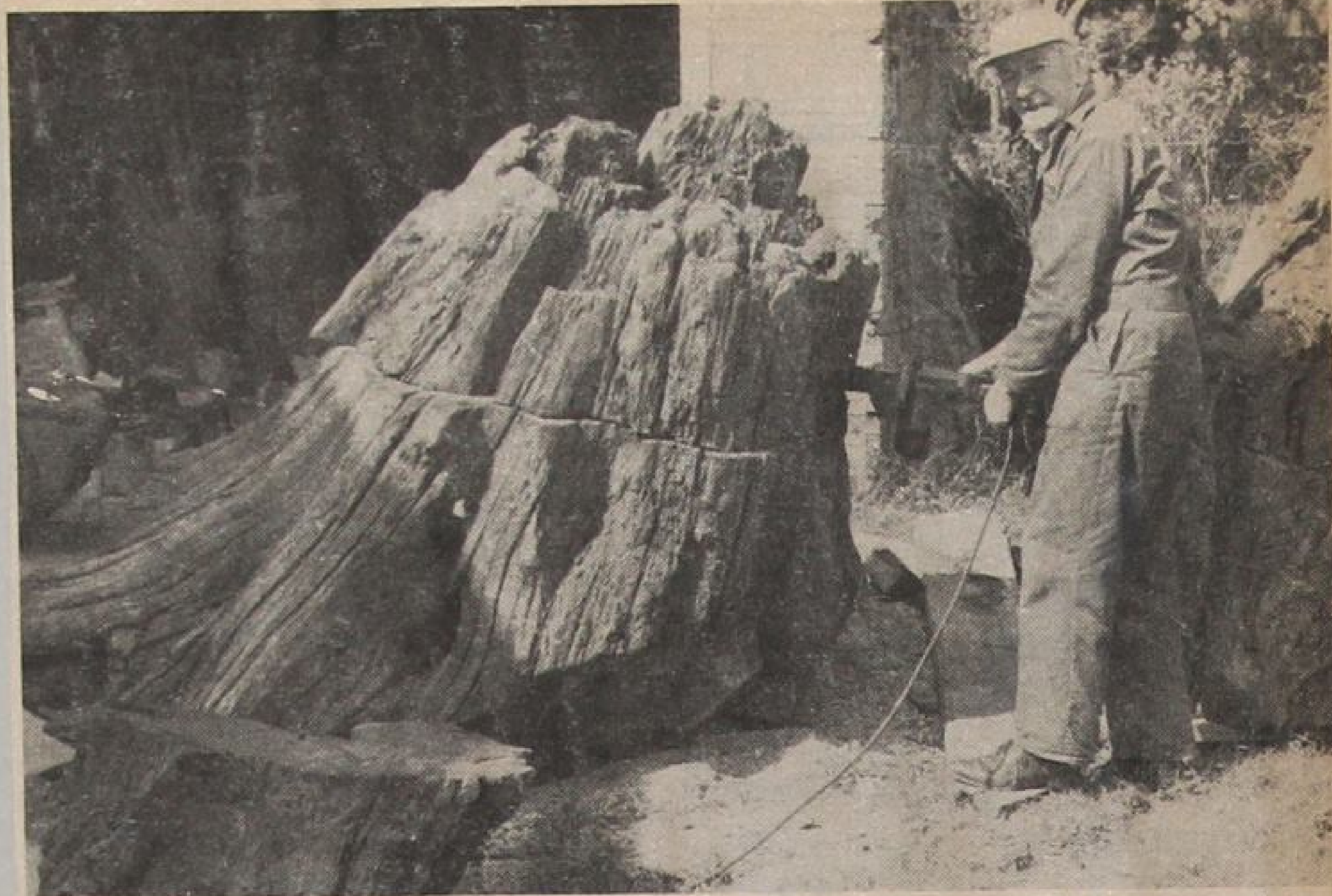
President Mrs. Violet Howse opened the meeting with prayer followed with members repeating "The Lord's Prayer."

Bishop Robinson will be the guest speaker at the Fall Deanery meeting to be held in Woodstock on November 10.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen and was moved and seconded the Church Guild sponsor the annual roast beef supper on Sunday, October 31st.

Next meeting will be held September 9 in the Parish Hall, Otterville, with Mrs. Harry Pickersgill as hostess.

Meeting closed with prayer. Bingo was enjoyed by all, and a bountiful picnic lunch brought the afternoon to a close.



Colin Robinson of Otterville works at the stump of a black walnut tree found in a campground at Cayuga. The stump, 16 feet around at the bottom, is estimated to weigh close to a ton. It took five men to lever it onto a 3-4 ton truck to bring it to Otterville. Thought to have been cut down about 50 years ago the stump was washed up on the bank of the Grand River during the flood in 1974.

Marks birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) - Colin Robinson of Otterville was a birthday celebrant at his home recently and the event was happily celebrated when upwards of 30 of his former friends from the Brantford area visited him in the form of a surprise. The evening was spent socially. The visitors supplied lunch, which featured a lovely birthday cake which marked the 70th birthday for Colin. It was served by his grandsons, Kelly and Robbie Robinson. Mrs. Robinson having a hand in the planning of the night. Mr. Robinson was presented with a purse.

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These are the types of handiwork Colin Robinson will produce from the black walnut stump. At left a fruit bowl and right is a gizmo for holding a ball of wool or thread while crocheting or knitting.

Garbage pick-up service approved for Otterville

BY ANDREA DOUGLAS

A committee recommendation for garbage pick-up by Burnett Sanitation to include Otterville was approved by Norwich council last night. Pick-up will begin January 1, 1977.

Considerable discussion was given to the proposed fire hall in Ward Four. Maps were submitted by Councillor Jack Burn defining distances from possible fire hall sites to the most distant points of the area to be served. It was suggested that the homes of all volunteer firemen be plotted on the same maps and then submitted to the entire council for discussion.

In other business, a resolution was passed that applications for the job of arena manager be reviewed by the recreation and community services committee and five prospects be submitted to council for consideration.

Council was advised that Special Constable Roland Harrison will be sworn to duty as a full probationary constable. He will assume a regular shift without supervision following his change in status

which will reduce the amount of overtime for full time staff.

Councillor Jim Butler advised the public works committee that a number of concession road signs need replacement and suggested funding be provided for this in the 1977 budget.

Finance and administration accounts totalled \$3,449.24, recreation and community services \$6,588.70, agriculture \$26,782.84, public works \$11,989.72 and protection to persons and property \$2,722.77.

Norwich council has agreed to build the township's new firehall at the site of the former East Oxford municipal office at the south end of Oxford Centre.

Councillor Jim Butler said there is no plan yet on how soon the firehall will be built. "There is quite a bit of red tape to go through and it all takes time. I presume that we can't get started on it this fall," he said.

Council has set aside \$25,000 in this year's budget towards construction of the firehall.

NEW ROAD, SPRINGFORD AND OTTERVILLE PASTORAL CHARGE

NEW ROAD (C) - During the month of September, United Church services will be held at only ONE church of the three-point charge. Everyone is welcome to attend. The schedule is as follows: Sunday, September 5, 11 a.m., New Road; Sunday, September 12, 11 a.m., Springford; Sunday, September 19, 11 a.m., Otterville; Sunday, September 26, 11 a.m. at Springford United Church. This service will celebrate their Church anniversary.

The individual church treasurer's request that attendees indicate the name of their church on weekly offering envelopes.

OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE (C) - Sunday morning service Sept. 5th for the three congregations of the Otterville Pastoral charge will be held in the New Road Church at 11 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Andrew Derrough of Tillsonburg. Services will follow Sept. 12th at Springford United Church at 11 a.m. with the guest speaker, Mr. C. C. Laker of Norwich who will also conduct morning service in the Otterville United Church, Sept. 19th at 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 26th, there will be the Anniversary Service at Springford United Church at 11 a.m., at which time Rev. G. A. Wiley of Oshawa, a former minister of the charge will be the guest speaker.

Numismatic bliss

Collectors to bid on coins found by chance

OTTERVILLE — A treasure trove of 117 old coins, all but three of them dating before 1900, is to be auctioned off Saturday in Otterville, and it's only by accident the cache was ever discovered.

The auction, which starts at 1 p.m. in the Otter Valley Auctions building, should draw dealers and collectors from all over North America, says owner and auctioneer Bob Carney.

Mr. Carney said Doug Robbins of Oregon, one of the biggest coin dealers on the continent, telephoned him Tuesday to say he expected to fly in for the sale.

The Straffordville man who owns the coins wants to keep his name a secret. He doesn't know how much to expect from the sale, but says he turned down a private offer of \$2,000 for the lot.

Mr. Carney says two of the coins, 1875 25-cent pieces, are worth anywhere from \$800 to \$1,800 each.

The 117 coins have a total face value of just over \$26. But the owner recognized he might have something of value and consulted experts.

The coins were found by a niece of the owner when the family was moving. They were in a hidden compartment in a blanket box.

"She saw something," says the owner, "and she just pulled a pin and the side popped up."

Mr. Carney thinks that about 70 years ago, someone stashed the coins away and then just forgot about them.

The blanket box in which the coins were found was part of a legacy of household goods left to the present owner by a woman who died. The rest of the goods have been sold, but the coins are something special.

"It's like winning the Irish sweepstakes," says Mr. Carney.

In London Z. Press Sept 22/76



Buyers at the Otter Valley Auction Room's sale of old and rare coins Saturday take one last look before getting down to the hard work of bidding.

INFLATION?

Quarters worth \$1,300

BY ANDREA DOUGLAS

Check the change in your pocket. Got a quarter? Well, take a careful look at it for perhaps 100 years from now it will be worth \$1,300. That is what two 1875H quarters sold for at the Otter Valley Auction Rooms on Saturday.

"They very seldom come up for sale in this condition," said a buyer for Sovereign Coin of London who bought one of the quarters for \$1,350.

A private collector pocketed the other one for \$1,325. "This kind of coin is very rare, especially in such beautiful condition," he said.

The coins were part of a large collection of old and rare money that was discovered by accident in the false bottom of an old blanket chest.

"A coin auction like this is unique for this area. It is very unusual because they are all local coins," explained

Steve Lutton who was bidding for a Toronto coin dealer.

The bidding was keen for some of the items among the 80 buyers at the auction. A two dollar bill dated July 1887 with a picture of the Marquis and Marchioness of Lansdowne sold for \$305. A one dollar bill dated July 1878 fetched \$85. One bidder paid \$80 for a Canadian ten cent piece while another went for \$45.

Three lots of coins from estates were auctioned with the coins found in the blanket box. Total sales from the auction were \$8,000.

Auctioneer Bob Carney was pleased with the results of the sale. The owner of the rare coins, a Straffordville man who wants his identity to remain secret, was unavailable for comment. He has gone on vacation.



Otterville auctioneer Bob Carney with two specimens of old money which will be included in an old coin auction on September 25. At left is an 1870, 50 cent piece in fine condition and a one dollar bill dated 1878.

Coin collection found in false-bottomed chest

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BY ANDREA DOUGLAS

Have you ever dreamed of secret treasure, of finding something that is incredibly valuable that was hidden away for years and perhaps lost or forgotten?

For one man this came true, and has resulted in a major coin auction to take place September 25 at the Otter Valley Auction Rooms in Otterville.

The owner of the coins, who wants his identity to remain secret, was a friend of an elderly woman and used to stop by and visit her. When she died at age 107 she left her household goods to him.

It was when he was disposing of her furniture that a little girl found the large collection of old and rare coins. They were scattered in a false bottom of a glove box in a very old Canadian pine blanket chest that was going to be sold at auction.

Auctioneer Bob Carney says it will be

quite a sale. He has had inquiries from all over Canada and the United States.

The collection was professionally graded and catalogued by Sovereign Stamp and Coin of London, Ont.

A great many of the coins are from the 1870 to 1900 period, although the dates range from 1859 to 1972. Some of the items being offered at auction are Bank of Upper Canada penny bank tokens 1850-57, a half penny token for public accommodation, a Department of Highways Ontario token and five gold Nederland guilders. Ten of the first half dollars to be minted in Canada will be sold. Two 1875 quarters evaluated in very fine condition and conservatively valued between \$775 and \$1800 each are available. In all, 350 lots are being sold.

"These are darn nice coins in plush condition," Mr. Carney said. "Most of them are in beautiful condition."



Part of a collection of old money to be auctioned off by Bob Carney at the Otter Valley Auction Rooms on September 25. These specimens were found in a hidden compartment of an old pine blanket box. Top from left are Canadian 10 cent piece, 1892; a Nederland 5 guilders gold coin; an 1875, 25 cent piece and an

1870, 50 cent piece, this being the first year that 50 cent pieces were minted in Canada. Below is an 1887 two dollar bill with pictures of the Marquis and Marchioness of Landsdowne. Coin collectors from many parts of Canada and the United States are expected to attend the unusual auction.

Moves home

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch, residents of the village for the past forty-five years have purchased a new home in Norwich and moved to their new address North Court St., September 4th, 1976.

Mr. Leitch coming to Otterville purchased the corner store on Main St. from Tom McGaw where he was merchant for 15 years.

While yet a storekeeper he became owner of a tobacco farm east of Highway 59 and was a successful tobacco farmer for a period of 20 years.

Following this busy life, Mr. Leitch found it necessary to retire and eventually purchased a home in Florida near Clearwater.

Ivan and Lorna are now residents of Norwich and Otterville has lost two valued citizens.

Friends and neighbours wish for Ivan and Lorna "Happy Days" in their new home in Norwich and their home near Clearwater, Florida.

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September 29, 1976

Otterville Institute holds September meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - The September meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring on Friday evening, September 10 with 13 members and one visitor present.

The president Mrs. Melville Beecroft presided for the meeting which opened with The Institute Ode, The Mary Stewart Collect and followed with "The Lord's Prayer", after which two minutes of silence was observed in memory of a former member Mrs. Beatrice Slaght who passed away since the last meeting. The late Mrs. Slaght was a devoted member to the Branch and willing to help in time of need.

The president welcomed the ladies and especially to the guest speaker Miss Carole Coghlin of Woodstock who was very attractive wearing a white sash bearing the words "Queen of the Furrow" in red letters. Miss Coghlin had competed to be Queen in the Oxford County's Ploughing Match and had won this honor.

The speaker was thanked by

Mrs. Pettigrew who presented her with a gift.

The roll call was responded to by the members telling "How a farmer and his wife find more leisure time."

During the business a letter was read from The Norwich South Heritage Committee asking for a representative to a meeting in the Community Hall in Otterville September 30 at 8 p.m. at which time the meeting would hope to get a fund raising plan underway to raise money for the restoration of the Octagonal House at the west end of Otterville.

Mrs. Harold Durkee, convener of agriculture presided for the program and gave the motto "What are we as W.I. members leaving our successors?"

Mrs. Durkee also gave a reading "What is a Farmer?" Mrs. Harold Waring gave a reading "The Modern Version of The Little Red Hen."

The meeting closed with "The Queen" and "The Institute Grace." Mrs. Waring was assisted by Mrs. Durkee and Mrs. Pettigrew during the social hour.



Sporting a new roof the Oddy House at the Erbtown Cemetery in Otterville is gradually coming together. Rebuilding the old hexagonal house is a project of citizens groups in Otterville.

Smoke from anti-frost devices in a tobacco field was involved in a three-car rear-end accident Sunday morning.

Visibility was reportedly down to zero on the Coal Road in Norwich Township when Ronald L. Martin of Courtland stopped. His car was struck in the rear by one driven by Ernaleen Heaslip, Otterville. Her car was in turn struck by Michael G. Webb, also of Otterville. Total damage was about \$1,600.

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Mrs. H. Wenn recently spent a week with her cousins Mr. and Mrs. W.K. Armstrong at Elora. While there they attended a dinner meeting of the superannuated teachers of Ontario, at Brampton, at which Mr. William G. McDowell of Mississauga was selected president. Mr. McDowell at one time was principal of the Otterville Public and Continuation school.

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Auction Sales

!! ESTATE AUCTION !!

ANTIQUES — HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS —
PROPERTY

WED., SEPT. 15th AT 7 P.M. SHARP

At The

OTTER VALLEY AUCTION ROOMS
OTTERVILLE, ONT.

Selling the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth V. Stapleton of Otterville with additions - three piece living room suite; coffee and end tables; lamps; drapes; nice three piece bedroom suite; good clean linens; Hoover upright vacuum; hall tree; easy chairs; Singer sewing machine (walnut stand); brass hanging lamp with double burner and glass flowered shade; nice nine piece dining room suite; two piece sectional chesterfield; German mantel clock; large selection of cutlery, etc.; four piece silver tea service; large amount of nice costume jewellery and cedar jewellery box; I.S. silver service for eight "Eternally Yours"; wardrobe; oak dresser; box spring and mattress; brass bed; chests of drawers; real nice spinnet desk; lawn mower and garden tools; oil lamps; mirrors; beautiful parlour table with leather top and double lyre base and lion head drawer pulls; set of wooden kitchen chairs and porcelain top table; old slat back rocker; gas cook stove with annex heater; Westinghouse apartment size fridge; B. & D. portable saw; milk cans; beautiful spindle rocker with carved back; several metal storage cabinets; wringer washer; pots and pans; crocks; sealers, etc.; beautiful old English china urn and vase (approximately 18" high), !!must be seen!!; hand painted oriental tea set; 19 pieces Wedgewood "Imperial porcelain" dishes; lustre baby mug; other nice glass and china pieces such as Germany, Japan, Carnival, Depression, Blue Mountain, etc., etc. *House sold later in Sept 26 000.00*

"PROPERTY" — To be offered for sale at approximately 8:30 p.m., subject to a reasonable reserve bid. A nice lot approximately 58' x 131' located on John St. East, part of Lot 1, Plan 168 in the Village of Otterville on which is situated a one storey brick and frame home and garage. The home having a living room, dining room, two bedrooms, three piece bath, large kitchen, large utility room and part basement. May be seen by contacting the auctioneer. We have the key.

Terms on chattels - Cash. Terms on property 10 percent down, balance 30 days.

Plan to attend this large and very interesting auction. *Reserve bid was 30,000.00 Nelson Willetts 70-wife 80*

BOB CARNEY — AUCTIONEER — 879-6420

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CALL OTTER VALLEY AUCTIONS *it.*

!! MAJOR COIN AUCTION !!

SAT., SEPT. 25th AT 1:15 P.M.

Happy Bluebird Club

regular meeting held

Sept/76
OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Happy Bluebird Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring on Monday evening. There was a good attendance with a new member being welcomed to the group. This being Mrs. Josepha Rosehart of Otterville. She was introduced to the members by Mrs. Tune McNally.

Mrs. Clarence Morris, president of the club, presided and the meeting opened with the members singing "The Happy Bluebird Chorus."

This was followed with the Housewives Creed followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Morris gave a reading "As We Go." The roll call was responded to by each member telling of "An Important Lady in their Mind."

Two members of the Bluebird Club were mentioned in special distinction - these were Mrs. Zuella Hicks by Mrs. Daisy Ash, who announced Mrs. Hicks was celebrating her 85th birthday on Wednesday, September 15th. Mrs. Hicks has been a member of the Club for upwards of 25 years and despite her age is always ready to give a helping hand. "Happy Birthday" was sung to her.

Mrs. Daisy Ash was also worthy of special mention for it was Mrs. Ash who was the first president and has served in this office at different times through the years. Both members have been devoted workers in the Club.

The October meeting will be held in Norwich at the home of the president the third Monday of the month and the Norwich members the hosts.

Readings were given by Mrs. Harold Pearce, "I Love a House"; by Mrs. Zue Hicks, "When Ma is Having Company"; and Mrs. Harold Waring, "My Problem."

Following the program four tables of progressive euchre was enjoyed and while the social committee was arranging the lunch there was a treasure hunt through the rooms. Small mementoes which were wrapped were found and picked up.

A birthday card was signed

for Zue. Another member who was remembered was Mrs. Beryl Kendrick who was a member when the Club was organized and during the past week Mrs. Kendrick's husband passed away.

Following the social time Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency on behalf of the club expressed appreciation to the hostess and assistants for the lovely evening spent.

DEATHS

BURWELL A. KENDRICK

Burwell Allan Kendrick aged 84 years of 115 Main Street W., Norwich passed away on Friday, September 17, 1976 at the Norvilla Nursing Home, Norwich.

Born in Norfolk County son of the late Charles and Minnie Kendrick, he farmed south of Norwich for many years prior to retiring to Norwich. He was a member of the United Church.

Surviving is his wife the former Edith Winifred, also several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held on Sunday, September 19 at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence with Rev. Burton Crowe of Norwich United Church officiating.

The bearers were Frank Swanton, Raymond deMontmorency, Bruce Alexander, Ken Mann, Gary Thompson and Ross McMullen.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

15, 1976

Lions Club has a winner

Bad weather on Friday night didn't give the annual Norwich-Otterville Lions carnival any problem.

A good crowd was on hand to enjoy the fun and games and a new innovation, for the Lions, a beer tent.

The two night carnival, normally held in the arena was held in three large tents in the centre of the race track.

Attendance figures for the carnival were not kept but attendance was up over last year.

The club grossed about \$18,000 and Ron Kiddie, carnival chairman said it would be a while before a net figure would be known. Funds raised by the Lions carnival are used to sponsor minor hockey and ball

and other youth projects in the area.

Some of this year's funds will be directed into the new Norwich Arena.

Carnival entertainment apart from the beer tent included bingo, games of chance, bike raffles, draws for door prizes and two \$50 money dolls.

A drinking machine was in operation run by the N.O. Breakers the local C.B. club. All proceeds from that were to be donated to the Arena Fund.

The main money making project for the Lions is the annual car draw. The big winner this year was Les Cook, the mayor of Woodstock who held ticket No. 1371 and drove home the new 1976 Plymouth Sport Fury.

Riding home in style too, was Cathy Krygsman of RR 1, Burgessville who won the girl's bicycle and David Griswold of Spring St., Norwich who won the boy's bicycle.

On Friday night Glen Hartley of RR 3, Norwich took home a well-dressed doll, 50 dollars-worth of dress to be exact. Trudy Webber of John St. Norwich did the same thing on Saturday night.

The numerous door prizes were donated by area merchants so many people went home winners.

Dr. Harry Parrott M.P.P. Oxford, made the draw for the car.

**C. CLEVELAND
PICKERSGILL**

C. Cleveland Pickersgill of RR 4, St. Thomas, passed away suddenly Thursday, September 16, 1976 at his late residence in his 69th year following a period of ailing health.

Born in Norfolk County, January 13, 1908, the son of the late Norman and Edith Newell Pickersgill of Otterville, he was a retired farmer and mail carrier and had resided in the area nearly all of his life. He had been a mail carrier for 47 years.

He was associated with the United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Violet Hall; two sons, Donald C. Pickersgill of RR 4, St. Thomas, Robert E. Trimble of 4 Victoria Street, St. Thomas; two daughters, Miss Betty Lou Pickersgill of RR 4, St. Thomas, and Mrs. Kenneth (Helen) Staddon of RR 2, Port Stanley; four brothers, Ray and Mac of London, Harry and William of Otterville; three sisters, Mrs. Harry (Eva) Jones of Springford and Mrs. Ollie Robins and Mrs. Fern Douglas of Otterville; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

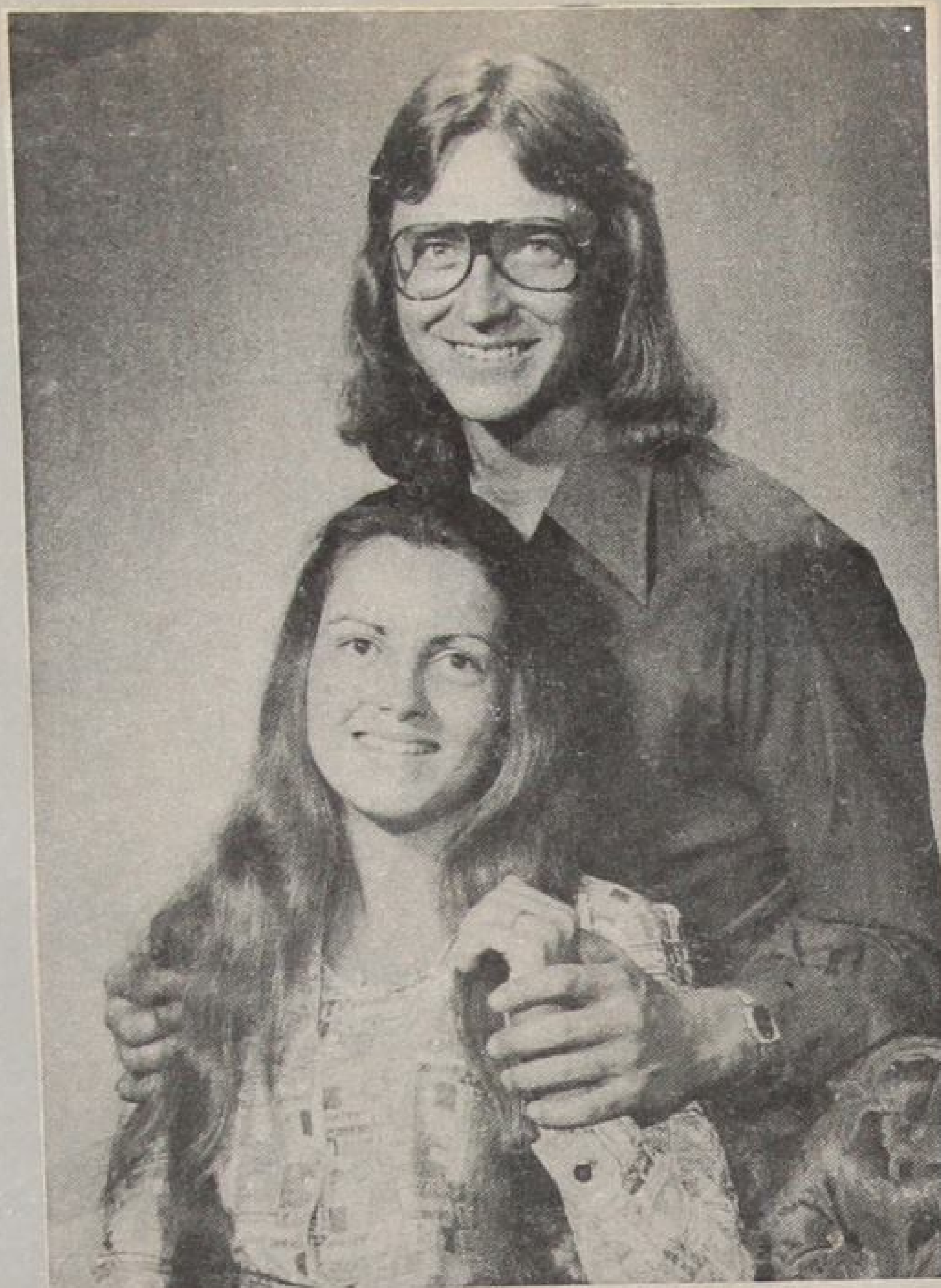
Three sisters, Mrs. Mary Cavanaugh, Mrs. Jessie Palmer and Mrs. Ida Demeester, all died previously.

Rested at the Williams Funeral Home, St. Thomas, where service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Donald Parsons of First United Church officiating.

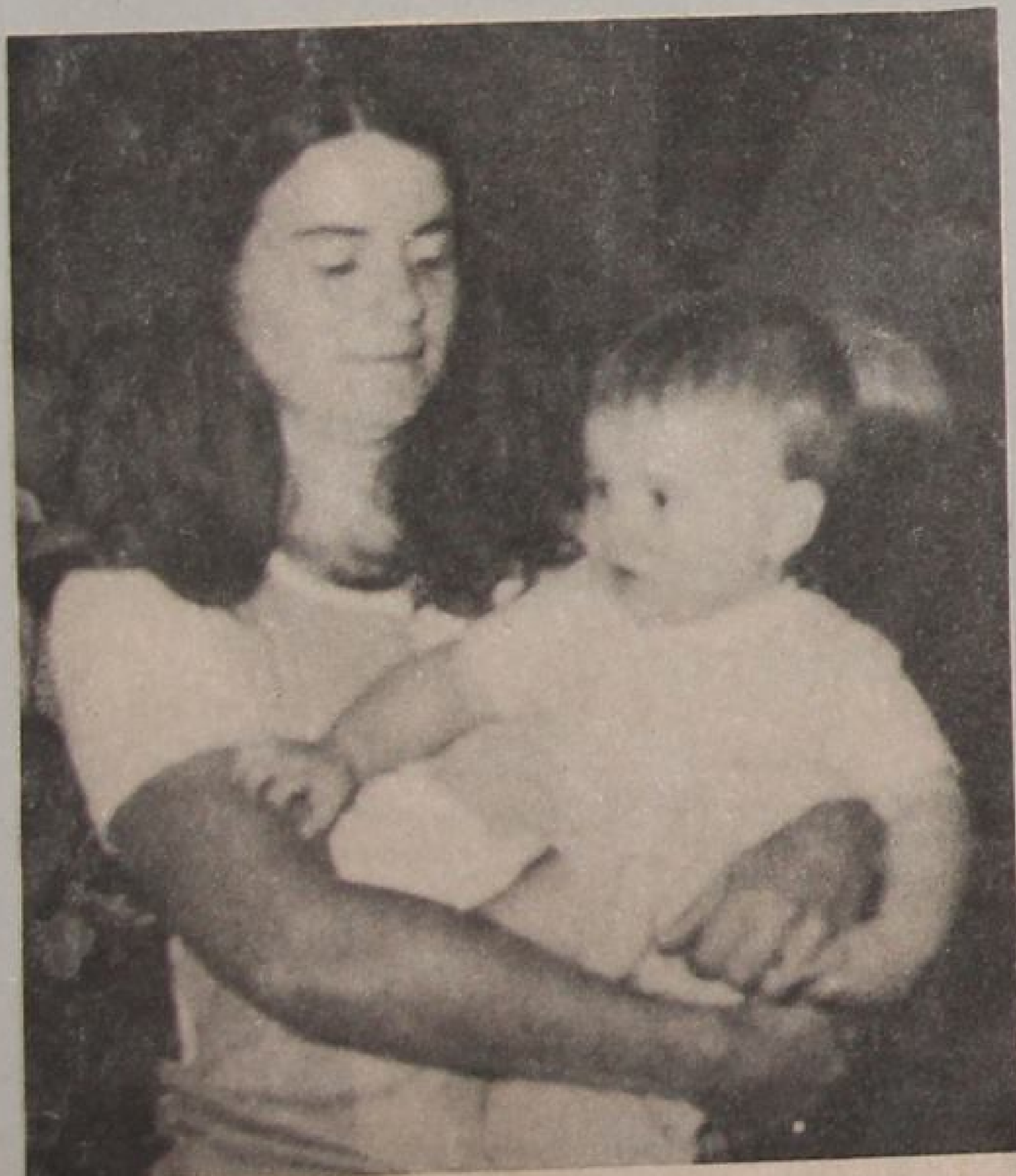
Interment in Elmdale Memorial Park.



Shirley Making, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Making of Woodstock, was united in marriage to Mark Innis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis of Norwich, by Rev. George J. Hay. Miss Donpa Making was maid of honour and Jim Williams was best man. After a wedding trip to the Thousand Islands, Mr. and Mrs. Innis will reside in Woodstock.



Both families are very pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, Beverly Dawne, only daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Deller, and the late Mr. Alfred Deller, to Maurice Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Achiel DeWachter, Otterville. This ceremony of love will take place Friday, October 1st at 2:30 o'clock in the Norwich United Church with reception to follow in the Delhi Belgian Club. 1976



Although Neil Smith looks slightly unbelieving, he won first prize in the boys, 9 to 12 months category. He is shown with his mother Wenda Smith, from Otterville. Sept 31/76



Mr. and Mrs. Alan G. Rachar of Otterville are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter, Sandra Marie to Mr. Douglas Norman Byers of Otterville. The wedding will take place September 18 at three o'clock at St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville.



That was some beef barbecue *Sept 1/76*



Gord Pennington, left, chairman of information and education for Long Point Region Conservation Authority, presents president of Big Creek District Boy Scouts, Larry Innanen, with the J. Allan Hall Conservation Trophy. This trophy is awarded annually by Long Point C.A. to youth groups which make useful contributions to conservation. The Big Creek District Boy Scouts planted 8,500 of the 10,500 trees in Backus Conservation Area this year. The trophy will remain at the Gibson House for one year. It originally was given to Long Point C.A. by the Norfolk Fish and Game Club in honor of J. Allan Hall, who contributed greatly to conservation. *Sept 20/76*

Norwich arena grant

doubled to \$342,400 *Sept 8/76*

With the Norwich arena and community recreation hall construction underway, the Council has been informed that its Wintario grant is to be doubled.

Word came from Dr. Harry Parrott, Oxford MPP, that the Wintario grant will be \$342,400 provided that \$171,000 can be raised in the private sector.

Township of Norwich clerk, Wayne Johnson, said that the money can be raised through either pledges or cash, and the grant will be advanced during construction. Usually, government money

does not appear until construction is completed.

The Township also will receive a recreation grant covering 25 per cent of the total cost or up to \$150,000. This must be broken down into \$75,000 for the arena, and \$75,000 for the community recreation hall. This money is not available until the complex is completed, however.

The Norwich Chamber of Commerce has begun plans to raise money as has the Lions Club. The former is convincing people to "buy a brick," while the Lions Club will have a lottery.

Otterville W.I. meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — The October meeting of the Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Bert Hill on Thursday afternoon.

The president Mrs. Melville Beecroft presided and the meeting opened with The Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and the roll call was answered with the members giving "A Sure Cure from Your Kitchen Cupboard." Mrs. Walther gave the financial report and also read a letter from Miss Carol Coghlin of Woodstock thanking the Institute for her gift for being the guest speaker at the last meeting.

Announcement was made of the Fall Conference at Woodstock to be held in the College Ave. United Church November 2nd when Otterville, Springford and Summerville branches will assist in entertainment.

The registration will be at 9:30 a.m. One article from each Institute to be on display. The dinner will be potluck and the members are asked to bring plate, cup and cutlery.

Announcement of the London Area Convention was also made for November 9th and 10th. Billeting \$5 for overnight and breakfast, this money to be forwarded to the treasury of the Oddy House.

The president offered to make a quilt block to be sent to the Erland Lee Home to be sold.

The hostess Mrs. Hill was the convener for the program. The Motto was given by Mrs. H. Batson, "How Nutritious are Fast Food Meals." The speaker said the people that eat at MacDonald's, A&W, etc., were not receiving a balanced diet.

Mrs. Donald Alexander who has a health store in Tillsonburg spoke about our health that we cannot buy and our usual every day habits. She brought with her health packages of cereal, bread oil, long grained rice, coffee, etc.

Mrs. Batson on behalf of the Institute thanked the speaker and presented her with a gift. This health store is situated next to where Honsbergers used to be. There was a draw for some of the health food items and won by Mrs. Earle Petch, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. H. H. Batson and Mrs. D. Gorrie.

The meeting closed with The Institute Grace and a social time. The members welcomed Mrs. Donald Gorrie of Otterville to the meeting.

received from Henry Ash of Montreal that day.

Visitors were present from Brantford, Simcoe, Delhi, Norwich and Tillsonburg.

4-H Club meets

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the 4-H Club held their first meeting September 28th at the home of one of the leaders Mrs. William A. McMullen.

Officers were elected which resulted as follows - president - Wilma McMullen, vice president - Carolyn Hanson. Press reporter - Brenda Marshall, secretary - Sherrey Walters. Leaders - Lurene McMullen and Juanita DeRoo.

There are two new members in addition to the roll of ten members making membership 12.

The Club emphasizes "Consider Your Clothes" and the name of the club is "Super Stitches."

The roll call was "A picture traced or clipped of a garment as ensemble that is attractive for the individual. The members were to point out and explain why it is becoming.

Leisure Club meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — A potluck dinner was suggested but in reality turned into Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings was held in the Community Hall on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Twenty-four members of the Leisure Club arriving with dishes of goodies soon had the table filled with Kentucky Fried Chicken served in abundance completed the noonday meal.

The president Harry Lee said, the Blessing and following the dinner the president presided for the business while all remained at the table. Mrs. Lee announced the emergency telephone number which in a case of one living alone may get assistance this being 842-6474.

In regard to a bus trip to West Lorne suggested by Mrs. Lee this was left for a future date.

In the absence of the secretary Mrs. Pettigrew, the duties were in charge of Mrs. Harold Waring who read the minutes and gave the roll call. In response to the latter the members had suggestions for the bazaar. Mrs. Fred Moore reminded the members that there were many pieces of unfinished articles at her house to which she invited the ladies to lend a hand in completing these before the bazaar.

The president reminded the members of the Zone Rally at Port Rowan on Wednesday. There will be no meeting at the hall. The treasurer's report was given by Max Avey and the president read a letter from the Heritage Committee telling of the progress in workmanship at the Oddy House and soliciting assistance for work in general.

Suggestions were welcomed in raising funds and on motion it was resolved that a certain percentage of monies made for this project be forwarded to the Oddy House. An auction sale and a progressive euchre were suggested for fund raising.

A card was signed for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin two former and valued members of the club who are unable to attend but still have deep interests.

The meeting closed and several games of cards were enjoyed. The day revealed a Land of Plenty, a rightful spirit in business and a True Friendship throughout the afternoon.

WMS meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Paul Hill was the hostess for the October meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church. "Thanksgiving" was the theme of the meeting and the roll call was answered with a verse on "Thanksgiving." Mrs. William Hansford gave the topic "Be Thankful" pointing out many things each one should thank God for each day. Mrs. Delmer Clinton was in charge of the devotional program.

Mrs. Kenneth Lee gave a reading "Thanksgiving" and Mrs. Ronald Goodale read of "The Pilgrim's Vision." The Scripture reading a Psalm of praise and thanksgiving was read alternately by the group lead by Mrs. Clinton. News from various missionaries was shared and Mrs. Wilma Butler offered the missionary prayer.

The president Mrs. Fred Hill presided for the business session. Mrs. D.R. Gorrie closed the meeting with prayer. Following the meeting the hostess served refreshments. Mrs. Murray Treffry gave the courtesy remarks.

Hold birthday party

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Henry Ash, RR 1, Otterville, was entertained at the home of her daughter Mrs. William Wilson, RR 1, Otterville by her three daughters Mrs. Ross Chambers, and Mrs. Glen Avey, all of the same address on Thursday afternoon.

The afternoon was much enjoyed with a rousing sing-song and Mrs. Helen Bridgewater at the piano. Mrs. Sam McSpadden also assisted in entertaining playing selections on the piano accordion.

Games of progressive euchre were enjoyed the winners being Mrs. Nina Epton, Delhi; Mrs. May Mitchell, Norwich; Mrs. Elsie Quance, Delhi; and Mrs. Verna Adams, Delhi.

An enjoyable lunch was served by the family to 35 guests who sang "Happy Birthday" to Daisy and best wishes. Birthday wishes by telephone were

HUGHENA BRAYLEY
Mrs. Richard Brayley of Otterville passed away on Monday, October 4, 1976, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 75th year.

She was the former Hughena Innis. Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Ronald Brayley of RR 3, Tillsonburg, and Harold Brayley of RR 2, Otterville; one brother, Sam Innis of Norwich; and four grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Thursday, October 7, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. G. W. Brown of Springford Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. L. E. Mason.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

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The family of the late Mrs. Hughena Brayley wish to express sincere thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness, prayers, floral tributes, cards, letters, and all the donations to the Springford Baptist Church Memorial Fund, Gideon Bibles, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Heart Foundation and Tillsonburg Hospital Memorial Fund in the loss of a beloved wife and mother. Thanks to Rev. Gibson Brown, Rev. L. E. Mason for their visits at the hospitals as well as their comforting message at the funeral and also to Rev. David Houghland for his visits at the hospital. Thanks to Dr. Wyatt, nurses and staff of the third floor east Victoria Hospital, London, Dr. Downing and the nurses and staff on the second floor north at Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital. Special thanks to the pallbearers, the ladies of the Springford Baptist Church and the Summerville Women's Institute for serving lunch after the funeral. Thanks to Frank, Ruth and Kathryn Simmons for their many acts of kindness and above all to the Nelson Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville. Your kindness will always be remembered. May God bless you all. - Richard Brayley and sons Ronald and Harold.

Beef supper at Otterville on Halloween

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday October 14th. *1976*

The president Mrs. Violet Howse presided and opened the meeting with prayer followed with "The Lord's Prayer" repeated in unison.

Hymn 267 was sung and the Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. Ten members and three visitors responded to the roll call.

Minutes were read and approved and correspondence dealt with. The Oxford Deanery will be held in Ingersoll October 25th at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report. Cards were signed for shut-ins.

The president announced the St. John's Club are sponsoring a paint party in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening Oct. 20th at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Members are asked to meet at the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. on Thursday October 28th to set up tables and prepare for Beef Supper Oct. 31st.

Mrs. Howse introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Carl Webb-Deanery Representative from Woodstock and her two friends from London.

Mrs. Jack Riste invited the members to her home for the next meeting on November 4th. The roll call to be answered by the word "Remembrance".

Hymn 589 was sung and Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Beef supper held

The Roast Beef Supper held at the St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday, October 31 was a huge success. *1976*

Over 300 people sat down to the meal which was prepared by the St. John's Ladies Guild.

Special guests present were Bishop T.D. Ragg - Bishop of Huron and Mrs. Ragg of London. *London*

Visitors came from Tillsonburg, Brantford, Woodstock and Norwich, Hamilton etc. to partake of the bountiful meal.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

October 1926

Port Burwell - A. Bachelder, who has for the past two years managed the barber shop, has sold the business to Ralph Jackson.



Steve Horton's snake, Alice, was a big success at the Otterville hall. For the Humane Society fund-raising, he showed his snake and took pictures of children with Alice.

Pets, games raise funds for Humane Society

What began as a car wash, ended as a highly-successful, information-oriented open house to raise money for the Ontario Humane Society.

Tammy Gould of the Otterville Junior Humane Society organized the exhibits, games and information at the Otterville community hall Saturday with the help of about 20 other members.

The society initially planned to have a car wash to raise money for the local chapter. This was changed to a dog wash. However, the hall could not be used until October 2, a time when it often is too cold to bathe pets.

Consequently, to avoid a \$20 hall rental fee, it was decided to donate the proceeds to the Ontario Humane Society.

Barry Bruce, from the Ontario Humane Society, Kent County Branch, came at the invitation of Ms. Gould, bringing scores of pamphlets, brochures and books. Information also was distributed.

The local members arranged a food booth, games and rides to raise money. In addition, pets were on display. These included a guinea pig, rat, blue-gold macaw, a Panama Amazon parrot, hamster and two raccoons.

Steve Horton was there with one of his boa constrictors, letting children touch the snake

and taking their pictures with it.

Admission charges of 25c and 50c for children and adults respectively, plus food, games and ride profits amounted to more than \$150 by mid-afternoon. Plans for the evening included a wiener roast at the park.

Ms. Gould was extremely pleased with the turnout, and expressed appreciation to everyone involved. This included several merchants from Otterville: Janny's Groceries and Dry Goods; C. L. Finch and Son; Gray's Variety; Cope Hardware; Otter Lumber; Otter Contracting; Ken Lee;

Powell Agri-Systems; and Harley's Petland from Tillsonburg.

Pleads not guilty on snake charge

Steve Horton of Port Burwell entered a plea of not guilty before justice of the peace Seppala in Aylmer yesterday morning.

Mr. Horton has been charged under Port Burwell bylaw 48, which makes it an offence to keep reptiles within the village limits. The bylaw, which originally included farm animals such as chickens and goats was amended May 21 to include reptiles.

Although Mr. Horton took possession of his cottage on May 1, he did not move his snakes in until the May 24th weekend.

He was served with a summons last Friday, directing him to appear in court in Aylmer yesterday.

J. R. Farlow of Woodstock appeared for the village.

Mr. Horton, who could face a fine from \$10 to \$50 told the News that he will not pay the fine, but will go to jail instead, if found guilty. He feels that he is being unfairly prosecuted. His neighbours have joined together to pay for his defence.

Trial date is October 12.

Distinguished guest for Norwich

It was a busy day Monday for the Lord Mayor of Norwich England. Councillor Raymond Frostick, his wife Clair and Town Clerk Gordon Tilsley who arrived on an informal visit to the Township of Norwich, Ont.

The Lord Mayor and his party were greeted in Otterville at the Township offices by Mayor Dickson of the Township, councillors and officials. Introductions completed Mr. Frostick who asked to take the presiding chair. He brought greetings from his council and city in East Anglia and gave council members a rundown on the council scene in an English city. Much information was received back and forth such as the fact that a lot of housing in England is municipally owned and according to Gordon Tilsley, the Lord Mayors clerk, in Norwich England about 20 per cent of housing in the City of Norwich is under the ownership of the council.

Mr. Frostick mentioned seeing place names, while on his way by road from Niagara Falls, that were familiar to him. He was surprised to learn that Norwich, Ont. is in the County of Oxford and not in the neighbouring County of Norfolk.

Norwich, England, is the county city of Norfolk, which is

in East Anglia, that bulge of land north and east of London on the map.

Council business completed, Mr. Frostick and his party were taken on a short tour of the southern part of the Township through Springford prior to an official luncheon held at the Norwich branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

Councillors, officials and guests heard the Lord Mayor give a verbal tour of Norwich England. He told how the visit to North America came about. A group of 33 people, and named the 33 Club, was formed in the City of Norwich to travel to towns and cities in Europe for an exchange of views on a variety of subjects pertaining to local government. Historically linked with Norfolk, Virginia, they decided to visit North America. The trip to Norwich Ont. is a side trip prior to spending a week in Norfolk, Virginia. Two other places named Norwich, one in Connecticut and the other in Vermont will also be visited by the party.

Guild holds meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse with members answering the roll call with the word "Life."

Hymn 779 was sung after which the president Mrs. Howse opened with prayer followed with "The Lord's Prayer" in unison.

Mrs. Harold Durkee read the Scripture. Minutes were read and approved and correspondence dealt with.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report and Mrs. Durkee reported for the Good Cheer. A card was signed for a member in the hospital. The bazaar date was set for November 18th.

The roll call for the next meeting to be answered with the word "Speaketh."

Mrs. Durkee invited the members to her home for the next meeting on October 14th which was accepted.

The president closed the meeting with prayer and Hymn 42 was sung.

A bountiful lunch was served by the hostess.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis of Norwich recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. They are shown with three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis celebrate 40th anniversary

The facilities of the Harold Innis Foundation at Innisfree Farm on the eighth concession of Norwich Township were used as a meeting place to celebrate the fortieth wedding anniversary of Doris and Sam Innis and also to share the remembrance of a miracle of healing beyond the knowledge and skill of the medical profession.

The setting, east of Otterville along the ridge south of the Concession, created a pleasant view of the flatlands to the north and east. Known in past days as "Little Ireland". An excellent rural environment free from the entanglements of modern urban living bringing a natural warmth of friendship from folk of Woodstock, London, Guelph, Brantford, Paris, Dundas, Brownsville, Tillsonburg of the past and present. Smiles of happiness and well being were fitting for such an occasion.

The dampness of the weather reflected the time forty years previous when in a private home on Adelaide Street, London with Lily Chittendon, a close friend of the bride (who later became a Salvation Army captain) and Dr. Harold Adams Innis as attendants. The wedding ceremony was in charge of Rev. J. Holmstead of Egerton Street Baptist Church.

Music for the occasion of the fortieth was rendered by a

Doris and Sam Innis are happy to invite you to share with them their 40th wedding anniversary October 31st, 1976, 2-4 p.m. at the Conference Centre, Innisfree Farm, 1 1/4 miles east of Highway 59 on the Otterville road. Just bring your smiling selves.

talented young musician, a farm boy living on the Concession to the east named Rick Kozuch on the electronic accordion, creating an atmosphere befitting the happy occasion.

Through the kindness of the mission circle of Springford Baptist Church (where Doris and Sam were previous members) a repast free of sugar, with fresh cider as a beverage, 100 per cent whole wheat Triscuits, Coyles pure peanut butter, apple butter from Davis Orchards and Ingersoll cheese spread from Oxford Dairy Farms were served with nutrition in mind, and received high praise from all sides.

Doris Innis wore a lovely robin egg blue dress with white corsage. Daughter Nancy Smail with husband Douglas, Jennifer, Dawn and 10-month-old Jonathon, son Mark with pretty bride Shirley completed the family circle. It was a happy time for all present.

A special thanks to those who shared the excitement of breaking new ground of nutrition and special occasions where booze, pop, coffee, tea and sugar were taboo and fresh cider, triscuits, apples and peanut butter, plus cheese spreads held the fort for clear minds and happy hearts at our 40th Anniversary. - Doris and Sam Innis.

DeWachter - Deller



MR. AND MRS. MAURICE R. DeWACHTER

Fourteen candles, centred with cascades of coral roses, white fugi mums and carnations adorned the altar of Norwich United Church as Beverly Dawne, daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Deller, Norwich and

the late Mr. Alfred Deller became the bride of Maurice Robert DeWachter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Achiel DeWachter, Otterville.

Rev. W. Burton Crowe officiated at the double ring



The Community Centre Fund received a good boost to get it underway when Norwich-Otterville Lions donated \$10,000 on Monday evening. The Lions have pledged to donate \$30,000 over a three year period. Lion president John Sandham hands cheque to Fred Thompson (right) the chairman of the Community Centre Fund Committee while Dave Ramer, treasurer of the Lions looks on.

N-O Lions Club meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich Otterville Lions Club was held on Monday evening October 25th with Lion president John Sandham presiding.

The Lions first met in the United Church, Otterville for a turkey supper, then met at 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall for the business meeting.

Lion Fred Thompson was in charge of an induction ceremony assisted by Lion Ron

Kiddie, Ed McFarland and Albert Cornwell.

New Lion members Ed White and Ron Oatman were sponsored by Tony Drescher respectively.

There were 52 Lions, 6 Lion guests from Delhi, and one Lion guest from Ingersoll.

Two Lion curling teams will be competing in the annual interservice club bonspiel in Tillsonburg November 17th.



Paul Cauwels, of RR 1, LaSalette, was one of the many tobacco men who travelled to the polls Tuesday to cast ballots for board representatives. At this poll, in the Community Hall, Otterville,

are (left) Bob English, poll clerk, and centre, Mrs. Jack Freeland, deputy returning officer. Three new directors were elected to the board in Tuesday's balloting.

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New sweaters were donated to Springford softball clubs at a dinner held in the United Church Wednesday night. Representatives of the various sponsors are shown with samples of the gifts. From left are Rob Nunn, Bantams coach; Mrs. Zue Hicks,

representing the Women's Institute; Russ Noels, men's team coach; Fred Smith, boys' Squirt coach, and Stan Palmer, manager, Midget Girls' team, who were winners of the Ontario Rural Softball Association championship.

Official Opening

Woodingford Lodge Addition

423 DEVONSHIRE AVE., WOODSTOCK

FRIDAY 2:30 P.M.

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**Senior side
of living**
by Irene Crawford

Senior citizens restoring

When government, community and people really start working together, the immovable becomes movable—and in Otterville, Ont., the movable was an octagonal (eight-sided) house which, when restored, will be the Adult Community Centre for senior citizens in the southern part of Norwich Township.

Last year McKay Davis of Milldale gave an old house on his property to the township. "Since it was such a rare piece of architec-

ture (there are very few still in existence in Ontario) we applied for a Heritage Foundation grant," said Joyce Pettigrew, one of the people involved in the restoration of this 1861 building.

The Heritage Foundation was quite willing to give the money for the moving (the house could not remain on its present site) and for the restoration, but there was a condition, "It could not be used for a museum."

It was at this point that the senior citizens became involved. For the past several years they had been meeting in the Otterville Town Hall. Although adequate, the hall does not have all the needed facilities; they could use new accommodation.

"This new centre seemed an awful big undertaking for so few of us," said Mrs. Lee, the past president of the Leisure Club, the local seniors group. "We only have 42 members and

some of them, because of health, are not too active."

However, many seniors could see the Adult Community Centre involving not only the members of the Leisure Club, but all of the 400 seniors living in the township, and with this in mind the project started forward.

"Finding a suitable lot was not easy," said Mrs. Pettigrew. That problem was solved though when the township gave the committee permission to put the octagonal house on land they owned on the outskirts of Otterville. This acreage was the original site of the first Quaker Church in what was then Erb Town. Although several miles from where the house was built, the new surroundings, with big oaks, maples and evergreens, are very similar.

After almost a year of paper work and red tape, a contractor was finally hired to move the eight-sided house. "Then we ran into another problem; the house was too big to be moved in one piece. The back section had to be cut off and moved separately," said one of the committee members.

"It was awfully hard to picture that old dilapidated house as an Adult Community Centre," said another member. "It was in really bad shape; the roof was caved in on one side, but more on faith than on good sense, we applied for a New Horizons grant to furnish and decorate it."

Later that grant was approved, but it was for the materials only — the reasoning being that the seniors would have something to do by doing the work themselves. In the meantime, the restoration committee was busy stripping plaster off the old boards. Much to their surprise they found the builder, Thomas Wright, had not only autographed many of the boards but had written in the date, 1861, and other pertinent information.

This project, when completed, will be a permanent meeting place for those on the senior side. Here they will be able to not only enjoy the company of people their own age, but they will have the use of a game room for shuffleboard and pool, a crafts room, kitchenette, and a large meeting room.

"It isn't going to be easy," said Mrs. Lee, who just recently celebrated her 54th wedding anniversary. "But we'll do it!"

The senior are hoping that the Women's Institute will hold their meetings in one of the rooms, and the rental fees for the accommodation will go to the upkeep of the building. They are also looking for support from other groups such as the Lion's Club.

"We're having a big bazaar on Nov. 24, in the town hall," said one of the conveners. "We'll have all kinds of crafts and homebaking for sale."

The men of the Leisure Club of Otterville are also actively involved in raising money for their new quarters.

"Some are building bird feeders, others are making handles for tote bags. It's a club project," said Mr. Lee, a tall man in his early 80s. Besides being president he also keeps active with his hobby; he is an experienced wood carver.

The Leisure Club has many activities during the year — bus trips, picnics in the park and euchre parties. "One of our seniors entered a bike-a-thon earlier this year," said one of the members. "She never altered her speed from start to finish." The bike-a-thoner was Alice De Graeve, who at age 70, pedalled 15 miles. Mrs. De Graeve was born in Belgium and is the first new Canadian to join the club.

"We also have the Victorian Order of Nurses call at our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month. Mrs. Litkins, the VON nurse, gives us foot care, takes our blood pressure and tell us how we can better look after ourselves," Mrs. Lee said.

Otterville is one of six in the area that receives these free clinics. A bequest was given to the VON so that they could provide these services at no cost to senior citizens. With the opening, later, of the Adult Community Centre, it is hoped many more of the 400 seniors in the township will take advantage of these services.

Community Auction Sale

NOV. 19, 7:00 P.M.
OTTER VALLEY
AUCTION ROOMS
Otterville 1976

Donations from Private
Collections - Antiques,
Collectables, Paintings,
Household Items, etc.

Unusual Vas Art vase,
Diamond Sunburst goblet,
Beaver jars, Rare -
Wedgewood Blue Willow
plate with red and green
lustre over glaze, Limoge,
Noritake, Ironstone, Oc-
casional Japan, pressed
glass, silver, brass tea kettle
(Canadian), brass bird cage,
1900 Waltham gold pocket
watch, early buttons on
original cards, butter print,
mahogany curved back settee
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books and records, 1820
"Overland" dealer's poster,
WW II aircraft compass
(boxed), 303 Lee Enfield No.
4, Mk. I complete with
bayonet (as new), bicycles,
exerciser, Golden Pro bar-
bell dumbbell set (like new),
Mykit System I electronic
project kit, Christmas floral
arrangements, wrought iron
stair railing, furniture, ap-
pliances, sets of chairs (some
early), oak hall tree, ex-
cellent snowtires - 78x13,
photographers light bar, and
numerous unlisted items -
something for everyone!

Bob Carney
Auctioneer

Proceeds for Heritage Project

WHAT! COMMUNITY AUCTION
WHEN! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER, 19, 1976 - 7:00 P.M.
WHERE! OTTER VALLEY AUCTION LTD. OTTERVILLE
BOB CARNEY MASTER OF CEREMONIES

WHAT! Contributions of any Antiques, Collectables,
Household items, Furniture appreciated.
(No Clothing)

WHEN! Donations received at Auction
Thurs. November 18 - 7 - 9 P.M.
Fri. November 19 - 9 - 12 A.M.

WHERE Fred Cole 879-6917
TO Betty Walther 879-6816
CALL FOR
TRANSPORTATION of Large Items, or pick-up required

"Interesting" For Advertising purposes, please advise
Items Joyce Pettigrew 842-4388
Lorraine Downing 879-6852 by Nov. 5

WHY! Proceeds to qualify the community for
matching WINTARIO money, Towards the
completion of Adult Community Centre
A Heritage Project.

Receipts for Income Tax purposes given
to donors on request.

"PLAN TO ATTEND THIS COMMUNITY PROJECT"

Thank you for your Participation

November 24, 1976

Successful auction brings in \$3,500.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Friday night, Nov. 19th marked the final planning and finish of one of the most eventful nights in the village for a long time in conclusion of raising money to substantiate the treasury to go ahead in reconstruction of the Oddy House which was moved to the west end of the village earlier in the year.

At a Heritage meeting held

during the summer it was decided that a Community Auction should be held in aid of finances. Thus it was necessary to form a committee.

Many fine species of furniture, glass, pictures, just about everything one could think of was given to the collector and all these were taken to the local Auction rooms were placed and ready for the

Auctioneer Robert Carney who gave his time free of charge and through much humour came up with fantastic prices.

Articles worthy of mention were the picture of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. A paper covered book written by Hon. John Diefenbaker, and a gold watch of the late Dr. H. G. Downing.

The sale of furniture and larger items was not the only source of the eventful night for a lovely handmade quilt was made and donated by Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Otterville. The quilt was in the fashion of "The Lone Star" and won many

admirers. More than \$600 worth of tickets were placed on this alone. It was with honor and pleasure that Mr. Harry Lee president of the Leisure Club drew the ticket from the drum declaring Walters four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walters, Otterville the winner of the quilt.

The sale opened at 7 p.m. and the sale barn packed with folk from town and country bidding was soon underway, and continued until midnight.

When all counts were in the treasury was richer by \$3500 which will be matched by Wintario.

Letters

HERITAGE AUCTION

The Editor: When people in a small community take on a project, it involves all the area. We were very pleased with the response to the Heritage Auction held on Friday in Otterville. To you for your excellent coverage of the activity and the story of the octagonal house, which appeared in your publications, we wish to express a sincere thank you.

To the local people who searched their homes and parted with some treasures, then came to the sale and bought someone else's treasures, we say thank you. To the local merchants for their help, to I.G.A., Burford fertilizer, Tillsonburg Farm Equipment, and the young people who loaded and unloaded, we needed you all.

The success of such a venture is due to the work of many — the participation of the large crowd and the entertaining presentation by Bob Carney that parted the people and their money with fun and laughter. It was an entertaining evening for those attending and a profitable one for the Woodlawn Adult Recreation Centre. Wintario will match the profits and help to complete the restoration of the house. The Lone Star Quilt, made by Mrs. L. Treffry, was drawn the same night and, for all who had tickets, it is now an heirloom for Kim Walter.

These are the kind of activities that give a community a sense of togetherness now, a look into the past and an interest for the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to express these sentiments and thanks to the many involved.

G. M. Downing
Otterville.

Ladies Guild

holds meeting

1976
OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste Thursday, November 4 with eight members answering the roll call.

President Mrs. Violet Howse opened with prayer which was followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

The Scripture reading John 4, was presented by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Minutes were read and approved and the correspondence was read.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report which included the report of the Roast Beef supper.

The members were reminded to be at the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17th to prepare for their annual bazaar and also to be at the Community Hall November 18 at 9 a.m.

The roll call for the next meeting December 2 will include the word "Searcheth" which will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. The president closed the meeting with prayer and a social time was enjoyed especially the bountiful lunch.

Sunshine Club meet

11/20/76
OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Gordon Shearer which was attended by seven members.

Owing to the absence of the president the hostess presided for the meeting. The roll call was given by Mrs. Grant Mountain and responded to by the members telling of someone in their mind who had recently moved away from the village.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The members enjoyed the evening in reviewing "Minute Books" of Yesteryear when the club called "The Yotto Metus" was a going concern. This Club branched out into "The Sunshine Club" and has been a helpful organization in the fact that many of the Senior Citizens are never forgotten especially at Christmas time. Many good old memories passed the minds as minutes of those days humorous and indifferent were mentioned.

It was suggested by the members that the Club have a reunion of members past and present this to be something for the club to look forward to in the future.

The social time was enjoyed with Mrs. Don Neale assisting the hostess. Mrs. Robert Pettigrew thanked Mrs. Shearer for opening her home and Mrs. Neale assisting

Successful bazaar

held at Otterville 76

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild, Otterville held a very successful Christmas bazaar in the Community Hall November 18th.

Mrs. Violet Howse, president of the Guild met the visitors at the door and escorted them to the ticket table capably looked after by Mrs. Jack Riste.

Many crafts and fancy work was on display, tea tables and of course the Bake table with home-made goodies of all kinds.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Miss Edna Furlong, Miss Doreen Howse, Mrs. D. Spicer and Mrs. Harold Durkee looked after these events. Mrs. Nate McMullen was at the card and novelty table.

The hall was decorated for the event with mistletoe and Santa's. All enjoyed a very successful afternoon. Announcement - Guild meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Pickersgill Thursday December 2nd.

Leisure Club elects slate of officers

11/20/76
OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their monthly business meeting in the Community Hall on Wednesday. The meeting was preceded by a potluck dinner at 12:30 and immediately after the meeting presided by president Harry Lee took place.

During the week a nominating committee composed of the president, Mrs. Colin Robinson, Mrs. Harold Waring and Mrs. David Kennedy met at the home of Mrs. Kennedy and the following slate of officers were selected for a term of one year. Mrs. Kennedy gave the report, thanked those who had served in office and appreciated those who had accepted. These will be - Immediate Past President, Mrs. Harry Lee; President, Harry Lee; 1st Vice President, Colin Robinson; secretary, Fred Cole;

Good Cheer Convener, Mrs. Colin Robinson; Social Convener, Mrs. David Kennedy; Convener for Special programs, Mrs. Harold Waring; Pianist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Public Relations, Mrs. Harold Waring; Auditor, Miss Gladys Nobbs for the 1976 Books.

The secretary was instructed to order a music book for the club. Colin Robinson had tickets on hand for disposal on the hand-hooked rug and the afghan and urged the members to assist in the selling.

Suggestions were given to in regard to the Bazaar which will be held November 24th from 1:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The business hour closed and card Bingo was enjoyed. After which four tables of euchre were in play.

Bazaar next Wednesday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Final plans for the annual Bazaar were made at the weekly meeting of the Leisure Club on Wednesday afternoon.

The president Harry Lee presided and members were appointed for tables on Wednesday, Nov. 24th when the Bazaar will open at 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Robinson. Aprons and Fancy Work - Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Fred Cole. Bake Table - Mrs. Frank Hicks, Mrs. Agnes McElhone and Mrs. Harry Lee. Frank^A Hicks, Mrs. Agnes McElhone and Mrs. Harry Lee.

Tickets on Afghan and Rug - Mrs. David Kennedy and Mrs. Irene McNally. Mens Crafts - Fred Cole, Harry Lee and Colin

Robinson. Vegetables - Stan Noels, Jim Squance and Fred Moore. Odds and Ends - Mrs. Olga Clifford, Mrs. Harold Waring, and Mrs. Alice DeGraeves. Tea Tables - Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Jim Squance and Muriel Patterson.

A thank you note was read from Mrs. R.D. Pettigrew who had fallen, breaking her wrist.

Games of cards were enjoyed throughout the afternoon. A social time completed the afternoon.

Leisure Club holds bazaar

11/20/76
OTTERVILLE (C) — Successful pre-Christmas bazaars have been held in the village by several organizations and the members of the Leisure Club sponsored their annual bazaar which was no exception.

For many weeks it was very evident that members of the club had a special hobby and Wednesday revealed their workmanship in many phases.

As one would be among the visitors from out-of-town and the home-folk it was good to see

the good fellowship and social chat one with another.

President Harry Lee officially opened the Bazaar around 1:30 and from there on the tables were all in business.

On the west side of the Community Hall where the bazaar was held was the Bake Table filled to over flowing where Mrs. McElhone, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Lee and Miss Gladys Nobbs were the clerks.

The next table filled with knitted goods and novelties did a flourishing business with Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Colin Robinson ready to serve.

The table of "Odds and Ends" was convened by Mrs. Olga Clifford, Mrs. Harold Waring and Mrs. Alice DeGraeve and their table of this and that soon disappeared.

Then on the east side where the men of the club held sway was the artistic display of wood crafts. Colin Robinson displayed his many pieces of designs of wood which featured "Bird Houses," shelves, case

for coffee spoons. President Harry Lee who also takes pride in his line showed a lovely horse and also the green thumb showed in his array of plants. Clerks around these tables were Jim Squance, Fred Cole, Stanley Noels.

Throughout the afternoon many of the folk patronized the sale of tickets for the afghan and rug. Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew made the rug and Mrs. Fred Moore made the afghan.

Mrs. David Kennedy and Mr. Fred Cole were the clerks for the tickets. The draw for the rug was made by Mrs. Pettigrew and won by Allen Taber of Tillsonburg. For the afghan drawn by Mrs. Fred Moore and won by Mrs. Nina Ebom of Delhi.

Both tickets were sold by Mrs. Harry Lee.

The members of the club greatly appreciate all those who donated to the bazaar some were members and there were those who were non-members who donated generously.

Successful rummage sale held

11/20/76
OTTERVILLE (C) — A very successful Rummage Sale sponsored by the members of the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville was held in the Community Hall on Saturday morning.

Clothing offered at a low down to earth prices, while yet second-hand, was in real good condition and sizes from infant's clothing to Senior Citizen's.

The clerks who were kept busy most of the morning were Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Jack

Riste, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Miss Edna Furlong and Mrs. Violet Howse.

The members have already planned to sponsor another Rummage Sale in the Spring.

Fred Thompson gets Lions service award

1976

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the basement of the Burgessville United Church on Monday evening Nov. 22nd. Lion president John Sandham presided.

There was a large attendance with five guests including a delegation from the Hagersville Lions Club.

It was reported that the recent auction held in Otterville Nov. 19th in support of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre was very successful.

Lion Colin Cope reported that the annual Lions Hallowe'en party held in Otterville Fire Hall was very successful with about 70 children present in costume. Eight prizes were awarded.

Lion Clare Westmacott announced that plans were completed for the annual Blood Donors Clinic to be held in the United Church basement Norwich on Monday evening, Nov. 29th.

Lion Jim Scott reported that a Lions Curling team skipped by Lion Mike Fidlin with Lions Fred Thompson, Jim Scott and Bill Lenaers captured the trophy and first prize.

The Clubs 40th Anniversary will be held in the Hungarian Hall, Delhi, Saturday evening February 5th. There will be a dinner and dance with past Governor William Maguire as speaker.

Lion President John Sandham presented past Lion president Fred Thompson with a 100 percent president's award for his services to the club during the past year.

Lion Andy Vandenberghe reported that Wintario had agreed to help financially towards cost of the new time clock in the Norwich Arena.

A motion was passed that the Lions Club agree to an expenditure of \$2408 to assist in completing projects at present underway in the Park at Otterville.

Laurie Bishop spoke to the Club. She was one of the two from N.D.H.S. student representatives sponsored by the Lions Club to the United Nations Seminar held at the University of Western Ontario

London last June.

Laurie estimated that all representatives found the Seminar very interesting and educational and that hopefully the seminars will continue. The speaker was introduced by Lion Ron Cougler and thanked by the Lion president.

Plans are completed for the next meeting the Club's annual Christmas party to be held in the Legion Hall Saturday evening, December 11th. Members are asked to bring two gifts of a value of about \$2.00.

Lion Albert Cornwall expressed the thanks for the members and guests for the fine dinner served by the U.C.W.

Lion Ed Songley expressed the thanks to the Hagersville Lions who attended the meeting.

Lion John Leitch reported that this Club has been sponsoring a student age 11 years in India for the past seven years and that she will no longer be sponsored by this Club, but that another student (a total of two students) will be sponsored through the Canadian Save The Children Fund. Lion John and his wife Donna have looked after this project for the past seven years.

The convention draw was won by Stan Palmer.

Bluebirds elect officers

Members of the Happy Bluebird Club met at the home of a new member of the Club Mrs. Josepha Rosehart on Monday evening with 19 present which included three visitors.

The president Mrs. Clarence Morris presided and opened with a reading. The members joined in singing "The Bluebird Song" which was followed with the Creed and The Lord's Prayer.

The roll call was responded to from newspaper clippings which had been given to the members by the president.

Planning got underway for the annual Christmas party which will be held at Norwich, Dec. 4th. The supper planned as potluck will feature Kentucky Fried Chicken and the remainder potluck. Members are reminded to bring dishes and cutlery. There will be the usual exchange of Christmas gifts to the value of \$1.00.

The Election of officers resulted as follows - past president, Mrs. Clarence Morris; president, Mrs. Daisy Ash; vice-president, Mrs.

Harold Pearce; secretary, Mrs. Harold Waring; treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Davis; cards and flowers, Cornell, Mrs. Harold Pearce; Norwich, Mrs. Gladys Lumsden; Milldale, Mrs. Daisy Ash; pianist, Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency.

This completed the business and members of the Milldale group were in charge of the program. Readings were given by Mrs. Hazel Edgeworth "Back Home" and Mrs.

Douglas Carroll gave "No Time."

Several games of cards were enjoyed after which the hostess was assisted by the committee in serving delicious refreshments.

On behalf of the group Mrs. Stanley Davis thanked the hostess and Milldale group for the pleasant time spent. Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency invited the members to her home for the January meeting.

Page 6 THE NORWICH GAZETTE November 10, 1976



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stubbs celebrated their 1st anniversary on November 7th, 1976. Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Church of Otterville and Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stubbs of Norwich. The ceremony took place in the Otterville United Church at 6 o'clock. The couple are residing in Norwich, Ontario.

in Norwich and Otterville on Sunday.



Doug Wilson of the Otterville I.O.O.F. Lodge and Mrs. Greta Smith of Otterville Rebekahs Lodge pause after laying a tribute at the War Memorial, Otterville. At left is Robert Harris of the Norwich Legion Colour party. 7:00 11/76

Donate \$100 to Arena Fund

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Grant Riddle of Wilsonville was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute meeting.

The members met at the home of the president Mrs. Melville Beecroft on Friday afternoon.

In her gracious manner Mrs. Riddle who is deeply interested in "Herbs" gave a most interesting and informative talk on the many varieties of the plant and also named their special use in their own special way. She also gave some good pointers on cultivation of the plant and brought along a sample of bread which she had made in which herbs were used and also she had samples of the spices that the member might get the true aroma of each mentioned.

On behalf of the Institute the president presented her with an Institute coffee spoon.

The president presided for the meeting which opened with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect. Mrs. Beecroft gave a reading in keeping with "Remembrance" and this was followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

The roll call was responded to by the members naming an Export and it's destination. A

thank-you note was read from Mrs. Ivan Leitch thanking the members for the lovely cup and saucer which she received after moving to Norwich.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The treasurer also gave the financial report. Announcement was made of the 4-H Achievement Day. Mrs. Downing reported for the guests who were billeted at the different homes during the London Area Convention which was held in Tillsonburg. Monies paid on this project was forwarded to the Historical Society. The sum of \$100 was voted to send to the

Norwich Arena Fund. Mrs. Beecroft reported on the Convention as well as the Oxford County Conference and also had a number of clippings from the papers which one may read.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring convener of Agriculture presided for the program and gave a reading "The Endearing Voices." Mrs. Harry Lee accompanied by Mrs. Jack Walther played several selections on the harmonica.

The meeting closed with the singing of "the Queen" and Institute grace. The committee in charge served the cup of tea and a social time followed.

The family of the late Julius VanHooren wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbors for acts of kindness, floral tributes, donations to various memorial funds, and many cards of sympathy in the loss of a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Special thanks to the nurses and staff of first floor south Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Dr. Murray Downing, Father Paul and Father Hurley for the prayers and mass, pallbearers, the Delhi CWL for a lovely lunch, and the D.L. Murphy Funeral Home for arrangements. Your kindness will always be remembered. Mrs. Marguerite VanHooren and family. Nov/76



The staff at Otterville Public School had a lunch last week in honor of Carl Howse, who has worked at the school for 20 years. He is the school's bus driver and caretaker and is shown here opening a wallet which was given to mark the occasion.

MRS. VERA DAVIS

Mrs. John Davis, aged 79 years of RR 1, Otterville passed away on Saturday, November 20th, 1976 at Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital.

The former Vera Maude McKenzie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. McKay McKenzie, she was born in East Oxford Township. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Norwich Baptist Church and Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville. She was predeceased by her husband May 28th, 1966.

Surviving are three daughters Mrs. Cecil (Irene) Smart, Milldale; Mrs. Harry Marie Hanson, RR 2, Burgessville and Mrs. Grant (Margaret) Losee, Woodstock; three sons McKay, Glen and Lyle, all of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Reuben

(Henrietta Belle) Olmstead; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

A brother Archibald predeceased her 20 years ago and a granddaughter Colleen Davis, September, 1975.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, November 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich with Rev. David Houghland of Norwich Baptist Church officiating.

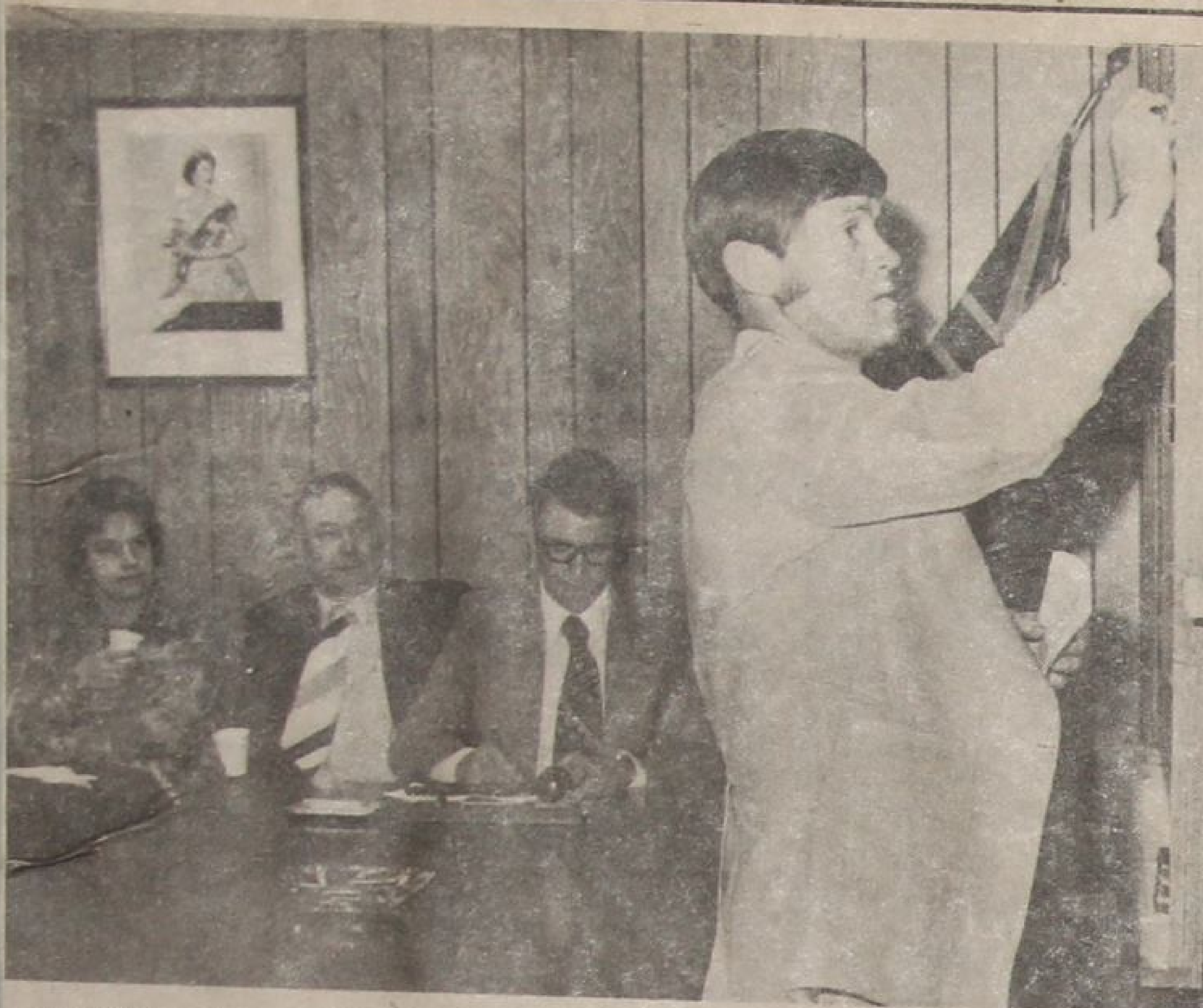
The flower bearers were Fred Sherman, Morris De Voogdt, John Vandenberghe and Ted Church.

The bearers were Arthur McKenzie, Harry McKenzie, Carl Howse, Howard, Stanley and Bruce Davis.

Interment was in North Norwich Gore Cemetery.



The Township of Norwich honored retirees and a former employee at their second annual banquet last Friday. Jack Walther, councillor from Ward One made a presentation to Merlin Howse who left this year and Jim McDowell councillor from Ward 4 made the presentation to Bill Esseltine who has been with the Roads department for 28 years. Wilbur Casler retired after 45 years service but was not present. From left to right are Jack Walther, Merlin Howse, Les Dickson, Bill Esseltine and Jim McDowell.



Interested spectators watch as the board recording votes of each poll reporting at the Township Hall in Otterville. Reports started coming in around 9 p.m. with the last of eighteen polls reporting just before 1 p.m.

Peers new mayor by big majority

Ken Peers became mayor of the Township on Monday night with 2,133 votes to John Allan's 1,127. Mr. Peers won in 16 of the 18 polls.

Fifty per cent of the 6570 voters turned out to vote for their representative. Returns from the 18 polls began arriving at the Township office in Otterville about 9 p.m. after the polls closed at 8 p.m. The last poll reported in just after 12:30 a.m.

The three way race for councillor-at-large was won by Jack Burn. Mr. Burns strength was in Ward 4. His tally of 561 in that ward easily beat the combined total of 190 by Lavern Irving and Jim Butler. A steady increase in votes for Mr. Irving decreased Mr. Burns lead to a final 62. The total votes for Burn was 1189 and Irving 1127 with Jim Butler at 918.

In Ward 1 all three incumbents, Carl Beal, Bob Pettigrew and John Walther were re-elected with Pettigrew leading the poll with 693.

Ward 2 was a run away with Carman Sweazey and Norman

Lusk taking the two seats handily. Howard Nix received 151 votes, Sweazey 629 and Lusk 397.

In Ward 3, it was nip and tuck between Cecil Mingle and newcomer John Heleniak. Mr. Mingle won in three of the five polls but John Heleniak was only 9 votes behind at 470 to 479 for Mingle.

Mr. Heleniak has 48 hours to ask for a recount and intends to do so.

Ward 4 saw incumbent James McDowell re-elected and Ross Warboys defeat Orval Huggins for the second seat. Mr. Warboys topped the polls at 528, Mr. McDowell 513 and Mr. Huggins 244.

Returning Officer Robert Watkins and clerks, Wayne Johnson and Fred Lowes with the office staff were busy tabulating returns during the evening and posting them on the board for the waiting crowd of candidates and supporters. At one point about seventy people were crowded in the building watching the results.

Results by poll were:

Mayor	John Allen	Ken Peers	
WARD ONE	213	370	
WARD TWO	249	475	
WARD THREE	420	477	
WARD FOUR	245	511	
	ALLAN 1127	PEERS 2133	
COUNCILLOR AT LARGE	Burn	Irving	Butler
WARD ONE	163	367	327
WARD TWO	190	248	282
WARD THREE	275	323	247
WARD FOUR	561	138	52
TOTALS	BURN 1189	IRVING 1127	BUTLER 918

COUNCILLORS	WARD ONE							
	ADV.	1	2	3A	3B	4	5	Totals
Beal	8	62	52	76	120	104	69	491
Pettigrew	7	71	89	105	184	134	103	693
Smith	1	33	40	24	52	104	48	302
Walther	3	45	64	78	129	95	81	495
COUNCILLORS	WARD TWO							
	Poll	Adv.	1	2	3	Totals		
Lusk		6	131	125	135	397		
Nix		1	55	40	55	151		
Sweazey		10	202	222	195	629		
COUNCILLORS	WARD THREE							
	Poll	Adv.	1	2	3	4	5	Totals
Heleniak		11	150	53	77	56	123	470
Mingle		14	155	80	82	38	110	479
Orth		12	159	88	91	70	154	574
COUNCILLORS	WARD FOUR							
	Poll	Adv.	1	3	4	Totals		
Huggins		2	72	58	67	45	244	
McDowell		11	136	58	108	140	513	
Warboys		9	166	90	130	133	528	

LILLIE RACHAR

Lillie Rachar passed away at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, on Wednesday, December 15, 1976, in her 78th year.

She was the former Lillie Bothwell. Her husband, Earl Rachar, predeceased her in 1971.

Surviving are two sons, Alvin Rachar of Springford, and Bruce Rachar of Tillsonburg; one brother, Roy Bothwell of Norwich; one sister, Mrs. Ettie Creath of Brantford; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where services will be held Saturday, December 18, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Norwich Gore Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Ontario Heart Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family.

REV. W. G. WYLIE

OTTERVILLE (C) — Word was received in the village on Saturday of the sudden passing of a former minister of the Otterville Pastoral Charge Rev. W. G. Wylie of Oshawa.

Rev. Wylie and Mrs. Wylie and son John came to Otterville in 1948 and was a resident until 1955 when he and his family were called to Wallaceburg to continue in the Ministry.

A resident of Oshawa he was associated with supply work taking two services each Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft of Otterville called at the Armstrong Funeral Home in Oshawa on Saturday evening where they paid respects to the late Rev. Wylie and were with Mrs. Wylie and John and other relatives. Dec 176

MRS. HENRY DeBLOCK

Mrs. Henry DeBlock of 57 Rolph St., Tillsonburg, Apt. 11, passed away on Sunday, December 5, 1976, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 69th year.

Born in Otterville, January 22, 1908, she was the former Gertrude Lucy Ash, daughter of the late Alfred and Frances Ash. She was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church and of St. Mary's C.W.L.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two daughters, Mrs. George (Leona) Leuszler of Sturgeon Falls and Mrs. Douglas (Lucy Jean) Jones of Weston; two sons, Jerry DeBlock of Woodstock and Henry DeBlock, Jr., of Bornholm; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Brown of Mt. Clemens, Mich., and Mrs. Jack (Emma) McCready of Burgessville; and seven grandchildren.

Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home until Tuesday, thence to St. Mary's R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 2 p.m. said by Rev. Fr. J.J. McCormick.

Prayers will be said tonight (Monday) at 9 o'clock at the Funeral Home. C.W.L. prayers were said Monday afternoon at 2:30.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

MRS. HENRY DeBLOCK

Prayers for the late Gertrude Lucy DeBlock of 57 Rolph St., Apt. 11, Tillsonburg, who passed away on December 5, 1976, were said at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on December 6, at 9 p.m. by Rev. Fr. J. T. Costello. Prayers were said Monday at 2:30 by C.W.L. President, Stacie Pellizzari.

High Mass was said December 7, at 2 p.m., at St. Mary's R.C. Church by Rev. Fr. J. J. McCormick.

Pallbearers were Jerry DeBlock, Henry DeBlock, Jr., George Leuszler, Douglas Jones, Jim Medai and Jim Medai.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

40 - year teaching career coming to end

1976

The North Windham Central School Parent Association have planned a tea for many former students, parents, fellow staff members and friends who are invited to gather on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, from 2-4 p.m. to honor Mrs. Harold Ryder of Bookton, who retires from teaching in Teeterville on Dec. 31.

Mrs. Ryder (nee Margaret Elliott) has seen many changes in education and the surrounding area in the past 40 years.

When she graduated from Normal School (now known as Teachers' College) in 1936 she felt very fortunate in obtaining a position in her home area at S.S. 13, Bookton School. Here she taught in a one-room school with eight grades to cope with, no inside plumbing, a wood furnace to keep stoked all day, and the drinking and wash water for the students to be brought in from the outdoor pump. Hygeine wasn't a predominant factor then, as all

the students drank from the same dipper during the day.

In June, 1941, Margaret Elliott retired from teaching to take up a full time career as Mrs. Harold Ryder at RR 1, Norwich, and she raised two sons, Neil, now a machine designer at Worthington (Canada) Ltd., Brantford, and Norman, now a teacher and head of the industrial arts department at Norwich High School, and Margaret is also a proud grandmother of five.

In February, 1951, Mrs. Ryder returned as a part time teacher at S.S. 12, McKnight's School, until June 1952. Then she did some supply work at Windham Centre during March in the Presbyterian Church basement where the primary classes were being taught. The old Windham Centre School, S.S. 10, had been destroyed by fire on January 1, 1954. In September of 1954, Mrs. Ryder went back to full time teaching at the McKnight School, S.S. 12, a one-room school with eight grades. The school was much the same as she had been teaching in at Bookton, with the exception of a few improvements in lighting, heating and plumbing.

While many of the rewards and results of teaching over the years have been hard to assess, there are moments of warmth, satisfaction and inspiration in the life of a teacher. Parents and students will remember the help and encouragement she gave to her pupils as well as her interesting and impressive presentations of lessons in her

classroom, often punctuated by slides, pictures, and collections that Harold and Margaret have collected over their recent years as world travellers and photographers.

Margaret left the McKnight's School in June, 1956, and started teaching in the Junior room at S.S. 11, Teeterville. In 1958, she became principal of the two-room school and remained until the schools of the Northern section of Windham Township were centralized in January, 1959. She then took up teaching at North Windham Central - a new, modern, five-classroom school, which has since been enlarged to eight classrooms with a kindergarten, library and gymnasium.

Mrs. Ryder's keen interest never ceased in her pupils at the year's end. She often followed their career and was as pleased as their proud parents with their successes in life. Many of her first students' children are coming to school to her now. Margaret has seen the second generation taking up and continuing on with what she has instilled in many of their parents - integrity, hard work, perseverance along with the joy of living.

Mrs. Ryder is also an admirer and assistant in her husband's photography business, which Mr. Ryder took up as a hobby and has turned it into a flourishing business.

North Windham Central School will miss her presence in their midst but everyone wishes her a future of health, happiness, prosperity and many more fulfilling years.



Mrs. Margaret Ryder of Bookton will retire at the end of December after a 40-year teaching career. She will be honored at a public gathering at Teeterville school on Dec. 5.

Retiring teacher honored

A tea honoring Mrs. Margaret Ryder of Bookton, who retires at the end of the year from a teaching career that extended intermittently from 1936 to 1976, was held by the North Windham Central School Parent Association.

The tea table was beautifully decorated with a green and red Christmas centrepiece and red candles. Small tea tables were

set about the auditorium and gaily decorated with Christmas centrepieces made by Mr. Eller's class. A unique green felt banner with 'Good Luck Mrs. Ryder' and good luck emblems on it hung on the wall behind the main tea table. The banner was made by Mrs. Klein's Grade 6 art class.

Upon arrival at the school, Mrs. Ryder was presented with a white orchid corsage, a gift from her two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryder received and visited with over 300 guests from the Township of Delhi and many distant points.

At 3:05 p.m. Mr. T. Harvey, principal of North Windham Central School, opened the presentation ceremonies with greetings to all. He introduced Mr. D. Daley, principal of Port Dover Public School and former principal of North Windham. Mr. Daley, on behalf of past and present students, parents, friends, past and present staff members, associates, the director, superintendents and members of the board of education, presented an original oil painting by Vic Gibbons to Mrs. Ryder.

George Pullen, principal of W. F. Hewitt Public School, Waterford, and also a former principal of North Windham, made a presentation of a purse of money to her on everyone's behalf.

Mrs. Vern Rushinko presented a gift to Mrs. Ryder from the North Windham Central School Parents' Association. In their remarks, Mr. Daley, Mr. Pullen and Mrs. Rushinko wished Mrs. Ryder much happiness in the future and accredited her with much well-deserved praise.

Mrs. Ryder was then given the opportunity to express her thanks for these gifts and for the other personal gifts that had been given to her for the occasion. She not only thanked everyone but added a humorous story to her address and a poem that she composed to tell the story of a school teacher's life.

Mr. Harvey closed the ceremonies by reading a letter addressed to a staff member from a former student of

Margaret's. His letter expressed his admiration and gratitude for the interest and encouragement that Mrs. Ryder gave him. He expressed his

feelings that a teaching career must be very rewarding and satisfying and felt Mrs. Ryder should be proud of her contributions to society in this field.

Letters to the Editor

CHRISTMAS

1976

The Editor: With Christmas being so commercialized nowadays, I wonder just how many people really remember the true meaning of the word?

Maybe this little poem I have written can jog a few memories and help us all get into the real Christmas spirit.

What does Christmas mean to you?
Is it presents and food and toys?
Is it all about Santa and what did you get,
Or is it Christ and His birth and His joys?

Do you get all excited 'cause soon you will see
All the gifts you have wanted so long?
Or is it a feeling of love and of peace,
For the Lord has given His Son?

Christmas itself is a special day,
It's the birth of the Child of God,
It's the day that He brought forth His Son,
And to teach us to love was His job.

Mrs. Ollie Douma,
Mill St., Woodstock.

TWENTY YEARS AGO December 1956

Otterville - Harvey Hammond of Newark has taken the place of Howard Avey on the Spicer Bakery bread route.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO December 1921

The price of bread has been reduced to 9c per loaf. Some of the grocers are going one cent better, and supplying their customers for 8c per loaf.

Honored on 80th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. George Davis, Otterville was feted by 60 visitors on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1976 when her family planned an afternoon in honor of her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Davis the former Edna Wyatt has been a life-long resident of the village and keeps up with the news of the day and interested in the activities and affairs of the village and area.

The immediate family and grandchildren took full charge of the afternoon affair.

Mrs. Davis received her guests wearing a becoming dress in a rose shade offset with a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

Otterville UCW holds Christmas meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The December Christmas meeting of the United Church Women was held in the school room of the United Church on Thursday evening with a good attendance. The president Mrs. Rod Taylor presided and opened the meeting with a Christmas poem.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read by Mrs. Boyd Little and approved as read. Mrs. Irvin Gehring gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Mary Murray presented the report for the nominating committee she thanked her committee for the past year, to those who took office and to those who had held office in the past.

Slate of officers will be - past president, Mrs. Fred Cole; president, Mrs. Rod Taylor; first vice, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; second and third vice, not filled; secretary, Mrs. Boyd Little; treasurer, Mrs. Donald Neale; communication, Mrs. Colin Cope; program and literature, Miss Vera Welsh and Mrs. David Kennedy and Mrs. Max Avey; social convener, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; Manse committee, Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Edward Arthur; finance committee, Mrs. Laura Hooker and Mrs. Donald Neale; friendship and visitation, Miss Gladys Nobbs and members; supply, Mrs. Harold Waring; archives, Mrs. Earle Petch; auditors, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. William A. McMullen; nominating committee, Mrs. Adam Oliver. Mrs. William

Hanson and Mrs. Edward White.

Mrs. Edward White and committee was in charge of the remainder of the meeting. The committee took part in a brief Christmas concert which opened with recitations the first one was "Little Girls" given by Mrs. White, Mrs. Harold Arthur gave two - one was "Too Much" and "A Shy Little Boy."

Mrs. Colin Cope gave two selections - Homemade Stocking and Mice. Several ladies took part in an orchestra and played "Jingle Bells". These were Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Squance, Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Waring. Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist. Mrs. Taylor recited a number "Two and Two Make Four." Mrs. White recited "Betty at the Party."

The offering was presented by Mrs. Squance who also read a story "Jesus Accomplishments." Christmas carols were sung. The Scripture lesson taken from Matthew 5: 14-16 was read by Mrs. Bert Hill and was followed with a meditation "Ye Are the Light of the World." Each member was given a lit candle and all sang "Let It Shine."

Cards were signed for shut-in members and friends Mrs. Betty Cramer, Mrs. Cecil Finch, Mrs. George Davis, Stewart Godby, Earle Petch and Donald Barnim.

Following the service a dainty Christmas lunch was served by the members of the committee and a social time was enjoyed.

Otterville

Ladies Guild holds meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill on Thursday afternoon.

The president Mrs. Violet Howse welcomed the ladies and opened the meeting with prayer which was followed with "The Lord's Prayer." The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Pickersgill.

The roll call, was responded to by nine members. Minutes were read and approved. The correspondence was dealt with.

Mrs. Pickersgill Good Cheer convener reported a card had been sent to a member who is ill.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report (Bazaar)

Miss Doreen Howse was the winner of the door prize which was donated by Mrs. Jack Riste and Mrs. Florence Saunders won the Cranberry Cake donated by Rev. and Mrs. Herring, at the Christmas bazaar.

Everyone was reminded of the Congregational Christmas supper at the church Dec. 16th on Dec. 12th at 5 p.m.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse Dec. 16th at 12 o'clock (noon). There will be an exchange of gifts.

The roll call will be answered with the word "Merry."

The president closed the meeting with prayer after which a delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Otterville Women's Institute holds Christmas meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas December meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Walther on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The president Mrs. Melville Beecroft presided and gave a Christmas reading in a welcome to the visitors and members.

Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist. The meeting opened with the Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and was followed with 'The Lord's Prayer'. The roll call was responded to with the members giving a donation to the Cancer Cupboard in Tillisonburg Hospital.

The secretary gave the financial report. Announcement was made of the Needlepoint Course to be held in January which many of the members have decided to take.

Mrs. Beecroft, on behalf of the members, expressed Birthday wishes to Mrs. Fred Walther who had recently marked her

87th birthday and the president presented her with a book.

Cards were signed - one for Mrs. Edna Davis who was celebrating a birthday on Sunday and Mrs. Olga Clifford who was unable to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Waring program convener presided for the remainder of the meeting the program being interspersed with carol singing.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring read the Christmas story taken from the second chapter of Luke.

Mrs. Waring was accompanied to the meeting by Mrs. Joseph Keller of Glen Meyer, Mrs. Waring having accompanied Mrs. Keller to Germany two years ago for the Christmas season where they spent that time with Mrs. Keller's mother and other relatives.

The two ladies gave interesting highlights of how Christmas is celebrated in Germany.

Mrs. Keller showed the members several pieces of Christmas decorations which she had brought from her homeland and answered many questions from the members in regard to Christmas. On behalf of the Institute Miss Vera Welsh presented her with a gift.

Mrs. Keller also brought tapes which were played in Germany, these being children singing many carols in German. Also on the tape was a whistling number "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." On another tape Joe Keller who accompanied his mother and sister and Mrs. Waring gave a splendid description of travel on the plane, or brief stops, weather conditions in general.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen" and Institute grace. Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew held the lucky cup.

Along with the social repast the members enjoyed a half hour visiting and all enjoyed the full afternoon.

Otterville

Leisure Club

Yule party

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the Community Hall, which was largely attended. A bountiful luncheon was served at 12:30, followed with a Christmas program.

Rev. and Mrs. Gorrie were special guests for the day and Rev. Gorrie said the blessing.

Mrs. Harold Waring was convener of the program. President Harry Lee called the gathering to order, with a welcome to all.

Secret Pals revealed their names and names were submitted to Mrs. Cole for 1977.

The Christmas story, from Luke 2, was read by Mrs. Donald Gorrie. Christmas carols were sung throughout the afternoon, with Mrs. Jack Freeland at the piano.

Mrs. Harry Lee favoured the group with harmonica selections, and readings were given by Mrs. Fred Cole, Colin Robinson, Mrs. Petunia McNally, Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Harry Lee.

A brief business meeting was held and this was the last meeting until Wednesday, Jan. 5th, when business and the social time will continue as usual.

Otterville Guild holds meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse on Thursday, December 16 at 12 o'clock for a delicious Christmas dinner served by the hostess and her daughter Doreen.

The meeting opened with the singing of several carols followed by prayer by the president after which all repeated "The Lord's Prayer."

Ten members answered the roll call with the verse containing the word "Merry". The minutes were omitted but

correspondence was dealt with. A card was signed for our member who is ill.

The treasurer Mrs. McMullen gave the report.

Card Bingo was then played. Gifts were distributed from a lovely decorated tree. Mrs. Strudwick thanked Mrs. Howse for opening her home for the party. The next meeting will be held on Jan. 13th at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen. The roll call will include the word "Keep". Everyone returned to their homes after an afternoon well spent.

Santa parade to visit Otterville

Dec/76

Santa will be visiting Otterville this year under the auspices of the Township Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday, December 11th, at 1 p.m. the welcoming parade will form up at the Township garage at the east end of the

village. It will go straight along the main street through the business section.

After parading through Ot-

terville the whole assembly will then make its way to Norwich to begin parading through the village starting at Boehmers about 2 p.m.

Santa will meet the children in Otterville with candies on Main St. and will stay there for a while.

In Norwich Santa will be outside the Bank of Montreal by about 2:30 p.m.

The OPP will be escorting the parade and transportation, by bus, of people in the parade has been arranged. The N.O. Breakers, C.B. Club will provide communications.

A prize for the best school entry in the parade has been donated by Foremost Pop and Milk Store. Best commercial entry by Township of Norwich Chamber of Commerce. Best entry by an Organization by Branch 190 Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

The new Mayor elect will be there to present the prizes to the winning floats - judged by three councillors.

The presentations and after parade refreshments will be at the Community Centre at the firehall.

The parade route in Norwich is east from Boehmers to Stover Street, south on Stover to Front St. and back to the Firehall.

Retiring mayor says. . .

Criticism not warranted

"This is the time of the year when council members are subjected to the most criticism" said retiring mayor Les Dickson in an interview with the Gazette on Tuesday.

"Usually it is criticism, and

just that, however at this election time, the first since our restructuring certain individuals are being malicious and even slanderous. I have been told it is best to ignore these things I hear and simply consider them what they are, statements out of ignorance.

However ignorant as they may, I'm afraid there are people who actually like to believe gossip, and indeed it can hurt those members of council who have striven so hard the past two years to build a new larger community.

I commend every member for his impartiality, and the very people who are now claiming that favors are gained, know from their own experience that this is impossible.

He went on "As I have already said, I am possibly too concerned with ignorant gossip, but it would seem that this time it is more of a dedicated effort to destroy the integrity of council

members.

In fact at meet the Candidates night, accusations were made which could be grounds for libel or defamation of character charges. Regardless of my concern I do have confidence in the vast majority of people, and am certain the electors will not now turn out these dedicated men who are so well qualified to continue their task.

Mr. Dickson said "One thing I receive feed back on, regularly, is the statement that I was granted the severance of 18 lots in Burgessville this year. This controversy of course is stimulated by, again ignorance, jealousy and I don't know what else. A person is only ignorant until the facts are presented and then after that it becomes a malicious effort to damage some one.

"The facts in this case have been explained, but of course the adjitators choose to ignore

Arena Fund 43,444.30

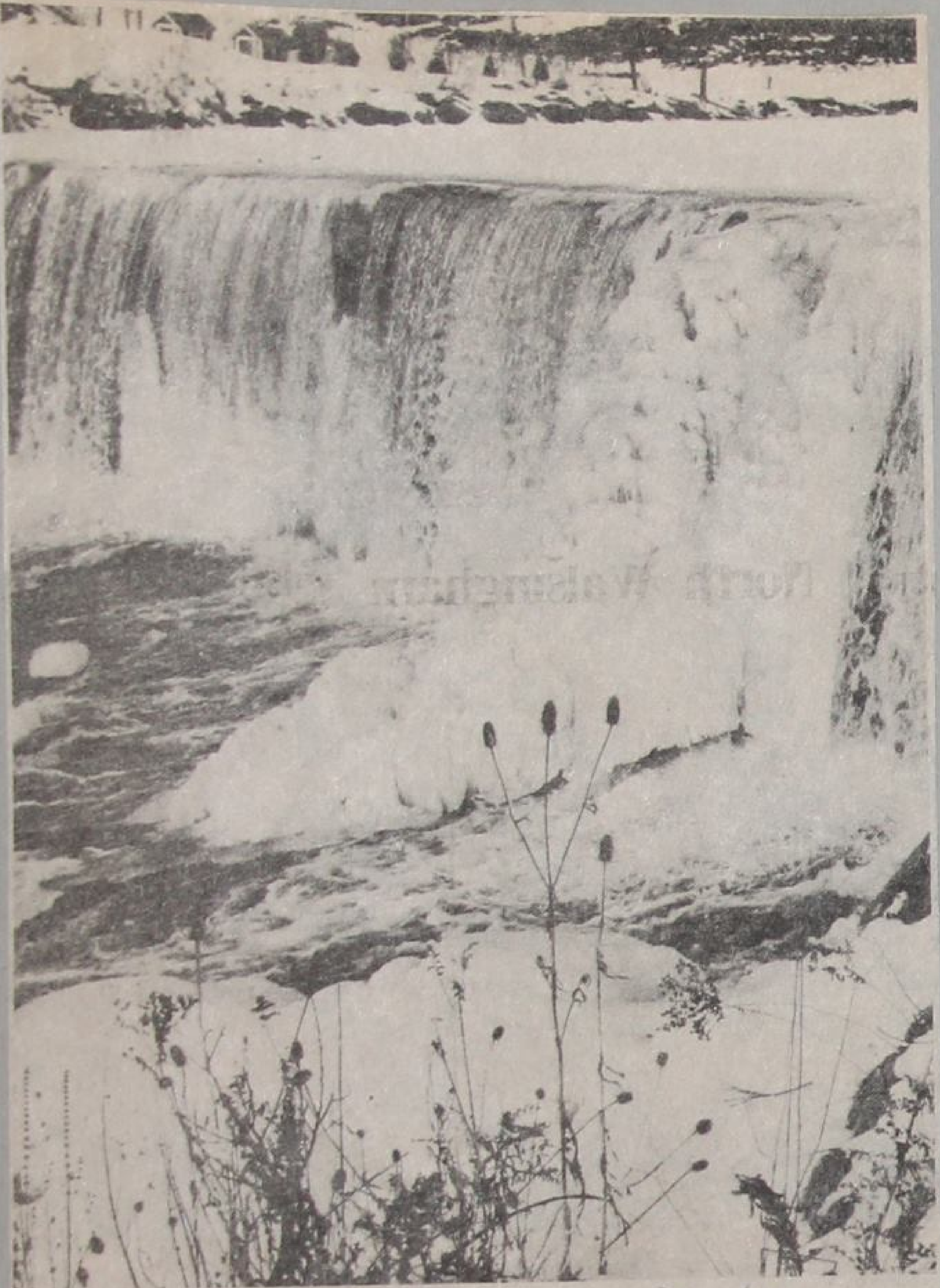
The returns for the canvass in the "Buy a Block" campaign are not coming in as fast as expected. Only seven canvassers have been heard from as yet.

Cash donations now total \$21,724.40 and pledges are \$21,720 making a total of \$43,444.40.

This amount is 25 per cent of the total required to obtain the maximum Wintario grant.



The Otterville Brownie pack won the prize for the best organizational float.



Otterville Dam Dec/76

Labor ministry edict shuts Norwich arena

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

NORWICH — The ministry of labor has closed Norwich and District Community Arena for not conforming with national building code standards, Wayne Johnson, Norwich Township deputy clerk, said Friday.

The ministry has ordered that the arena, built about 30 years ago, be closed permanently or that its use be discontinued until improvements have brought the building in line with recommendations of a qualified engineer.

Mr. Johnson said the building was padlocked Thursday afternoon by arena manager Stewart Pettit after the township received a registered letter from the ministry.

An engineer's report on the building, prepared for the township, was forwarded to the ministry May 13.

Mr. Johnson said the engineer has been working through the office of Dr. H. C. Parrott, MPP (PC—Oxford), minister of colleges and universities, to determine if the building can be used for the annual historical show June 4, 5 and 6. A decision is expected by Monday afternoon, he said.

A qualified engineer may have to be present if the arena is occupied during the three days, he said, adding that findings show the building could collapse should winds exceed 71 m.p.h.

Municipal officials have suggested the historical show committee may have to supply tents for some exhibits.

Mr. Johnson said the engineering study indicated it would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 to strengthen wood roof trusses sufficiently to withstand winds, and \$150,000 to \$160,000 in reinforcing for snow load.

Replacing the walls and roof of the artificial ice facility with a steel shell is being considered. Construction of dressing rooms would bring total cost to between \$200,000 and \$225,000, Mr. Johnson said.

Preliminary proposals from contracting firms range from \$190,000 to \$200,000 for the shell without dressing rooms.

Under consideration, he said, is a plan to continue using the arena floor, ice-making equipment and lighting.

He said a committee of council and arena committee members will tour local arenas Wednesday to assist in planning.

The most optimistic estimate of reconstruction time is 12 weeks.

Mr. Johnson said roller skating and other bookings have been cancelled.



KEN MANN
OTTERVILLE

S WEAR
DELHI

Planting operations on the Meeuse farm near Union are shortened by mechanization.

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