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George Davis, seated, left, is reeve in South Norwich Township. Clerk is Herbert Parsons, seated right.

Councilors are, from left: Joseph Ash, Harold Arthur, Harold Durkee, Theodore Cooper. (Photos by Lowe).

Annual Meeting Held By Anglican Church

OTTERVILLE (C)—The annual congregational meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the Parish Hall Monday evening with a small attendance.

The rector, Rev. E. C. Grey, gave the opening and closing prayers, and after the secretary's report was presented, the financial statement was given by Mrs. Carl Howse who also gave the missionary budget.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the Ladies' Guild report and also the Organ fund account; and Carl Howse gave the Sunday School report and also the cemetery fund and lots account. Mrs. Fred Howse gave the Junior W. A. report for the late Mrs. A. Deveney.

Officers elected were: rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, Arthur Picknell; Sunday school superintendent, Carl Howse, with J. W. Riste as assistant; Chancel Guild, Mrs. J. W. Riste; auditors, Mrs. D. R. Spicer and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen, with Miss Carole Pennington as assistant; Lay delegate to Synod, Carl Howse, sub, Arthur Picknell; vestry clerk, Miss Eva Deveney.

After the election Rev. E. C. Grey discussed matters of business, and the ladies of the Guild served lunch.

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Andrew C. Fisher Dies In Hospital

OTTERVILLE, Jan. 21 — Andrew C. Fisher, 67, of Tillsonburg, who died in Memorial Hospital there today, was born in South Middleton Township, and was the eldest son of the late Thaddeus Fisher and Ella Smith. He spent his early life there and lived for several years at Lyndoch and Welland, where he apprenticed as a blacksmith, a trade which he followed for 50 years. He had operated a shop at Tillsonburg for the past 37 years.

He was unmarried, and is survived by two brothers, Charles, Windsor; Stanley, Vienna; and two sisters, Mrs. Russell Cooper, Tillsonburg; and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, Otterville.

Services will be conducted Thursday 2 p.m. in the Addison funeral home here, by the Rev. Donald Morrison, of Otterville United Church, assisted by John C. McCormack, of Tillsonburg. Interment will be made in Guysboro Cemetery.

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NEW FLUE-CURED MARKETING BOARD ELECTS DIRECTORS

Large crowds and big slates of candidates have featured the ten meetings held so far last week for the purpose of electing the five man committees for each of the 14 districts and fifteen man local board. Four more meetings will be held. The ten men elected to the local board so far are: District 1, Ernest Duckett (Leamington); District 2, John Lisko (Mt. Brydges); District 3, Stan Smith (St. Thomas); District 4, Ken Anderson (Straffordville); District 5, Rene Strobbe (Aylmer); District 6, Jesse Gray (Otterville); District 7, Gerard VandenBussche (Courtland); District 8, Adam Brietenbach (Langton); District 10, Bert Van Loon (Walsh); District 11, Henry Catry (Windham Centre).

Otterville Director

Topping the poll in the election held here by the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board, Jesse Grey, well-known district tobacco grower, with 120 votes was also chosen as district director on the Board. March Rennebog, chairman of the Provisional Committee, acted as chairman of the nomination meeting and

W. L. Bishop, secretary of Oxford County Federation presided for the meeting.

Others elected to the district board were Harry Walton (103), William Balaz (88), Monte Murphy (67), Raymond Vertente (64). Mr. Grey is a veteran tobacco grower, and former member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Marketing Association. He was one of the leaders in the move to abandon the old Association.

One hundred and forty votes were cast, with three ballots being declared spoiled.

George Gilvesy with 44 votes and Seymour Hurley with 27 were unsuccessful in their bid for a place on the district Board. In his nomination reply, Mr. Grey stated that the job ahead was a big one but that in view of such a decisive vote, he felt sure that it could be satisfactorily completed.

Officers Elected By Ladies' Guild

OTTERVILLE (C)—The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held their regular meeting and election of officers at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen with the vice-president, Mrs. Stanley Riches, presiding and opening the meeting with prayer.

The secretary's report was presented by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen, who also reported accounts that have been paid and also sales made since December.

Officers elected were: honorary president, Mrs. E. C. Grey; past president, Mrs. Wellington Armstrong; president, Mrs. Stanley Riches; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Lena Young; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins; secretary, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; sewing committee, Mrs. D. R. Spicer, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Fred Howse; buying committee, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. George Wavell and Mrs. Lena Young; auditors, Mrs. D. R. Spicer; devotional program convener, Mrs. Fred Howse.

Owing to illness in the home, Mrs. Armstrong had asked to be relieved of her office, and there were many expressions of sincere appreciation and remarks of praise for her faithful and untiring service during her two-year term of office as president. Letters of appreciation were read, and get-well cards signed, and plans discussed for the World Day of Prayer service to be held in the Parish Hall, March 8th.

The new president, Mrs. Riches, was surprised with a birthday cake, and her granddaughter, Barbara Brennan and Brenda Pickersgill helped her blow out the candles.

After lunch and a social time, J. W. Riste gave the closing prayer.

F. W. Furlong, 59, Dies Suddenly

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OTTERVILLE, Jan. 16 — Service will be held in the Addison funeral home here Friday 2 p.m. for Frederick W. Furlong, 59, of Greenville, a former resident of Otterville. The Rev. Donald Morrison, of Otterville, will conduct the service. Burial will be in the Otter Cemetery.

He died suddenly following a heart attack today. He spent his early life here, and for many years was in the offices of Tip Top Canners. He was transferred to Greenville office eight years ago. While here, he was active in civic and municipal affairs, serving as councilor, and also as reeve, and was also actively interested in the schools. He was a past president of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, and a charter member.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elsa Keinzle, one daughter, Patricia, wife of Dr. Hugh Allen, London; four grandchildren, two brothers, J. M. Furlong, postmaster at Otterville; Charles, Windsor, and one sister, Miss Edna Furlong, Detroit.

Late Frederick W. Furlong

The funeral of the late Frederick W. Furlong, who died suddenly at his home at Greenville Wednesday morning following a heart attack, was held Friday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and was largely attended by relatives and friends from London, Windsor, Detroit, Greenville, Hamilton, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Simcoe, Dundas, Tillsonburg, Norwich and many other places. Rev. Donald R. Morrison, Otterville, conducted the services and the pianist was Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville. Thursday evening about 25 members of St. John's Lodge, No. 104, A. F. & A. M. Norwich, led by the W. M. Howard Butler performed last rites at the funeral home for Mr. Furlong who was a life member of the lodge. He was also a member of the Royal Arch, the Preceptory and the Mocha Temple Shrine, London. For many years he was chairman of the School Board at Otterville and was instrumental in inaugurating the present Public Health system in the county, while he was serving as reeve of the township. At the time of the funeral, Oxford County Council was in session, and Reeve Charles Baguley and Reeve George H. Davis were present to represent Council.

Mr. Furlong has been secretary of the Tip Top Canners at their head office at Greenville for the past nine years, and prior to that was office manager at the Otterville plant for 13 years, and had been at his office at Greenville until the evening prior to his death. He was also a charter member and past president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

Among the many floral tributes from relatives and friends, those from organizations with which he was connected came from the Tip Top Canners, Ltd., also one from the office staff, and from the employees at Otterville, and from the employees at Greenville; St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; Officers and Directors of Reed Press,

Ltd.; Bathurst Power and Paper Co., Hamilton; Norwich-Otterville Lions Club; the Greenville Neighbors; South Norwich Township; American Can. Co of Canada; Mocha Temple Shrine, London; J. L. Hudsons, Detroit, Dept. 935 of which Mr. Furlong's sister is an employee.

Several of Mr. Furlong's associates from the various offices of the Tip Top Canners who attended the service in a body, acted as flower bearers, along with the casket bearers who were nephews, William Furlong, Tom Furlong, Robert Furlong, David Furlong, Charlie Howse and Fred A. Church. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral Late Charles A. Wardle

The funeral of the late Charles A. Wardle was held Wednesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and was very largely attended by

relatives and friends from Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, London, St. Thomas, Grand Blanc, Mich. Dorchester, Simcoe, Waterford, Delhi, Otterville, Petawawa, Woodstock and other points. Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church, conducted the services, and a solo "Only Believe" was sung by George H. Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen who also played a number of favorite hymns before and after the service. Among the many lovely floral tributes were those from the I. O. O. F.; General Motors Diesel Ltd., London; Bank of Montreal, Market Square Branch, London; the Otterville Neighbors, Pupils and teacher of Grade six, Otterville school; the Granger Family Reunion; the Otterville Baptist Church; the Springford Hunt Club.

More than 30 members of Tecumseh Lodge I. O. O. F. 182, of which Mr. Wardle was a member, attended a service Tuesday evening at the funeral home, and performed last rites with the Noble Grand, Carl Howse in charge and R. E. Pettigrew as chaplain.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were members of the I. O. O. F., Stanley Gehring, Gordon Gehring, Stanley Holman, Bill Pliman, Lorne Treffry and Vin Gehring. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. H. G. Downing received word last week from Mrs. Helen Smith of London, formerly Helen Paxton that the latter's sister Mrs. George Clark, the former Jessie Paxton of St. Catherines had died at Peterborough. The family will be remembered by older residents of Otterville.

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Woodstock Ceremony



Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne F. Smith

WOODSTOCK — Standards of white mums intermingled with fern formed the setting at Old St. Paul's Anglican Church, Woodstock, for the wedding of Violet Agnes Jane Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Knox, Woodstock, and Melbourne Frederick Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith, Norwich. The Rev. J. G. Lethbridge officiated at the double-ring ceremony, with Mrs. Jack Walthers as soloist.

The bride wore a full-length gown of Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over sipper satin. The long-torso lace bodice was fashioned with bateau neckline, edged with sequins, and long tapering sleeves. The bouffant skirt was styled with matching lace to the hipline highlighted with layers of tulle extending to the hemline. Her finger-tip veil of French illusion was held by a cap of seed pearls, and she carried a bouquet of red roses, circled with white carnations.

Miss Alice Pellow, Burgessville, was maid of honor, with Miss Betty Dodgson, Mount Elgin, and Miss Mildred McCallum, Woodstock, as bridesmaid. They wore similarly styled gowns in shades of pink and turquoise, and carried nosegays. Flower girls, Lynne Travnicsek and Sharon Knox, wore identical gowns of mauve nylon over taffeta, and carried

nosegays of mauve carnations circled with yellow carnations.

Donald McKee, Simcoe, was groomsmen. Ushers were Carlyle Nobbs, and John McNally, both of Norwich.

Receiving, Mrs. Knox wore a navy suit with pastel blue and navy accessories, and corsage of red rosebuds. The groom's mother chose a navy two-piece dress, with pink accessories and spray of pink roses.

For traveling, the bride donned a powder blue dress of crystalette with pink and white pattern, topped with a teal blue coat. Navy and white accessories, and corsage of pink roses completed her ensemble. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Woodstock.

Late Clarence Edward Smith

Clarence Edward Smith, a resident of Otterville practically all of his life, died at the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg Monday. Mr. Smith has been in poor health for several years, and was taken to hospital Monday morning where his death occurred a few hours later. Born south of Otterville nearly 73 years ago, he was employed as a carpenter for many years, and worked for the former Otterville Mfg. Co. for several years. He is survived by his wife, the former Nellie Waye, and two sons, Russell at home and Paul of London, also three grandchildren. His only brother, Orville died several years ago.

Friends were received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service was held Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. 1957

Feb. 14, 1957

Birthday Dinner For Mrs. E. Prong

PORT BURWELL — Mr. and Mrs. Norris Prong entertained recently at a family dinner party in honor of the former's mother, Mrs. Edward Prong, on the occasion of her 83rd birthday.

Mrs. Prong, who resides with her son, Norris, spent the day quietly at home and enjoyed a lovely birthday dinner with her family. She



Mrs. Edward Prong

has two sons, Ray of Forrestville and Norris, with whom she resides; one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Bartram of Tillsonburg; three granddaughters, Carol and Catherine Prong, both of Port Burwell, and Mrs. Harvey (Donna) Aspden of Forrestville; one grandson, Edward Prong of St. Williams and one great-granddaughter, Karen Aspden of Forrestville.

Mrs. Prong has lived in this area all her life and on the same farm, now owned by her son, Norris, since she was married at the age of 20 to Edward Prong, also a life-long resident of this district. The couple farmed until the time of Mr. Prong's death in 1939.

Mrs. Prong was delightfully surprised with a "card shower," and received around 60 cards of congratulations, also some lovely gifts, including a beautiful birthday cake.

Violet Rebekahs Hold Successful Tea, Sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge held a successful Valentine tea and bake sale in the Community Hall, clearing more than \$50, and all donated food was sold.

Noble Grand Mrs. Lorne Treffry was assisted by D.D.P. Mrs. Clayton Arthur in receiving the visitors, and the tables were convened by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. William G. McMullen, Mrs. Richard Saunders, Mrs. D. Hayward, Mrs. Harold Williams, and Mrs. James Squance.

Those working at the bake table were Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. E. Mountain, Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. Lena Young and Mrs. Irvin Gehring, while Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Fred Walther, Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Albert Lawrence had charge of the tea preparations. Mrs. Stanley Arthur, Mrs. Charles Mannell, Mrs. Martin Smith and Mrs. Carl Howse and other members also assisted in various ways.

The tables were attractive with tulips and other Spring flowers along with Valentine decorations.

Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge and Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., held a successful euchre party in the hall with prizes for the ladies being won by Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mrs. Fred Howse, and men's prizes by Harold Arthur and George Wavell. Plans were made for another party on Thursday, February 21st, and the proceeds go to the Cancer, Polio and TB fund.

Mrs. Bessie Downey

A former resident of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Bessie Cotton Downey, wife of Edward Downey, of 59 Mill St., Welland, passed away in the Welland County General Hospital on Monday, March 4, in her 66th year.

Born near Waterford, the daughter of Fredrick Cotton and Martha Walker Cotton, she was married to Edward Downey on November 24, 1909. She was predeceased by two infant daughters.

Left to mourn are her husband, Edward Downey, and two daughters, Mrs. Arnold Truckle (Marguerite) of Welland and Mrs. Austin Anderson (Irene) of Springfield; three sisters, Mrs. Wellington Armstrong of Otterville, Mrs. James Millen of Waskatenau, Alta., and Mrs. Buryld Hemphill of Port Alberni, B.C.; four brothers, Walter of Norwich, Oscar of London and Jack and Asa of Edmonton, Alta.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rev. Harold Stibbards, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducted the service at H. L. Cudney Funeral Chapel, Welland. Interment was in the Fonthill Cemetery.

The flowers were numerous and beautiful.

Pallbearers were Bruce Davis, Floyd Lounsbury, Emerson Underhill and Roy Hosner, all of Tillsonburg, and Vince Huntingdon of Welland and Wilfred Huntingdon of Port Colborne. Mar 157

CARROLL, MRS. ROSS, 61, resident of North Norwich Township 42 years. Survived by her husband, two sons, Allan and Scott, North Norwich; one brother, Reginald Lossing, Woodstock; and one sister, Mrs. Harold Nobbs. Service Thursday 3.30 p.m., at Norwich. 1957.

Tillsonburg, Ontario, Thursday, April 4, 1957

Late Mrs. Ross Carroll

Following a long period of ill-health, Mrs. Ross Carroll, a well known and popular resident of North Norwich township, died in hospital in St. Thomas on Tuesday morning, March 26th in her 62nd year.

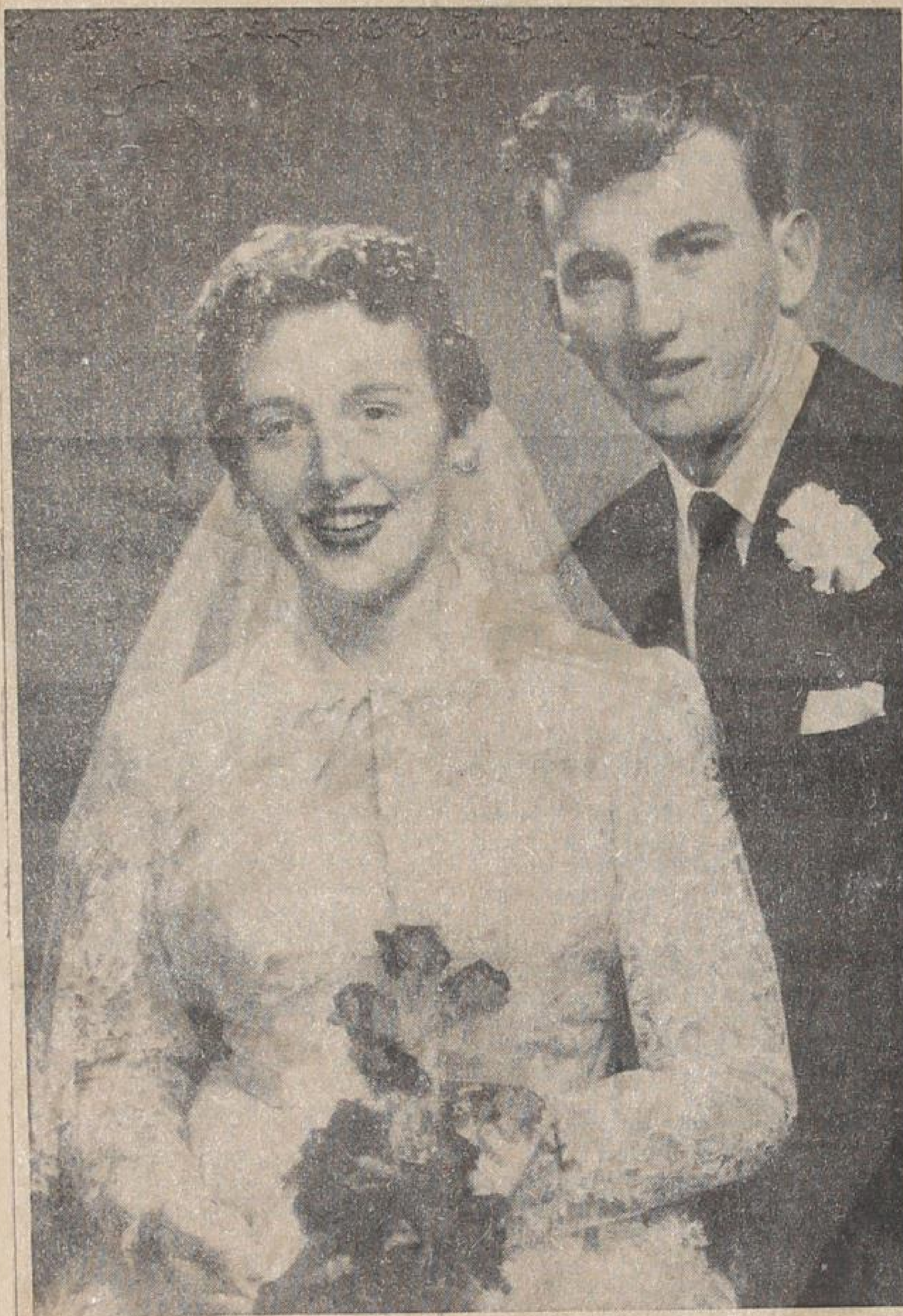
Mrs. Carroll, the former Gladys Lossing daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Lossing was born in Otterville and was brought up and attended the schools there. Since her marriage to Mr. Carroll, about 40 years ago, with the exception of two or three years lived in the United States, she had lived on the Carroll homestead on the 6th concession of North Norwich Township.

She was a public spirited person and was particularly interested in the work of the Women's Institute. A splendid and hard working executive she had been an officer in the Norwich Women's Institute for a great many years and was past president. Her interest in Institute work extended to the South Oxford District of which she was an officer for some time and of which she served as president for one year. Interested in the youth of the community she was a booster of the Arena from the start and was a tireless worker on the Ladies Arena Committee as long as health permitted. Another organization which gained much from her interest

and enthusiasm was the Agricultural Society and she was active as a lady director over a long period. She was also a popular in the Buckwheat street neighbourhood club. Mrs. Carroll was a member of the Norwich United Church.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, Allan and Scott, North Norwich township; four grandchildren, a sister, Mrs. Harold Nobbs, North Norwich township; a brother, Reginald Lossing, Woodstock.

The body is resting at the Arn & Son funeral residence and the funeral will be there at 3.30 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, March 28th. Interment will be made in the Norwich cemetery.



IN A SPRING CEREMONY performed at St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, last Saturday, marriage vows were exchanged by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Clifford. The bride is the former Harriet Tideman, daughter of Mrs. Eleanor Tideman of Brantford and Harry Tideman of Orangeville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clifford of Otterville. The couple will reside at Norwich. (Photo by Seldon)

David T. Randall

Word has been received of the passing of a former Tillsonburg resident, David T. Randall, 76, on April 9th at his home, 1808 Cleveland Ave., Whiting, Indiana.

The deceased was a former employed of Standard Oil Co., and resided at Whiting for 30 years. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Richard Linn of Whiting, Ind.; one brother, Ross of Montrose, Calif.; a cousin, Mrs. H. E. Payne of Tillsonburg; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Schlater Funeral Home, 1620 Indianapolis Blvd., Whiting, Indiana, where service was conducted the following Thursday at 1:30 p.m. by Rev. T. F. Stoeker of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Interment in the Elmwood Cemetery, Hammond, Ind. 1957

MUDGE-GRANT

United in marriage in a quiet ceremony at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Manse, Tillsonburg, on Wednesday, March 20th, at 3 o'clock were Mrs. Edna Grant of Otterville and Leo Mudge of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg. Rev. R. D. MacDonald, minister of the church, officiated.

The bride was attired in a navy blue suit and white and navy accessories, topped with a muskrat cape, the gift of the groom. She wore a rose corsage.

Matron of honor, Mrs. Robert Grant of Brantford, wore a brown street-length dress of taffeta, brown and white accessories and a muskrat jacket and a corsage of yellow mums.

Best man was Robert Grant of Brantford.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Mudge left on an extended motor trip to Arizona, Mexico City and California. They will reside in Otterville. Mar 157

Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood, residents of Otterville for the past ten years, quietly celebrated their Golden Wedding on Tuesday, and were the recipients of many greetings of congratulation, as well as a telegram and flowers sent from relatives in England. The event was marked by a family dinner at the home of their son Norman and Mrs. Wood at Woodstock.

Mr. Wood was born at Oxted, Surrey, 74 years ago, and was a railroad man all his life until retiring ten years ago when he moved from Cannington to Otterville. Prior to that they lived at Napanee and Ernestown. His brothers and sisters are all in England. Mrs. Wood was born at Pulham Market, Norfolk, England. They are both in fairly good health and do their own work. Mr. Wood enjoys choring around and loves gardening and flowers. Both are members of St. John's Anglican Church, and Mr. Wood sings in the choir, and has been a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters for 50 years. They are both deeply appreciative of the cards and flowers they received, and

Binds" was sung in closing. Lunch was served. April 9/57

Lured to Canada by Phony Farm Deal, Immigrant Slain in Lonely Swampland

(An article last week told of Reginald Birchall's college escapades in England and how he and his wife Florence emigrated to Canada after becoming involved in a check fraud. Settling at Woodstock, the couple was known to local residents as 'Lord and Lady Somerset'.)

By Charles S. Buck

By the summer of 1889, the Birchalls had crossed the Atlantic again and had resumed their proper names and residence in England.

With no genteel employment in the offing, Birchall conceived a profitable scheme. He hoped to persuade some young men, with wealth behind them, to become his partners in a non-existent farm, one and a half miles from Niagara Falls and in a fictitious horse-export business at Woodstock.

The deceived victims were to invest £500 apiece, travel to Canada and their later history was to be improvised by Birchall on the spot.

Innocent Role

In his memoirs the swindler pictured himself in the comparatively innocent role of one merely pocketing the money and "then," he asserted, "nothing could be said to us as we could not be held in Canada for fraud committed in England."

In December of 1889, Birchall initiated this criminal deception by putting the following advertisement in an English newspaper:

"CANADA, university man, having farm, wishes to meet gentleman's son to live with him and learn the business with a view to partnership; must invest £500 to extend stock. Board, lodging, and five per cent interest until partnership arranged. Address J. R. Burchett, Primrose Club, 4 Park Place, St. James', London.

To have signed his own name would have been an error for his English creditors were still looking for him.

Two Apply

At least two eligible young men applied for the partnership. To them Birchall explained the name as a printer's error. One of the would-be-apprentices was Fred C. Benwell, the 24-year-old son of a British colonel; the other was Douglas Pelly, a clergyman's son, and closely related to the authentically-titled Lady Pelly, one of the beauties of her time. From each of his dupes, Birchall extracted a first instalment of the price before they sailed.

The party of four, Birchall, his wife, Benwell and Pelly took passage early in February, 1890, on the R. M. S. Britannic from Liverpool to New York. To make it difficult to trace him, the rogue had contrived to get his name misspelled again, this time on the ship's manifest as Mr. and Mrs. Bushell.

Fine Intrigue

More of his fine intriguing hand appeared in the bad relationship he established between Pelly and Benwell on board. Pelly was surprised that Birchall was taking a second partner, but the landed proprietor assured him that he was putting Benwell on another farm. If anything of a violent nature should happen to either of these men, it could be shown that there was bad blood between them.

After their arrival at New York without much delay Birchall conducted his party north to the Canadian border. At the hotel in the metropolis he had had an embarrassing encounter with a Woodstock friend, Neville Pickthall, who had rushed up to the group and exclaimed: "Why Lord and Lady Somerset! Delighted!"

Birchall had brushed off the unwelcome greeter with little ceremony. Then, he had accompanied Benwell on a money-changing expedition to Wall street where Benwell's English sovereigns were changed to American dollars. Thereupon, the four travelers went by train to Buffalo. Leaving their 24 trunks, portmanteaus and gun-cases in bond at the terminal station, they found lodgings for the night of February 16, in the Stratford House near-by.

"Promised Land"

Just over the river, a mile and a half from the Falls, lay the promised land of Birchall's. He had described it as "a 200-acre farm: Standing upon it an English-style house, heated by steam and lit by gas; the barn and fields lighted by electricity." Naturally, both young men were eager to see the Canadian estate which to each separately Birchall had promised to share.

It was separately that he planned to guide them on the tour of inspection. So, leaving Pelly and his wife at the hotel, Birchall led Benwell to the station where they took the six o'clock train for Ontario. By some argument Birchall persuaded his dupe to by-pass the much talked of farm near Niagara and to proceed toward the enterprise in Oxford County.

FRED BENWELL

- - - murder victim



English Tweeds

At any rate, he bought two tickets for Eastwood, five miles east of Woodstock, and went there by the local train. Four people saw these two travelers, "who looked like old-country gentlemen," plainly marked by English tweed overcoats, capes, loud checked suits, striped pants and Oxford accents.

Birchall, knowing the nature of the land which he meant to enter, wore top boots. An acquaintance saw the two men alight on the Eastwood platform at eleven o'clock and came up to greet Birchall as Lord Somerset.

The last stage of their journey, a distance of four miles to a swamp on lot 22, second conces-

sion of Blenheim Township, was to be completed on foot. It was a place well-known to Birchall who during the previous year had often driven to this wilderness, eight miles from Woodstock, with parties to hunt rabbits and to fish in Spruce Lake. He knew the difficult path which led from the road to the lake.

On Governor's Road

The station loiterer saw the two men stride out upon the Governor's road, today's No. 2 Highway, in the direction of Princeton. Later, a farmer met the pair going north to the second concession, and upon that road a young woman, Helen Fallon, living near the Blenheim Swamp, looked out of her window at one o'clock, and, because there was a dance at Princeton that night, remarked to her mother, "There go two dudes to the Princeton ball."

Shortly after dinner, James Rapson paused while cutting timber nearby when he heard in quick succession two pistol shots fired in the swamp.

Miss Fallon was the last person to see the living Benwell whose fatal visit to Ontario had ended in a few hours. But fatally for Birchall later, five people saw him walking alone upon the road from the swamp or at the station awaiting the train returning to the east. Some recognized the noted Lord Somerset and some, to whom he was unknown, remarked the dark-eyed stranger so well-dressed except for his mud-stained boots and trousers.

To The Falls

Meanwhile from Buffalo, Pelly and Mrs. Birchall had entrained

for Niagara Falls in Canada, and had been busy overseeing the transfer of the party's bulky baggage through the customs. In the evening they received a telegram from Birchall at the Suspension Bridge announcing his imminent arrival: The impression conveyed by the address was that the sender had been in the Niagara Peninsula all day.

At Baldwin's boarding house at the Falls where the three met shortly afterwards, Pelly's first question was, "where is Benwell?"

Birchall, always ready with an answer, replied: "My agent has rented the farm for a while. Benwell was sulky over the delay in possessing it and he has gone towards London to look over some other farms." To further questions, Birchall said that he was tired and that he wanted to go to bed.

Something Wrong

From that point, Pelly, acute enough to sense that something was wrong, put himself on guard, and had need to do so after he had challenged Birchall to show that he was not a fraud. Three times he said afterwards that he escaped in the dangerous Falls area what might have been recorded as "death by misadventure," but in reality by the violence of Birchall.

On lonely sightseeing trips Birchall tried to lure him to the precipice, to the edge of the rapids and under the falls, but almost by a miracle — his own flight or others' approach — he avoided the fatal push. Thereafter, he carried a revolver when he walked with Birchall.

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NORWICH-OTTERVILLE
LIONS CLUB



Twentieth Anniversary
PARTY

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Twenty Years of Service

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Monday, March 11th, 1957

7 p.m.

THE CLUB CHARTER



The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club held their first meeting on Monday, January 25, 1937, at the Otter Mutual Office in Norwich and District Deputy Governor Campbell attended.

The Club Charter was presented at a meeting in the Eastern Star Room, Norwich on Monday, Feb. 8, 1937, by District Deputy Governor Campbell and President H. P. Peacock of Tillsonburg, whose Club was the Official Sponsor.

CHARTER OFFICERS

Elected January 25, 1937

President	Harry Scott
1st Vice-President	Edward Turner
2nd Vice-President	J. S. Leitch
Secretary	D. W. Kinsey
Treasurer	J. C. Beattie
Lion Tamer	Alex Slaght
Tail Twister	Harold Bishop

DIRECTORS

Ed. Kennedy, Ken Bish, Murray Holmes, A. K. Kennedy

NAMES ON THE CHARTER

A. L. Bayley	Dr. W. N. Meldrum
J. C. Beattie	W. W. Pinkerton
Ken Bish	H. W. Scott
C. F. Bishop	Ed. Turner
F. C. Bishop	Wilson Young
H. A. Bishop	Dr. H. G. Downing
R. M. Holmes	S. Carley
D. N. Kennedy	F. Furlong
V. Smart	Ivan Leitch
Ed. Kennedy	John Morgan
D. W. Kinsey	Leslie Force
J. S. Leitch	H. C. Cayley
N. M. Marshall	A. Slaght

PROGRAMME



O' CANADA

Invocation .. Past District Deputy Governor W. Rock
Welcome President W. R. Butler
Toast to The Queen The President
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Otterville Man Killed Instantly, One Injured in Head-On Collision

A young Otterville man is believed to have been killed almost instantly when his car was in a practically head-on collision with another vehicle on County Road No. 19, the Otterville Road, 2¾ miles east of No. 59 Highway, at 12:15 a.m., Monday. *APRIL 15*

Brock Mountain, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mountain of Otterville, died shortly after his car was in collision with one driven by Joseph Lee, 28, of R.R. 4, Norwich. Lee is reported recovering in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, suffering from concussion, shock, lacerations to his forehead, chin and left knee, a dislocated hip and a broken right leg. He was attended on the scene by Dr. G. M. Downing of Otterville, and rushed to hospital.

According to Provincial Constable W. A. Petraschuk, who investigated, Lee was east-bound and Mountain was travelling west. Police have not released any findings of the cause of the crash. Mountain is believed to have died from a broken neck. Both drivers were alone in their cars.

Otterville Native

The victim is survived by his parents, one brother, Grant Mountain, and a sister, Mrs. LaVern Morgan of Midland, Mich.

He was born at Otterville and attended Otterville Public School and Norwich District High School. He was a member of Otterville United Church and sang in the choir.

He had just completed his apprenticeship as a typesetter and was employed by the H. J. Jones Company of London. He had previously been employed in the same trade at Toronto and Delhi.

Funeral service was conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville. Interment in the Otterville Cemetery.

An inquest will be called in the death by Coroner Dr. R. E. Weston of Tillsonburg, probably not until next month.

Only other accident since the last issue was a comparatively minor one, with total damage estimated at \$200. It occurred on No. 19 Highway, 0.4 miles south of the C.N.R.

crossing, Tillsonburg, at 1:20 a.m., Saturday. Involved were vehicles driven by G. M. Stringer, R.R. 1, Tillsonburg, and Paul DePlancke, also of R.R. 1, Tillsonburg. Stringer applied his brakes to avoid a dog on the road, and DePlancke was unable to stop in time to avoid hitting the rear of Stringer's vehicle. Provincial Constable W. A. Petraschuk investigated.

Funeral of Brock E. Mountain

The funeral of Brock E. Mountain, who met an untimely death in an automobile accident early Monday morning, April 15th, was held Wednesday

afternoon, April 17th at the Addison Funeral Home, and was very largely attended by relatives and friends, including scores of his young friends. The Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church which Brock attended, conducted the service, and the music was played by Mrs. Wm. A. McMullen, organist of the church. The many beautiful floral tributes were indicative of the high esteem in which he was held. Among them were those from the Employees of H. J. Jones, London where he was employed, the Otterville United Church choir, the Sunshine Club, Past Noble Grands of Violet Rebekah Lodge, the Neighbors, the Otterville United Church; St. Martha's Guild of Midland, Mich.; the Otterville United W. A.; the Boys from the Barbership; St. John's Church Club; Vestry Restor of St. John's Episcopal Church, Midland; the Otterville Women's Institute, and others as well as several Gideon Bibles placed in his memory. The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Murray Wardell, John E. Davis, George W. Davis, Robert VanParys, Tom Furlong and Gordon Gehring. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Lloyd Sherman

NORWICH — Funeral services for the late Lloyd Sherman were held at the Arn & Son funeral residence and the Norwich Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, April 3, with the Rev. Donald B. Cram officiating. The casket was surrounded with beautiful floral tributes, tokens of love and esteem from relatives, neighbors and friends.

During the service George Lowe, long a friend of the family, accompanied by Miss Alice Hopkins, sang "The Valley of Peace."

Pallbearers were former neighbors, Wilfred and Bruce Alexander, Charles Taylor, George Barnard, Floyd Entwistle and Burwell Kendrick. Interment was made in the Norwich Cemetery.

Mr. Sherman, a native of North Norwich Township, was born on the townline between North and South Norwich Townships, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Sherman, almost 73 years ago. He continued to farm on the homestead until selling it to tobacco growers, 20 years ago, and then he came to his late home, where he died on Monday, April 1.

Mr. Sherman was a member of Court Norwich, Canadian Order of Foresters, and an adherent of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are his widow, the former Viola Colver, to whom he was married more than 51 years ago; three sons and three daughters, Wilfred of Ingersoll, Fred of R.R. 1, Otterville, Howard of R.R. 6, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Oscar Palmer of Zenda, Mrs. James Miller of Toronto, Mrs. Glaister McMillen of Norwich. Thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. *1957*

Injured in Fall

Mrs. Ruth Himmelsbach, 87 year old Otterville resident, fell in her home on Friday and fractured her hip. She had been working in the cellar, and apparently fell part way down the stairs. She was taken by ambulance to the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg. She was attended by Dr. H. H. Batson. *April 12/57.*

Mrs. Frank L. Avey

1957
OTTERVILLE (C) — The funeral of Mrs. Frank L. Avey of R.R. 1, Norwich, who died at Tillsonburg hospital Sunday, was held Tuesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home and was largely attended by neighbors, friends and relatives from Brown City, Michigan, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Springford, St. Thomas, London, and other places.

Rev. G. L. Stebner, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church of which deceased was a member, conducted the services and was assisted by Rev. W. E. Nicholls, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church. A trio, "We'll Understand It Better Bye and Bye," was sung by Mrs. Edgar Pearce, Mrs. Roy Lapier and Mrs. Earl Haley, accompanied by Miss Marion Jean Pearce at the piano. Among the lovely floral tributes were baskets from the neighbors, the Springford Baptist Church, the Otterville Baptist Church.

The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Frank Swanton, Fred Hill, Charter Davis, Burt Broad, Richard Brayley and A. E. Newell. Interment was in the Springford Cemetery.

Mrs. Avey was born 79 years ago on the same farm where she spent practically all her life. She was the former Edith Amelia Brough, only

daughter of the late William Brough and Eleanor Smith. She has not been well for some time, and was taken to hospital a week ago. She was a

member of the Springford Baptist Church, and is survived by her husband and a step-sister, Mrs. Winnie Davis, Otterville.

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen with a large attendance. The president Mrs. Stanley Riches was in charge and the Easter devotional message was given by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, who also conducted a short recreational period after the meeting. A gift was sent to a former member Mrs. Mabel Kerr in hospital at Hamilton. An altar curtain back of the altar in the Parish Hall has been donated by three members, and the ladies have ordered foam rubber for the pads on the kneelers in the Parish Hall. Sewing in the four colors representing the four seasons, was turned in to the Chancel Guild for use in the Communion service also. Mrs. Riches invited the Guild to meet at her home for the next meeting. Tea was served and a social hour enjoyed.



DISTRICT W. I. OFFICERS — Mrs. Aubrey Swain was re-elected president of the South Oxford Women's Institutes at the annual meeting held here last week. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. Charles Kelly of Burgessville, first vice-president; Mrs. William Dawson,

Tillsonburg, second vice-president; Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Otterville, third vice-president; Mrs. Swain, and Miss Lillian Oatman, R.R. 3, Tillsonburg, secretary-treasurer. (Photo by Seldon)

DIED

Smith—At the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, Tuesday, May 7, 1957, Emil Paul Smith of Otterville, in his 76th year, brother-in-law of Mrs. Lena Young and Mrs. John Wilson, Otterville.

Friends were received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville where the funeral service was held Thursday, May 9th, at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

Emil Paul Smith

OTTERVILLE (C) — The death occurred at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Tuesday morning of Emil Paul Smith, a resident of Otterville for the past 10 years. Mr. Smith has been in poor health for the past two years and was taken to hospital eight days ago.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., 75 years ago, he was a towerman on the railroad most of his life and retired about 15 years ago. His wife, the former Florence Maddison, died in 1946, and shortly after her death he came to Otterville and has resided with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Lena Young. He was an Anglican, and also a member of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F. Mrs. John Wilson of Otterville is also a sister-in-law.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be conducted Thursday, May 9th, at 2:30 p.m. by Rev. E. C. Grey, Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church.

Interment will be in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral of Late Emil P. Smith

The funeral service for the late Emil P. Smith who died at the Tillsonburg Hospital Tuesday morning, was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Thursday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. E. C. Grey, rector of St. John's Anglican Church. Favorite hymns were played by Mrs. Nate McMullen, organist of the church. Relative and friends were present from Buffalo, Ingersoll, Dutton, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, and other places. Among the floral tributes were a basket from the neighbors, also tributes Violet Rebekah Lodge, St. John's Anglican Church, the Guild and St. John's Church Club, and from Tecumseh Lodge, I. O. O. F. of which Mr. Smith was a member. The Oddfellows also held a service at the funeral home Wednesday evening, with Harold Williams, Noble Grand in charge.

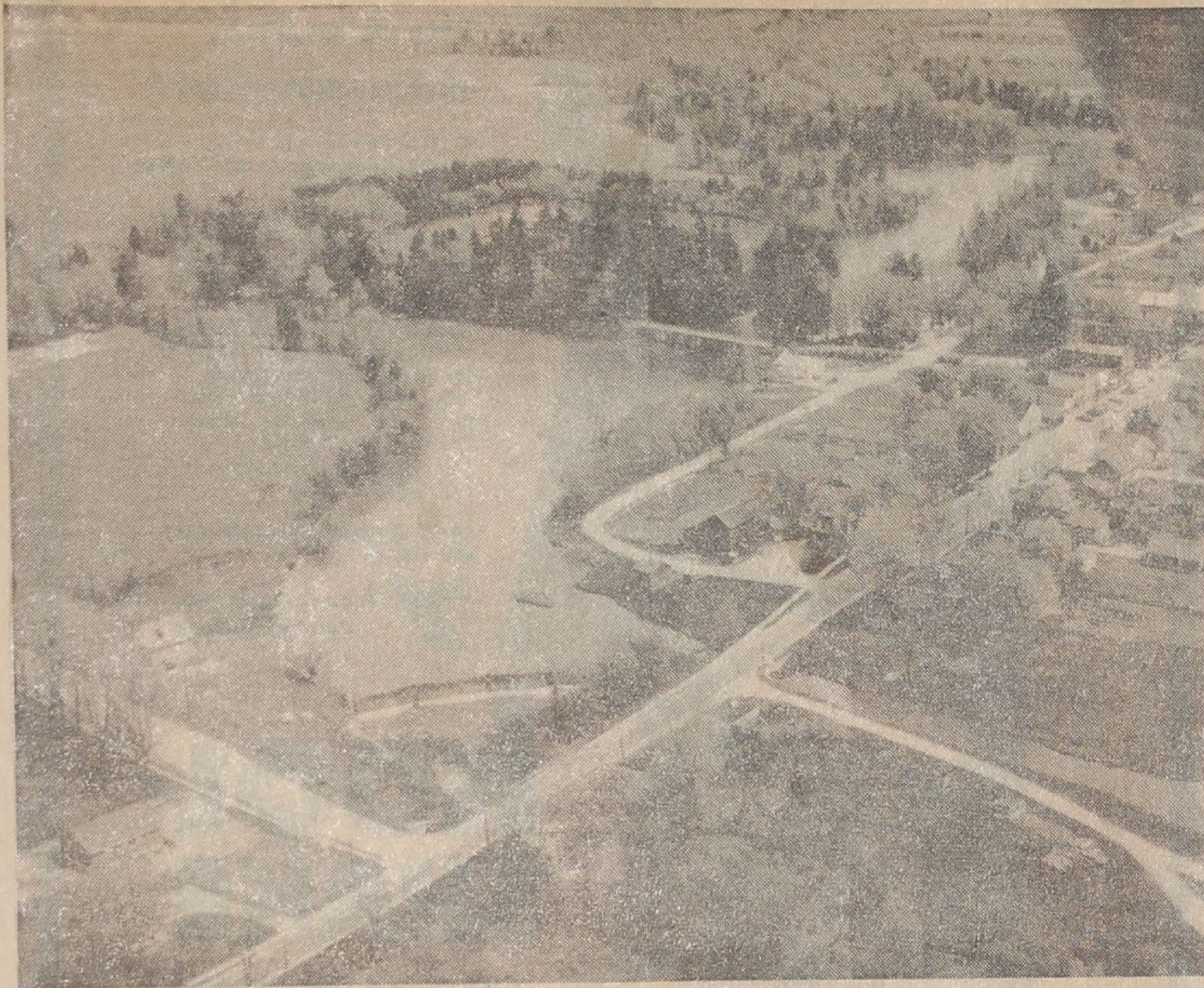
Interment was in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville, and the casket bearers were Stanley Gehring, Nate McMullen, Jack Riste, Ira Hooker, Fred Walther and Jack Furlong.

Card of Thanks

The relatives of the late Emil Smith, Otterville, wish to thank their friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness shown them during the illness of Mr. Smith and at the time of his death. Special thanks for the lovely flowers and the many cards, also to the staff of the first floor of the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, and to Dr. G. M. Downing, Rev. E. C. Grey and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Mrs. Sam Treffry returned home last week after spending several weeks in the District Memorial Hospital. She is still confined to her bed, and her son Gerald Treffry and his wife have moved to Otterville to be near his parents, and they are living in part of Harry Treffry's house.

Richard Addison has returned home after spending the past several weeks in Toronto attending Embalmers' school at Banting Institute, and he completed the final year examinations Monday and Tuesday.



In the Ontario Department of Planning and Development—prepared report for Otter Creek Conservation Authority, recommendation was made that this mill pond, 138-year-old Teffrey mill and the dam at Ot-

terville should be preserved. Nearby a water storage basin covering 1,140 acres was recommended. (Photo by Goodwin)

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Marilyn Gehring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gehring of Otterville, was among 71 graduating from St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, London, last week. She attended Otterville Public School and Norwich District High School.

May 1957

Mrs. Harry Poehlman and her grandson Paul Poehlman and the former's brother George Clare of Toronto were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis last week and also called on Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Downing and J. Wesley Fish. Mrs. Poehlman is nearing her 90th year and Mr. Clare has passed his 90th milestone and they both enjoyed reminiscing with Otterville's oldest resident, Mr. Fish, who is 95 past. All three have very vivid recollections of early life in Otterville.

Mrs. Max Avey of Byron spent a couple of days at her home in Otterville this week. They many friends of Mr. Avey will be pleased to learn that he has been walking some, and hopes to return to Otterville this Summer, after spending nearly a year at the Sanitorium and had bone grafted in his spine last Winter. He has been fitted with a brace, and is gradually getting his strength back.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann and Kenneth Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Miss Catherine McMullen attended the christening of Ivor Charles, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor C. Mann at Tillsonburg on Sunday.

Pea Thresher Services Norwich Area Growers



Eight pea viners comprise the pea threshing outfit set up near Norwich to start the fresh pea crop on its way to a nearby processing plant. Here workmen feed the vines into the viners, with the stripped straw piling up on the opposite side. Fifty men are employed in two shifts.

50 Men Busy Pea Threshing

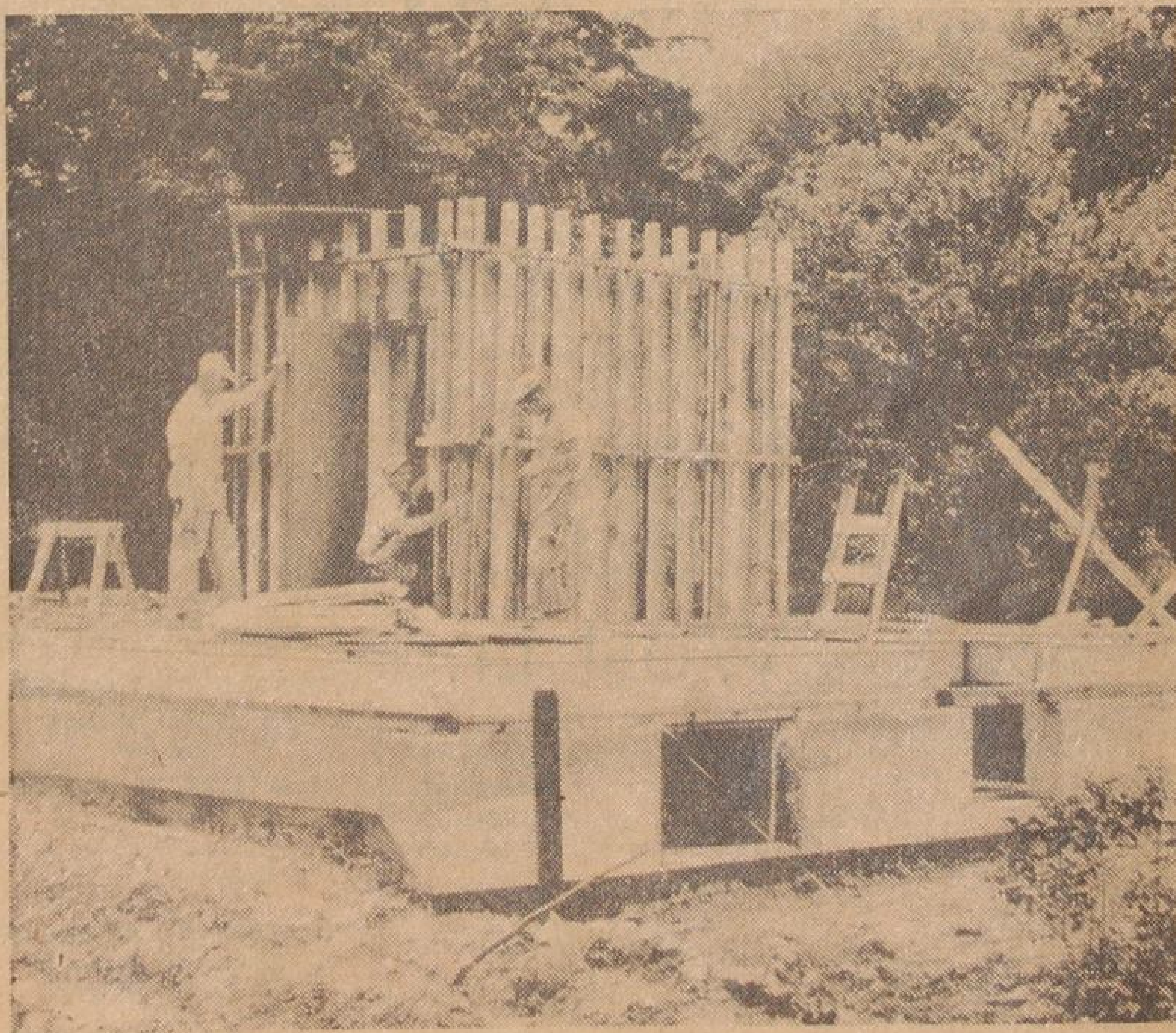
NORWICH, July 1 — One of the busiest spots in rural Oxford County just now is the pea threshing lot on Concession 8, East Oxford township. There operations run round the week, 25 men working during the day and a similar number through the night so that peas grown on neighboring farms may be processed in top condition.

550 Acres Grown

Within three miles of the place where the peas are threshed, 550 acres of peas are grown by the farmers and they are a good crop this year. After threshing the peas are rushed to the processing plant at the former airport near Brantford. Kenneth Klink, formerly of Otterville, is the field man for the area and supervises operations.

Most of those working at the thresher are lads who finished high school last week and it gives them a good chance of earning money in the holidays.

North Norwich Builds For The Future



North Norwich Township will soon have a new municipal office building. Joe Graves, Fred Slossee and Sonny Wist are shown at work on the foundation. Accommodation will be included for the public school area board as well as council. The former building was too small to meet the increasing needs of the municipality. (Photo by Lowe.)

OTTERVILLE

June 20
OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis were guests of their children at an anniversary dinner at Mil-Mar Manor Sunday. The occasion marked the 35th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, and they had all their families with them for the happy occasion.

Mrs. Eva Lawrence returned to her home at Guelph on Saturday after spending a week with her sister and brother, Miss Maude Hussey and Cecil Hussey.

A number of friends from this district attended the shower at Norwich for Mr. and Mrs. William Hajdu at Norwich. Mrs. Hajdu was the former Carol Pennington.

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May 21/57 Otterville Water Towers Fall

Workers Clear Water Towers

OTTERVILLE, May 22 — Two old concrete water towers which served Otterville for many years were brought down with resounding crashes to make way for a parking lot at the rear of the Community Hall.

The smaller tower, built about 40 years ago, came down easily. The second tower, built in 1928, required much undermining with power shovels and fire hose before it toppled.

Bulldozers and trucks have been working several days leveling the back roads approaching the park, which will be the centre of activity at the Sesquicentenary celebrations commencing June 29.

Letters went out last week to all residents of South Norwich township reminding them to ask friends who plan to visit Otterville this summer to include the July 1 weekend.

There will be parades, bands, floats, and special events in the park. An anniversary booklet is being published to mark the 150th anniversary of Otterville and the 100th anniversary of the township and schools.



Two old Otterville water towers have fallen to workmen's hammers to make room for a parking lot behind the community centre. Here crews break up slabs in the first before going to work on the second. (Photo by Lowe.)

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN OTTERVILLE IN 1907

The day's program was carried through with a swing that betokened good executive management, and excellent preliminary arrangements. Special credit is due to F. G. Bullock, chairman and Alex McFarlane, secretary of the committee, who labored so zealously for the success of the day. They had around them an energetic committee, which fact is attested in the wonderful success that marked the auspicious event.

The Earlier Doings

The visitors were met at the station by members of the committee and drive nor otherwise escorted to Otter Park. There were many happy reunions both at the station and at the park, and numerous were the old friendships revived after years of silent repose. Many had not seen each other for upwards of twenty years, and it was an interesting spectacle to see some of the older residents studying the features of some arrival and then when the familiarity was revived to give manifestations of joy.

It was a common expression heard on all sides "Why you're

surely not John's boy? well, I would never have known you."

At the park other members of the committee were present to welcome the visitors, and it was indeed a jolly scene to see old friends reunited and discussing reminiscences of olden days.

The ladies had spread tables under the trees, and the spread would have done justice to a king. The ladies of Otterville are noted for their kindly hospitality, and it is sufficient to say that they more than sustained their splendid record. ut the men must not be forgotten. They, too, labored zealously and untiringly to provide for the comfort and convenience of their guests, and lent noble assistance to the good ladies.

In the booth there was a hustle and bustle throughout the day. They were most liberally patronized and netted a most gratifying share of the day's receipts.

The early part of the afternoon was spent mostly in a social way—hand-shaking and chatting. The baseball game between Cornell and Otterville just before dinner was an interesting attraction and furnished good sport. Otterville won by a score of 12 to 4.

The river was sought by many and the boats were kept pretty busy, while the boys enjoyed swimming.

The 39th Regiment Band of Simcoe, which discoursed music during the day, filled in the spaces with selections, and their work was of a high order and won warm expressions of approval.

The Speechifying

The speech-making did not commence until two o'clock. Mr. F. G. Bullock occupied the chair, and most ably did he discharge his duties. The stand which had been constructed for the band served as a platform, and seats had been placed in front to provide additional comfort for the people.

The speakers were Malcolm Schell, M.P., Donald Sutherland, M. P. P., Dr. A McKay, ex-M.P. of Ingersoll; Mr. D. Carder of Toronto, recorder of the A. O. U. W.; R. F. Ball, Sr., Woodstock; Sheriff James T. Middleton of Hamilton; Dr. A B. Welford, Woodstock; Dr. Ed. Clark of Detroit, and S. N. Dancy of Woodstock.

The speeches were principally along the same line, being most of a happy and reminiscent character. Some of the speakers were old boys, and they delved back into incidents that were associated with their early life in the village. Some of the incidents were well known to older members of the gathering, and stirred up deep interest. Other speakers regarded the days in a more patriotic form and associated with the history and development of Otterville, the growth of Canada as a whole. There were many things for which the

people of Canada had to be thankful, and particularly the citizens of Otterville and district. In the course of the speeches several names of some of the pioneer residents were brought out, and elicited manifestations of approval. The speakers were given a splendid hearing and the speeches were of an eloquent and interesting character. At the request of the chairman, Mr. Dancy recited that popular number, "Casey at the Bat."

Program of Sports

The program over attention was devoted to the baseball game between Otterville and a picked team. A good article of ball was dished out and the picked team won by a score of 12 to 7. The batteries for the winners were Millen, Dancy and Holmes, and for the losers Harford and C. Harford made an impressive umpire.

Following the ball game, and under direction of an efficient committee headed by Thomas Harford, F. Clare and Henry Millar, a program of races was carried out, each of the events being well contested and furnishing good sport for the interested spectators. The results of the races were as follows: Boys' race, 12 years and under, Max Addison, Hugh Armstrong; Girls' race, 12 years and under, Ada Wingrove, Irene Rank; Fat Man's race, A. Oatman; Swimming, M. Forman, L. Langley; Boys' swimming race, Harry Young, Lloyd Brown.

A game of football between Kelvin and Otterville was the next attraction, and it was a splendid contest, both teams playing good ball. The score was two all, and well represents the play.

The tables were next sought out and here the ladies had prepared another sumptuous spread, which needless to say, received ample justice.

The rainstorm which had been threatening for several minutes began to make itself manifest shortly after six o'clock, and there was a general scatteration of the crowd seeking their homes, or homes of friends or other points of shelter. The storm was severe for a few minutes there being two or three particularly vivid flashes of lightning and loud peals of thunder, but it soon passed over and all was fine again. The lightning struck a tree in front of one of the local residences, but ran into the ground doing no damage.

Engagements

Mr. Donald Treffry of Tillsonburg announces the engagement of his daughter, Betty Marie, to Mr. Frank Ryerson of Simcoe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryerson of Kingston, Nova Scotia. The wedding will take place on Saturday, June 22, 1957, at 2:30 p.m., at the United Church, Otterville.

RYERSON-TREFFRY NUPTIALS SPOKEN

OTTERVILLE (C) — A pretty wedding was solemnized at the Otterville United Church, Saturday, June 22nd, at 2:30 p.m. when Betty Marie Treffry, daughter of Donald Treffry, Tillsonburg, and the late Mrs. Treffry, was united in marriage to Frank Roy Ryerson of R.R. 3, Simcoe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryerson, R.R. 3, Kingston, Kings Co., Nova Scotia.

The Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the church, performed the ceremony before the altar decorated with pink and white peonies, snapdragon, white orange blossoms and fern. Mrs. William A. McMullen played the wedding music, and Mrs. Jack Walther was the soloist, singing the "Lord's Prayer" and "Walk Hand in Hand."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a full-length gown of lace and net over satin with Peter Pan collar, and lily point sleeves, and a sequin border around the overskirt. Her fingertip veil was held in place by a heart-shaped headdress, and she carried a White Bible with pink rosebuds and white streamers.

Miss Betty Saunders of Otterville was the bridesmaid, wearing a ballerina-length gown of light turquoise, with headdress of yellow daisies, and she carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

The flower girl, Miss Linda Broad of Tillsonburg, wore a powder blue street-length dress and carried blue daisies and yellow roses. Her brother, George Broad, was the ring bearer.

Kenneth Connors was the best man, and the ushers were Murray Treffry of Otterville and Richard Sage of Brantford.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Mil-Mar Manor, where the guests were received by Mrs. Donald Treffry, wearing a beige dress and corsage of yellow roses, assisted by the groom's aunt from Oshawa, wearing a blue dress with a corsage of pink roses. The bride's table was decorated with white roses, and red roses were used for the guest tables. There were 35 guests from Oshawa, Simcoe, Boston, Brantford, Tillsonburg, Waterford and Otterville.

For their wedding trip to Northern Ontario the bride wore a blue dress with white accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson will reside at 15 Argyle Street, Simcoe.



MARRIED at the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, June 22nd, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Ryerson. The bride is the former Betty Marie Treffry, daughter of Donald Treffry of Tillsonburg and the late Mrs. Treffry. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ryerson of R.R. 3, Kingston, Kings Co., Nova Scotia.

OTTERVILLE BRIEFS

Kathryn Jardine, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Jardine, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis Sunday evening in the Brantford Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hillier of Washington D. C. spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter Catharine, and also visited other relatives in the community. Enroute to New York where they will sail for Germany. While here they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Allan Israel of Mamaronck.

July 67

HIMMELSBACH — At Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital on Sunday, July 21, 1957, Mrs. Kath (Darkee) Himmelsbach of Otterville, in her 88th year.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, until Monday evening, then at the Hennessy Funeral Home, Buffalo, for funeral service Wednesday afternoon. Interment in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

Mrs. Ruth Himmelsbach

OTTERVILLE—Resident of Otterville for the past 30 years, Mrs. Ruth Himmelsbach passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday evening, after several months illness.

Mrs. Himmelsbach suffered a fall at her home on April 11th and fractured her hip and had been confined to hospital since that time.

Born at London, Ont., 87 years ago, she was a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth Heaps. She moved to Buffalo with her parents in 1875 and lived there until coming to Otterville in 1927.

Her first husband was the late James C. Durkee and her second husband, who also predeceased her, was the late Frank Himmelsbach, who died in 1940.

Surviving are one son, Clarence J. Durkee, with whom she resided. There are also four grandchildren. Two other sons predeceased her.

She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and the Ladies' Guild of the church.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, until Monday evening, thence to the Hennessy Funeral Home, Buffalo, N.Y., where the funeral service was conducted on Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in Elm Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, N.Y.

MARCH 14

Plan For Gala Celebration

It was 150 years ago that the first settlement of Otterville was made, and in celebration of this Sesquicentenary, representatives of all organizations community hall to plan a gala affair for the July 1st weekend. Stanley Riches, village trustee, chairman of the Otterville-South Norwich Sesquicentenary Association, assisted by Dr. G. M. Downing representing the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, and Reeve George H. Davis, outlined the proposed setup. Dr. Downing had already done a few of the preliminaries and contacted another township who had a similar celebration and had obtained helpful information. The tentative program will commence Saturday afternoon, June 29th and will be devoted to sports, races and swimming competition, and a dance. Sunday will be family picnics in the park and there will be special church services with a joint service in the park in the evening arranged by the Ministerial Association. Monday will be the parade, with floats, bands, drum majorettes, at 11 o'clock and a beauty contest and special ceremonies in the afternoon along with entertainment, and a water show in the swimming pool in the park

Monday evening, followed by fireworks to end the day. An historical booklet is being prepared, also a three day catalogue of the program, along with advertising by district business places and individuals.

The executive committee is composed of the chairman, Mr. Riches; secretary, Miss Ida B. McFarlane; treasurer, H. W. McDougall, Directors, Reeve G. H. Davis, Dr. G. M. Downing and William Butler. Mrs. W. L. Addison and Mrs. H. A. Waring are in charge of Publicity; the South Norwich township Women's Institutes and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club will have charge of refreshments. The decorating of the works will be arranged by the Women's Federation and Fred Walther; Welcome signs at each end of the village are the responsibility of the Order of the Eastern Star. St. John's Church Guild will have charge of Registration and Accommodation, and the Historical booklet is to be prepared by the Sunshine Club assisted by Mrs. R. M. Holmes. The three-day program is in charge of Violet Rebekah Lodge members, and the school teachers will have charge of the children's activities. Parking, traffic control and the Saturday night fireworks will be arranged by the local Fire Dept. and the I. O. O. F. will arrange for the Saturday night dance. The Lions Club are responsible for the parade, and the sports program will be under the Hockey and Ball Club. The Property Owners Association were asked to encourage the stores to decorate for this occasion and homes freshened up.

There were special activities for St. John's Church Club and the Woman's Association and there may be other tasks delegated when the committees meet every two weeks commencing March 20th.

The township council and the village trustees have each contributed donations of \$250 to help with the celebration plans.

Will Register Guests For Sesquicentenary

OTTERVILLE (C)—The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Parson with the president, Mrs. Stanley Riches, in charge.

Mrs. Lena Young gave the Scripture lesson and also reported on the Deanery meeting. Those who attended were Mrs. W. Armstrong, Mrs. Lena Young, Mrs. George Wavell, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. M. Maloney and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

After the deanery meeting these ladies paid a visit to Mrs. W. J. Harford and Mrs. Annie Clarke at the Layman Nursing Home, and some also visited Lewis Sinden while there.

The treasurer reported birthday pledges and dues paid since last meeting, and also a donation which was made to the Guild. There was also a report on the canvassing for billeting during the sesquicentenary celebration. Members were appointed to look after the guest register at the park entrance during the celebration, and there will also be an advance registration for local residents when the register will be at the Addison Furniture store the Thursday and Friday before the holiday.

A picnic for the families of the three parishes will be held in the Otterville park on Sunday, June 23rd, at 2:30 p.m.

After the meeting Mrs. Parson was assisted by other members in serving tea.

Reported Progress On Sesquicentenary

OTTERVILLE (C) — The executive and representatives of the various organizations planning for the Sesquicentenary celebration which commences June 29th, met in the community hall at Otterville Wednesday afternoon to hear the progress of the various committees, all of which were most satisfactory.

President Stanley Riches presided over the meeting and reports were presented by the secretary, Miss Ida McFarlane. Incidentally, it was Miss McFarlane's father, the late Alex McFarlane, who was secretary of the Centenary 50 years ago.

Mrs. William McMullen, the representative of Violet Rebekah Lodge, reported that more than \$700 worth of advertising had been sold for the three-day booklet. A special meeting was arranged by the executive to meet with her to complete the booklet on May 30th at 7 p.m.

Rev. W. E. Nicholls reported that the choral service had been arranged for the Sunday evening service in the park at Otterville on June 30th and that the first choir practice would be held Thursday evening.

At an executive meeting, Mrs. Donald Pettigrew and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew presented the material which had been prepared for the historical booklet. Their committee was commended for the work they had thus far accomplished.

Tobacco Land is Measured 30,000 Acres *JULY*

It was announced in Tillsonburg Monday by the newly-formed Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board that 30,000 acres of tobacco land in the area has been measured with the remainder to be completed in six weeks.

The board also decided, at a meeting held at the Curling Club to purchase sites for warehouses at Tillsonburg, Delhi and Aylmer.

Strong opposition was also voiced against the use of malic hydrazide used to kill suckers on the tobacco plants.

Their reason: Because this chemical disturbs the sugar content of the leaf and affects the quality.

No floor price will be set on tobacco which is treated in this manner; growers will be asked to keep such tobacco separate before auctioning.

Growers without rights were allotted six acre rights per kiln and to Aug. 15 to complete construction of kilns.

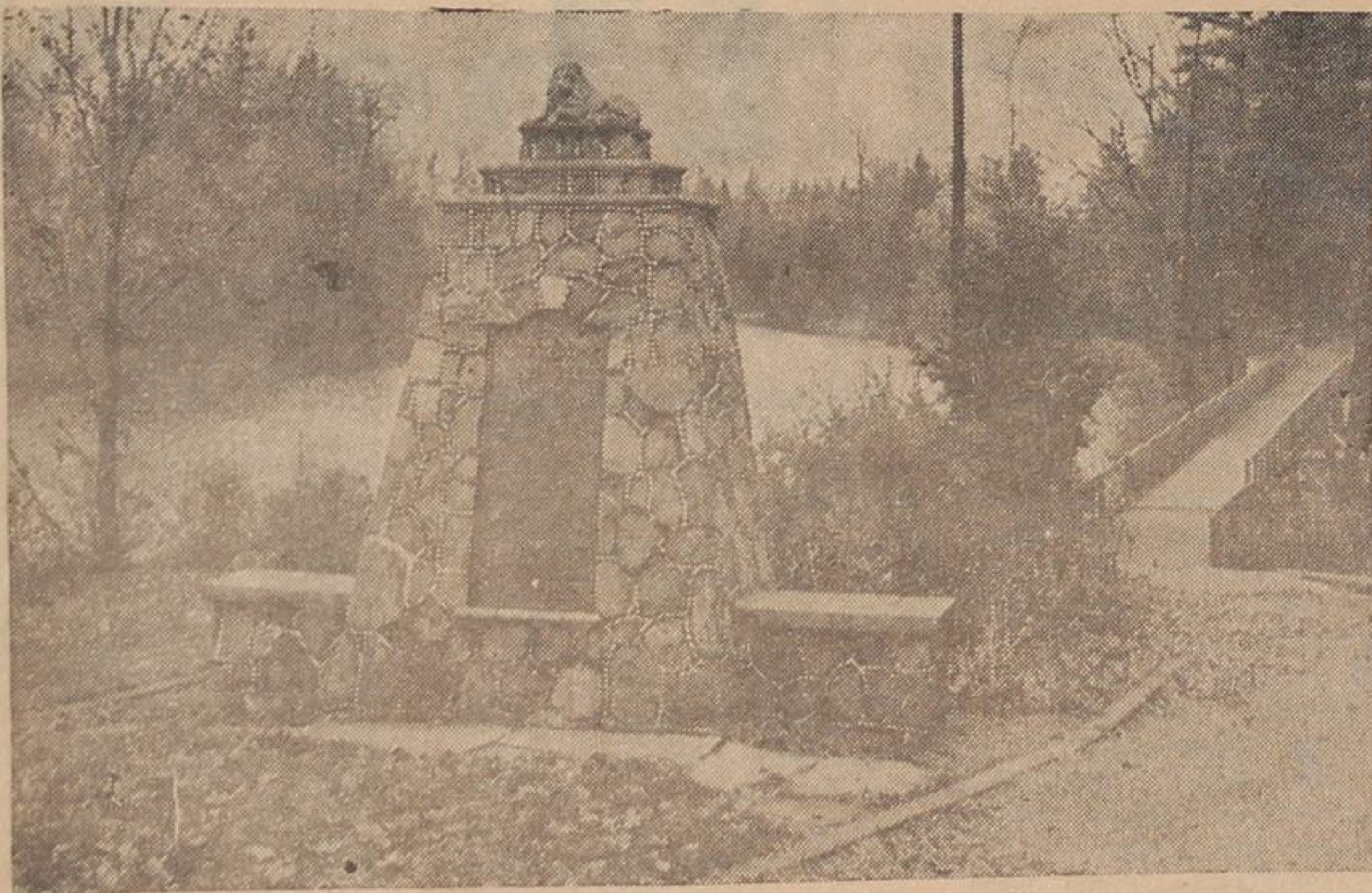
All growers in Ontario requesting statistical information have been sent application forms. Growers are asked to return these forms quickly.

MAIN STREET OF OTTERVILLE



Grand Parade at 10.30 A.M. Monday July 1st.

THE WAR MEMORIAL



at the entrance to the park

Final Plans Made

Many of the Otterville store windows are drawing groups of interested persons to see some of the articles that were used in the long-ago. In preparation for the Sesquicentenary celebrations which commence on Saturday, the places of business and many of the homes have been freshened up and the citizens are preparing to greet large crowds during the three day celebration which opens with a softball tournament in the park Saturday noon, followed by a street

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dance Saturday night. After the church services on Sunday, the childrens' activities will commence at 2.30 and at 7 p.m. there will be a choral service with massed choirs, followed by a Band concert and childrens choruses.

On Monday there will be a grand parade through Main street at 10.30 a.m. with bands, floats, folk dances, special costumes and decorated bicycles. At 2.30 p.m. there will be the Centennial presentations and the Beauty contest. During the evening there will be

a water show at the Memorial Pool followed by a Variety show with many interesting acts and entertainers, and the gala affair will conclude with a grand display of fireworks at 10.30.

At a meeting of the committee the children were given a break, when it was decided that all children of twelve and under were to be admitted free. Those from 13 to 16 inclusive will be admitted for half price. The only charge for admission to the park at any time during the three days are for the ball tournament on Saturday and for the evening show on Monday.

The antiques that have already been displayed in War-dells, Mannells, Spicers, Holmes and Taylor, and Addison's stores have included scores of articles over 100 years old, including dresses, shoes, chairs, clocks, guns, spinning reels, hammers, sledges, brass kettles, wooden rake, dash churn, iron muffin tins, apple peeler, rolling pins, candle molds, cradle, tongs, pictures, cruets, dishes, china, glass, silver, shawls, ox yoke, water yoke, Indian tools, flail, one of the first carpet sweepers made in Otterville, books, hand shaved shingles, spice mortar, and many other things. There are also two blue and white handwoven bedspreads, one made in 1848 and the other in 1852. There is also a phonograph and a sewing machine, both 90 years old, and still being used. Copies of the Otterville Argus in 1874 and the Otterville Guide in 1882 are also displayed.

A beautifully decorated hand tooled leather Guest book is

displayed in the Drug store window, also many of the prizes which will be drawn for on Monday.

THE OLD MILL



CANADA'S OLDEST PRINTER



J. Wesley Fish, 95, still works at the trade in Otterville

THE OTTERVILLE FIRE TRUCK



An hour long parade, leading from the Butler-Ash mill to the Otterville school and back, started the July 1st part in the celebration. Those taking part in the parade led by the Otterville fire truck, were the Simcoe Boy Scout Trumpet Band; the Springford Boy Scouts, the Springford Mounted Boy Scout Troop; C. L. Finch sedan and truck; the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club followed by Lion members; decorated car, Doug. Oatman; Delhi District Community Band; Otterville Bluebirds, Hungarian House, Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton, London who were celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary; South Norwich District Women's Institute; Aylmer Legion Pipe Band; Delhi German Home; Otterville Women's Institute; Otterville Sunshine Club; I. O. O. F.; Crown Cabs Jeep, Delhi; Vintage Cars from Oxford County sponsored by Otter Lumber Co.; Delhi Lutheran Laymans' League; Otterville School; Norwich Musical Society Band; Woodstock Imperials Band; W. L. Addison & Son Ambulance; and the Otterville Fire Truck. There was also a fleet of convertibles from St. Thomas, Ingersoll, and other points in which the various beauty pageant contestants rode. Many of the cars and floats went to the parade at Delhi Monday afternoon.

Reeve George H. Davis, was the chairman for the afternoon ceremonies when several very important persons in the community were introduced. Among them were Miss Irene Scidmore, teacher at the Otterville school who has taught three generations of several local families; Dr. H. G. Downing, doctor in Otterville for 57 years, and still much in demand; George Singer, nonagerarian; Wallace Nesbitt, M.P., Gordon Innes, M. L. A., C. M. Riddle, Warden of Oxford County, also the reeves of the adjoining townships.

Miss Marianna Hanson was crowned and robed as beauty queen of the Sesquicentenary, and received first prize and all the gifts that went with it. Second prize was won by Sally Richardson and Donna Holbrook. The other contestants were Misses Wilma Cole, Julia Jozzqu, Yvonne Collver, Elaine Butler and Beryl Molnar. The eight contestants each received an attractive train case, a box of cosmetics and corsages. Miss Hanson was presented with a sheaf of red roses, and the first three received their tiaras.

The outdoor fireplace which had been built in commemoration of the Sesquicentenary was unveiled by the newly crowned beauty queen and Reeve Davis and the builder, 87-year-old Alfred More spoke briefly. This was followed by interesting displays of folk dancing and music.

During the early evening there was a splendid water show with participants from neighboring localities, and the demonstrations were both educational interesting and entertaining. This was followed by the Variety Show, with Reg. Galloway and Jack McLean as M. C.'s. Others on the show were Bunny the Country Girl, Rock'n Roll Tapettes, Lewis Groze, the strong man, Dorothy Dobson, singer, Frank McBride, comedian dancer, Anne Long, 12-year-old Ventriloquist and Kay Bush, pianist.

Throughout the three days provincial police assisted in keeping order, and there were no serious traffic problems nor casualties, and on every hand high praise was expressed for the success of the celebration, and the splendid co-operation

of all the organizations and leaders.

Among the organizations that worked during the past four months are the Lions Club, represented by Wm. Butler; Oddfellows, Albert Lawrence; Rebekahs, Mrs. Eva McMullen; Otterville Band, Art Moore; Sunshine Club, Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew; South Norwich Women's Institutes, Mrs. Anna Treffry; Women's Association, Mrs. Beatrice Slaght; Women's Federation, Mrs. Geo. W. Davis; Women's Guild, Mrs. Georgina Spicer; Eastern Star, Mrs. Edith Petch; School Teachers, Boyd Little; Fire Dept., Wm. G. McMullen; Ball and Hockey Clubs, George W. Davis; I. O. D. E., Miss Elaine Butler; Property Owners' Association, Cecil Hooker; Women's Missionary Fellowship, Mrs. Verna White; Otterville Ministerial Association, Rev. W. E. Nicholls; St. John's Church Club, Mrs. Oliver Pickersgill; Catholic Women's League, Mrs. Ernest Nold; Happy Bluebird Club, Mrs. Annie Smith; Press, Mrs. Evelyn Waring and Mrs. Myrtle Addison.

Much praise and credit for the venture goes to the chairman, Stanley Riches who spent practically all of his time during the past weeks and drove hundreds of miles, and the hard-working and efficient secretary Miss Ida McFarlane, not forgetting the Lions Club who really started the ball rolling, and the directors, Dr. G. M. Downing and Wm. Butler, both members of the Lions, and Reeve G. H. Davis. Treasurer H. W. McDougall who capably handled the finances, and each one who did their allotted task, cheerfully and well. It just shows what a group of community minded workers who believe in co-operation can accomplish.

Prize Winners in the Parade

Floats— Otterville Women's Institute, Happy Bluebirds, Otterville School, and Delhi German Home.

Decorated Bikes—Girls, Linda Addison, Judy Lenaers, Sharon Brian; Boys, Alex Smith, Raymond Degroote, Merlin Howse.

Gay Nineties—Otterville Women's Institute, Sunshine Club.

Old Cars—Mrs. Marney Bellfry, Doss Deller, Ken Scott.

Most Original Entry—Milton Pettigrew.

Decorated Cars—D. F. Oatman, Crown Cab (darkies).

NEWS FROM OTTERVILLE

Owing to the very large number of out-of-town visitors during the three day celebration at Otterville is not possible to have their names all put in the paper but a hand-tooled leather covered book containing the names of those who registered will be available for anyone wishing to look at it.

The book contains about 1000 names of local persons who registered, and about the same number of out-of-town persons. They came from Aldershot, Ajax, Ancaster, Aylmer, Bothwell, Burlington, Belmont, Brownsville, Burford, Brantford, Burgessville, Chatham, Corinth, Curries, Courtland, Cornell, Dunnville, Dutton, Drumbo, Dorchester, Dundas, Exeter, Espanola, Eden, Glencoe, Grimsby, Galt, Guelph, Harley, Hawtrey, Hamilton, Ingersoll, Ingersoll, Jarvis, Kitchener, Kelvin, Little Lake, LaSalette, Langton, London, Mabee's Corners, Milton, Mt. Brydges, Norwich, Newark,

Manitoulin Island, Niagara Falls, New Durham, Orton, Osweken, Oxford Centre, Ostrander, Ottawa, Pt. Dalhousie, Springford, Scarboro, Sudbury, Scotland, Pt. Stanley, Pt. Dover, Pt. Bruce, Paris, Princeton, Parkhill, Sarnia, St. Williams, St. Thomas, Springford, Teeterville, Tillsonburg, Toronto, Simcoe, Vanessa, Vineland, Vittoria, Whitby, Woodstock, Windsor, Windham Centre, Waterford, Waterloo, England, Pt. Huron, Oak Park, Algonac, Ann Arbor, Madison Heights, Detroit, Mt. Morris, Birmingham, Park Ridge, Ill., Utica, N. Y., Akron, O., Dartmouth, N. S., Moncton, N. B., St. Petersburg, Fla., Whiting, Ind. and many other places.

These are the prizes and the names of the winners that were given out during the Sesquicentenary celebration on Monday, July 1st. The prizes had all been donated by merchants, business firms and other interested in the celebration.

The radio, for the holder of the lucky program, was won by Miss Margaret Ann McCombs, R.R. 2, Otterville.

The lawn chair, for the oldest person outside of the township who registered at the Sesquicentenary, was won by Mrs. Alice West of Tillsonburg.

Mixmaster, Mrs. Wm. Wilson; Stainless Steel, Ralph Moore, Hatchley; Sunbeam Frypan, Mrs. Wm. Leanaers, Otterville; Fishing Tackle, Harold Ryder, Norwich; Coffee Perc-

ulator, Mrs. Donald McKee, Simcoe; Floor Lamp, Ev. Greenwood, Toronto; Necklace, Wm. McMullen Jr., Otterville; Ham, L. Axell, Detroit, Mich.; Shavemaster, Edward Arthur, Otterville; Electric Iron, Ken Klinck, Burford; Paint, Muriel Lossing, Norwich; Table Lamp, Blaine Oatman, Springford; Flower Arrangement, D. Ritchie, Ingersoll; Boudoir Lamps, R. O. Taylor, Otterville; Skillet, C. Art Thorne, Hamilton; Plaques, D. McLaren, Norwich; Case of Vegetables, Mrs. Ken Moles, Dundas; Case of Vegetables, S. Oenema, Otterville; Case of Vegetables, W. G. McDowell, Otterville; Case of Vegetables, Fred Porter, Tillsonburg; Otter Lumber mdse., Ivan Meharg, Glen Meyer; Butler and Ash Mdse, Mrs. Beaman Tillsonburg; Groceries—Wardell and Son, Henry Barnim, Springford; Gift Certificate, Mrs. G. McColl, Fort Erie; Gift Certificate, Mrs. Jack Furlong, Otterville; Gift Certificate, Mrs. McKeller, Dutton; Gift Certificate, Edward Arthur, Otterville; Gift Certificate, Jean D'Arcy, Tillsonburg; Gift Certificate, Ann McDowell, Toronto; Gift Certificate, Don Lillow, Corset; Gift Certificate, Earl McKenny, Ostrander; Table Lamp, Mrs. Lloyd Epps, Scotland; Floor Mat, Cliff Pollard, Otterville; Toaster, Mrs. Stan Leach, Otterville; 3 Qts. Oil, M. V. Longworth, Norwich; Congress Cards, Francis Troyer, Tillsonburg; Towels, Roy Bemer, Otterville; Pillow Cases, Lenora Slaght, Otterville; Atomizer Set, Milton Pettigrew, Otterville; Lighter, Al. Whiting, Brantford; Towel Set, Elmer Hannon, Norwich; Centrepiece, Mrs. Jean Hopkins, Springford; Shirt, Mrs. Will Voight, Windham Centre; T.V. Snack Set, Bert Redman, Otterville;

Slippers, E. W. Morris, Norwich; Slippers, Pat Ross, Tillsonburg; Cosmetics, Jas. Squance, Otterville; Cosmetics, Madge Graydon, Tillsonburg; Cosmetics, Mrs. B. Payne, Otterville; Clock, Dr. Leatherdale, Tillsonburg; Eggs, J. B. Hogarth, Tillsonburg; Permanenet, H. W. McDougall, Otterville; Prom, Richard Brayley, Otterville; Prom, Lockheart, Woodstock; Certificate, Mrs. Jack Furlong, Otterville; Certificate, Wray Lucas, Tillsonburg; Certificate, Mrs. D. Petti-

Otterville and S. Norwich are to be Congratulated

The Otterville South Norwich Sesquicentenary drew hundreds of local people to see the program and a great many former resident were guests of relatives and friends over the holiday. A further report will be found on this page and thanks to Mrs. Wilfrid Addison for the complete details of the events. Mrs. Addison who has been the correspondent for the Gazette for a great many years is giving up her column and Mrs. A. H. Waring will be the Otterville correspondent from this date. To her many readers, not only in The Gazette but other papers, Mrs. Addison will be missed as she has faithfully tabulated the history of Otterville and South Norwich, over the period of years. Our new correspondent Mrs. Waring will appreciate the kind co-operation of sending in news and all will be published in the usual style each week.

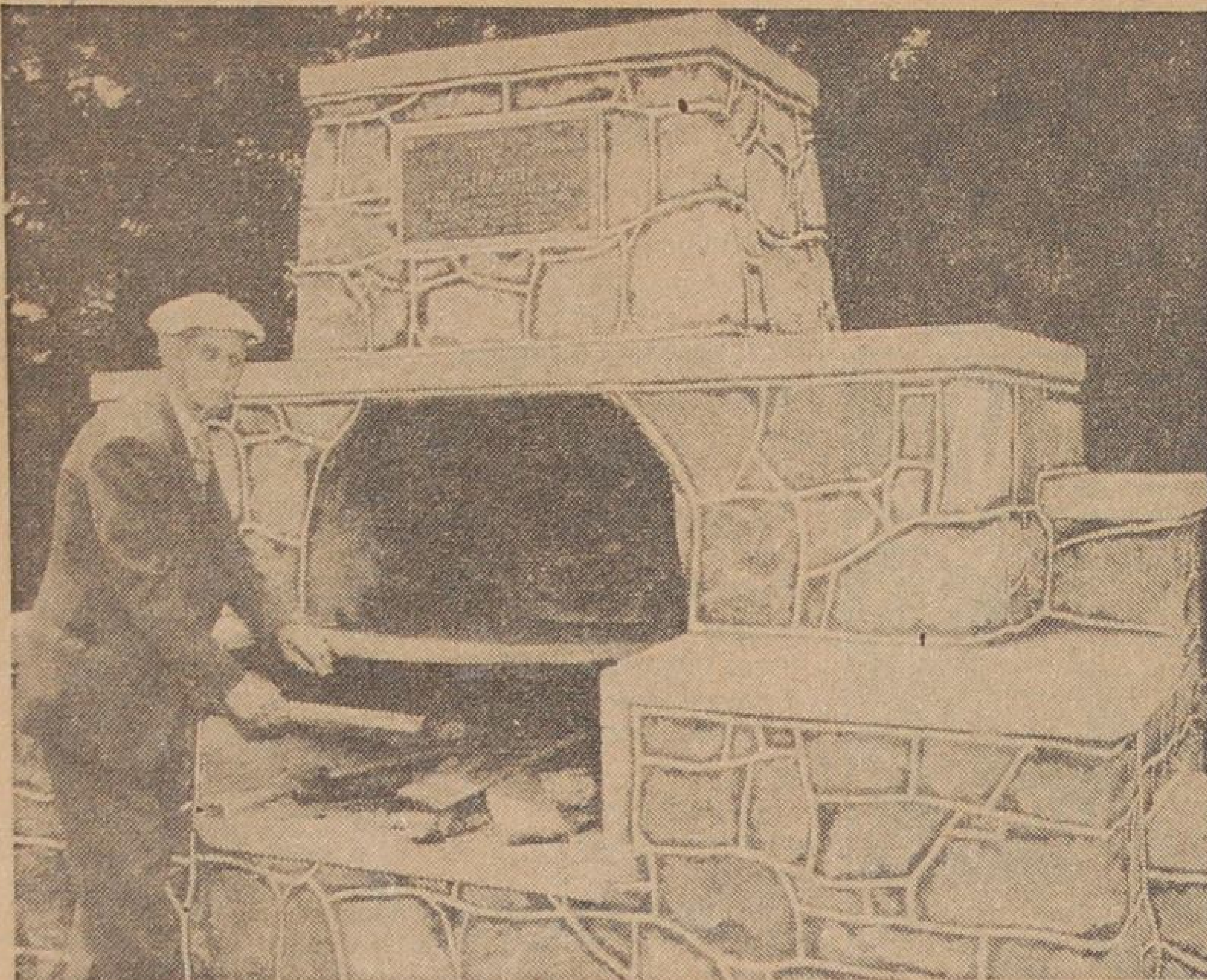
NOTICE

OTTERVILLE - SOUTH NORWICH SESQUICENTENARY ASSOCIATION

All persons having accounts or claims against the above Association must file same with the Secretary, Miss Ida McFarlane, Otterville, before July 25, 1957. Any accounts or claims filed after that date will not be considered.

STANLEY RICHES,

President.



Fine example of the work of Ontario's, and perhaps Canada's, oldest practising stone mason is this huge barbecue in Otterville Community Park. Builder Alfred Moore, shown above, will celebrate his 87th birthday Sunday. Examples of his work can be seen in many parts of Oxford and Norfolk counties. He specializes in work with cobblestones, hundreds of which went into the building of his own home 37 years ago. He was assisted on the barbecue by Ernest Treffry.

87-Year-Old Builds Fireplace To Mark Otterville Celebration

OTTERVILLE (C) —An outdoor fireplace has been built in the community park, and a bronze plaque above it reads "Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the founding of Otterville and the 100th anniversary of the Otterville Public School and South Norwich township. Erected by the participants in the Sesquicentenary Celebration."

The fireplace, which will be unveiled during the ceremonies on July 1st, was built by Alfred E. Moore, 87-year-old Otterville resident.

During the committee meeting which was presided over by the chairman, Stanley Riches, arrangements were made with Ken Orton and Jack Campbell of Radio Station CKOT for interviews and coverage during the three days.

The school children will have an opportunity to register in the guest register before the celebration, and thereby save time, and local residents

will also have an opportunity to register on the Thursday and Friday before the July 1st week-end, when the book will be at Addison's Furniture store.

Announcement was also made that a table radio will be given to the holder of the lucky program.

The treasurer, H. W. McDougall, gave a report to the meeting, and tickets are being sold for the ball tournament in the park on Saturday, and for the evening show in the park Monday.

There is no other admission charges to the park during the three day celebration.

Rain insurance has been taken out, and the many lovely prizes which will be drawn for have also been insured, and a boat parade has been arranged since the last committee meeting.

The committee has been asked to meet at the Community Hall Thursday at 7 p.m. for the final meeting.

Sesquicentenary Prize Winners

OTTERVILLE (C) — Following are draw prize winners at the sesquicentennial celebration:

Mixmaster, Mrs. William Wilson, Otterville; stainless steel, Ralph Moore, Hatchley; Sunbeam frypan, Mrs. William Lenaers, Jr., Otterville; fishing tackle, Harold Ryder, Norwich; coffee percolator, Mrs. Donald McKee, Simcoe; floor lamp, Ev. Greenwood, Toronto; necklace, William McMullen, Jr., Otterville; ham, L. Axell, Detroit, Mich.

Shavemaster, Edward Arthur, Otterville; electric iron, Ken. Klinck, Burford; paint, Muriel Lossing, Norwich; table lamp, Blaine Oatman, Springford; flower arrangement, D. Ritchie, Ingersoll; boudoir lamps, R. O. Taylor, Otterville; skillet, C. Art Thorne, Hamilton; plaques, D. McLaren, Norwich; Vanity lamp, Mrs. Clifford Ellis, Bayham.

Cases of vegetables, Mrs. Ken Moles, Ancaster, S. Oenema, Otterville; W. G. McDowell, Toronto; Fred Porter, Tillsonburg.

Otter Lumber, Mdse., Ivan Mehar, Glen Meyer; Butler and Ash, Mdse., Mrs. Beaman, Tillsonburg; groceries, Wardell and Son, Henry Barnim, Springford; permanent, Mrs. G. McColl, Fort Erie.

Gift certificates, Mrs. Jack Furlong, Otterville; Mrs. McKellar, Dutton; Edward Arthur, Otterville; Jean D'Arcy, Tillsonburg; Ann McDowell, Toronto; Don Lillow, Dorset; Earl McKenny, Ostrander.

Table lamp, Mrs. Lloyd Epps, Scotland; floor mat, Cliff Pollard, Otterville; toaster, Mrs. Stan Leach, Otterville; 3 qts. oil, M. V. Longworth, Norwich; playing cards, Francis Troyer, Tillsonburg; towels, Roy Beemer, Otterville; pillow cases, Lenora Slaght, Otterville; atomizer set, Milton Pettigrew, Otterville; lighter, Al Whiting, Brantford.

Towel set, Elmer Hannon, Norwich; centrepiece, Mrs. Jean Hopkins, Springford; shirt, Mrs. Will Voight, Windham Centre; TV snack set, Bert Redman, Otterville; slippers, E. W. Morris, Norwich; slippers, Pat Ross, Tillsonburg; cosmetics, Mrs. B. Payne, Otterville; Cosmetics, Jas. Squance, Otterville; cosmetics, Madge Graydon, Tillsonburg.

Clock, Dr. Leatherdale, Tillsonburg; eggs, J. B. Hogarth, Tillsonburg; permanent, H. W. McDougall, Otterville; Prom, Richard Brayley, Otterville; Prom, Lockheart, Woodstock.

Certificates, Mrs. Jack Furlong, Otterville; Wray Lucas, Tillsonburg; Mrs. D. Pettigrew, Otterville; Jim McClintock, Springford; Philip Pearce, Tillsonburg.

Picture, Mrs. Jack Harwood, LaSalette; Certificate, Mrs. Hair, London; case Pepsi, Helen Rosehart, Tillsonburg; case Pepsi, Mrs. Gordon Lee, Norwich; case Woodlands, Miss Maude Hussey, Otterville; case Woodlands, Gary de Montmorency, Norwich; 500 lbs. Coal, Mrs. T. Steinbach, Otterville.

OTTERVILLE CELEBRATION WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Burst after burst of color, sound and splendour, in a lavish display of fireworks brought the three-day celebration at Otterville to a dramatic close Monday night and the tired workers will return to their routine tasks. But it will not be just the same, for no one who took part in the gigantic affair will ever forget the pleasure and the memories that the 150th anniversary brought to the thousands of people, who attended all, or part of the interesting program.

Colored lights, banners, streamers, flags, bunting, and store windows filled with antiques, gave Otterville a festive appearance which has never been equalled here before, and the celebration got off to a shaky start Saturday noon, after days of threatened weather forecasts. But with weather which took "a turn for the better" prayers were answered, and an energetic crew helped matters along, and the softball diamond was readied for action shortly after noon, and from then on each organization did their part cheerfully, hectically and well.

At the softball tournament which was one of the attractions of the Sesquicentenary celebration, held in the park, before a fair crowd of spectators, Otterville won first money, New Durham second and Straffordville, third.

In the first game, Otterville took Norwich 16-4. After a shaky start when Norwich scored all their runs in the first inning, the Otterville team pulled themselves together and silenced the Norwich bats for the rest of the game. McDougall hit a home run for Otterville in the fifth inning. Lowes relieved Moore, the starting pitcher for Norwich in the sixth inning.

Otterville — 001 158 1—16
Norwich — 500 000 0—4

Batteries:

Otterville — McDougall and McElhone.

Norwich—Moore, Lowes and Pritchard.

The second game brought Straffordville and Bookton together. Straffordville was the victor by a 5-3 score. The winners scored their runs in the second and third innings. Bookton tallied their runs in the seventh. M. Wist was a homerun hitter for Bookton. Gillispie took over the pitching chore from H. Lee for Bookton in the third.

Straffordville — 032 000 0—5
Bookton — 000 000 3—3

Batteries — Straffordville: Kerr and Price; Bookton: H. Lee, Gillispie and Auer.

New Durham drew a bye in the first round.

In the semifinals New Durham clashed with Straffordville. Otterville drawing the bye. In this game the winner was in doubt until the last inning when New Durham scored a run to take the verdict. Resser homered for Straffordville in the first inning.

New Durham — 200 010 1—4
Straffordville — 101 001 0—3

Batteries—New Durham: R.

Davis and Miller; Straffordville: L. Cattryse and Price.

In the final game played under the lights, Otterville had no trouble in out-slugging the New Durham boys. With Smith in top form, he kept the opponents hits well scattered. R. Furlong was a four base hitter in the fifth inning. R. Davis went to the mound for New Durham in the fifth and Orth replaced Miller as catcher, then in the sixth, Banbury relived Davis as hurler.

New Durham — 002 000 202—6
Otterville — 120 451 00x-13

Batteries — New Durham: Grovier, Davis, Banbury and Miller, Orth. Otterville: Smith and McElhone.

M. Smith and D. Tilton of Tillsonburg were the umpires for the day.

The Saturday festivities ended up with a gigantic street dance arranged by the local Oddfellows. The business section from Wardell's store to Addison's Furniture store was roped off, and music provided by the Tri-county orchestra kept the dancers happy.

Sunday was fittingly observed as church services were largely attended throughout the area. Anniversary services were held in the Otterville United Church when the very Rev. George Dorey, D.D., L.L.D. former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, was the guest speaker, and the church was filled to capacity. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Lorne Treffry sang two anthems "O Lord How Excellent is Thy Name" and "Give Me Thy Heart" and a solo "Just For Today" was sung by Mrs. Jack Walther. Mrs. Wm. A. McMullen was organist. The church had been tastefully decorated with red carnations, with green fern, by Livingston House of Flowers for the occasion.

Dr. Dorey gave a challenging message on "Remembering" and reminded his listeners that the church was God's instrument in fashioning the lives of the pioneers. He reviewed the history of the church, which has given courage to many and relief from loneliness. Dr. Dorey warned that the sins of the frontiers are still with us, and emphasized that we cannot live a life of isolation, and there is nothing that will destroy our social structures as quickly as selfishness. We need to be repentant, changing our minds so that we can do better than we have done before.

The Rev. Donald R. Morrison conducted the service and introduced Dr. Dorey. Mr. Morrison also expressed regret that Mr. Fish who has been a faithful member and worker in the Otterville church all his life, was unable to be present. He was taken ill about two weeks ago, and at 95 years, his recovery has been slow.

After the service hundreds of local residents and visitors enjoyed picnics in the park and family dinners, and all the reminiscing that goes with such gatherings when schoolmates and farmer neighbors that have not seen one another for decades, get together. Throughout the three days those who could not be at the park had the opportunity of hearing about it, as live broadcasts and interviews were broadcast by Ken Orton over CKOT the Tillsonburg radio station.

Sunday afternoon there were childrens' activities, with Boyd Little, principal of the Otterville School and others assisting him, providing a sports program and many availed themselves of the swimming pool and wading pool, and other playground equipment in the park.

An inter-church service was held in the park Sunday evening with all the churches in the township taking part. An inter-church choir directed by C. H. Veltman sang "Gloria In Excelsis," "And the Glory of the Lord" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The Norwich Musical Society Band conducted by Frank Ebdon, provided many excellent selections during the celebration. The Rev. W. E. Nicholls, representative of the Ministerial Association, presided, and was assisted by the Rev. G. L. Stebner, and the Rev. E. C. Grey. The message on "Frontiers — Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" was given by the Rev. Donald Morrison.

The choral service was followed by a concert by the Norwich Band and choruses by the school children, to complete a day of reverence and good fellowship.

Otterville Club Enters Prize Winning Float

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The outstanding float of the Mary Hastings Otterville Happy Bluebirds Club was one of the features of the July 1 Sesquicentennial parade in Otterville. The float won second prize in the Otterville parade in the morning going on to Delhi in the afternoon where it won third prize. Bluebirds Club members

constructed their float which stressed the attractive town and country aspects of the area. Club members on the float are left to right: Mrs. Sam Lucas ;Mrs. Henry Ash; Mrs. Zuella Hicks, president; Mrs. Sam McSpadden (with accordion); Mrs. Wilfred Oatman and Mrs. John Davis.



Right, the Otterville School children had a handsome float, featuring a classroom scene of long ago.

Village Still Lively After Century And Half



FLOAT ENTERED BY OTTERVILLE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
 - - - took first prize as best in sesquicentennial procession



Centre, the winning entry in the old car competition, one of the many features of the mile-long parade. This well-preserved Ford was driven by Mrs. Marnie Belfry of Willowdale.



Miss Marianna Hanson, South Norwich township, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson, was crowned Miss Sesquicentennial at the Otterville celebrations on Monday afternoon. Runners-up were Miss Sally Richardson, of the Co-op staff and Miss Donna Holbrook, Springford. Miss Hanson is shown in this picture just after the crowning. On her right is Miss Holbrook and on her left is Miss Richardson. In the background is shown some of the other contestants. (Photo by Lowe).



IT'S ALL OVER, but what a week-end it was for Otterville and South Norwich residents and the thousands of guests from near and far who turned out to celebrate the village's sesquicentennial and the centennial of the township and Otterville school. At left the Queen of the event, Marianna Hanson, chosen Monday to reign over the event from the eight pretty contestants.



Among the many items exhibited in Otterville's sesquicentennial parade drawing much attention was this "penny-farthing" bicycle of ancient vintage.

Whoops It Up

OTTERVILLE (C) — Burst after burst of color, sound and splendor in a lavish display of fireworks brought the three-day sesquicentenary celebration at Otterville to a dramatic close Monday night and the tired workers will return to their routine tasks.

But it will not be just the same, for no one who took part in the gigantic affair will ever forget the pleasure and the memories that the 150th anniversary brought to the thousands of people, who attended all, or part of the interesting program.

Colored lights, banners, streamers, flags, bunting and store windows filled with antiques, gave Otterville

a festive appearance which has never been equalled here before, though the celebration got off to a shaky start Saturday noon, after days of threatened weather forecasts. But with weather which took a turn for the better prayers were answered. An energetic crew helped matters along, and the softball diamond was readied for action shortly after noon, and from then on each organization did their part cheerfully, hectically and well.

At the softball tournament which was one of the attractions of the celebration, held in the park before a fair crowd of spectators, Otterville won first money, New Durham second and Straffordville third.

The Saturday festivities ended with a gigantic street dance arranged by the local Odd Fellows. The business section from Wardell's store to Addison's Furniture store was roped off, and music provided by the Tri-County orchestra kept the dancers happy.

Sunday was celebrated as "Family Day" with special church services and picnics.

On Monday morning, three aerial announcement bombs announced the beginning of festivities at 9:30 and the gigantic mile-long parade followed.

Reeve George H. Davis was chairman for the Monday afternoon ceremonies in Otter Park when several very important persons in the community were introduced. Among them were Miss Irene Scidmore, teacher at the Otterville school, who has taught three generations of several local families; Dr. H. G. Downing, doctor in Otterville for 57 years, and still much in demand; George Singer, Nonagenarian; Wallace Nesbitt, M.P.; Gordon Innes, M.L.A.; C. M. Riddle, Warden of Oxford County, also the reeves of the adjoining townships.

Commemorative scrolls were presented to four of the older residents of Otterville and South Norwich, Miss Scidmore, Dr. Downing, Mr. Singer and J. Wesley Fish, Canada's oldest printer, who was not able to be present.

Miss Marianna Hanson was crowned and robed as beauty queen of the Sesquicentenary and received first prize and all the gifts that went with it. Runners-up were Sally Richardson and Donna Holbrook. The other contestants were Misses Wilma Cole, Julia Jozsku, Yvonne Collyer, Elaine Butler and Beryl Molnar. The eight contestants each

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Otterville Whoops It Up On Three-Day Anniversary

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received an attractive train case, a box of cosmetics and corsages. Miss Hanson was presented with a sheaf of red roses, and the first three received jewelled tiaras.

John Dairs was master of ceremonies for the beauty contest and judges were Wallace Nesbitt, Gordon Innes and C. M. Riddle.

The outdoor fireplace which had been built in commemoration of the Sesquicentenary was unveiled by the newly crowned beauty queen and Reeve Davis. The builder, 87 year old Alfred Moore, spoke briefly. Afternoon events were rounded out with Hungarian dances by a group from St. Ladislaus Church in Courtland and Linda Balogh from the Hungarian Hall, Delhi.

Musical numbers were presented by the Woodstock Imperials trumpet band and the Aylmer Legion Pipe Band. Springford's mounted Scout troop provided rides for the boys and girls and were kept busy all afternoon.

An impromptu band of local residents, dressed in brightly colored derbies and gay '90's bathing suits, attracted much attention. Ten-year-old Larry Allen of London accompanied this band on the cymbals.

During the early evening there was a splendid water show with participants from neighboring localities, and the demonstrations were both interesting and entertaining. John Hunter of Tillsonburg was M.C.

This was followed by the variety show with Reg. Galloway and Jack McLean as M.C.'s. Others on the show were Bunny, the Country Girl; Rock'n Roll Tapettes; Lewis Groze, the strong man; Dorothy Dobson, singer; Frank McBride, comedian dancer; Anne Long, 12 year old ventriloquist and Kay Bush, pianist.

Margaret McCombs of R.R. 2, Otterville, won a mantel radio in the lucky draw at the conclusion of the evening's program. Draw was made by Bill Butler and Stan Riches.

Mr. Butler and Reeve Dairs announced prize winners of the various competitions. Among them were Mrs. Alice West, 94, who won the lawn chair as oldest non-resident registering in the souvenir registration book.

Prizes for best decorated homes were split into three classes, based on assessment and were won by William McMullen, Jack Riste and George Douma.

Throughout the three days Provincial Police assisted in keeping order, and there were no serious traffic problems nor casualties, and on every hand high praise was expressed for the success of the celebration, and the splendid co-operation of all organizations and leaders.

Tillsonburg detachment of St. John Ambulance Brigade was on hand during the three days.

Among the organizations that worked during the past four months are the Lions Club, represented by William Butler; Odd Fellows, Albert Lawrence; Rebekahs, Mrs. Eva McMullen; Otterville Band, Art Moore; Sunshine Club, Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew; South Norwich Women's Institute, Mrs. Anna Treffry; Woman's Association, Mrs. Beatrice Slaght; Women's Federation, Mrs. George W. Davis; Women's Guild, Mrs. Georgina Spicer; Eastern Star, Mrs. Edith Petch; School Teachers, Boyd Little; Fire Department, William G. McMullen; Ball and Hockey Clubs, George W. Davis; I.O.D.E., Miss Elaine Butler; Property Owners' Association, Cecil Hooker; Women's Missionary Fellowship, Mrs. Verna White; Otterville Ministerial Association, Rev. W. E. Nicholls; St. John's Church Club, Mrs. Oliver Pickersgill; Catholic Women's League, Mrs. Ernest Nold; Happy Bluebird Club, Mrs. Annie Smith; Press, Mrs. Evelyn Waring and Mrs. Myrtle Addison.

Much praise and credit for the venture goes to the chairman, Stanley Riches, who spent practically all of his time during the past weeks and drove hundreds of miles, and the hard-working and efficient secretary, Miss Ida McFarlane, not forgetting the Lions Club, who really started the ball rolling, and the directors, Dr. G. M. Downing and William Butler, both members of the Lions, and Reeve G. H. Davis; Treasurer H. W. McDougall, who capably handled the finances, and each one who did their allotted task, cheerfully and well.

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Everett Mountain have returned home after spending several weeks with the latter's sister, Mrs. Nora Waind at Brock's Bay near Stayner.

Gordon Fish of Halifax, who has been absent from his home for several months while with the Royal Canadian Navy, stopped to visit his grandfather, J. Wesley Fish, and other relatives there over the week-end while enroute from the west coast to the east coast. His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Fish of Dundas, also spent the week-end with them.

Mrs. E. Cokenbach, formerly Acsah Hicks, and her daughter and sons of Michigan visited friends and relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dewachter and family attended the wedding of Dorothy Taelman and Walter De-Craemer at Aylmer and the reception at Mil-Mar Manor. Miss Shirley Dewachter was one of the bridesmaids.

Grades 7 and 8 of the Otterville school enjoyed a bus trip to Niagara Falls last Wednesday.

Mrs. Nell Carswell and Miss Carmel Racine of Detroit spent the week-end and holiday at the homes of Mrs. Lena Young, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. J. Riste.

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell included Mr. and Mrs. Art Thorne and Penny of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ellis of Richmond, H. I.G. Fraser and Miss Jean Fraser of Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Marchand and Laurel and Mrs. Fred Riste of Waterford spent the week-end with the latter's son, J. W. Riste and Mrs. Riste.

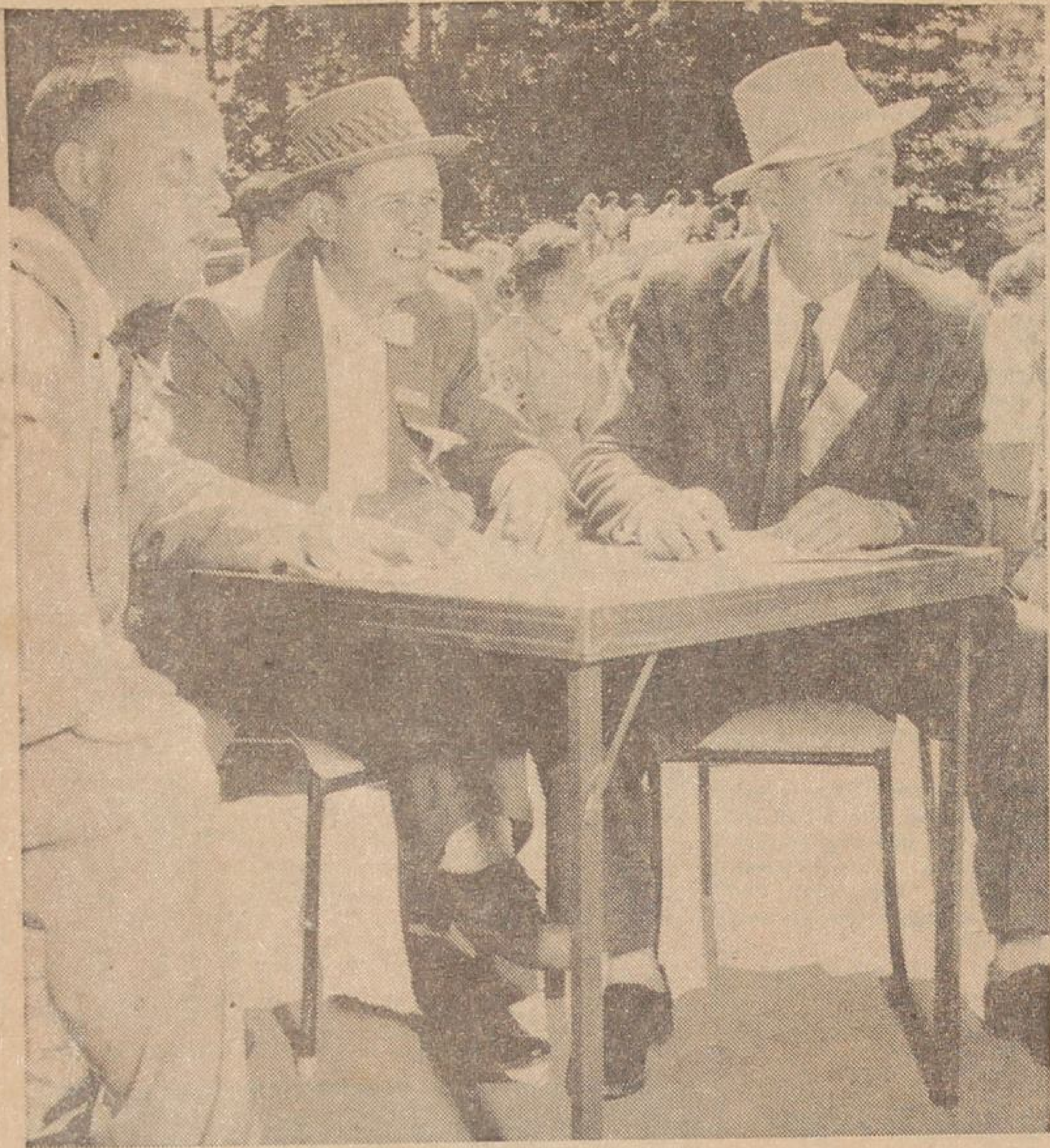
Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison included Mrs. J. B. Addison, Miss Ialene Addison, Miss Effie Addison of Hamilton, Mrs. Richard Linn of Whiting, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Addison of Simcoe, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Addison of Brantford, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crockett and children of Dorchester, Ernest Addison of Turkey Point, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cooper, Mrs. Mabel Addison, Mrs.

Mary Anderson of Tillsonburg.

Mrs. Roy Gehring of Tillsonburg spent the week-end with her son, Irvin Gehring, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Adams and Linda Gay of Winona spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pettigrew.

Mrs. Opal Speirn of Port Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Young of Talbotville and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Easton of London spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen.



Conducted in conjunction with its sesquicentennial celebration, Otterville's beauty competition drew considerable interest and attention. Seen pondering selection of "Miss Sesquicentenary" are, from left, Wallace Nesbitt, Woodstock; Gordon Innes, Woodstock, and Oxford Warden C. M. Riddle, Ingersoll.



MARIANNA HANSON, OTTERVILLE
 - - - "Miss Sesquicentenary" competition winner

Otterville Kicks Up Heels At 150

By KEN BAMBRICK

Free Press Staff Reporter

OTTERVILLE, July 1 —

Take one elderly police village, deck her out in flags and bunting, organize a weekend program of parades, concerts, dances and miscellaneous events to keep her busy, provide a spry 100-year-old township for an escort—and you'll find there's life in the old girl yet.

Oldest Police Village

Otterville, Canada's oldest police village, first saw the light of day in 1807 when John Earl and Paul Avery received a grant of land from the government and erected a grist mill just a little above the present dam. Some 50 years later, Norwich Township, a sprawling tract, was tidied up into north and south parcels with Otterville in South Norwich. About the same time, the first public school was built.

Under the direction of a board of directors, 22 organizations in Otterville four months ago began laying plans for big sesquicentennial birthday party for the village, township, and the school. They laid out a full three-days program which, one way or another, brought most of the municipality's 750 residents into participation.

Drenching rains Friday and early Saturday threatened to ruin the carefully laid plans, but skies cleared and the celebration began to roll on schedule.

Otterville Wins

A five-team softball tournament started at noon, and when the base path dust cleared, the Otterville squad had slapped down all the opposition, the final hurdle being a 13-6 win over a team from New Durham.

Everyone celebrated with a street dance in the evening to music provided by the Tri-County orchestra from Tillsonburg.

Family picnics in Otterville park were the order of the day Sunday. The town turned in a reverential mood in the evening for an inter-church service there.

Churches Participate

Participating were the New Road United Church, the Otterville Anglican Church,



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW CLINTON, LONDON
- - - celebrated 57th anniversary at Otterville

Otterville Baptist Church, Springford Baptist Church, Springford United Church and the Otterville United Church, which was also celebrating its 100th anniversary.

Music was provided by the Norwich Musical Society band, and an interchurch choir under the direction of C. H. Veltman. Conducting the service was the Rev. W. E. Nicholls. Others participating included the Revs. E. C. Grey, G. L. Stebner, and Donald Morrison. The evening program closed with a concert by the Woodstock Salvation Army band and school children's choruses.

The Otterville United Church, at its morning service, had the Rev. George Dorey, DD, LLD, past moderator of the United Church as guest speaker.

Still rolling under a full

head of steam, the program headed into the final lap yesterday with a long, colorful parade of floats, bands, and antique cars. Participants came from Otterville and other communities including Delhi, Simcoe, Woodstock, St. Thomas, Ingersoll, and Simcoe.

Judged best float in the procession was the one entered by the Otterville Women's Institute depicting costumes and occupations of 150 years ago. The local Mary Hastings group, the Blue Birds, placed second, followed by the Otterville School, and the Delhi District Germany Home.

Other parade winners included Kenneth Scott, 8, of Delhi, who drove a miniature car, and Linda Addison and Alex Smith for the best decorated bicycles, George Douma, Jack Riste, and William McMullen won awards for best-decorated houses.

In 1879 the Otter Sweeping Company was formed, making the first sweepers in Canada. Later the name was changed to the Otterville Mfg. Co. and the product to piano stools, ornamental grill work and other goods.

Hard Work

Behind the smoothly - functioning program was a hard-working executive headed by Stanley Riches, and directors George H. Davis, reeve of South Norwich Township; Dr. G. M. Downing, and William Butler. Also assisting were Miss Ida MacFarlane, as secretary, and H. W. McDougall as treasurer.

This group co-ordinated the plans of the 22 separate organizations involved in the program.

Title to Brunette

Pretty brunette, Marianna Hanson, of Otterville, walked off with the title of Miss Sesquicentenary at the afternoon beauty contest, with two other Otterville girls, Sally Richardson and Donna Holbrook runnersup.

An outdoor fireplace, commemorating the anniversary was unveiled by Miss Hanson, and scrolls were awarded four of Otterville's senior citizens: Miss Irene Scidmore, a teacher there for many years; Dr. H. G. Downing, who has been in practice in Otterville for 57 years; George Singer, a retired farmer; and J. Wesley Fish, a still-working printer. Illness prevented 95-year-old Mrs. Fish from attending the presentation.

And finally, in the evening, a water show with participants from Brantford, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, and Woodstock, and a variety show and fireworks display wound up the huge birthday party.

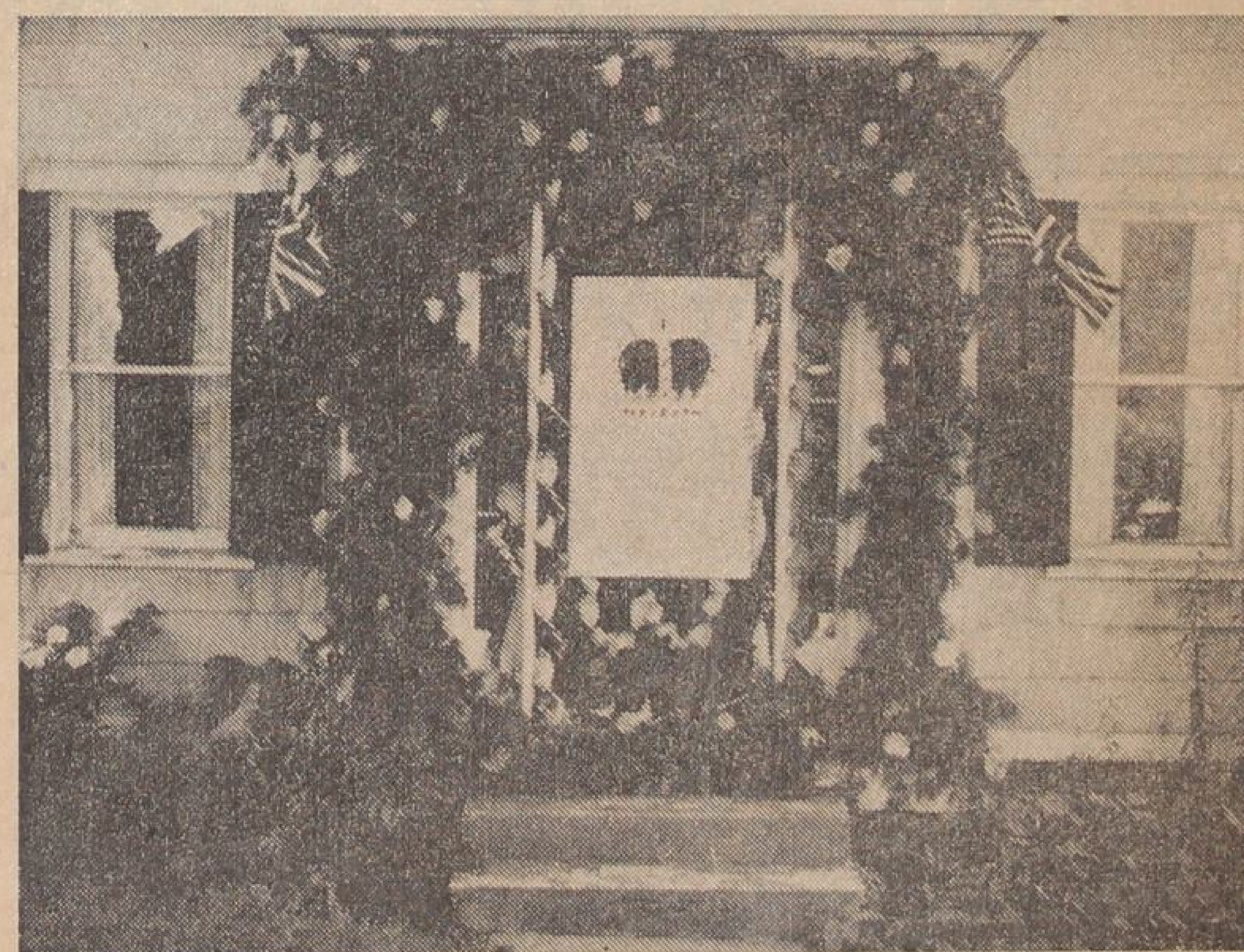
Now a sleepy village in the centre of rich tobacco lands, Otterville has known busy days of commerce and industry. Between 1850 and 1860 in and around the village, there were no less than 12 steam and 14 water mills, all cutting lumber, and nearly as many more making shingles.



MARY ANN HANSON is all decked out for the giant celebration which will mark the village's 150th anniversary. On same date school marks 100th birthday



CANADA'S OLDEST police village boasts its oldest citizen is oldest active printer in Canada. He is J. Wesley Fish, 96, who has been printing for 68 years



Otterville homeowners who have taken special pains to decorate their houses for the Dominion Day holiday will have chance to win prizes today. The main street home above belongs to the George Doumas family, recent newcomers to Otterville from Holland. (Photo by Lowe.)

Weather Smiles On Otterville Sesquicentennial Celebration

OTTERVILLE, June 30 — The three-day sesquicentennial celebration at Otterville got off to a good start Saturday afternoon with the co-operation of the weatherman and an energetic crew of local residents who prepared the softball diamond for the tournament.

Otterville won first money, New Durham second and Straffordville third.

In the first game Otterville took Norwich 16-4. In the second, Straffordville won over Bookton 5-3. In the semifinal New Durham won from Straffordville 4-3. In the final game, played under the lights, Otterville won from New Durham 13-6.

Colored lights, banners, streamers, flags, bunting and store windows decorated with antiques, combined to give Otterville a festive appearance which local residents have not seen before.

Saturday night there was a largely-attended street dance with members of the local Odd Fellows Lodge in charge. Dancers filled the business section which was fenced off from Wardell's to Addison's store.

Church services were well attended Sunday morning and

anniversary services were held in the Otterville United Church when the Very Rev. George Dorey, former moderator of the United Church of Canada, was speaker.

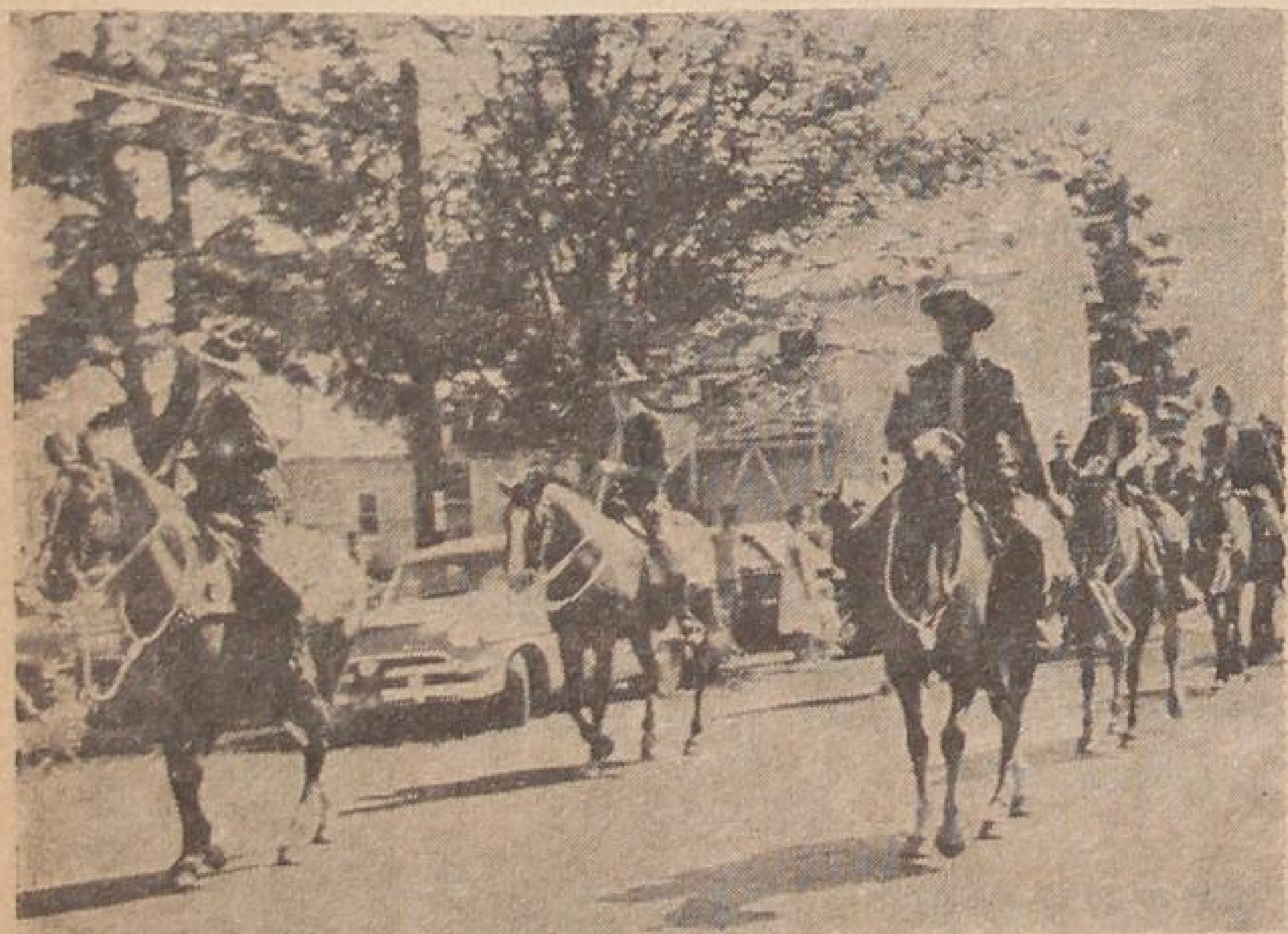
The minister, the Rev. Donald R. Morrison, introduced Dr. Dorey and expressed regret that the oldest citizen, J. Wesley Fish, 95, was unable to be in his accustomed place. Dr. Dorey gave an impressive message on "remembering."

After the service, hundreds of local residents and visitors joined in picnic and family dinners in the park. There were also children's activities and pony rides.

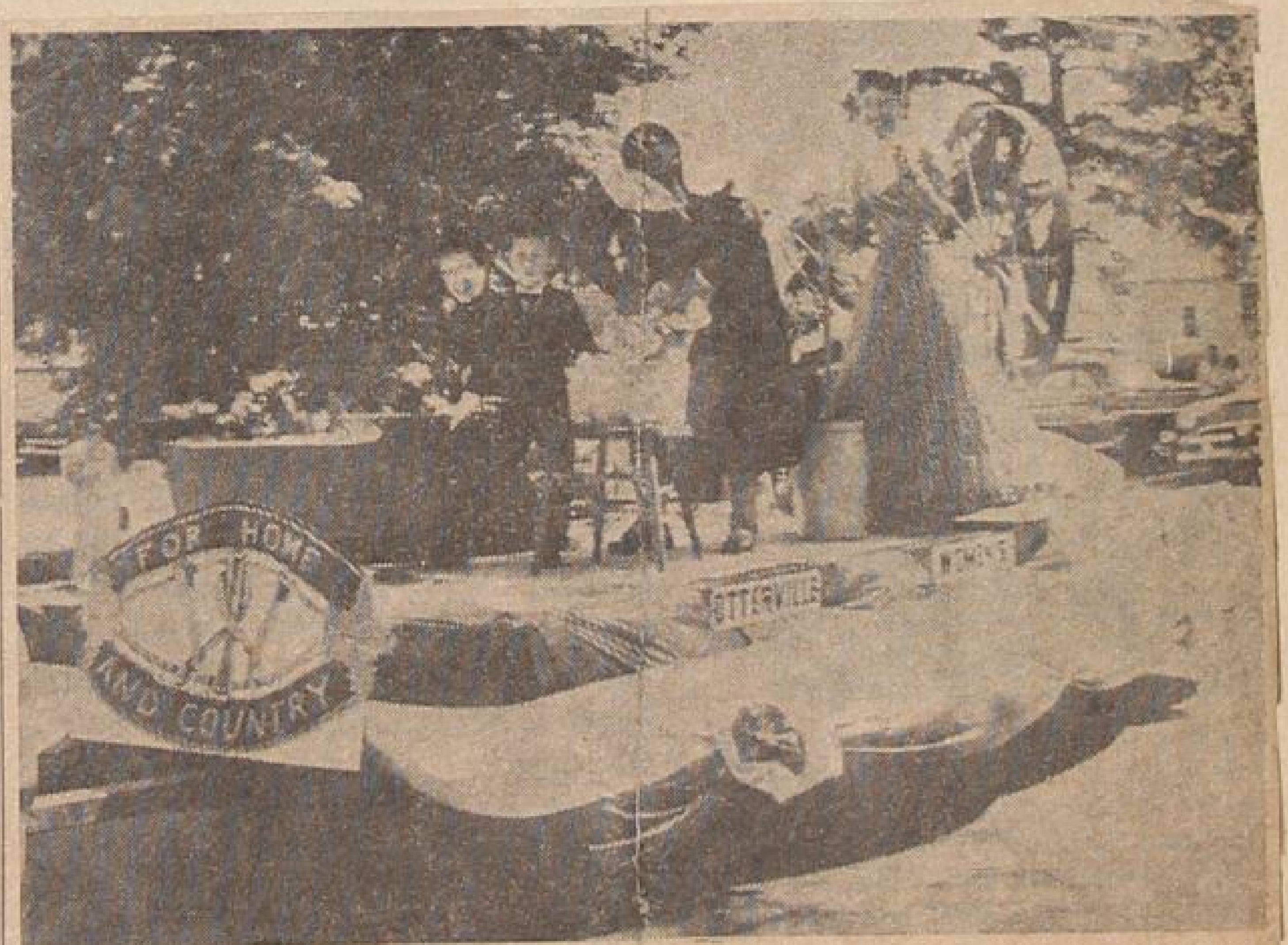
A choral service, children's concert and a program of band music was held in the park Sunday evening.

All is in readiness for the big parade Monday morning at 10.30 through Otterville with decorated floats, mounted Scouts and ancient vehicles.

In the afternoon there will be special ceremonies and a beauty contest. At 7.30 p.m. there will be a water show at the pool followed by a variety show, concluding with a grand display of fireworks.



The South Norwich Mounted Scout Troop, the only one of its kind in Canada, made its first public appearance in the Otterville parade on Monday morning and they were impressive. Their leader is Scott Carroll, former Master of the Norwich Scout Troop. This picture shows the leaders and their troupe as they appeared on Monday. (Photo by Lowe).



Winners of first prize among the several splendid floats in the Otterville parade on Monday was the Otterville Women's Institute. They entitled their entry The Gay Nineties and aboard it were: Mrs. Wm. McMullen, Jr., with an old dash churn; Mrs. H. A. Waring, doing a washing in an old fashioned tub; Mrs. George Daiken, with an old fashioned spinning wheel; Mrs. W. L. Addison, rocking an old fashioned cradle; and David Addison. (Photo by Lowe).

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BUT TO OTTERVILLE RESIDENTS ITS VILLAGE'S 150TH BIRTHDAY



THE FIRST DAY OF JULY may be Canada day to the rest of the country, but it's a personal birthday as far as the residents of Otterville are concerned. For July 1 is the 150th birthday of Canada's oldest police village. Sharon Furlong is shown beside Otterville welcome sign. Otterville is 20 miles south of Woodstock

OTTERVILLE, S. NORWICH HOLD SESQUICENTENARY

By FRANK TESKEY

Star Staff Correspondent

Otterville, June 20 — Never snub a poor relative. He may be back with bucks to haunt you.

This is the moral that come to light in the review of local history as Otterville, Canada's oldest police village 20 miles south of Woodstock, prepares to celebrate its 150th birthday July 1. On the same day Otterville's schools and South Norwich township observe the century mark. The monster to-do promises to be the biggest thing that ever happened. Here, that is.

To get back to the story. It seems that North and South Norwich townships used to be one. The north was fairly prosperous, but the south, in which Otterville is located, had seven costly bridges to maintain and a wasteland of sand to provide the revenue. The north was glad of the chance to shake its burdensome brother, and north and south separated.

Sand Grows Tobacco

Then somebody discovered that the south's sand wasn't too bad at all. In fact it was just the thing for growing tobacco. Land soared to \$1,500 an acre.

South Norwich now gets \$5,000,000 annually for its tobacco crop and nobody seems to notice the high cost of bridges. In fact there are rumors that its brother township would like to get it back.

The committee of whirlwind workers setting up the celebration includes Stanley Riches, president; Ida MacFarlane, secretary; Harold McDougall,

treasurer; Dr. G. M. Downing, Reeve George H. Davis, and William Butler, directors.

Local organizations taking part are: Lions club, IOOF, Rebeccas, Otterville Band, Sunshine club, Women's Institute, Women's association, Women's Federation, Women's guild, Happy Bluebirds, IODE, Women's Missionary fellowship, Eastern Star, Catholic Women's league, school teachers, fire department, ball and hockey clubs, Property Owner's associations, St. John's club, and Canadian Legion.

Boys' clubs, Sigma C. and Tyro are also in on the preparations.



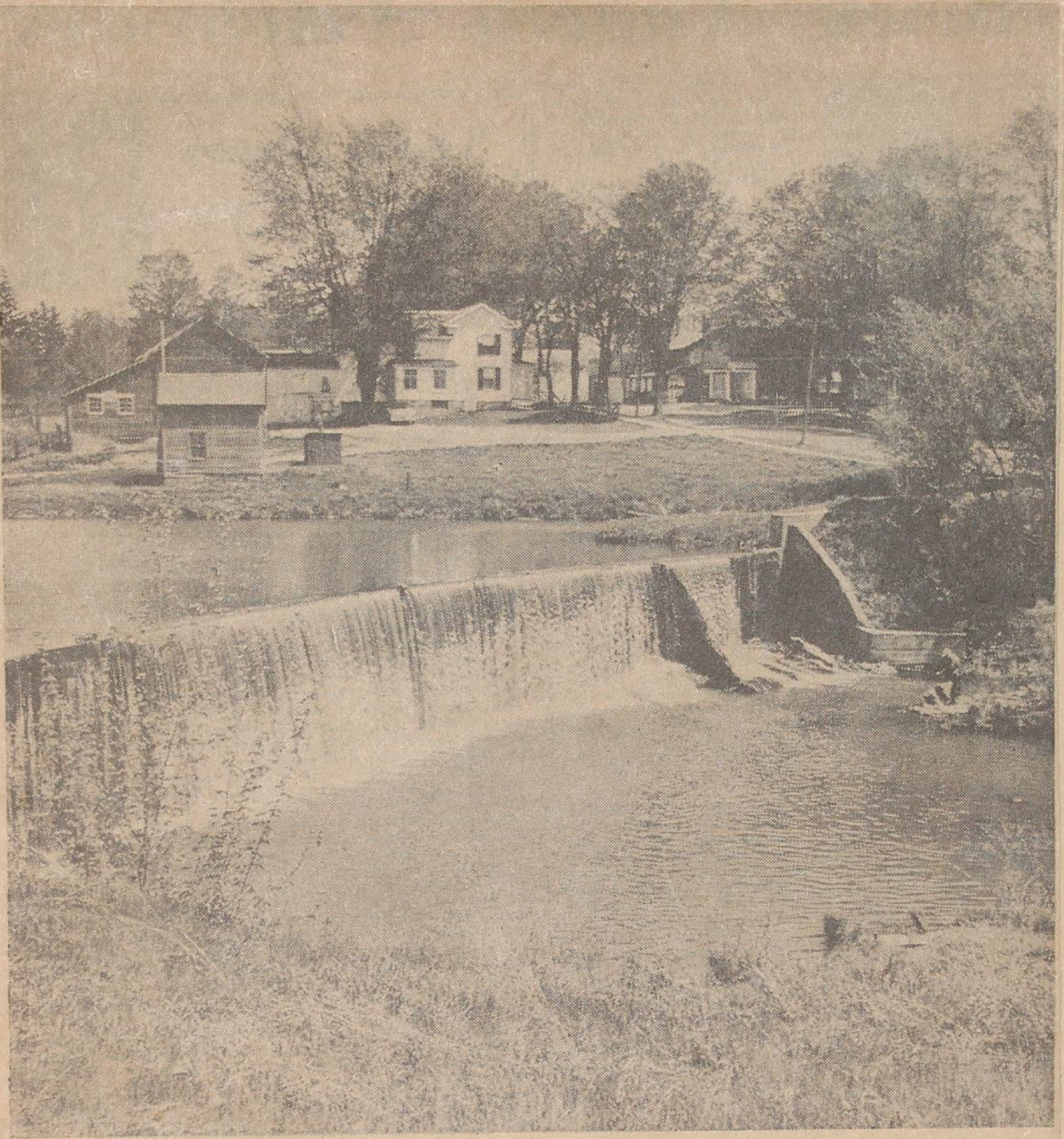
KEY TO OTTERVILLE'S prosperity is tobacco farming. Village and surrounding South Norwich township gleans \$5,000,000 annually from its tobacco crop. Patsy Exelby is shown with her father, Robert, in her dad's greenhouse



—Star Photos by Frank Teskey

FOR 57 YEARS the medical needs of Otterville were administered by Dr. H. G. Downing, who now runs a drug store while his son, Murray, carries on as the village practitioner. Mr. Downing is shown standing by one of his paintings

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Otter Creek flows through the village, its waters tumbling over a dam at the main street.

Otterville Recalls Its Past

First settled in 1807 when a government grant was made to two men for the establishment of grist and saw mills there, and said to be the oldest incorporated police village in Ontario, the village of Otterville — population 715 — is this year celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding. Situated in Oxford County, 20 miles south of Woodstock, it is a delightful rural community in the centre of a prosperous tobacco growing area.

Its oldest industry is a grist mill, now owned by Lorne Trefry, which has been in operation for 112 years and is run by many as 200 people, a company of its kind in the province, it is said to have been built in 1845 by Edward Bullock. Water turns its wheels comes from Ot-

terville's oldest resident, J. Wesley Fish, now in his 96th year, is a remarkable man. Despite his advanced age, he is the operator of a job printing plant, setting all his type by hand. He has the distinction of being Canada's oldest printer. It is his proud boast that he has

printed the South Norwich Township voters list for the last 68 years, under seven different township clerks, "and all the type was hand set." "I have actually been in the printing business for well over 70 years," he told me. "I retired about 30 years ago but printing has always been my hobby — so I just kept at it. That and my gardening keep me busy."

But the aged gentleman's "hobby" didn't take up all his time. He was a trustee on the public school board for many years, and for 54 years he was superintendent of a Sunday School. Last survivor of a group of 16 men, who, in 1892, formed a company as a public service and established a fine cemetery for the village, he is still its "superintendent" and looks after the sale of burial plots.

"I'm the last of the old gang who celebrated Otterville's centennial 50 years ago," he said. "I recall the good old days when there were three hotels in the village at one time, a distillery, three lumber mills, grist mills, woollen mill, casket factory, tannery, wagon shop and blacksmith shops. Now, there's just the grist mill left. I recall, too, when there was statute labor and all the men had to do village work."

Another highly respected resident is Dr. H. G. Downing, who established his practice in the village 57 years ago on graduation from medical college at the age of 21. Still very active, he also owns and operates the village drug store. Associated with him in practice is his son, Dr. G. M. Downing.

Teaches 50 years

Long years of service in the community extend to the public school where Miss Irene Scidmore has been a teacher "for over 50 years." I was told that she is now teaching grandchildren of former pupils.

Well known in this city is another Otterville resident, Miss Ida MacFarlane, who retired three years ago after teaching for 38 years in three different Hamilton schools — the King Edward, Allenby and A. M. Cunningham. Born in Otterville, she comes of one of the early families. Her father was the late Alex MacFarlane, a former clerk-treasurer of the municipality. She taught in the village before joining the Hamilton teaching staff.

The village has a particularly fine community park, now operated under supervision of the Lions Club. It is complete with swimming and wading pools, floodlit ball diamond, tennis courts, pavilion and refreshment booths. In summer months the Lions provide a bus to take children from near-by Norwich to



This lovely old house is the residence of J. W. Fish

the swimming pools, and in winter to take Otterville children to the Norwich rink for skating. The 12-acre park, in a beautifully wooded area, was established by a group of community-minded residents many years ago.

There are three churches — Anglican, United and Baptist; a community hall, a top-flight volunteer fire department, waterworks system, village band and village police department. A branch line of the C.N.R. runs through the community, which is about one mile distant from Highway 59.

There are 21 organizations in the village, all of which are taking an active part in the plans for the big 150th anniversary celebration of June 29, 30, and July 1. Members of the Otterville-South Norwich Sesquicentenary Association, in charge of the event, are: Stanley Riches, president; Miss Ida MacFarlane, secretary; H. W. McDougall, treasurer; and Reeve George H. Davis, Dr. G. M. Downing and William Butler, directors.



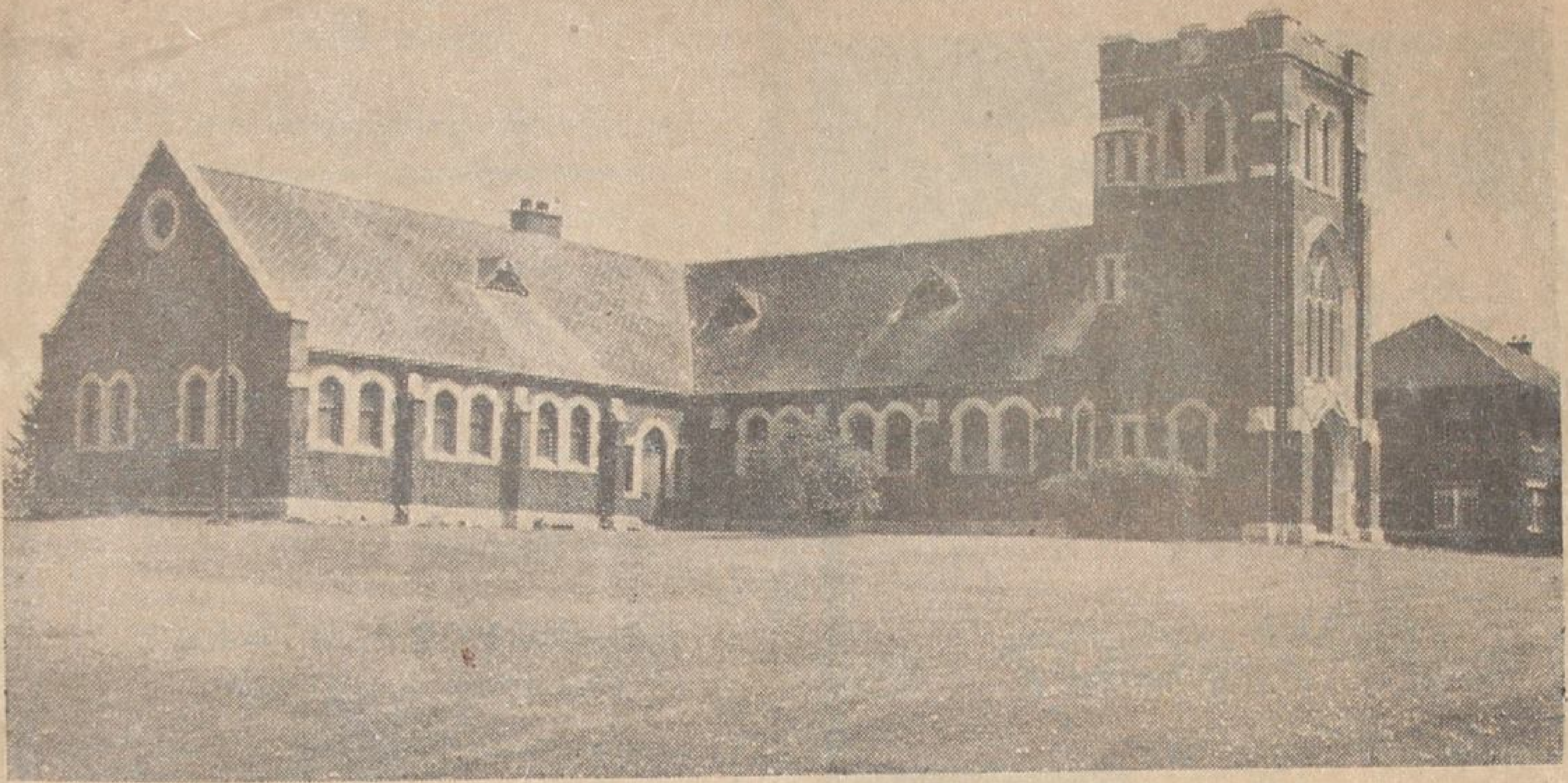
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Still active in his job printing plant, J. Wesley Fish, 95, is Canada's oldest printer.



Trinity United Church on Main Street



St. John's Anglican Church and rectory were built and presented to the congregation by the late Henry Bullock.



For 112 years this old feed mill has been operated by water power.

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Otterville Sesquicentenary

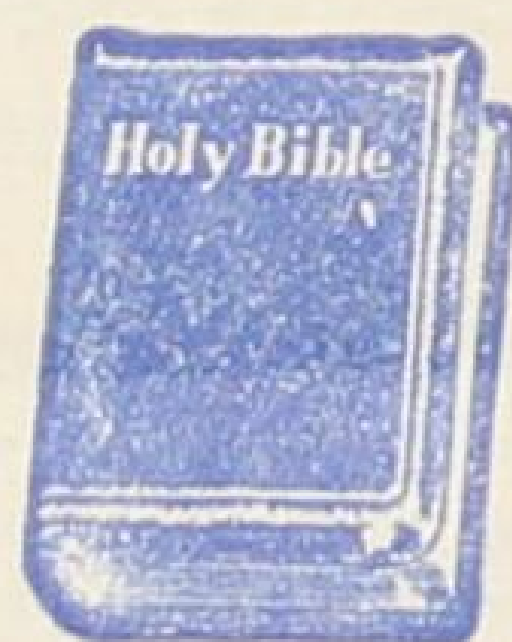
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INTER-CHURCH SERVICE

OTTERVILLE PARK

Sunday, June 30, 1957

7:00 p.m.



... PARTICIPATING CHURCHES ...

New Road United Church
Otterville Anglican Church
Otterville Baptist Church

Otterville United Church
Springford Baptist Church
Springford United Church

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... *Band Concert* ...

OTTERVILLE PARK, SUNDAY, JUNE 30th, 1957

8:00 p.m.

INTER-CHURCH CHOIR — DIRECTED BY C. H. VELTMAN

NORWICH MUSICAL SOCIETY BAND
CONDUCTOR, FRANK EBDON

Order of Service



BAND NUMBER Norwich Musical Society Band
Conductor, Frank Ebdon

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. W. E. Nicholls
Otterville Baptist Church

INVOCATION.

NATIONAL ANTHEM Pianist—Mrs. William McMullen

HYMN —

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

O God, our help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah, Chapter 35

Rev. E. C. Grey, Otterville, Norwich and
St. Charles, Dereham, Anglican Churches

ANTHEM—"GLORIA IN EXCELSIS" Mozart

PRAYER Rev. G. L. Stebner, Springford Baptist Church

BAND NUMBER Norwich Musical Society Band

HYMN —

ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEADS ME

All the way my Saviour leads me;
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy
Who through life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell—
For I know, whate'er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see!

All the way my Saviour leads me;
O the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above:
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages,
'Jesus led me all the way!' Amen.

ANTHEM—"AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD" Handel

MESSAGE — "Frontiers—Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

Rev. Donald Morrison, Otterville, Springford and
New Road United Churches

ANTHEM—"THE LORD'S PRAYER" B. Cecil Gates

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth,
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore opprest,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distrest,
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Amen.

BENEDICTION.

BAND POSTLUDE Norwich Musical Society Band

Otterville Mason, 87, Still Active

OTTERVILLE (C) — Alfred E. Moore, a life-long resident of South Norwich, will celebrate a birthday on Sunday. Mr. Moore, who is the oldest mason in Ontario and probably in the Dominion, still takes on the odd piece of work and takes great pleasure building posts and fences with cobblestones.

His last piece of work is the stately barbecue on the west side of the Community Park on the bank of the Otter, which is a monument in honor of the sesquicentennial.

Mr. Moore was born 87 years ago on the farm now owned by Camielle Denys, one mile north of the village, and after his marriage moved to the farm now owned by Eugene Baert. In addition to his farm work he built his present home next door, west of the United Church.

Cobblestone work being one of his specialties many fancy patterned posts and fences can be seen around the countryside. Among them are The Memorial Cenetoph at the Community Park entrance, the stone posts at Bookton Cemetery, the posts at Brownsville school, and at the Memorial Park at Tillsonburg.

Mr. Moore takes an active part in bowling and many days even at the present time, after a day at the mason work, takes time out for a game and participates in many games on the Norwich greens where he is a member.



ACTIVE AT 87—One of the oldest (if not the oldest) active masons in Canada is Alfred E. Moore, a life-long resident of South Norwich, who was 87 on Sunday. He is shown above with his latest piece of work, the stately barbecue in Otterville Community Park, built as a monument for the Sesquicentennial. (Photo by Seldon)

Canada Counts Blessings on Birthday

CANADA celebrates her ninetieth birthday without any wild outburst of enthusiasm, but with a quiet confidence in the future. Our nationhood did not come from the fires of revolution, but through the less dramatic process of constitutional development.

In a world where nationalism tends to be a fiery protest our variety has a more sober tone. We have pride in our people and our country. We are thankful for the resources which have come to us and for the skill and perseverance which has gone into their development.

We are particularly blessed in not having any burning "ancient grudge." That is one reason why Canada is respected and trusted among the nations of the world. We are neither panting to free ourselves from colonial bonds, nor do we covet the land of any other people. The world is sadly in need of this balanced frame of mind and we have something to contribute.

At the same time we are not immune to pressures from outside. We are subject to the constant, usually unconscious, influence of the United

States, which tends to take Canada for granted and to assume that our wishes will fall in with those of Uncle Sam. We are also bound by ties of sentiment and interest to Britain and the Commonwealth. We are also living in a world riven by the ambitions of communism to achieve universal domination.

Within our homeland we have disruptive influences of race, religion and section. But they have not pulled Canada apart in the past and are not likely to do so in the future. They tend to make our leaders somewhat more cautious than they might otherwise be.

We have shown a political maturity not too common in this hemisphere. When the people tired of the dominance of one political party the transfer of power was made without the slightest incident to another party. Now the people of Canada are anxiously looking to that party to see how it can meet the test of power—one of the most difficult tests in the world.

So, on our ninetieth birthday we have many grounds for thankfulness and for hope. And for us the future still holds the stimulating prospect of a great challenge. Are we to go forward as we have in the past?

In the early hours of the morning on April 21st, 1926, at number 17, Bruton Street, London — a house since destroyed by bombs — a baby girl was born.

Her parents, the lovely young Duchess of York and her shy, gentlemanly husband, the King's son, were radiantly happy. And their joy was celebrated and shared throughout the British Empire, and, indeed, the entire world.

The girl was named Elizabeth Alexandra Mary.

Nobody at the time thought it probable that the Duke of York would ever become King. King George V, soldierly and upright, gave promise of living for many years to come. His eldest son, Edward, Prince of Wales, was next in line of succession and was immensely popular.

The young Princess's early years were spent at her parents' home at 145 Piccadilly, London. It was a happy environment — spacious rooms with pastel colorings, enlivened with great masses of colorful flowers; quiet but elegant period furniture; a courtyard just large enough to shut out the noise of the Piccadilly traffic; and a small garden at the back, facing directly the undulating greens of Hyde Park.

When learning to talk, the Princess mis-pronounced her name "Lilibet," a mistake which sounded so attractive that it was at once adopted and retained.

Lilibet was a great favorite with her grandparents and especially with her grandfather, King George V. She was a lovely child, with a fresh complexion, blue eyes and fine golden hair. But it was her

odd mixture of impish candor and seriousness which endeared her to him. He laughingly told her, with truth, that she was the only person in the world who had ever told him to "shut the door."

When Lilibet was four years old, her sister Margaret was born — and the two children grew up as inseparable companions.

Princess Elizabeth's upbringing was strict, but not repressive. Most of her lessons were done at home. Her mother taught her to read and private tutors later took over to teach her French and German, in addition to music, history and other subjects.

What happy days they were: the dignity and order of her home; wonderful rides on horseback while she kept a protective eye on young Margaret; watching the rhythmic majesty of the Trooping the Colour — so much to sustain and stimulate her childish imagination.

Hers was a world peopled by figures she loved: grandfather, the King, whose stern exterior had never dismayed her; Queen Mary, with her erect carriage and wonderful collection of umbrellas; father, always approachable and forever understanding; and mother, radiant and dignified and kind.

And underlying it all — discipline. She saw examples everywhere around her. She saw her parents cope with the never-ceasing round of duties, the endless correspondence, the constant callers. These crushing demands she saw accepted with grace, good humour and genuine interest.

Duty came first; self last. Her grandmother, Queen Mary, once gave her a salutary lesson in this. Girlish-like, she enjoyed being photographed, being cheered by waiting crowds and having kisses blown at her.

On a visit to an exhibition at Olympia, in London, she said to her grandmother: "Won't the people be pleased to see me when we leave!" Lilibet was packed straight off home with a nurse — by a side door where the crowds could not see her.

Then, at the age of 10, the Princess's childhood was virtually ended. Grandfather, the King, died.

The abdication of King Edward VIII shook the English-speaking world.

Her father became King George VI, taking on his frail shoulders the heaviest burden in the world; the leadership of a vast Commonwealth of Nations embracing a quarter of

Elizabeth, Queen of Canada

the world's surface and more than a quarter of the entire human race.

From that day her upbringing was even more exciting. She moved with her family to Buckingham Palace. Direct in line of succession, she was trained in all she must know. And calmly and good-humoredly she took it all in her stride.

Came the second world war, and the Princess joined the Forces. She became an honorary second subaltern and turned out to be an efficient driver of army trucks.

Gradually she emerged as a public figure. She was appointed Councillor of State during her father's absence on the field of battle.

Rumour had long linked her name with Prince Philip of Greece. Philip, the handsome sailor she had known since childhood, shared her love of music, interests and hobbies.

The Empire and the world rejoiced when the young Princess married the Prince. She had enjoyed a short era of adult freedom: theatres, cinemas, dances and parties. But now her public duties multiplied and were added to the cares of a home.

Then, tragically, his Majesty King George VI succumbed to the intolerable burdens he had endured without complaint for his people's good.

The young and beautiful Princess became Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

In that mixed moment of sorrow and hope, the British people saw once again the stature of their Queen. Coming home to the airfield where so recently her father had waved his last good-bye, she insisted on thanking personally every member of the aircrew. And she managed a smile for the people who gestured in sympathy.

Only four years have passed since Elizabeth became Queen, but already she has established herself firmly in the hearts of her peoples all over the world.

In those four years she has travelled more widely than any monarch before her. She has met her subjects in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, the West Indies and in many other corners of the globe.

She has shown them that she is their Queen and that she knows and understands their problems, their hopes and aims.

Here is a position of responsibility rather than privilege, for she is the invisible tie which unites in common ideals the people of all races and creeds who make up the great British Empire and Commonwealth.

The lessons of her childhood have matured: duty before self.

Start Tobacco Harvest At Otterville



Tobacco moving up a conveyor into a kiln on Baert farm, near Otterville, is part of the first crop to be harvested in the district. The harvest in this area

is at least a week earlier than last year. Workers tie the leaves in bundles for curing. (Photo by Selón).

PRETTY WEDDING AT OTTERVILLE

OTTERVILLE (C)— At St. John's Anglican Church, Miss Helen Elaine Marshall, Reg. N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marshall of Otterville, exchanged wedding vows with Mr. Roger Blain Van Evera, son of Mrs. Reta Van Evera 44 Abigail Ave., Brantford, and the late Arthur Van Evera.

Pink sweetheart roses, white gladioli, palms and ferns decked the altar for the double ring ceremony conducted by Rev. C. H. Wright, assisted by E. C. Grey, rector.

Organist Mrs. Nate McMullen played Lohengrin's and Mendelssohn's wedding music, and accompanied soloist Mr. Grant McDonald, who sang "The Wedding Hymn" and "Because."

Escorted by her father, who gave her in marriage, the bride was attired in a gown of white nylon organza over satin. Styled with lily point sleeves, sabrina neckline and bouffant skirt, which fell into a cathedral train. The gown was embroidered in iridescent sequins and seed pearls at neckline and hipline. From a double crown of seed pearls, fell the bride's finger-tip veil and she carried a white orchid with pink sweetheart roses and white stephanotis.

Matron of honor Mrs. Margaret Green of Delmer, sister of the bride, wore white eyelet organza over azure blue taffeta with scoop neckline and puff sleeves, blue taffeta cummerbund and bouffant skirt. Her headdress was a matching crown of braided velvet with a nose veil and her bouquet was of pink sweetheart roses, set among white gladioli petals and fastened with pink streamers.

Bridesmaids Miss Lenora Slaght of Otterville and Miss Joyce Sills of Brantford wore ensembles similar to that of the matron of honor.

Flower girl Doris Marshall, cousin of the bride, dressed in a full length white eyelet organza gown over blue taffeta, carried a miniature bouquet like that of the other attendants.

The ringbearer was Gary Green of Delmer, nephew of the bride.

Donald Folger was groomsman and ushers were Harry Green and Douglas Cowan.

Following the wedding a reception was held at Mil-Mar-Manor, Tillsonburg. Guests were present from Brantford, Hamilton, Georgetown, Regina, Buffalo, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Delmer, Toronto and many other places.

Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marshall of Georgetown, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bullivant of Hamilton, grandparents of the bride and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cunningham of Regina, Sask., aunt and uncle of the bridegroom.

Receiving the guests with the newly weds were the bride's mother, who wore a sheath dress in poise of soie of dior blue, styled with matching chantilly lace, bolero effect. Her accessories were of a matching blue and her corsage was sweetheart roses.



VOWS WERE EXCHANGED by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Van Evera at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Saturday, August 24, 1957. The bride is the former Helen Elaine Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marshall of Otterville. The groom is the son of Mrs. Rita Van Evera and the late Arthur Van Evera. (Seldon Studio, Tillsonburg).

Pastel pink cotton lace with matching accessories was the ensemble of the bridegroom's mother, who also assisted in receiving the guests. She wore a corsage of pink sweetheart roses and white gladioli petals.

For the wedding trip to Northern Ontario the bride chose a sheath of champagne silk with navy blue coat, navy accessories and a white orchid corsage.

On their return the couple will reside in Brantford.

Functions held in honor of the bride and groom prior to their marriage included a shower given by Mrs. Harry Green, sister of the bride, at her home in Delmer.

A miscellaneous shower-supper party was held at the home of the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Reta Van Evera of Brantford, by Miss Joyce Sills and Miss Gwen Harvey, nursing classmates of the bride.

The couple were also entertained at the Otterville home of Mrs. Ross Dow and at a trousseau tea at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Marshall received the guests. They were shown the bride's trousseau and the many shower and wedding presents.

In Memoriam ¹⁹⁵⁷

In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Catherine Young, who passed away 18 years ago, August 27, 1939.

God knows the way,
He holds the key,
He guides us with an unerring
hand

Some day with fearless eyes
We'll see and then up there
We'll understand.

Lovingly remembered by her daughters, Winnie and Myrtle.

Induction on Friday For Anglican Rector

Rev. H. E. Janke, B.A., L.Th., will be inducted as rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, and St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden, at a special service to be held in St. John's Church Friday at 8 p.m.

In charge of the induction service will be The Venerable H. F. Appleyard, M.C., B.A., L.Th., archdeacon of Brant, assisted by Rev. J. G. Lethbridge, B.A., B.S.W., L.Th., rural dean of Oxford. Preacher for the evening will be Rev. Canon B. A. Silcox, B.A., L.Th.

Organist for the service will be Mrs. Charles Fothering, with the choir under the direction of Mr. Fotheringham.

Churchwardens for St. John's Church are Ross Allen and Noel Rokeby. Wardens of St. Stephen's are E. Harris and S. Pennington.

Many Honor Otterville Doctor on Birthday ⁷⁹

OTTERVILLE (C)— Dr. H. G. Downing was the recipient of more than 100 birthday cards as well as flowers and other gifts on the occasion of his 89th birthday on Sunday. His family was with him for the day and included Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Moles of Dundas and Dr.

and Mrs. Murray Downing and family. Dr. Downing greatly appreciated the kind act of his neighbors and friends in arranging a birthday card shower. ^{Sept 21/58}

Senior Housewives Grace Central Picnic



Some of the Past-70 Mary Hastings Club members are shown as they started out on a specially conducted tour which included a private showing of the 250 exhibits on display at the 17th Annual Central Housewife picnic at Springbank Park on August 10. A member of the Corps of Commis-

sionaires is leading the way and among the crowd, centre, can be seen the popular Robin twins. Mrs. Carrie Sitts, of Tillsonburg, is on the extreme left foreground, and beside her holding the arm of the Commissionaire is Mrs. Sarah McMullen, of Delhi.



IN A PRETTY CEREMONY at the United Church, Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Fisk exchanged marriage vows on September 28, 1957. The bride is the former Alice Isabell Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richardson of R.R. 2, Otterville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Fisk of Norwich.

Crandall-Gibson

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, Stratford, on Saturday, October 5, Mrs. Violet M. Gibson and Mr. Roy C. Crandall were united in marriage by Rev. C. H. James.

The couple were attended by Mrs. Mitchell Shearing of Clinton and Mr. Walter Gibson.

Anglican Guild Sets Annual Bazaar Date

OTTERVILLE (C)—The St. John's Anglican Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Thursday with a good attendance.

President Mrs. Stanley Riches welcomed the members and opened the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Grey were present and each addressed the gathering briefly, Mr. Grey speaking on the work of the church, and Mrs. Grey on individual worship and prayer. She asked the members to consider taking Japan as a study for their meetings. She also told of the 100th anniversary of Christianity in Japan and closed the meeting with prayer.

Thank-you cards were acknowledged and birthday and get-well cards were sent to shut-in members. Plans are being made for the annual bazaar to be held in the Community Hall on November 9th from 3 to 9 p.m. A white stole is being knit and tickets will be sold before and on the day of the bazaar. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Stanley Riches.

Crash Injuries Fatal to Teacher

The death of a Kelvin district woman, on No. 59 Highway at the Otterville sideroad on Sunday afternoon, marred an otherwise fairly free accident week, according to records of the Tillsonburg detachment, O.P.P. There was only one accident in addition to the fatality, that also on No. 59 Highway.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Helen Margaret Davidson, 50-year-old Kelvin district resident, died in the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Sunday evening a few hours after the car in which she was riding was in collision with a truck on 59 Highway, one mile east of Otterville.

Mrs. Davidson, with her husband, Kenneth Wray Davidson, and their ten-year-old son, Wayne, and Mrs. Davidson's mother, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins, were driving west, coming to Mrs. Huggins' home, when they collided with a stake truck owned and driven by George W. Howard of Conswango Valley, N.Y. Mr. Davidson told police that he had stopped for the stop sign and then proceeded into the intersection when his vehicle was struck by the truck. The 1949 model Davidson car was a total wreck and some \$400 damage was caused the other vehicle.

Little Lake Teacher

Dr. H. H. Batson, Otterville, attended the injured at the scene and Mrs. Davidson was taken by the Addison ambulance to hospital. The other passengers were also treated at the hospital and released.

Mrs. Davidson was born at Otterville, and educated at the Cornell and Otterville schools and the Woodstock Collegiate, and attended Normal school at London. She taught at Hemlock, Bookton and Otterville before her marriage. Last year she resumed teaching at Little Lake school, and was active in the Friendly Corners Women's Institute, the Kelvin United Church and the woman's organizations of the church.

Mrs. Jack Riste, clerk in the store of C. L. Finch and Son and Miss Eva Deveney a member of the local Bell Telephone Staff have returned to their respective homes this week after having enjoyed a pleasant trip to Ottawa where they stayed during the visit of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip. They both report a most enjoyable trip one long to be remembered.

Mrs. Helen Davidson

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral services were held last Wednesday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home for the late Mrs. Helen Davidson, who died in the Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, as a result of injuries received in a car accident.

Rev. Robert Weston of Teeterville United Church and Rev. Mr. Jackson of Kelvin United Church, the latter of which deceased was a member, conducted the largely attended service which was attended by neighbors, relatives and friends and former pupils of the Kelvin district and Otterville district as well as many places in Ontario. The teachers of Windham township attended in a body.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist for the service and played favorite hymns before and after the service.

The rooms were filled with beautiful floral tributes and among the organizations were pupils of Section No. 14, Windham Township; Violet Rebekah Lodge; teacher and pupils of Ranelagh School; Friendly Corners Women's Institute; Windham teachers and inspector; Woman's Association and Women's Missionary Society of Kelvin United Church; Norfolk County Teachers' Institute; Kelvin District Neighbours; School Area No. 1; Windham Township School Board; Otterville neighbors and several Gideon Bibles, along with many other individual tributes.

The casket bearers were Howard Utter, Morley Cooper, James Wylie, Ralph Thornton, Stanley Pite and Arthur Moore.

The flower bearers were Harold Wood, Crosby Davidson, Lloyd Utter, Stanley Morris, Glen Boyce, Fred Munn and Lloyd Silverthorne.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

WORTHY MATRON ELECTED

Mrs. Ruth Smith was elected Worthy Matron of the Norwich Chapter, O. E. S. at the regular meeting in October. Wm. Waring was elected Worthy Patron. Other officers elected are: A. M. Mrs. Carl Howse, Otterville; A. P., Carl Howse, Otterville; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Burrill; Treasurer, Miss Iva Croker; Conductress, Mrs. A. Mann, Otterville; A. C., Miss Lillian Oatman, Springford; Trustee, Sam Croker; auditors, Mrs. M. Addison, Mrs. Mary Learn and Mrs. F. Poole. The installation of these officers, together with others to be chosen by Mrs. Smith, will take place in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Wednesday evening, November 13.

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Dutch Clock System of Auction Unique for World Tobacco Sales

As construction of three tobacco auction warehouses nears completion, the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board is endeavoring to acquaint growers with features of this year's marketing plan that will be new to the tobacco industry in Canada. An "Outline of Procedure" has been sent to members of the board, describing aspects of the warehouse building and outlining auction marketing procedure in detail.

One aspect of the board's marketing plan that will be new not only to the Canadian tobacco industry but to the tobacco industry anywhere in the world is the Dutch Auction Clock which has been described as a "mechanical auctioneer."

General manager of the board, Dr. F. A. Stinson, has stated that he believes the clock system for tobacco will be very efficient and cost much less than the auction system used in the United States.

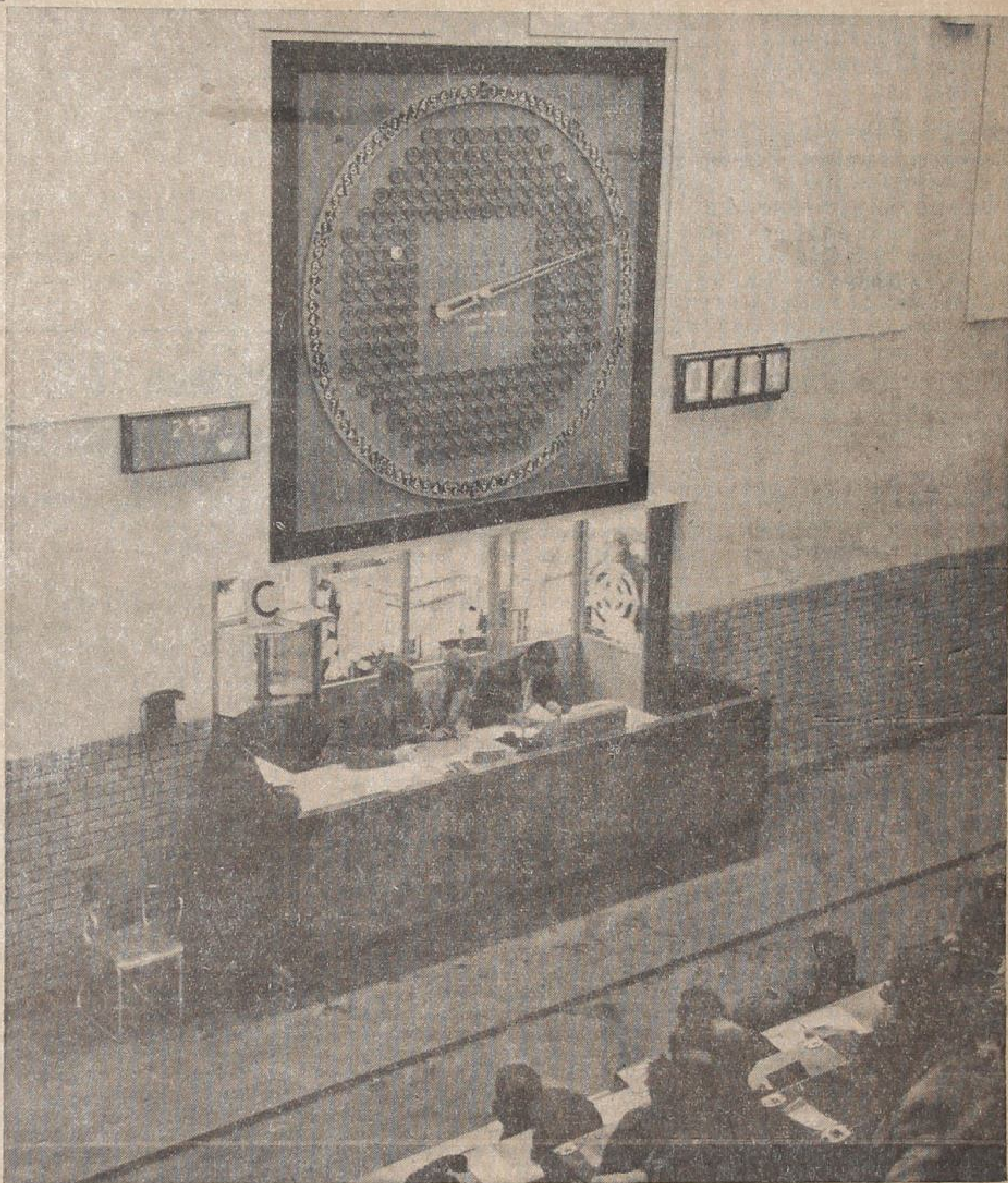
The clock system of auctioneering has been used in Holland for several years and is also used by the Ontario Cheese Producers Marketing Board.

Dr. Stinson and Board Chairman Jesse Gray examined the clocks in operation at the Cheese Marketing Board in Belleville and at the Toronto stock yards before recommending that the Tobacco Board purchase them. The Tobacco Marketing Board decided on the purchase at a meeting here on July 30th. At that time, members of the Tobacco Board consulted the Cheese Board's secretary-treasurer, Charles Heath, concerning operation of the clock. Mr. Heath is now secretary of the Tobacco Marketing Board.

Counts Down

According to the Marketing Board's outline, "The face of the clock is about four feet square. The clock has a sweep hand to indicate any price from one hundred cents down, by quarter-cents. On the face

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Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in the St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday and both morning and evening services were well attended. The Rector, Rev. E. C. Grey had charge of the morning service and the choir was assisted by members of the St. Charles Church, Dereham choir at both services.

In the evening service Rev. C. H. Wright, a former Rector of the church conducted the service and his sermon was based on the theme "From the Brown Earth to the Harvest" and stated that the whole earth runs on that principal.

The choir sang for their anthem "Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake." The church service was enhanced by the decorating which had been done by Mr. Jack Riste. The pews were marked by sprays of pampas grass with a sprig of grain and centred with a flower, the windows and at the front of the church bore further significance of the bountiful Harvest and Thanksgiving.

Along with the service was the dedication of a silver Alms Basin presented to the church in memory of the late Mrs. Alma Deveney an ardent worker in the church. The presentation was made by her daughter Miss Eva Deveney and friends, Mrs. Emma Beard of Drummondville, Que.

Mr. Wright spoke of the untiring efforts and faithfulness of Mrs. Deveney who was for many years a teacher in the Sunday School having the Beginners and later the Adult Bible Class. Later in her home a Junior W. A. meeting was held and these were carried on until the late Mrs. Deveney was forced to give up owing to ill health.

Lovely baskets and vases of flowers were placed at the front of the church by Mr. and Mrs. John Ryder and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ryder.

Fruit and vegetables decorated the front of the church in the decorating done by Mrs. Riste was a work of art.

Following the service the congregation was invited to the Parish Hall where the ladies of the church served dainty refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed by many relatives and friends of the Deveney family.

Short addresses were given by the Rector Mr. Grey and Mr. Wright added a brief message also.

Mrs. Mabel Kerr

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral services for the late Mrs. Mabel Kerr were held at the Addison Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon and were conducted by the Rev. C. H. Wright a former rector of St. John's Anglican Church, of which deceased was a member.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played favorite hymns before and after the service. Many floral tributes from neighbors and friends were tokens of love and esteem in which deceased was held.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Nate McMullen, Nean McMullen, Jack Riste, Vivian Rachar, Andrew Childs and Carl Howse.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

On Friday evening the Violet Rebekah Lodge held a service with Noble Grand Mrs. Eva McMullen in charge and Mrs. Betty Addlington, Mrs. Fred Walther and Mrs. Emma Strudwick assisting in the service. Mrs. Wilma Butler was the pianist and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Ruth Collver.

Mrs. Kerr, a resident of the Otterville district for the past 35 years, died in hospital at Hamilton following a long illness. Born at Summerville, in South Norwich township, 71 years ago, she was the former Henrietta Mabel Ransome.

Following her marriage to John Carmen Kerr, they lived at Gooderham and other places in Haliburton County for several years.

Mrs. Kerr was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, and was active in all the organizations of the church as long as health permitted, and also of Violet Rebekah Lodge. Her husband died in 1941, and one son, Dorion, was killed in action in World War II, in 1944.

She is survived by two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Leta Morrison of Wyandotte, Mich., Mrs. Nina Stevenson of Woodstock; Reginald Kerr of Tillsonburg, Clifford Maxwell Kerr of Ancaster and Charles Kirby Kerr of London. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Sitzer, Delhi.

Word was received here last week of the death of John Gregg Murray, a former resident of the village, who passed away at London on October 18. The funeral service was held in Preston on October 20. Interment was made in the Preston Cemetery.

Mrs. Ann Clark

Following a lengthy illness Mrs. Ann Clark of Otterville passed away on Wednesday last, in her 74th year.

The deceased was born in South Norwich on April 3, 1884, the daughter of the late John King and Liza Burkholder. Her husband, James Clark, predeceased her.

Survivors are nieces and nephews. Rested at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home where service was conducted on Saturday at 2 p.m. by Rev. W. Nicholls of the Baptist Church, Otterville.

Pallbearers were Harry Beckham, Eugene Beckham, Charles Beckham, Leslie Beckham, Kenneth Butler and James Daiken.

Interment in Milldale Cemetery.

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Winnie Davis and Mrs. Ida Graham attended the funeral service on Saturday for the late Mrs. Annie Clarke, who died at Mrs. Layman's Nursing Home on Wednesday. Service was held at the George Barrie Funeral Home in Tillsonburg, conducted by the Rev. Walter Nicholls, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church, of which deceased was an adherent. Mrs. Clarke was a resident of this district and for the last number of years had lived in the village until she suffered ill health and was taken to the Nursing Home. Interment was made in the Milldale Cemetery.

Remand Driver Over Accident

BRANTFORD, Nov. 27
Aubrey E. Brown, RR 1, Otterville, who admitted in court here that he had left the scene of an accident, was remanded today for sentence Dec. 4.

Evidence was given that Brown's car crossed the centre line of the road at Maple Grove before colliding with a motorcycle, injuring its two riders.

Defense counsel said Brown had been worried about an illness just before the accident, and was not his normal self. He had no recollection of anything after the accident until he found himself back home.

Brown estimated he had driven almost a million miles without any other accident.

Crown Attorney C. C. Slein said the case was a serious one, and Brown had left two injured people on the road, perhaps to die.

The 1957-58 officers is as follows: Noble Grand Mrs. Eva McMullen; Vice Grand, Mrs. Mrs. Gertrude Walthers; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emma Strudwick; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; Treasurer, Mrs. Daisy Mannell; Conductor, Mrs. Dorothy Hayward; Inside Guard, Mrs. Helen Thompson; Outside Guard, Mrs. Grace Squance; Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Addlington; Musician, Mrs. Wilma Butler; Color Bearer Mrs. Ernaline Heaslip; R. S. N. G., Mrs. Ruth Collver; L. S. N. G., Mrs. Jean Marshall; R. S. V. G., Mrs. Alice Arthur; L. S. V. G., Mrs. Jean Gehring; Jr. P. N. G., Mrs. Anna Treffry. District Deputy President. Mrs. Ruby Walker; Right Supporter of Chaplain, Mrs. Betty Slaght; Left Supporter of Chaplain, Mrs. Rebekah Maloney; Right Supporter of Jr. Past Noble Grand, Mrs. Ethel Arthur; Left Supporter of Past Noble Grand, Mrs. Alzina Mann.

Among the guests introduced were Mrs. Ruby Walker, D. D. P. by Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins; Mrs. Mabel Mabee, vice president of Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, by Mrs. Alice Arthur.

Other visitors were welcomed from St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Norwich, Waterford, Woodstock and Edmonton.

Mrs. Alice Arthur P. N. G. presented the District Deputy President with a gift, the latter expressed her thanks and presented the Jr. Past Noble Grand Mrs. Anna Treffry with a gift. Mrs. Ethel Arthur presented Mrs. Anna Treffry with a ring from the Lodge.

A delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge.



AN AUTUMN WEDDING was solemnized at the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, October 5, 1957, when Mr. and Mrs. Bill W. Hilliker exchanged marriage vows. The bride is the former Lenora Kathleen Slaght, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Slaght of Otterville. The groom is the only son of Mr. Carl M. Hilliker of 59 King St., Tillsonburg, and the late Mrs. Agnes Hilliker.

Mrs. George Slaght entertained in honor of her daughter Miss Lenora Slaght several evenings last week. On Tuesday evening guests including the nurses from Brantford, Woodstock and Tillsonburg hospitals were present. On Wednesday evening many visitors were present from the village and Thursday evening guests were present from Norwich. Pouring tea throughout the tea hour were Mrs. C. M. Hilliker of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Alex Slaght of Otterville. The waitresses were Mrs. Carman Scott and Mrs. Wm. Lenaers. Receiving at the door was Mrs. Ronald Collver and the trousseau was shown by Mrs. George Daiken. Other assistants were Mrs. James Squance, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Wm. McMullen Sr, Mrs. Arthur Davies, Mrs. Jack Stanford and Misses Yvonne Collver and Catharine McMullen.

Hilliker — Slaght

A pretty Autumn wedding took place in the Otterville United Church on Saturday, Oct. 5th when Lenora Kathleen Slaght, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Slaght, Otterville was united in marriage to Mr. Bill W. Hilliker, only son of Mr. Carl M. Hilliker, Tillsonburg and the late Mrs. Agnes Hilliker.

Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the church performed the ceremony in front of the altar which was decorated with bronze and yellow mums and candlebra with palms and ferns.

Mrs. Ronald Collver of Otterville was the soloist and sang "Wedding Prayer," "Through The Years." Mr. Henry Clark of Woodstock played the wedding music.

The bride given in marriage by her uncle Mr. Alex Slaght of Otterville wore a floor length gown of french taffeta with lily-point sleeves and sabrina neckline, bouffant skirt with hand embroidered lace, seed pearls and iridescent sequins at neckline and appliques embroidered on skirt which fell in a cathedral train. From a crown of seed pearls and iridescent sequins fell the bride's finger-tip veil and she carried

a white Bible crested with mauve orchids and stephanotis.

Mrs. Rober VanEvera of Brantford was matron of honor wearing pale blue crystal charm ballerina gown with fitted bodice, bouffant skirt, scalloped neckline and matching accessories and she carried a cascade of bronze and yellow mums.

The bridesmaids were Miss Janet Humphrey of Troy, Ont., and Mrs. Jack Stanford, Teeterville, Ont. and they were dressed identical to that of matron of honor.

Miss Joanne Mowatt, Springford, Ont. and Miss Susan Bibby of Galt, cousins of the bride and also Miss Janet Taylor of Otterville were the winsome flower girls and wore floor length gowns of pale crystal charm with matching heart-shaped head dresses and carried basquettes of bronze and yellow mums.

Max Hart of Tillsonburg performed the duties of best man. Walter Hill of Tillsonburg and Derek Bibby of Galt were the ushers.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony in the Church parlour to 140 guests from Flint, Mich.; Galt,

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Brantford, Collingwood, Blind River, Lake Simcoe, Port Dalhousie and Toronto.

The bride's table was decorated with bronze and yellow roses while the guest tables were decorated with yellow rose buds and candles.

The bride's mother chose a delft blue brocade silk sheath and pink accessories and wore a corsage of pink sweetheart roses.

The groom's mother chose a dress of dusty rose lace with blue accessories and wore a corsage of pale yellow sweetheart roses.

For a wedding trip to New England States the bride wore a brown dress maker suit with beige gaberdine duster with bronze accessories and a white orchid corsage.

Upon their return they will make their home in Tillsonburg.

The bride is a graduate of Brantford General Hospital.

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The hunters returning from Northern Ontario last week-end were Alex Slaght, Kenneth Mann, Lyle Davis, Glen Davis, Fred Sherman, Fred Church, Clarence Tichbourne, Nate McMullen, Cliff Racher and F. DeGroot.

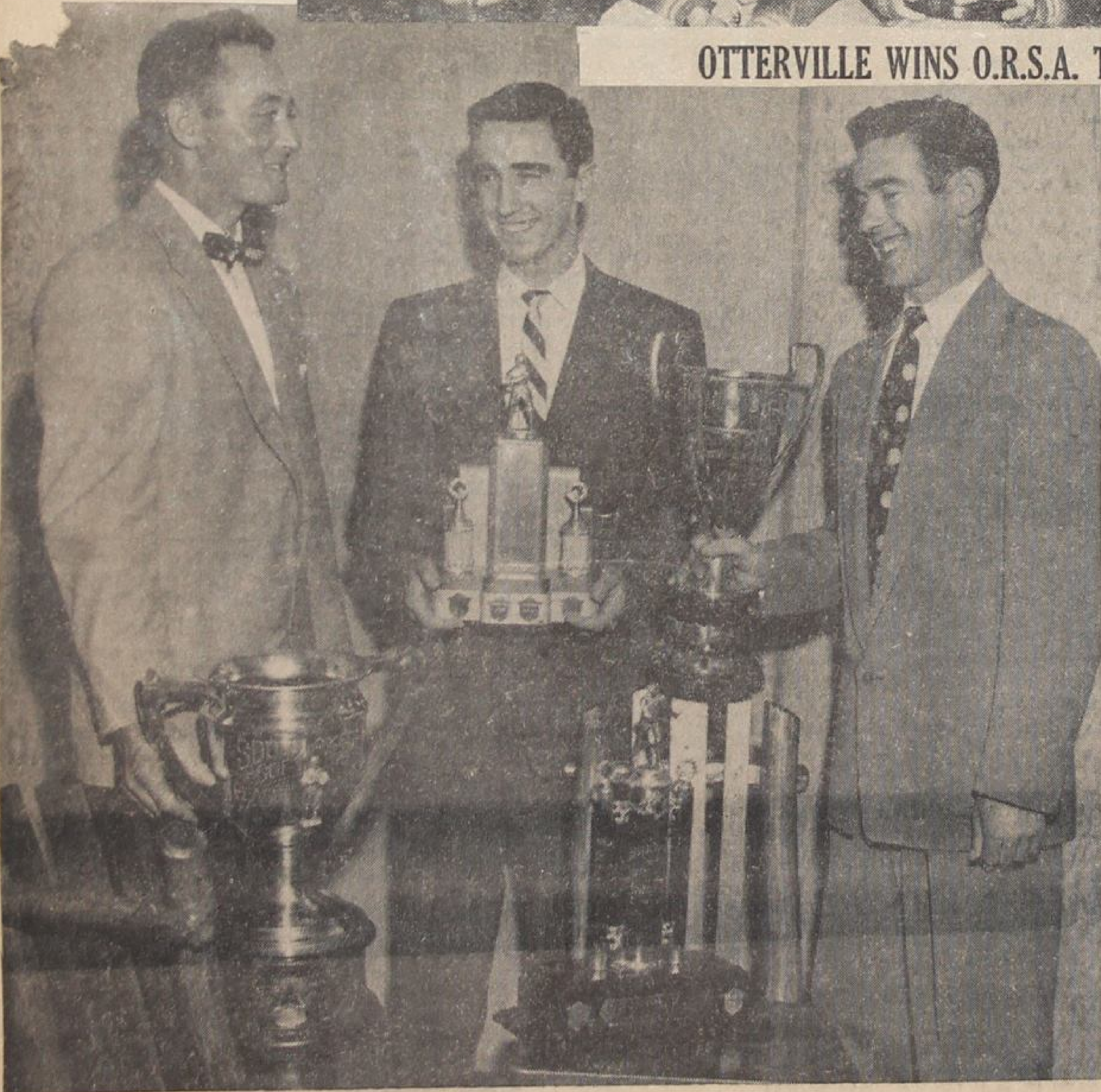
H. W. McDougall, chairman of the canvassing for the blind which has just been completed in the village, reports a very generous response. Those collecting were Don Neale, Mel Beacroft, Reg. Wavell, Harry Cookman, Jack Church, Mrs. Alex Slaght, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Murray Downing, Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. H. A. Waring, Miss Ollie Miller and Mrs. Carl Howse.

Rector E. C. Grey conducted a christening service in the St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday afternoon when James Walter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee, was baptized.

A number of the ladies of St. John's Guild attended the St. Charles' Church bazaar.



OTTERVILLE WINS O.R.S.A. TROPHY



ALL THAT GLITTERS — Shown above with three of the Otterville team's star players are four of the five trophies the crack ball team captured in this year's campaigning. Bob Smith, the mainstay of the Otter pitching staff, is on the left with the South Oxford League Trophy. Catcher Joe McElhone, centre, holds the South Oxford play-off trophy. Captain Tom Furlong, right fielder, holds the Charles Thorne Trophy, emblematic of the O.R.S.A. Intermediate "B" championship. Below that is the Bill Nixon Trophy, won in a Woodstock tournament. The All-Ontario cup was not available.

Otterville Softball team won the O. R. S. A. Association trophy Wednesday, night, Oct. 16th when Smithville defaulted the deciding game of two out of three series. Otterville Champions of Intermediate B. played Smithville A. Champs.

Otterville won the first game played here 4-3. Smithville evened the series when they outscored Otterville 7-3 in a game played at Smithville.

Otterville have won five trophies this summer. The Nixon Trophy for winning a tournament at Woodstock May 24th, the Oxford Softball league trophy for finishing in first place. A trophy for winning the play off of the South Oxford Softball league and finally the Charles Thorne trophy or winning the Intermediate B. O. R. S. A. Championship.

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The Eternal Goodness
I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care

JOHN G. WHITTIER

In Memoriam

—o—

Died, at Hamilton, Wednesday
October 23rd, 1957

Mrs. Henrietta Mabel Kerr
formerly of Otterville
widow of John Carmen Kerr
in her 72nd year

Resting at the Addison Funeral
Home, Otterville, where friends
will be received

The Funeral

Service will be held in the Funeral
Home

Saturday, October 26th
at 2 o'clock, D. S. T.

Rebekah Service, Friday Evening
at 8 o'clock

Interment in Otter Cemetery
Otterville

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH NORWICH

Tax Bill for the Year 1957

Date of demand: October 1st, 1957

Roll No. 150

Assessment, \$ 2425.00

Lot 23,45 B

Concession 8

Mr. s. Winnifred McMullen

OTTERVILLE

The Province of Ontario Reduces the 1957 levy against the Ratepayers of the Township of South Norwich, by contributing the following amounts:

	Provincial Payments	Mills
Education Grants	\$ 62,562.12	15.3538
Highway Grants	\$ 46,626.00	11.4428
Welfare Grants	\$ 721.73	.1771
Unconditional Grants:		
contributions to assist in the costs of,		
(a) the administration of justice	\$ 8,661.40	2.308
(b) welfare and social services, indigent and unemployment relief, hospitalization and institutional care and other services	\$ 1,500.00	.3681
Other Grants	\$ 1,555.58	.3817
TOTAL PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE	\$121,626.83	30.0315
Education Levy	\$ 70,544.19	17.3127
Municipal Levy	\$ 65,345.06	16.0368

NOTICE

A penalty of 2% will be added to all unpaid taxes after the 15th day of December, 1957, and interest at the rate of 1/2 of 1% per calendar month will be added after the 31st day of December, 1957.

Taxes may be paid at the Royal Bank, Otterville, or at the Collector's Office, Otterville. Taxes will also be received at the Royal Bank, Tillsonburg, at an extra charge of ten cents.

H. K. PARSON, Collector, Otterville.

POLICE VILLAGE of OTTERVILLE

County	8.0255	
Park and Hall	.5	
Library	.39	
Village General	9.0626	17.9781
		38.00

NOTE: Per Capita Grant Reduces Farm and Residential by 2.308 mills.

Street Lights	1.732	
Water Debenture	2.	3.732
		9.05

TOWNSHIP of SOUTH NORWICH

County	8.0255	
Park and Hall	.5	
Township, general	8.9061	17.4316

NOTE: Per Capita Grant Reduces Farm and Residential by 2.308 mills.

South Norwich School Area:

Municipal Grant	1.3	
Debentures	1.6796	
Trustee Levy	8.124	11.1036
		26.93

North Norwich School Area:

M. G.	1.3	
T. L.	17.194	18.494

School Section No. 15:

Debentures	3.221	
Trustee Levy	8.79	12.011

School Section No. 12:

M. G.	1.3	
T. L.	7.005	8.355

Tillsonburg Separate School 12.0

Delhi Separate School 10.3

LaSalette Separate School 8.0

High School Areas:

Tillsonburg	6.183	
Norwich District	5.803	
Delhi	7.17576	
		14.07

Total amount of Taxes for year 1957

\$ 88.05

E. & O. E.

ALL CHEQUES MUST BE PAYABLE AT PAR

Mrs. George Slaghi
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Lenora Kathleen
to
Mr. Bill Wellington Hilliker
on Saturday, October the fifth
nineteen hundred and fifty-seven
at two-thirty p.m.
Otterville United Church
Otterville, Ontario

Reception at
Church Parlour

R.S.V.P.



*Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cole
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of Mrs. Cole's daughter
Daisy Marie De Voogdt*

to

*Mr. William Robert Carpenter
on Saturday, November the twenty-third
nineteen hundred and fifty-seven
at two-thirty o'clock
Trinity Anglican Church
Waterford, Ontario*

*Reception at 4 o'clock
Canadian Legion Memorial Hall
Simcoe, Ontario*

R.S.V.P.



MARRIED at Trinity Anglican Church, Waterford, on Saturday, November 23, 1957, were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carpenter. The bride in the former Marie DeVoogdt, daughter of Mrs. Andrew Cole of Waterford and the late Carl DeVoogdt. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carpenter. The couple will reside at 85 Kent St. N., Simcoe. (Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe).

Former Resident Honored

Miss Marie DeVoogdt of Waterford and a former resident of Otterville was honored by many of her friends on Wednesday evening in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church on the occasion of her marriage which takes place in the Anglican Church in Waterford on Saturday of this week to Mr. Robert Carpenter Simcoe. The members of St. John's Club of which the bride-elect was a former member had charge of the arrangements for the evening. Miss Catharine McMullen called the gathering to order and the bride-to-be was assisted by Mrs. Max Hart of Tillsonburg in opening the gifts. *Nov 157*

The remainder of the evening was spent in playing euchre and crokinole and the prizes were won by Mrs. Wellington Armstrong and Mrs. Nate McMullen for the euchre and by Miss Hilda Ostrander and Mrs. Bruce Addlington for the crokinole.

The ladies served dainty refreshments at the close of the evening and Miss DeVoogdt thanked her many friends for the gifts and the pleasant time spent.

EXCHANGE VOWS AT WATERFORD

Trinity Anglican Church, Waterford, was the setting of a pretty wedding on Saturday, November 23, at 2:30 o'clock, when Daisy Marie DeVoogdt, daughter of Mrs. Andrew Cole of Waterford and the late Carl De Voogdt, exchanged marriage vows with William Robert Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Carpenter of Simcoe.

Rev. U. K. Blake, minister of the church, officiated. Soloist was Ronald Collier of Otterville and Mrs. Nate McMullen, also of Otterville, acted as accompanist.

Given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr. Andrew Cole, the bride was charming in a white floor-length gown of silk organza, fashioned on Princess lines, with a sabrina neckline, and lily-point sleeves. The skirt was enhanced with fly-back panels that extended into a slight train. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The bride was attended by Mrs. Max Hart of Tillsonburg, a friend, who acted as matron of honor. She was attired in a red velvet waltz-length gown styled on Princess lines with bracelet sleeves. She wore a matching feather hat and carried a bouquet of red carnations and white 'mums.

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Best man was Wesley Carpenter of Simcoe. Ronald Bezzo and Daniel Carter, both of Simcoe, friends of the groom, ushered.

A reception was held at the Canadian Legion Memorial Hall, Simcoe. The bride's mother was attired in a teal blue street-length dress of crepe satin, worn with white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The groom's mother wore a green wool street-length dress of tweed, black accessories and a corsage of bronze shade 'mums.

For travelling, the bride changed into a Royal blue street-length dress of crepe, champagne shade accessories and a silver sand shade Borg top coat and corsage of red roses.

Guests were present from Hartford, Conn., and New York.

The couple will reside at 85 Kent St. N., Simcoe.

Garbett-McLennan

A quiet wedding was solemnized at First Baptist Church, Saturday, November 30, at 4 o'clock, when Rev. L. E. Wilton, minister of the church, united in marriage Mrs. Gertrude McLennan of 31 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg, and Jack Garbett of Brantford.

The attendants were the former's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Hurley of 33 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg.

The couple will reside at 42 Curtis St., Brantford.

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PICKERSGILL, MRS. EDITH
M., 75, Delhi, formerly of Springford and Bookton. Survived by five sons, Cleveland and William, St. Thomas; Raymond, Avon; Harry, Otterville; Maxwell, Kitchener; five daughters, Mrs. Harry Jones and Mrs. Elmer Cavanagh, London; Mrs. Leon Demeester Sr., Springford; Mrs. Clarence Douglas, Otterville; Mrs. Ben Robins, Delhi; one sister, Mrs. Velma Boughner, Pontiac, Mich.; and three brothers, Charles and Elmer Newell, Springford; and Alvin, RR 1, Norwich. Service Sunday 3 p.m., at Otterville. Interment in Bookton Cemetery. *Nov 1-3/57*

Mrs. Edith M. Pickersgill

OTTERVILLE (C)—Mrs. Edith Mabel Pickersgill, widow of Norman L. Pickersgill of Otterville, died at Victoria Hospital, London, early Friday morning after several weeks' illness. *Nov 1-3/57*

Born at Springford nearly 76 years ago, she was the daughter of the late Harry Newell and Mary Buckberrough, and spent her early life in the Springford district. After her marriage she lived in the Bookton and Otterville area until going to Delhi about 12 years ago.

Her husband predeceased her 15 years ago and she is survived by five sons and five daughters, Cleveland Pickersgill, and William Pickersgill of St. Thomas; Raymond of Avon, Harry of Otterville, Maxwell of Kitchener; Mrs. Harry Jones and Mrs. Elmer Cavanagh of London; Mrs. Leon Demeester, Sr., of Springford, Mrs. Clarence Douglas of Otterville and Mrs. Benjamin Robbins of Delhi. She also leaves 37 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Velma Boughner, of Pontiac, and three brothers, Charles and Elmer Newell of Springford and Alvin Newell, R.R. 2, Norwich.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville where the funeral was held on Sunday. Rev. G. L. Stebner, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church, officiated. Interment in the Bookton Cemetery.

Walter C. Nash

OTTERVILLE (C) — Walter C. Nash of 42 James St., Burlington, a former resident of Otterville, died at his residence Sunday, November 17. He was born in England 53 years ago and came to Canada in 1909.

He resided in Embro before coming to Otterville and Burlington. He was a member of Burlington Masonic Lodge, No. 165, and past patron of Lakeview Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are his widow, the former Isabel Bain; two sons, George of Burlington and Donald of South America; two daughters, Mrs. Philip Fisher (Jean) of Burlington, and Lorna at home; his father, Sidney Nash of Windsor; and one brother, George, also of Windsor; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Hickey of Detroit, Mrs. Gertrude Dawes of England and Miss Monica of Windsor.

The body rested at the Southall Funeral Home and interment was made in Greenwood Cemetery.



IN A PRETTY CEREMONY at the parsonage of the United Church, Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gehring exchanged nuptial vows before Rev. Donald Morrison. The bride is the former Grace Eckert, daughter of Mrs. Alex Takach of R.R. 5, Aylmer, and the late Anthony Eckert. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gehring of Otterville. (Seidon Studio, Tillsonburg)

TOM FURLONG WED TO ALMA KUMM 1957

A wedding of interest was solemnized at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, November 16, at 2:30 o'clock, when Alma Mae Kumm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kumm of 27 Durham St., Tillsonburg, became the bride of Thomas Charles Furlong, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Furlong of Otterville. Rev. R. D. MacDonald officiated at the pretty ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a royal blue suit, with beige accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Donna Kumm, who was attired in a red suit, worn with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Brother of the groom, Bob Furlong of Otterville, was best man.

A reception for 90 guests was held in the parlour of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. The dinner was prepared by Miss Marion Hockey of Ostrander; Mrs. William Morrice, Mrs. H. King, Mrs. W. Libert and Mrs. W. Jenson, all of Tillsonburg.

Waitresses were Misses Linda Lee, Barbara Magee, June Morrice and Fran Wingrave.

The bride's mother wore sapphire blue street-length dress, and a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother was attired in a black street-length dress and a corsage of yellow rosebuds.

Following a wedding trip to Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Furlong will reside in Tillsonburg.

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PRETTY WEDDING AT OTTERVILLE

In a pretty ceremony at the parsonage of the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, November 16, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the church, united in marriage Margaret Grace Eckert, daughter of Mrs. Alex Takach of R.R. 5, Aylmer, and the late Anthony Eckert, and Gordon George Gehring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gehring of Otterville.

Attired in a Dior blue street-length dress of crystallette, figured with gold, and fashioned with an Empire waistline and stand-up collar, the bride wore black accessories, a matching hat of velvet and carried a white prayer book enhanced with white feathered carnations, centred with a white gardenia and ribboning.

She was attended by the sister of the groom, Mrs. Jack Drew of Tillsonburg, who wore a Wedgewood blue street-length dress of crystal charm, fashioned with a scoop neckline and bracelet sleeves, brown accessories, and brown feathered cloche, and wore a corsage of Johanna Hill roses tied with a ribbon to match her ensemble.

Best man was Jack Drew of Tillsonburg, brother-in-law of the groom.

Fifty guests were present at the reception held at the Arlington Hotel, Tillsonburg. The bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake, flanked by arrangements of red roses and lighted tapers.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother wore a sapphire blue street-length dress, black shoes with matching purse, a winter white hat and gloves, and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother was attired in a cinnamon colored street-length dress of brocade, worn with brown accessories and a brown hat of valour with a cinnamon shade ostrich plume, and a corsage of bronze mums.

The bride's gift to the matron of honor was a two-strand pearl necklace; to the best man, engraved cuff links and tie clip.

For going away, the bride topped her ensemble with a matching velvet wrap, worn with a corsage of white carnations, centred with a white gardenia.

Following their return from a wedding trip to Montreal and points east, Mr. and Mrs. Gehring will reside in Otterville.

Guests were present from Woodstock, Kitchener, Embro, Burgessville, Aylmer, Delhi, Otterville, Tillsonburg, Hamilton and Brampton.



UNITED IN MARRIAGE in a pretty wedding at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, November 16, 1957, at 2:30 o'clock were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furlong. The bride is the former Alma Kumm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kumm of 27 Durham St., Tillsonburg. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Furlong of Otterville.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 10th, 1957 == 12:45 p.m.

WORLD WAR I CENOTAPH

LAST POST
TWO MINUTES SILENCE
REVEILLE
LAYING OF WREATHS

WORLD WAR II PLAQUE

LAYING OF WREATHS

PAVILION

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
CALL TO WORSHIP — REV. W. E. NICHOLLS

HYMN

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word;
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee till death. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

ADDRESS — REV. E. C. GREY

PRAYER

HYMN

DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
The coolness of Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm! Amen.

BENEDICTION.

1957
Everett Mountain

OTTERVILLE (C) — Everett Mountain, a resident of Otterville for the past 34 years, died in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Friday morning following a heart attack. He has been in poor health for some time, and was taken to hospital on Tuesday.

Born in Todmorden, near Toronto, 63 years ago, he spent his early life there, and then lived at Milton before coming to Otterville where he farmed until 1937.

He is survived by his wife, the former Josephine McMullen, and one son and one daughter, Grant Mountain of Otterville and Mrs. Laverne Morgan of Midland, Mich. His youngest son, Brock, was killed in an automobile accident last spring. Mr. Mountain also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Sid and Jack Mountain, Mrs. Ada Featherstone and Miss Myrtle Mountain, all of Milton, and six grandchildren.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home where service was conducted Monday by Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment in the Otter Cemetery.

Everett Mountain

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Everett Mountain, who passed away on Friday morning was held at the Addison and Son Funeral Home on Monday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Rev. Donald Morrison conducted the service and Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played a number of favorite hymns before and after the service.

Among the beautiful floral tributes were a wreath from The Neighbors, The Violet Rebekah Lodge, Gideon Bibles and a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society also

the St. John's Episcopal Church at Midland.

The bearers, who also acted as flower bearers were, Carl Howse, Fred Howse, Edward Moore, Clarence Silverthorn, John E. Davis and William G. McMullen.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman of R.R. 1, Otterville, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Sharon Julianne, to Mr. John William Bruce, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bruce of Norwich. The wedding will take place on Saturday, November 16, 1957, at 2:30 o'clock in Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich.

William John Jury

OTTERVILLE (C) — William John Jury, 76 years of age, a retired farmer, died at his home in Hawtrey, South Norwich, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Jury was born at Sillingborn, England, and came to Canada about 65 years ago. He lived first at Collingwood but the greater part of his life he lived at Hawtrey.

Mr. Jury served in the 56th Battalion in the First War and spent two years overseas.

He is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Lily Neville at home, Mrs. Hosea Boughner of R. R. No. 2 Delhi, William Jury of R.R. No. 2 LaSalette, Robert Jury of R.R. No. 2 Delhi; also two sisters and one brother in England, and seven grandchildren.

His wife predeceased him two years ago November 3.

Funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home on Sunday which was filled to seating capacity with relatives, neighbors and friends. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played favorite hymns before and after the service.

Rev. E. C. Grey of St. John's Anglican Church had charge of the service and George H. Davis sang "Nearer My God To Thee."

The room was filled with many floral tributes. Bearers were members of Legion Branch 125, Art Sayer, Edward Sayer, Fred Wilkshire, Leslie Greenland, Ernest Pratt and John Shultz.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

S. A. Treffry

OTTERVILLE — Funeral services for the late Samuel Edgar Treffry, who passed away in Victoria Hospital, London, were held at the Addison Funeral home on Tuesday afternoon and were largely attended.

Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the United Church, had charge of the service and Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played favorite hymns before and after the service, also accompanied Mrs. Ronald Colver who sang "Sometime We'll Understand."

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were pieces from organizations of the Massey-Harris in Brantford where the late Mr. Treffry's son was an employee, as well as "The Otterville Neighbors." Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and several Gideon Bibles were also placed in memory.

The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Art Moore, Burton Broad, Andrew Childs, Vivian Rachar, Murray Holmes and W. G. McMullen. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. DEC 3

Late Mrs Doad Bowman

Rev. G. L. Stebner, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church, acting in the absence through illness of the Rev. A. Jackson, pastor of the Kelvin United Church, conducted the largely attended funeral service for the late Mrs. Doad Bowman, at the Arn & Son uneral residence on Wednesday afternoon.

The specious funeral home was crowded to the door by those who came to pay a last tribute of respect to a valued neighbour and friend. Lovely floral tributes, too, were further tokens of love and esteem. Mr. Stebner paid tribute to Mrs. Bowman's faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ and her devotion to Him. During the service George Lowe, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Patterson, sang a favorite hymn, Saved by Grace. Bearers were: Archie Thompson, Fred Thompson, Arthur McCombs, Bristol and Bruce Roswell and Crosby Davidson. Interment was made in the Teeterville cemetery.

Mrs. Bowman was the former Leila Maud Shellington. She was born near Northfield 58 years ago and, but for five years lived in Brantford, had lived in the Kelvin vicinity all her life. She died in the Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg on Sunday, Dec. 15, in her 59th year. When she was younger she was a most excellent, practical nurse and as such ministered lovingly in many homes. Through the years Mrs. Bowman was called upon to assist in many homes where there was illness and her personality was such that she seemed to bring healing in wake. She was ever willing to assist when she was called. For the past two or three years she had not been well and she had a favorite tree on the lawn where she loved to sit and relax. It was significant that little grass grew under that tree, for it was trampled out by the feet of small children who loved her company and who came there to hear her tell them stories, to read to them and to play at will. Her sweet influence will remain with them through their lives.

Mrs. Bowman was an adherent of the Kelvin United Church and was active in the Women's organizations as long as health permitted.

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Surviving are her husband, one brother, Bert Shellington, Kelvin; three sisters, Mrs. V. Elliott, (Myrtle) Niagara Falls;

Mrs. Duncan Davey, (Nellie) Brantford; Mrs. Alvin Newell, (Ila) Springford. DEC 18.

Late Isabella Patterson

Isabella Patterson of Otterville died in the Soldiers Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg Monday morning.

Born at Hawtrey she was the daughter of the late Wm. Arthur and Elizabeth Hunter and lived there until after her marriage. She had lived at Toronto and Shelbourne and came with her family to Otterville last March. Deceased had been in poor health for the past two years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by her husband Harvey Roy Patterson, and one daughter, Mrs. Hale of Otterville, an adopted daughter Mrs. Ialene Wrigglesworth of Toronto and one grandson Frank Hale. She also leaves one sister Mrs. Thomas Arthur of Otterville.

Funeral service was held from the Addison Funeral Home on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery.

Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church conducted the service.

Late Mrs. Thomas Quintin

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Thomas Quintin were held from the Addison Funeral Home on Monday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends from Detroit, Brantford, Sarnia, Oxford Centre and other places.

Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church had charge of the service. The floral tributes placed were from the Otterville Neighbours, the Michigan Bank Behr-Manning, Social and Athletic Club.

The pall bearers were George McElhone, Joseph McElhone, Martin Smith, Fred Walther, R. M. Holmes and Ernest Treffry.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral Dec 18/57 played-ho-sing

COURAGEOUS CHAPTER HOLDS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The singing of Christmas carols, a tap-dancing team act, and an unexpected visit by Santa Claus, added to the festivities Tuesday evening at the Orange Hall, when the annual Christmas party was held by members of H.M.S. Courageous Chapter, I.O.D.E.

A buffet supper was served with a good turn-out of members present. Miniature Christmas trees, laden with gumdrops, candy favors and a Yuletide arrangement decorated the table.

Master of ceremonies for the program was Mrs. J. S. Lambden. Carols were sung. Two readings, "The Gold and Ivory Tablecloth" and "A String of Pearls," were given by Vice-Regent Mrs. Irene McDonough.

Special guests were Misses Marlene and Barbara Finch, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finch of Otterville, who performed a tap-dancing act.

Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville acted as accompanist for the evening.

Much merriment was caused when Santa Claus made his debut and stayed to distribute gifts.

A short business period was held, presided over by Regent Mrs. Wallace Caswell. Secretary Mrs. Charles Swatridge read the minutes, and during correspondence, read a letter of thanks from Stan Main, president of the Oxford County Unit, Canadian Cancer Society, for the gifts donated by members to the Sunshine Gift Cupboard last month; and a thank you note from Miss Mary Travis for the flowers received during her recent illness. Mrs. I. McDonough personally thanked members for flowers received. Mrs. J. S. Lambden gave the financial statement for treasurer Mrs. Kingston Ashbaugh.

Brief reports were given by Echoes secretary, Mrs. Hartley Smith; wool convener, Mrs. M. B. Kent, and flower convener, Mrs. R. Snell.

Mrs. J. A. Millidge, on behalf of

the members, thanked the convener and her committee for the enjoyable meal.

Mrs. Ivor Mann won the mystery prize for having a birthday closest to Christmas Day.

St. John's S.S. Presents Concert

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Anglican Sunday School and Congregational Christmas supper and concert was Dec. 13 under the convenership of St. John's Club. Over 75 sat down to a bountiful pot-luck supper. Mr. Carl Howse superintendant acted as chairman for the evening.

Best attendance prizes were awarded to Susan and Kathryn Jardine, Marlin and Doreen Howse, Pat and Lois Durkee. A monologue with 16 children taking part was presented by Catharine McMullen's Class. Two tap-dance numbers were given by Marlene and Barbara Finch, two guitar solos by Juanetta McMullen. Carols by Audrey Jardine's class, songs by Mrs. Carl Howse's class, carols by entire Sunday School, recitations by Michael, Josie and Janie Mountain, Paul Wavell, Richard Picknell, Sharie Rachar, Ollie Lees, Brenda Pickersgill, Barbara Finch, Wenas Spicer, Kathy Jardine.

After the concert Santa arrived to distribute the gifts and bags of candy. The organist Mrs. Nate McMullen was presented with an electric coffee maker for her many years of faithful attendance.



DEC 21 Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pennington
(Photo by Gasparatto)

NORWICH — The Rev. J. G. Cruikshank officiated at a wedding in the United Church here when Ruth Elizabeth Fidler, Brampton, became the bride of Gordon Alexander Pennington. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford M. Fidler, RR 1, Norwich, are parents of the bride and the groom is the son of Mrs. Daisy Pennington, Otterville.

The bride chose a floor-length gown of white net and lace styled with a hoop skirt and jacket featuring a Peter Pan collar and short sleeves. Her embroidered fingertip veil was held by a crescent shaped head-dress of tulle and sequins and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white 'mums. She also wore an heirloom gold bracelet worn by her grandmother and great-grandmother on their wedding days.

Miss Joan Fidler was maid of honor for her sister wearing a gown of blue net over taffeta. Another sister, Miss Nancy Fidler, was bridesmaid dressed in pink lace over taffeta.

Gordon Gehring was groomsman and ushers were Norman D. Fidler and Brent L. Pennington.

For traveling, the bride donned a powder blue wool

dress, with brown coat and yellow and brown accessories. The couple will live in Brampton.

The bride is a graduate of London Teachers' College and the groom is attending Hamilton Teachers' College.

The Making of a Scholar

By John K. Elliott

IN ALL THE current discussion about the short-comings of our present educational system little care is given to what actually makes a scholar. In contrast to current generalities is a little book by Prof. Donald Creighton, noted for his biography of Sir John A. Macdonald, in which he pays tribute to a former colleague. He calls the book "Harold Adams Innis — Portrait of a Scholar."

It is of special interest to us because the subject attained his early schooling in Western Ontario, in our neighboring county of Oxford.

The story of how this farm boy, backed and encouraged by his parents, became a pioneer in Canada in the developing field of economic history is a striking object lesson.

James Innis, a United Empire Loyalist, was the Canadian founder of the family into which, four generations later, the young scholar was born. His mother, Mary Adams, was the daughter of an immigrant from Scotland, and was a woman of considerable force of character, who had herself acquired more education than most of her contemporaries.



Harold A. Innis

Harold Adams Innis was the eldest son of Mary and her husband William Anson Innis. He was born in 1894 and grew up like any Ontario farm boy at the turn of the century. His primary schooling was at S.S. No. 1 South Norwich, situated half a mile away. His daily walk to and from school and his help with farm chores made a physical education program unnecessary.

In 1905 he passed his entrance and then attended Otterville High School for two years, walking the two miles each way. To attain his matric he had to go to the collegiate at Woodstock. This meant walking to Otterville, catching the seven o'clock train for Woodstock, traveling 20 miles on the train and walking a mile from the railway station to the collegiate. After school the journey was reversed.

It was arduous but, as Prof. Creighton says, it had a definite effect. "From the beginning he knew that he must succeed. He could not admit the possibility of failure. There was too much at stake. His parents, in paying his fees and providing him with clothes and railway fares, were something, though perhaps not a great deal, out of pocket. They had sacrificed more in foregoing his help about the farm; and he himself, in the daily journey to and from Woodstock, had put an enormous amount of time and exertion into the business of getting an education. All this effort must not be in vain; he must try his best to justify it; and he put every ounce of his ability and energy into the struggle."

Perhaps that may sound like a rough background for an education. He managed to

teach for a short time and secured sufficient funds to start at McMaster University, then in Toronto. Getting through there also meant exertion and the careful use of every penny.

When the First World War came along he managed to finish his own course before going overseas, where he was seriously wounded. His return brought problems. Should he go in for law, or for the Baptist ministry, as his father hoped?

The sturdy independence built up through struggle decided him to go into what was a virtually new field. He got together enough money, part of it his gratuity, and went to the University of Chicago, where he acquired a Ph. D. in economics, and a wife who was to be his able partner through his career.

He also started the studies which virtually opened a new field of economic history in Canada. His thesis on the Canadian Pacific Railroad directed his attention, and that of later scholars, to the part transportation and trade has played in the development of Canada.

Later he followed this up with his monumental studies "The Fur Trade in Canada" and "The Cod Fisheries." For both books he did on-the-spot studies which carried him from the Mackenzie River district to Newfoundland.

But his traveling and writing were only part of his active life. He was an active teacher for more than 30 years, rising from lecturer in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto to head of the department and later dean of the Graduate School. He also helped start the Commerce course at Varsity.

The going was not always smooth. Sometimes he was blocked in what he thought should be done by campus politics — which usually produced an explosion. But he made a host of friends and became known as one of the elder statesmen in the field of education.

He was honored by his profession, serving as president of the American Economic Association, and he turned down an attractive offer to return to the University of Chicago. He had given his heart to Canada.

Canada demanded a good deal too. Prof. Innis served on two major commissions, one on maritime rights and one on transportation in Canada. The latter, headed by W. F. Turgeon, demanded a great expenditure of energy.

One of Prof. Creighton's most interesting sketches is the attitude of Prof. Innis to the ideas of the new Co-Operative Commonwealth Federation, in which some of his colleagues played a leading role. The boy who had won his education the hard way in Oxford County placed too much value on individual freedom to be attracted by socialism. Indeed the developments of the last years of his life, which ended in 1952, threatened many of the things he believed in and continued to battle for. He was a scholar and a worker to the end and Prof. Creighton pays eloquent and heartfelt tribute.

Harold Adams Innis—portrait of a scholar, by Donald Creighton (University of Toronto Press).

Annual Vestry Meeting

The annual Vestry meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church was largely attended in the Parish Hall. The meeting opened with prayer by the Rector, Rev. E. C. Grey. Miss Catharine McMullen was appointed secretary for the meeting. Splendid reports were heard from the various departments of the church which showed the loyal interest each and every member has had in their work throughout the year.

Reports were heard as follows: Junior W. A., Mrs. Fred Howse; Ladies Guild, Mrs. Nate McMullen; St. John's Church Guild, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; Cemetery and Lot Fund, Carl Howse; Organ Fund, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Chancel Guild, Mrs. Jack Riste; General Church and Budget Report, Carl Howse; The Rector gave a report of his work throughout the year and all reports showed a good balance on hand. There was no report of the Rectory account.

Those appointed for office were People's Warden, Arthur Picknell; Rector's Warden, Carl Howse; Church Treasurer and Budget Secretary, Mr. Carl Howse; Organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Auditors, Mrs. D. Spicer and Mrs. H. Pickersgill; Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Carl Howse; Sidesmen, Richard Saunders, Nate McMullen, Charles Furlong, Fred Howse; Delegates to Synod, Carl Howse and Arthur Picknell; Vestry Clerk, Catharine McMullen.

A children's service was under discussion and the members decided that a Children's service would be held the second Sunday of each month. Though they are cordially invited to remain in the church service they may be dismissed through the singing of the second hymn of the church service. The Sunday School hour will remain at 10.30 to 11.30 a.m.

Carl Howse who has just completed 23 years of service in the Sunday School work and for the past 21 years who has been the Superintendent thanked the Rector, Rev. E. C. Grey, all organizations, for their untiring efforts in the Church work.

The members of the St. John's Church Club served refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Guild Re-Elects Mrs. S. Riches

OTTERVILLE (C)—The annual meeting of the St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Thursday afternoon and was largely attended.

The president, Mrs. Stanley Riches, presided.

Mrs. Young and Mrs. Richard Saunders were appointed as a committee to meet with the ladies of the other churches to arrange for the World Day of Prayer. Dues for the Guild and birthday pledges were paid. The members were reminded of the congregational vestry meeting to be held in the Parish hall on Friday, January 17, at 8 p.m.

The next meeting will be held this week at the home of Mrs. Frank Finch and the members decided to hold their meetings every week during the winter months. Sewing was given to the members and the annual financial reports were given by secretary Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and the financial report for the Guild as well as the organ fund report were given by Mrs. Nate McMullen.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Stanley Riches; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Fred Howse; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Frank Finch; secretary, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; assistant, Mrs. Lena Young.

Buying committee, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Lena Young and Mrs. George Wavell; sewing committee, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. Andrew Childs, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins, Mrs. W. Armstrong and Mrs. Gordon McMullen.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Fred Howse in serving refreshments.

St. John's Club Has Election

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Church Club held their first meeting of the new year at the home of Mrs. K. Jack Riste with a good attendance.

The president, Mrs. Frank Finch, presided for the meeting. All offices were declared vacant and Mrs. Jack Riste presided for the election of officers.

President, Mrs. Gordon McMullen; vice-president, Mrs. J. Lees; secretary, Miss Maude Hussey; treasurer, Miss Catharine McMullen; press reporter, Mrs. H. Pickersgill; good cheer convener, Miss Eva Deveney; social committee, convener, Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Al Jardine, Mrs. Frank Finch; auditors, Mrs. Hasilo and Miss Eva Deveney.

Following the business part of the meeting games of cards were enjoyed, each receiving a prize.

The hostess was assisted in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Entertain Rebekah Assembly President

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Violet Rebekah Lodge joined with the members of Delhi and Harrietsville Lodges in being joint hostesses for the meeting at Delhi on Monday evening.

The president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario was present. Other distinguished guests were Vice-president Mrs. Mabel Mabee of Tillsonburg and the district deputy president of East St. Thomas district.

Members of the Otterville Lodge conferred the degree. Delhi Lodge opened the meeting and Harrietsville members closed the meeting.

Other visitors were present from Simcoe, Norwich, Harrietsville and Otterville. The members served dainty refreshments and a social time was enjoyed.

Members Assist Church Repair



An expected "shoring" task at Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, developed into a major renovation job and many members of the congregation are assisting the work on a voluntary basis. Here, from left, Joe Graves, Fred Slosse and George Duma take part in repairing the church's deteriorating interior.

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ELLINGTON-DAVIS NUPTIALS SPOKEN

OTTERVILLE (C) — A pretty mid-winter wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents at Otterville on Saturday at 2 p.m., when Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church, united in marriage Carolyn Davis, youngest daughter of Reeve and Mrs. George H. Davis, to Craig Ellington of Teeterville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellington.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was charming in a waltz-length gown of white crystalette, fashioned on princess style, with three-quarter length sleeve jacket with mandarin collar. Her fingertip veil of tulle was caught to a headdress of lace, beaded with pearls and sequins. A mauve orchid adorned the white Bible with long streamers.

Mrs. Jack Stanford of Teeterville, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and was attired in robin egg blue crystalette in princess style with sweetheart neckline, pleats at hipline and a bow on the side. She wore a blue crown for a matching headdress and carried a loose colonial bouquet of pink roses and white poms.

Keith Ellington of Teeterville, brother of the groom, acted as best man.

During the pretty ceremony Mrs. Wilfred Albright of Tillsonburg sang "O Perfect Love," and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. William A. McMullen of Otterville.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the hall of the Otterville United Church where 22 guests were served by the members of the Woman's Association.

The bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake, flanked by white candles and pink roses.

The bride's mother received the guests in a midnight blue sheath dress with satin trim and wore a corsage of pink roses and matching accessories. The groom's mother assisted in a grey sheath dress and a corsage of pink roses and matching accessories.

For a wedding trip to points in Canada and the United States the bride donned a sheath periwinkle blue with mauve taffeta cummerbund and matching fitted jacket with mandarin collar and periwinkle blue with navy accessories. A long blue Fulgornock coat and a mauve orchid completed her costume. Upon their return they will make their home in Otterville.

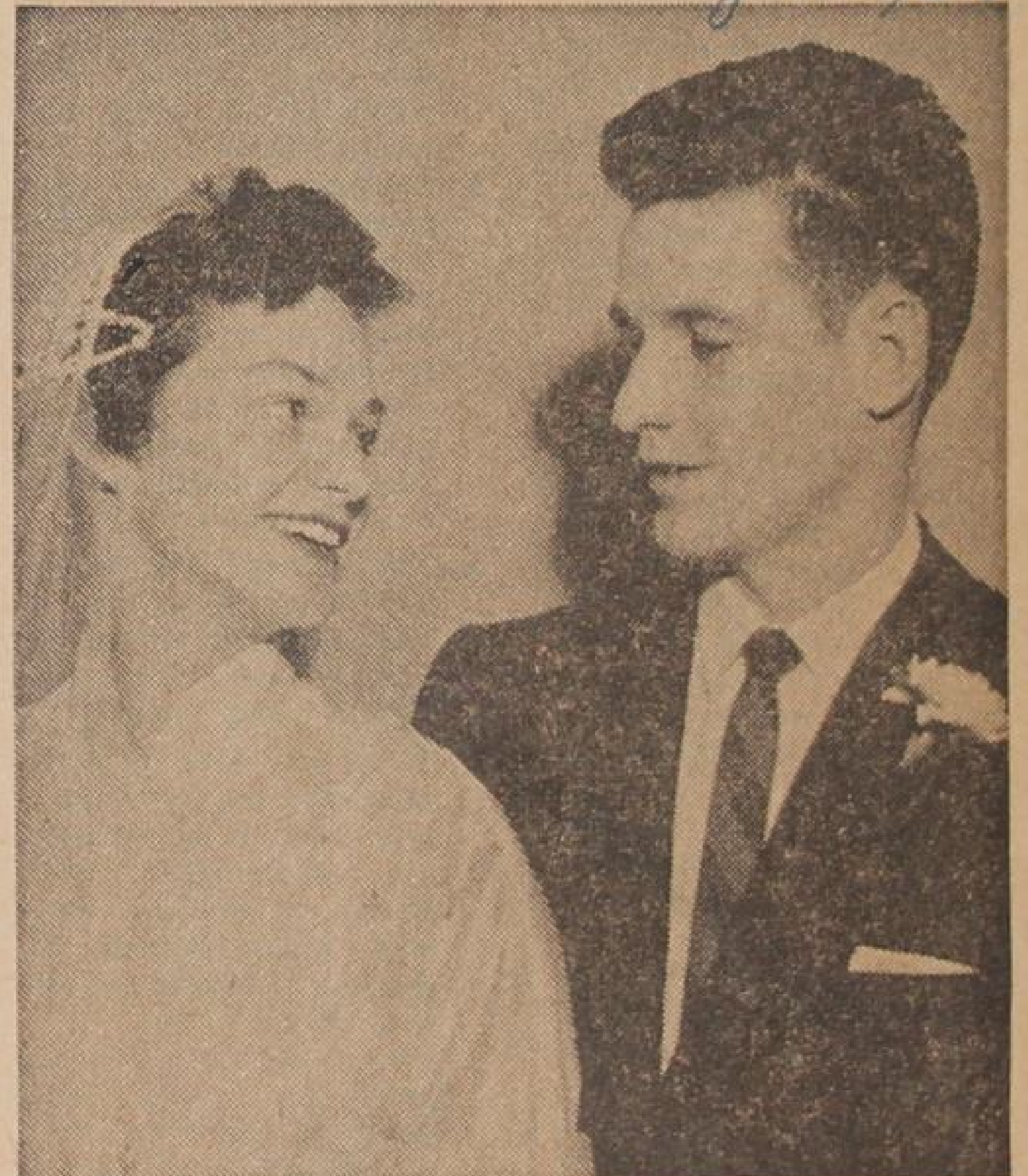
A guest of honor at the wedding was the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Marcel of Teeterville. Out-of-town guests were from Tillsonburg and Teeterville.



NEWLYWEDS, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Ellington exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, January 11, 1958, in a pretty mid-winter ceremony solemnized by Rev. Donald Morrison of the United Church, Otterville, at the home of the bride's parents, Reeve and Mrs. George H. Davis of Otterville. The groom is the son of Mrs. Fred Ellington of Teeterville. The couple will reside in Otterville.

Reeve's Daughter Wed

Jan. 11/58



The former Carolyn Davis, daughter of Reeve and Mrs. George H. Davis, Otterville, became the bride of Craig Ellington in a ceremony at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellington, Teeterville, are parents of the groom. The couple will live in Otterville. (Photo by Seldon)



HOLD SEWING CLASS — Fourteen ladies' attended the recent sewing course, sponsored by the Otterville Women's Institute and held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry. In charge of the course were Mrs. H. W. McDougall and Mrs. Jack Freeland. Projects in-

cluded layettes for Arab refugee babies and several other articles. Ladies included in the above picture are Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. Jean Hill, Mrs. Melba Nicholls, Mrs. Etta McSkimming, Mrs. Leita Wardell and Mrs. Jessie Daiken. (Photo by Seldon)

Golden Anniversary



A reception at their home near Otterville marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arnoli Hill. The couple have lived in South Norwich Tp. since their marriage and have two children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hill was organist at Otterville Baptist Church for several years and Mr. Hill served on the board of deacons. (Photo by Seldon).

Golden Wedding Anniversary

More than 100 relatives, friends and neighbours called at the lovely farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnoli Hill, 6th Con. South Norwich Township on Wednesday afternoon and evening to join them as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Throughout the afternoon and evening friends were present from London, Waterford, Norwich and district.

For the reception the spacious rooms were lovely with baskets of lovely roses, a gift from the Otterville Baptist Church. A

large basket of chrysanthemums from the neighbours and also from relatives in Bloomsburg, a pretty potted plant of spring flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walker of Beaconsfield, added much beauty to the rooms.

A three-year clock from the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Roy Hill and family added much color and charm.

During the afternoon and evening the guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Clinton and were assisted by Kenneth, Murray and Donald, grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

For the happy occasion, Mrs. Hill chose a turquoise figured silk dress and a corsage of pink roses.

David Hill and Audrey Clinton took charge of the Guest Book.

In the afternoon tea was poured by Mrs. Lena Fox of Springford and Mrs. Winnie Davis of Otterville.

The table was covered with a linen cloth in cutwork design and yellow roses, candles decorated in gold, and the three-tier Anniversary cake completed the setting.

The attentive waitresses were Mrs. Elmer Hannon, Norwich; Mrs. Sam Poole, Norwich Gore; Mrs. Paul Hill and granddaughters Lorna Hill and Marilyn Clinton.

In the evening tea was poured by Mrs. Ida Graham and Miss Ivy Pennington of Otterville. The waitresses were Mrs. Merle Graham, Holbrook and daughter; Mrs. Bert Hill and daughter Barbara; Mrs. Wm. Butler, Mrs. Charter Davis and Mrs. Ernest Wingrove.

During the day a telegram was received from Ottawa, from Wallace Nesbitt, M. P. Many gifts of china and other gifts as well as upwards of 100 cards and messages of congratulations were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the former Lazelle Tate were married at the home of the brides mother the late Mrs. Jane Tate, Otterville, Jan. 22nd, 1908 by Rev. W. Bunt, Pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church. Following their marriage they moved to their present farm home where Mr. Hill has been very successful in farming.

Both valued members of the Otterville Baptist Church, Mr. Hill served on the Board of Deacons and Mrs. Hill was organist in the church for many years.

They have two children Mrs. Delmer Clinton who lives a short distance from her parents and son Fred who lives on the farm with them. They have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Working behind the scene, keeping things running smoothly were friends and neighbours of Mrs. Hill and these were Mrs. Ernest Wingrove, Mrs. Clarence Singer and Mrs. Harold Waring.

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Left to right. — Back Row: Ralph Errington, Announcer; Terry Chattington, Salesman; Ken Orton, Program Director and Engineer; George D'Ambrose, Announcer; Larry McIntyre, Announcer; John Lamers, General Manager; Dan Luy-paert, Salesman. Centre: Cathie McMullen, Accountant; Thelma Hyatt, Women's Commenta-tor; Lois Yallop, Receptionist. Front: Jack Camp-bell, Commercial Manager; Julie Chanyi, Traffic Manager; Marilyn Baxter, Librarian; Jack Eaton, Announcer. Not present: Joe Horvath, Hungarian Announcer; Luke VanMaele, Belgian Announcer; Peter Seifert, German Announcer; Don Webster, Announcer; Bob Palmer, Operator.

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Remembered by Community
Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pennington (nee Ruth Fidlin) on their recent marriage about 75 friends and neighbours gathered at the Pleasant Valley School for a social time and to present them with a remembrance from the Community.

Mr. Earl Cowan was the capable chairman and after an address the following musical numbers were heartily enjoyed. Those taking part were: Accordion solo, Nellie Wall; reading, Mrs. Archie Jull; Vocal Solo, Mrs. Bradford; piano solo, Murray Jull; piano solo, Joe Bradford; vocal trio, Mrs. Jas. Cowan, Stanley Pite and John Young with Miss Marie Cowan accompanying at the piano. A rousing sing song led by Mrs. Earle Cowan was much enjoyed.

On behalf of the community Mr. Ross Merriam presented the bride and groom with a well filled purse and good wishes, to which they each responded thanking the community for the remembrance and to those who had made the evening such a happy one.

The ladies served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

Late Kenneth McFarlane

Following an illness for about fifteen years, Kenneth McFarlane passed away in the Wilmington Nursing Home, Passaic New Jersey in his 72nd year.

Born at Otterville he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex McFarlane. He attended Otterville Public School and Norwich High School and later lived in Hamilton where he worked for the National Steel Car Co.

For ten years he was the Chief Engineer of the Magor Steel Car Co. in Passaic, New Jersey.

He is survived by his widow the former Jean McCoag, formerly of Galt, one daughter Ruth, Wilmington, Delaware. A son Ronald Alexander predeceased him in 1947.

He also leaves three sisters, Miss Ida McFarlane of Otterville, Miss Nina McFarlane and Mrs. Wm. Cavanagh of Hamilton. Interment in Passaic cemetery. Feb/58

Cornell Prosperity Cut by Theft, Fire

Feb/58

The growth and development of Cornell is described in the Otter Creek Conservation Report, published by the Department of planning and Development:

Not much is left, in the year 1957 to mark what was at one time a flourishing little village, the centre of which was on Lot No. 15, in Concession 10, Township of Norwich South. The history of Cornell is told at length in an anonymous manuscript, written in 1927, and at present in the possession of The Tillsonburg News. Much of its earliest history is shared in common with the early history of the township, and that of Otterville.

It was about 1855 that two brothers, John and Samuel Cornell settled in this vicinity and laid out part of Lot 15 into village lots, and called their venture Cornell. Here also they built a store, a warehouse, and a meat-packing house on the north-west corner of the road intersection.

"For many years Cornell was the central grain, egg, and pork market for the country for miles around. Waggon were sent out by the Cornells to collect eggs from the farmers as far west as St. Thomas, and east as far as Port Dover. The farmers teamed their grain here and sold it and their pork, to these energetic men who cured it and then shipped it by waggon trains to Woodstock or Brantford, and thence to New York.

Population Grew

"The population of Cornell increased quite rapidly.

"Mr. L. Woodward set up a blacksmith shop, just west of the Cornell warehouse.

"A carriage shop and blacksmith shop were built by Dan McCormick near where Alvin Daikin lived.

"On October 9, 1870, the Township Council passed the third reading of a by-law to issue a certain sum of money for construction of the Canada Southern Railway, now the Michigan Central Railroad, through the Township of South Norwich. In the summer of 1872, ties were being laid, and the construction of the railroad going on in front of where Cornell Station now stands.

"A large hotel was built by John Wood on the north-west corner of the lot where Charles Clifford lives. A shoemaker, John Clum, started up in business in the village.

"The old log school-house where many of our fore-fathers learned their ABC's stood near the site of the present school. About 1863, Phoebe Moore, later Mrs. Luther Oatman, was the teacher. In 1865, the present building was erected.

"The Church of the Messiah stood east of the ravine on E. E. Hicks' farm, and the parsonage just east of it.

A car owned by Keith House, R.R. 1, Otterville, failed to make the curve in the County road at the village of Springford at 6:25 a.m. Sunday and crashed through the checkerboard sign. Some \$300 damage was caused the car. Constable Johnston Moore investigated MAR/58

Built Mill

"John Sutherland built a large saw mill on the banks of the Otter just south of Henry Weaver's farm. A large frame hotel was erected by Dennis Hicks, about 1872, just opposite where Clarence Stoyer lives.

"The Baptist Church was just west of the hotel.

"But misfortune overtook this busy little village and its founders. After the death of John Cornell, who was the best business man of the two brothers, business did not run so smoothly. The store, which served as a bank for the surrounding community, was robbed.

"A few years later, the store, warehouse, and pork-house were destroyed by fire. They were rebuilt of brick, but the financial loss was too great for the Cornell firm, and it went bankrupt. The buildings were abandoned and later torn down, and moved to Otterville, where the bricks were used in building the brick block now owned by J. W. Fish.

"Most of the timber being cut down by this time, the saw mills were moved away. The old Hicks hotel and the Messiah Church were moved to Tillsonburg a number of years ago.

"Not much remains now to show what a flourishing village Cornell once was."

St. John Church Guild

The St. John's Anglican Church Guild meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Howse. The president, Mrs. Stanley Riches opened the meeting with scripture and prayer.

An interesting letter was read from a former member of the Guild, Mrs. Mabel Honour, who is now living at Blakemore Nursing Home, 149 King St., Weston. Valentines were sent out to shut-in members.

BREAKS HIP

Feb 22/58

George Parker, of Bookton, the oldest Oddfellow in Canada had the misfortune to break his hip last Saturday. He is a patient in the Tillsonburg Hospital and reported to be doing very well under the circumstances.

Imposters Force Woman To Sign Blank Check

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NORWICH, March 23 — An 85-year-old Norwich woman was bilked into signing a blank check Saturday by two men posing as "government" agents who said they would be back in two weeks with \$1,800 in "home improvement overpayments" for the \$1,000 they proposed to withdraw.

Police said the pair forced their way into the isolated home shared by Mrs. Annie Priddle and her handicapped daughter, Mrs. Bessie Swan, about noon Saturday.

Paid Too Much?

They told the woman she had paid too much for repairs she had ordered made to her home some years ago. She replied this was nonsense, that no repairs had been made in at least three years.

"Never mind that," they said. "If you could just give us the receipts we could get you considerable repayments."

Her protest she had no

such receipts, the men asked if she had a bank book—could they see it.

"If you will let us see that," one said, "we could trace your payments and determine what we should recover for you."

After checking the bank book carefully, they produced a Royal Bank check, wrote in the number of her account, and told her to sign the check.

When she noted they had filled in no amount, they assured Mrs. Priddle they could do that when they had traced her accounts, then left after telling her they would be back in two weeks with \$1,800.

Mrs. Priddle contacted Postmaster M. V. Longworth, who advised her to contact the manager of the Imperial Bank branch where her account is deposited. She did so before any attempt had been made to cash the check.

Provincial police throughout the area have been notified.

Rector Attacked by Dog, Condition Still 'Serious'

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A Norwich clergyman was reported in serious condition and Port Stanley council considered a special meeting to deal with the stray dog problem following attacks by dogs in the two communities.

The Rev. E. C. Grey, rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, was unable to officiate at services yesterday after he was bitten by a German shepherd dog while calling on a member of his congregation.

Dr. W. C. Carnaghan, attending physician, said many stitches were required to close the wound.

'Port' Studies Action

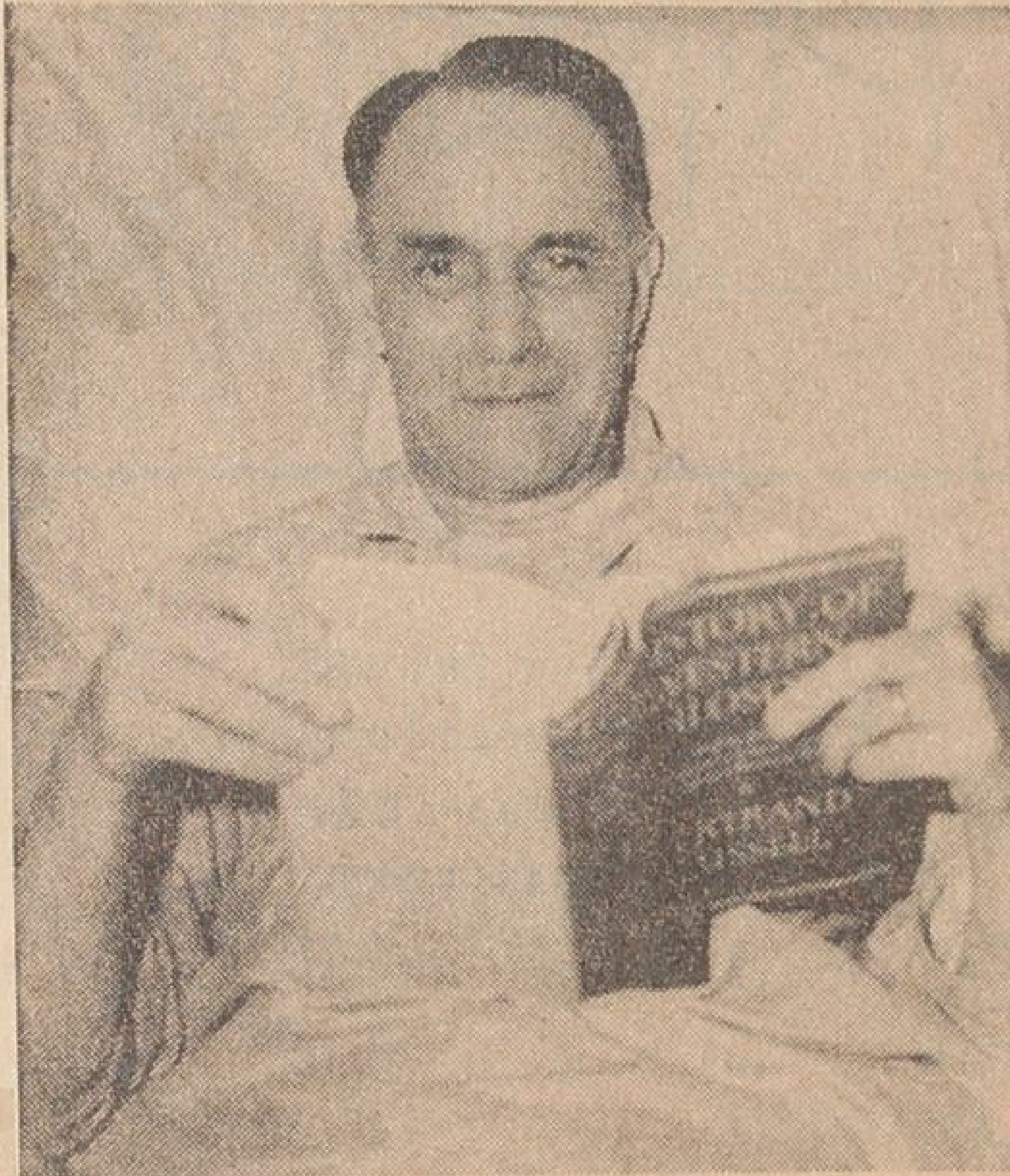
At Port Stanley, Reeve Lloyd Gurr promised "something is definitely going to be done" after Lorne Keillor, of William street, was bitten on the ankle while taking part in a clean-up campaign. Indications were a

special council meeting might be called to air the problem.

Deputy Reeve Garnet Speers reported he had been unsuccessful in efforts to hire a dogcatcher for the village.

"The only way I could hire a dogcatcher down here is to give them permission to carry a shotgun," he said.

Minister Recuperates



The Rev. E. C. Grey, of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, catches up on some reading as he recovers at home from a severe dog bite. Mr. Grey expects to be back in the pulpit next Sunday.

Otterville Store Has New Owners

OTTERVILLE (C) — C. L. Finch and son have purchased the retail grocery store from Charles Mannell and took possession on April 1.

The new owner is making extensive alterations to his new premises and removing partitions, making the store much larger.

Mr. Finch and son, who have been in the corner store for the past 14 years, have increased their stock by dealing in electrical appliances in addition to their grocery and hardware supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Mannell purchased their store from J. Wesley Fish 30 years ago and carried on a very successful business.

Along with the store Mr. Mannell found time to take care of the financial affairs of the Otterville pastoral charge of the United Church, and he takes care of the minister's salary.

Mr. Mannell is a member of the I.O.O.F. and is the P.D.D. Grand Master.

Mrs. Mannell was the assistant clerk and every day found her at the store. April 1/58

APPRECIATION

Having sold our retail business to C. L. Finch and Son, we would like to thank our customers and friends for the patronage given us during the past years and ask them for a continuance of some to our successors. Special thanks to the families who patronized us for our thirty years.

Charles and Daisy Mannell,
Otterville.

Glen Avey Wed To Joan Ash

OTTERVILLE (C) — Spring flowers decorated the Baptist Church, Norwich, on Saturday, March 29, when Joan Ellen Ash, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ash of Milldale, became the bride of Glen Morris Avey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Avey of Beaconsfield.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a white gown of French silk, fashioned on Princess lines with a square neckline and lily-point sleeves, and a floor-length skirt that ended in a train.

Rev. Lloyd Whan, minister of the church, officiated. Soloist was Miss Dianne Chambers of Milldale, ten-year-old niece of the bride, who sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Douglas Avey.

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Matron of honor was Mrs. Ross Chambers of Milldale, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. William Wilson of Milldale, sister of the bride, Mrs. Martin Andrews of Beaconsfield, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Margaret Zeigler of Detroit, Mich., cousin of the bride, and Mrs. Richard Axel of Detroit, Mich.

The bridal attendants were attired in identical gowns of nylon tricot over taffeta, in mauve, mint green, yellow, blue and shrimp shade, respectively, with gold necklaces, gift of the bride. They wore gold shade tiara headdresses and carried gold colored baskets filled with spring flowers.

Flower girls were Vickie McCready of Burgessville, cousin of the bride, and Ruth Anne Andrews of Beaconsfield, niece of the groom. They wore similar gowns in mint green and pink, respectively, of net over taffeta, and matching bonnets. They carried nosegays of spring flowers.

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Best man was Gerald Avey of Beaconsfield, brother of the groom, Donald Avey of Norwich and William Wilson of Milldale, Fred Avey of Norwich and Ross Chambers of Milldale, ushered. Michael Ash, cousin of the bride, acted as ring bearer.

The bride's mother received in a fur stole worn over a dress of aqua lace with matching hat and beige accessories. The groom's mother assisted in a navy dress, pink accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The reception for 225 guests was held at the Columbus Hall, Tillsonburg. Tables were decorated with spring flowers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Avey will reside at their new home at Milldale.

Leitch-Spek Vows Spoken Saturday

OTTERVILLE (C)—The Otterville United Church, decorated with Easter lilies and ferns, made a perfect setting for the wedding on Saturday afternoon of Janet Marie Leitch and Robert Alexander Spek. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch of Otterville and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spek of Bradford.

The Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the church, officiated.

Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., organist of the church played the wedding music and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McDougall of Otterville who sang "When Song is Sweet" and "O Perfect Love."

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a floor-length portrait gown with ruffled pleated bodice and tiered Chantilly lace-edged handkerchief skirt. She wore a finger tip veil and carried Easter Lilies and white feathered carnations.

Mrs. Robert VanParys of Otterville attended her sister as matron of honor gowned in waltz-length spring green faille taffeta, and she carried yellow roses.

Miss Helen Spek, sister of the groom was bridesmaid. She wore a gown of spring green faille taffeta in waltz-length style, and carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Miss Joyce Kinsey, cousin of the bride, was second bridesmaid and her gown was identical to that of the first bridesmaid.

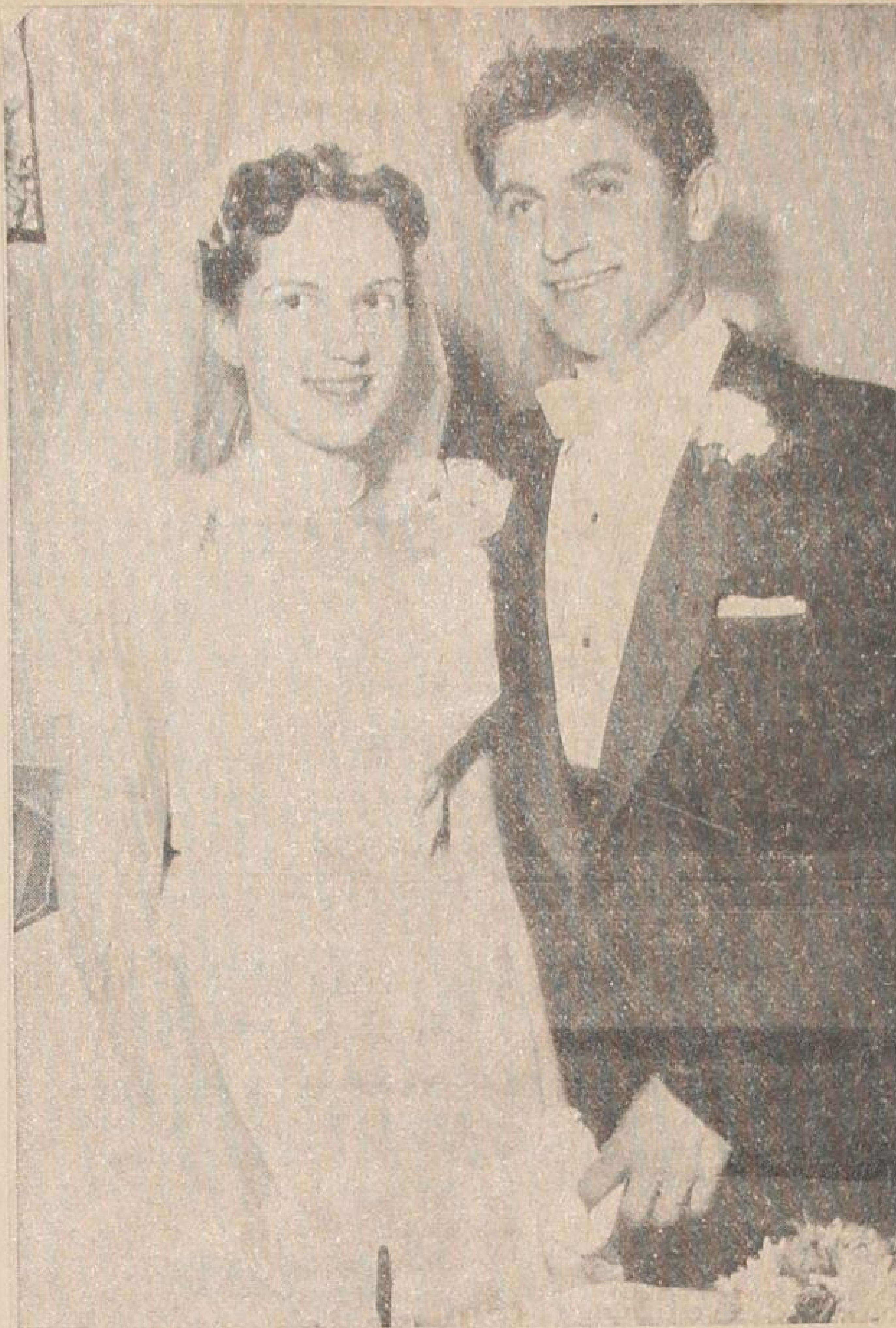
The junior bridesmaids were Jane McDougall, friend of the bride, and Trudy Spek, sister of the groom. They wore floor-length daffodil yellow faille taffeta and carried pink and yellow roses.

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Groomsman was Mike Webber, of Bradford, friend of the groom, and ushers were John Leitch of Otterville, brother of the bride, and Mike Petro of Bradford, friend of the groom.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the United Church Parlour where 100 guests were received. The bride's mother assisted and chose a dress of hyacinth blue Swiss shantung and wore a corsage of white gardenias. The groom's mother wore a printed silk in brown tones with beige accessories and wore a corsage of yellow roses.

For travelling to Washington, D.C. and the New England States, the bride donned a beige suit with tan accessories and wore a corsage of Talisman roses. They will make their home in New Market.

Out-of-town guests were present from Toronto, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Bradford, Dundas, Michigan, Kingsville, Delhi and Malton.



WEDDING VOWS were exchanged by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alexander Spek at the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, April 5. The bride is the former Janet Marie Leitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch of Otterville. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Spek of Bradford. They are residing at Newmarket.

The wedding dinner was served by the members of the Young Women's Federation of the Church and they were assisted by several of the members of the Woman's Association. Rev. Donald Morrison was the toast master and proposed the toast to the bride to which the groom responded. The toast to the bridesmaids was proposed by Mike Webber.

Mr. Leitch, father of the bride, spoke briefly and invited the guests to their home following the dinner.

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Miss Maude Hussey of Otterville was recently honored on completion of 30 years as an operator with the Bell Telephone Company. (Photo by Seldon)

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Jewel Wendt
to Be Bride *17/58*

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Wendt, Dubuque, Iowa, of the engagement of their daughter, Jewel Wendt, 1736 Linden Ave., to Paul R. Seegert, 1419 Orchard St. He is the son of Mrs. Lorraine Seegert, 1419 Orchard St., and Raymond Seegert, 1406 Erie St. Their marriage will be solemnized Aug. 23 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Dubuque. Miss Wendt is a field director for the Racine County Girl Scout Council.

Honor Otterville Church Veteran



MR. AND MRS. R. L. McMULLEN

Double-Ring Ceremony Unites Wanda Bass, Ronald McMullen

Bouquets of white snapdragons decorated Old St. Paul's Anglican church for the May wedding of Wanda May Bass and Ronald L. McMullen.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Bass, 671 Hounsfeld street, Woodstock and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lester McMullen, RR 1, Woodstock.

Rev. J. G. Lethridge performed the pretty double-ring ceremony and Miss Joy McNaughton as organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied soloist Ralph Mantle of Stratford who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "O. Perfect Love".

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a floor length bridal gown of white Chantilly lace and net over slipper satin. The bodice featured a Dresden neckline and a lace front peplum cascading down the sides froming a full back of lace over double net. A crown of nylon lace embroidered with seed pearls held her elbow length veil and she carried a white Bible crested with gardenias and stephanotis.

ATTENDANTS

Mrs. Marion Smart of Ingersoll was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Joye Foster and Miss Jane Burnett.

All three attendants wore nylon chiffon and lace gowns in a soft pink shade, made with fitted bodices and graceful flaring skirts. The waistlines were accented with nylon chiffon cummerbunds. They wore pink velvet flower headdresses embroidered with pearls and carried cascades of pink and white carnations.

Albert Hargreaves, Woodstock, performed the duties of best man and ushers were Walter Smart and Howard McMullen.

RECEPTION

Spring flowers decorated the Parish hall for the reception where the bride's mother received wearing an ice blue sheath dress with matching cape and white accessories. She wore a corsage of aristocrat roses.

The bridegroom's mother chose a Dior blue lace over taffeta ensemble with pink accessories and a corsage of pink delight roses.

Following a wedding trip to the Northern United States Mr. and Mrs. McMullen will reside at 40 Stafford street in Woodstock.

Guests attended the wedding from Strathroy, Stratford, St. Marys, Norwich and Otterville. (Photo by Gasparatto).



Ninety-year-old George Singer, of Otterville, who has attended Otterville Baptist Church for the past 75 years, was presented with a gift for his faithfulness at a special service yesterday. The service was one of a series marking the 100th anniversary of the church. Members of the congregation are shown in front of the church. (Photo by Lowe).

Late Mrs. Samuel E. Treffry

Mrs. Saumel E. Treffry, a resident of the Otterville district most of her life, died at the Layman Nursing Home at Tillsonburg Monday evening after several months illness. Born in South Norwich township 72 years ago, Mrs. Treffry also lived at Kelvin, Springfield, Brantford and Boston and has been in the nursing home for the past six months. Her husband died five months ago. She is survived by one son Gerald Treffry of Otterville and one brother Fred McMullen of Paris, Ont. *May 5/58*

Mrs. Treffry is resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 8th, at 2 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment will be in the Otter cemetery.

Mrs. Samuel E. Treffry

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mrs. Samuel E. Treffry was held at the Addison Funeral Home Thursday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Rev. Donald Morrison of the United Church conducted the services. Mrs. Ronald Colver sang "Some Time We'll Understand," accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano.

Floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Donations were also given to the Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Nate McMullen, Alex Slaght, Andrew Childs, Burt Broad, Vivian Rachar and Art Moore.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. *May 8/58*

Relatives and friends attending the funeral from a distance were from Toronto, Hamilton, Paris, Brantford, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Waterford, Woodstock, Kelvin and Beachville.

Cecil M. Hooker

OTTERVILLE (C)—Life long resident of Otterville. Cecil Morris Hooker died at his home Sunday, May 11, after a lengthy illness.

Born in West Otterville, 71 years ago, he was a son of the late Morris R. and Nancy Howse Hooker. He farmed south of the village for many years and for 20 years, grew tobacco. Three years ago he retired owing to poor health and built a new house on Dover street. For several years he was roadsman for the Tip Top Cannery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Laura McIntyre, and two daughters, Mrs. Gordon Shearer, Otterville and Miss Dolores Hooker, Scarboro teacher. There are two grandchildren, also two brothers, Ira Hooker, Otterville and Granville Hooker, Craik, Sask.

Rested at the Addison Funeral Home, where service was conducted Wednesday by Donald Morrison of Otterville United Church. Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral Late Cecil M. Hooker

Funeral services for the late Cecil M. Hooker who passed away at his late residence was held on Wednesday afternoon from the Addison Funeral Home and were largely attended by relatives and friends and former employees. Rev. Donald Morrison minister of the United Church conducted the services. Among the many floral tributes which surrounded the casket and which filled the room testified the esteem in which deceased was held, and many donations given to the Canadian Cancer Society. There were floral tributes from the Tip Top Cannery, Staff of Corvette Public School of which Dolores Hooker is a teacher, Boys from the Barber Shop, and the Otterville Neighbors.

The casket bearers who also acted as casket bearers were Jack Furlong, Nate McMullen, Stanley Gehring, Irvin Gehring, Fred Church and Borden Roberts.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Allan Fish was a recent weekend guest with his grandfather J. Wesley Fish and his aunt Miss Marion Fish on his return to Los Angeles California after serving with the American Service in Germany. His mother Mrs. Dorothy Fish of Dundas accompanied him and spent the holiday weekend here.

DOWNING, MRS. CHRISTINA A., 77, Otterville, wife of Dr. Herbert G. Downing. Survivors: husband; son, Dr. G. Murray Downing, Otterville; daughter, Mrs. Kendrick Moles, Ancaster. Service 2 p.m., Wednesday Addison funeral home.

Late Mrs. H. G. Downing

A lifelong resident of Otterville, Mrs. H. G. Downing, died suddenly at her home Sunday morning. She has been in poor health for the past twelve years and confined to her home most of that time. Born in Otterville 77 years ago she was the daughter of the late William Holmes and Janet Murray, and fifty years ago married Dr. Herbert G. Downing, and they would have observed their 50th anniversary in just two weeks. As long as health permitted Mrs. Downing was an active worker in the community, ever ready to help in any organization or endeavour. A gifted musician, she was for many years a music teacher, organist in the former Anglican Church, and later in the Methodist church and United Church, of which she was a member and teacher in the boys' class in the Sunday School for many years. She was also a life member and past president in the Women's Missionary Society, and a tireless worker in the Women's Institute of which she was a past president, and she also served South Oxford as District President, and was a capable leader and worker during the years of both world wars for the Red Cross and Honorary President of the Sunshine Club.

She is survived by one son Dr. G. Murray Downing of Otterville, and one daughter, Jean, (Mrs. Kendrick Moles) of Ancaster. A son Hugh, their eldest child, died in infancy. Also surviving are four grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, R. Murray Holmes, Otterville and one sister Mrs. Howard Morrison, Norwich.

Mrs. Downing rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville where the funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m. and was conducted by the Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. H. G. Downing

Funeral services for the late Mrs. H. G. Downing who passed away at her late residence on Sunday morning were held from the Addison Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon and were very largely attended. Rev. Donald Morrison conducted the service and gave a comforting message. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played many favorite hymns before and after the service. The floral tributes which filled the room bespoke of her many kindnesses to her many friends and of her loyalty to the many organization in which she had been an active member as long as health permitted.

Among the floral tributes were remembrances from Tillsonburg District Medical Society, Brantford Clinic, Otterville United Church, Otterville United Church Choir, Otterville Women's Institute, Summerville Women's Institute, Otterville Business Men, St. John's church Club, Ladies Guild of St. John's Church, Tillsonburg Registered Nurses Association, Norwich-Otterville Lion's Club, Catholic Women's League, Directors of Officials of Western Weather Insurance Mutual Co., Port Dover Yacht Club, Neighbours of Dr. G. M. Downing, Neighbours of Dr. H. G. Downing, Donations to Canadian Cancer Society and Gideon Bibles.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Rod Taylor, William Morrison, John E. Davis, George W. Davis, Fredric Fish and Claude Morrison.

Relatives and friends who were present from a distance were from Woodstock, Brantford, Toronto, Jarvis, Beachville, Embro, Port Stanley and surrounding district.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mrs. Rose Shields

OTTERVILLE (C) —This clipping was taken from The Montreal Herald and sent upon request to be printed in local papers here as Mrs. Shields and the late Rev. George T. Shields were residents in Innerkip and Otterville for a long time. The late Rev. G. T. Shields was minister of the Otterville charge for 18 years previous to his retirement.

Funeral services were held May 28, for Mrs. Rose Shields, 94, of St. Laurent.

Mrs. Shields, who with her husband, the late Rev. George T. Shields, spent much of her life as a missionary in the East, was born in Feversham, Eng.

She went to New York State at the age of three with her parents, where she grew up and was educated, before taking a post as a school teacher in the Southern States.

In 1898 she went to China as a missionary, where she met and married Mr. Shields.

The couple entered the interior of China, but shortly after, were forced to flee the country during the Boxer Rebellion. They escaped to India, where they served as missionaries until 1910, when with three children, they came to Canada, to settle in Southern Ontario.

After coming to Montreal, her husband retired in 1948 and died in 1950. Mrs. Shields is survived by two sons, Rev. G. A. Shields of Springfield, Ont., and W. F. Shields of St. Laurent; and one daughter, Miss Pricilla Shields of St. Laurent.

Oldest Oddfellow in Canada Passes

George Henry Parker, 94, believed to be the oldest Oddfellow in Canada, died in the District Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg Saturday evening. Mr. Parker has been an active Oddfellow in Tecumseh Lodge, Otterville for 74 years, and four years ago was honored at a special meeting in Tecumseh Lodge. Three months ago Mr. Parker fell and fractured his hip, and has been confined to hospital since that time.

Mr. Parker spent nearly 90 years on the same farm, lot 24, of the 6th concession in Windham township, Norfolk county. He never married, and jokingly referred to that as being the reason for his longevity. His kindness and wholesome humour endeared him to a host of friends, and he played in the Bookton Band for about 20 years, and drove his own car until he was past 90. After his mother's death, his nephew Blake Harwood and his wife lived with him, and have spent the past 40 years with him. Mr. Parker is survived by one sister, Mrs. Bertha Harwood of Woodstock, and a number of nephews and nieces. He has been a member of the Bookton Presbyterian Church practically all of his life, and was a past Noble Grand of Tecumseh Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Parker rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m. Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery. Rev. Donald B. Cram, Norwich, minister of the Bookton Presbyterian Church had charge of the service.

An Oddfellows funeral service was held also at the funeral home on Monday evening at 9 p.m. *MAY*

Funeral of Late G. H. Parker

The funeral service at the Addison Funeral Home for the late George Henry Parker who died in the Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg where he had spent the past three months after fracturing his hip were very largely attended by relatives and friends.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played many favorite hymns before and after the service. Rev. Donald Cram minister of the Bookton Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Parker was a member was in charge of the service, in which Mr. George Lowe of Norwich sang "Going Home." The floral tributes were most beautiful and among them were the members of the Bookton Church, the Tecumseh Lodge, two groups of Neighbours, as well as tokens from the Canadian Cancer Society and the Gideon Bible Society.

On Monday evening about forty members of the Tecumseh Lodge, Otterville held a Memorial service at the Funeral Home for Mr. Parker who had been a member for 74 years. Bert Redman, Noble Grand and Carl Howse, Chaplain were in charge.

The caskets bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Warren Rock, John Rock, Stanley Arthur, William Pavely, Arthur Hanson and Fred Walther.

Interment was made in the Bookton Cemetery.

Entertain Guests At Guild Meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — Over 90 ladies of the churches of the village, of Trinity Anglican and St. Charles Anglican Church, Dereham, were entertained by the members of the St. John's Anglican Guild in the Parish Hall on Thursday evening.

Mrs. E. C. Grey was speaker, reviewing her experiences among the Missions in the North part of Ontario.

President Mrs. Stanley Riches presided and welcomed the many visitors and members. Mrs. Richard Saunders read Scripture, and a poem, "That Standby Friend," was read by Mrs. Harold Durkee. Musical numbers were given by Juanita McMullen on the electric guitar and vocal solos by Gladys Pickersgill. Accompanists were Mrs. Norman McClintock and Mrs. William Butler.

The speaker was introduced by the first vice-president, Mrs. Fred Howse, and thanked by Mrs. Riches.

Following the program the guests enjoyed refreshments.

*Angel food ice cream
tea & coffee June 19/58*

Edward Adams Married To Hilda M. Ostrander

Nuptial vows were exchanged in a pretty ceremony Saturday, June 28, at 3 p.m. by Hilda Marie Ostrander, daughter of Mrs. Morley Ostrander of 51 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg, and Provincial Constable Edward Freeman Adams of Elliot Lake, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Adams of R.R. 5, Woodstock.

The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, and Mr. G. D. Francis officiated. Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Elizabeth McCready.

Given in marriage by her uncle, F. L. Doan of Saskatoon, Sask., the bride was lovely in a pink street-length dress of crystal charm, fashioned with a fitted bodice and full skirt. She wore a matching floral headdress and carried a bouquet of gardenias.

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Maid of honor was Miss Ruby Mills of London, friend of the bride, who was attired in a blue street-length dress of crystal charm, styled with a fitted bodice and full skirt. She wore a matching headband and wore a corsage of white carnations.

Best man was Robert Tattersall of Woodstock, a friend.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held for 20 guests. The house was decorated for the occasion with arrangements of roses and carnations, ferns and palms. The bride's table was covered with a hand-made tablecloth of lace, centred with a tiered wedding cake, flanked by white tapers, and pink and white carnations in a crystal bowl.

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Waitresses were Miss Helen Pettifer and Miss Brenda Freeman, niece of the bride, both of Tillsonburg.

The bride's mother wore an ice blue street-length dress of brocaded taffeta, white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The groom's mother wore a grey two-piece street-length dress of faille, white accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

For travelling, the bride donned a teal blue ensemble, worn with white accessories and a corsage of gardenias.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams left on a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, and will reside in Elliot Lake where the groom is stationed with the police force.

Out-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Adams of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Doan of Saskatoon, Sask., Robert Tattersall of Woodstock and Miss Ruby Mills of London.



Mrs. Mabel Mabee

Reception Set For Rebekah Assembly Prexy

Newly-installed president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Mrs. Mabel Mabee, 27 Park St., will be honored at a reception given by the officers and members of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, No. 177, I.O.O.F., this Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Tillsonburg District High School auditorium.

The installation ceremony was held on Wednesday last in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, conducted by Mrs. Clara Beattie, installation officer. Installation marshal was Mrs. Sue Leacock of Windsor; assembly chaplain, Mrs. Meta Priestley of Toronto; vice-president, Mrs. Marguerite Rose of Sault Ste. Marie; assembly warden, Mrs. Louise Clark of Toronto; assembly secretary, Mrs. Florence Summerville of Toronto; assembly treasurer, Mrs. Jean Birtch of St. Catharines.

Honor Guard

Representatives and scholars of East St. Thomas District, No. 17, acted as guard of honor.

Soloist for the occasion was Mrs. J. M. Climie of 60 Oxford St., Tillsonburg. Mrs. Maxine Hickey of Aylmer acted as her accompanist.

Officers of the Rebekah Assembly appointed were: Marshal, Mrs. Irene Jackson, Straffordville; conductor, Mrs. Pauline White, St. Catharines; chaplain, Mrs. Gladys Mewhinney, Delhi; inside guardian, Mrs. Adeline Campbell, Rodney; outside guardian, Mrs. Margaret Gibbons, Toronto; musician, Mrs. Maxine Hickey, Aylmer; color bearer, Mrs. Helen Bowman, Ingersoll; past president, Mrs. Martha Patterson, Ripley.



NEW OFFICERS of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario who were appointed recently are shown with President Mrs. Mabel Mabee, centre. Front row: Mrs. Jean I. Birch, Straffordville, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Clark, Toronto, warden; Mrs. M. Mabee, Tillsonburg, president; Mrs. Margaurette Rose, Sault Ste. Marie, vice-president; Mrs.

Florence Summerville, Toronto, secretary. Back row: Mrs. Margaret Gibbons, Toronto, assembly outside guardian; Mrs. Helen Bowman, Ingersoll, assembly color bearer; Mrs. Pauline White, St. Catharines, assembly conductor; Mrs. Martha Patterson, Ripley, past president; Mrs. Gladys Mewhinney, Delhi, chaplain; Mrs. Irene Jackson, Straf-



fordville, assembly marshal; Mrs. Maxine Hickey, Aylmer, assembly musician. The photo at right shows some of the high lodge officers in attendance at the reception held for President Mrs. Mabel Mabee, Friday evening, in the auditorium of Tillsonburg District High School. Left to right are Mrs. Louise Clark of Toronto, assembly sec-

retary; W. J. McNeil, deputy grand master; Mrs. Margaurette Rose, Sault Ste. Marie, assembly vice-president; President Mrs. Mabel Mabee, Tillsonburg; and J. Herbert Dawson, grand master of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. (Photos by Seldon)

Five Hundred at Reception Honoring New President of Rebekah Assembly

Five hundred were in attendance at the reception held for Mrs. Mabel Mabee, newly-elected president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Friday evening, in the auditorium of the Tillsonburg District High School, tendered by officers and members of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, No. 177, I.O.O.F.

Baskets of flowers decorated the auditorium, and prior to the commencement of the evening's program, piano selections were played by Mrs. Olive McKoy and Mrs. Olive Jones, members of the Lodge.

Honor Guard

Twenty officers and members of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge formed a guard of honor, the Sisters attired in long white gowns and carrying arches of pink roses. Mrs. Betty Garnham, noble grand of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, was master of ceremonies. Escorts for distinguished guests were Past Noble Grands of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, and Past Grands of Otter Lodge, No. 50, I.O.O.F. Mrs. Varol French acted as accompanist.

Among those introduced by Noble

Grand Mrs. B. Garnham were Mayor L. W. Smith and Mrs. Smith; Rev. L. E. and Mrs. Wilton; Mervin Hicks, vice-grand of Otter Lodge, and Mrs. Hicks; John French, chief patriarch of Lisgar Encampment; past grand masters of the Grand Lodge; past presidents of the Rebekah Assembly and officers of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and members of Rebekah Assembly.

J. Herbert Dawson, G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was escorted by Bro. Bruce Rachar, N.G. of Otter Lodge. President Mrs. Mabel Mabee was escorted by Mrs. J. M. Climie, who sang "You'll Never Walk Alone," accompanied by Mrs. V. French.

Brings Greetings

A bouquet of roses was presented to President Mrs. Mabee, by N.G. Mrs. B. Garnham, on behalf of the former's family. Greetings were brought from the Assembly by Sister Marguerette Rose of Sault Ste. Marie, vice-president. Mervin Hicks, on behalf of Otter Lodge, expressed good wishes and presented Mrs. Mabee with flowers. Brief congratulatory speeches were given by

Rev. L. E. Wilton, minister of First Baptist Church, and His Worship Mayor L. W. Smith.

A guard of honor was formed by past district deputy presidents of East St. Thomas, District No. 17, and President Mrs. M. Mabee was escorted into their midst by Mrs. Mabel Norman. Mrs. Ruby Walker, retiring D.D.P., read an address and a jewelled wrist-watch was presented to Mrs. Mabee by Mrs. Beatrice Farquhar, incoming D.D.P., on behalf of all the Lodges in East St. Thomas District.

A solo, "This Is My Task," was sung by Mrs. J. M. Climie, accompanied by Mrs. Maxine Hickey, Assembly musician.

Pledge Co-Operation

Greetings and pledges of co-operation to President Mrs. Mabee were extended by Sister Jean Birch, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Patriarchs Militant; and Bro. Herbert Dawson, G. M. of the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Veltman sang a solo, "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mrs. Veltman.

Noble Grand Mrs. B. Garnham

introduced President Mabee, who thanked her home Lodge for their support and co-operation, and others for their good wishes and gifts. N.G. Mrs. B. Garnham extended best wishes from her home Lodge and with Mrs. Isabelle Gilbert, vice-grand of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, presented President Mrs. Mabee with a walnut desk, on behalf of the Lodge.

A duet, "Bless This House," was sung by Miss Jean McDonald and Grant McDonald, accompanied by Miss Carol Hawley.

Present Program

Entertainment, humorous songs and skits, was provided by the Paul Bros. and Shirley of Kirton, who were thanked by Noble Grand Mrs. B. Garnham, who also expressed appreciation to everyone who had loaned equipment and helped to make the evening a success.

Following the program, a receiving line was formed of distinguished guests. A cold plate lunch was served at nicely decorated tables.

Visitors were present from Sault Ste. Marie, Windsor, Toronto, St. Catharines and London.



Former Otterville Couple Mark 50th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C)—Well known here where they formerly resided, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence, who are making their home with

their daughter, Mrs. Charles Hopkins, and Mr. Hopkins, at R.R. 1, Simcoe, observed their golden wedding on Sunday.

To mark the occasion, a turkey dinner was served at the Governor Simcoe Hotel, Simcoe, with all the members of the family, numbering 17, present. A three-tier wedding cake adorned the table, flanked by arrangements of roses.

The bride of 50 years ago looked charming in a turquoise figured dress of silk, worn with a corsage of yellow roses.

A toast was proposed to the couple by Frank Irwin of Toronto, and best wishes extended to them by members of the family, to which Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence replied.

Some 125 relatives and friends attended "open house" during the afternoon and evening. The house was tastefully decorated with arrangements of flowers received by the couple.

Mrs. A. Batchelor poured tea in the afternoon, and the waitresses were Mrs. Carman Lawrence, Mrs. Stanley Lawrence and Mrs. Murray Lawrence. Attending the door was their grandson, Murray Hopkins, and looking after the guest register was their granddaughter, Miss June Hopkins.

Mrs. Charles Crane of Kelvin was the only bridal day guest present. She was the pianist for the wedding. Another guest of honor was a lifetime friend of Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Nellie Fox, who came to the reception as a surprise for Mrs. Lawrence from Ontario, Calif. A telegram reaching them at the noon hour was read from their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ostrander of Winnipeg, extending best wishes. Other guests were present from Strathroy, Toronto, London and surrounding community.

In the evening Mrs. Edna Honsberger of Otterville poured tea and many guests were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence were recipients of over 100 cards as well as many lovely gifts. June 29/58

WED 50 YEARS — Former residents of Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Charles Hopkins, and Mr. Hopkins of R.R. 1, Simcoe. A large number wished them well on the day.

1,000 at Otterville July 1 Celebration

Otterville and district residents staged the only area celebration of Dominion Day Tuesday when they turned out in great numbers for picnics, fireworks, dancing and a softball tournament at the Otterville Park.

The Lions Club swimming pool and refreshment booth did jam-packed businesses as ideal summer weather pulled a reported 1,000 people into the park.

The Dominion Day program was sponsored by the volunteer fire department and the Otterville softball team in the South Oxford League. Bill Butler acted as convener of the tournament.

The three-game tournament saw Galt Overlands of the Memorial League emerge victorious, defeating

Woodstock Dual Temps of the same league 3-2 in the nightcap.

Galt gained the finals by defeating the host Otterville squad 4-3 in the afternoon while Woodstock blanked a weak St. Thomas nine 15-0. Full report of the tournament will be found in the sports section.

Feature of the evening program was a draw for a portable radio, sponsored by the firemen. George H. Davis, reeve of South Norwich, drew the winning ticket owned by Nick Kenner, R.R. 1, Otterville.

A fireworks display and dancing in the auditorium finished off the day's program.

During the afternoon the Springfield Mounted Scout Troop under leaders Scott Carroll and Alan Rice were in attendance to give rides to the kiddies.

Otterville Couple Mark Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, popular residents of Otterville, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 6 when 35 relatives and friends gathered for 5 o'clock buffet dinner at their cottage at Turkey Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole received many lovely gifts, among them being traditional silver and a hand chased 16th century silver tea service from their daughters.

By coincidence there was the same number at the 25th gathering as guests at the wedding. More of the bride's relatives were present at the wedding and more of the groom's relatives were present at the latter celebration. 1958

Woodshed Converted Into Nursery Room

OTTERVILLE (C) — A room which was used for a woodshed for upwards of 80 years and a storage space for articles which have lost their use formed a challenging project for the Woman's Federation, a little over two years old, to convert into a Nursery Department room.

The contract was given to the Otter Lumber Co. and with substantial donations being given by various organizations and the woodshed is a beautiful nursery with tile floor, curtained windows, bright

lights, blending paints and space to accommodate 25 to 30 children. It will be equipped with materials suitable for the teacher and pupils.

The dedication service was held following the church service Sunday morning, conducted by Rev. Donald Morrison. Taking part in the service was Rt. Mr. Holmes for the session; Donald Pettigrew, chairman of the Board of Managers; Sam McSpadden, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Fred Church, president of the Woman's Federation; Miss Thelma Cole, teacher of the nursery class.



VENTURE COMPLETED — An 80-year-old woodshed, converted to a nursery room accommodating 25 to 30 children, was dedicated Sunday at Otterville United Church. The new room was a project of the Young Women's Federation. Shown at the service are, left to right, Sam McSpadden, assistant Sunday School superintendent;

Murray Holmes, trustee; Mrs. Fred Church, president of the Young Women's Federation; Rev. Donald Morrison, pastor; Miss Thelma Carr, nursery class teacher, and Donald Pettigrew, chairman of the Board of Managers. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review Photo)

Otterville

Stone Mason At Job 50 Years



Alfred Moore with Otterville War Memorial

Still building things of stone, Alfred Moore, now 87, first took up a career at farming. He helped many people in the area with their stonework before he took it up as a full-time occupation.

Alfred Moore 88 Years Old

OTTERVILLE (C) — Alfred E. Moore celebrated his 88th birthday on Monday, and this was marked by a birthday dinner given by his niece, Mrs. Jack Freeland, and Mr. Freeland on Thursday evening at his home.

Other guests included his niece, Mrs. J. P. Heatley, and Barbara of Sarnia. On Sunday, Mr. Moore was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell, this also being the birthday of Miss Dorothy Wardell.

Mr. Moore has been a mason practically all his life and is still doing work of this type whenever need arises.

Monday was the birthday and Mr. Moore kept an eye on the weather for he was making great plans on the evening's entertainment, when he would be bowling with the Lawn Bowling Club in Norwich. Mr. Moore delighted in the games and at the close treated his friends to birthday cake which he had ordered.

Even after a busy night of bowling he rose early on Tuesday morning and, accompanied by his helper, Ernest Treffry, went to remodel stone posts which he had built on the farm of the late Mortimer Hopkins about 30 years ago. E. Claire Hopkins is living on the farm now.

Mr. Moore delights in building posts of cobblestones and for the past two years has built many fine looking barbecues.

By IRENE CRAWFORD

At 87, a youthful looking Otterville man is still practicing his trade of stone masonry. Believed to be one of the oldest stone masons in the country, Alfred Moore, is still constructing barbecues and gate pillars that would severely test the ability of a younger man.

Mr. Moore got his first taste of masonry work when he began the foundation for his own barn on property just south of Otterville where he had moved with his bride. He approached his neighbor, who was the only stone mason in the district, about building the foundation, but the neighbor was too busy harvesting corn. Undaunted, Mr. Moore agreed to cut the twelve acres of corn, which was mowed by hand, in return for the mason's help.

"I had to work till midnight for two nights cutting that corn, but I got my barn started," he reminisced. Mr. Moore's two brothers helped with the foundation and after the mason showed them the basic rules of construction, they were able to finish the building themselves.

Fifty Years Ago

Fifty years ago Mr. Moore decided to shift from farming to a full time job as a stone mason. "Farming was a risky proposition, even then," he smiled, recalling the long hours and poor wages at the end of the century.

This year when Otterville celebrated its sesquicentennial (150 years) he was asked to build a barbecue in the Community Park to honor the occasion. It is an imposing edifice of stone, capped with cement, and is a show-place of the park.

"The stones were a little heavy for me," Mr. Moore confessed. "I can't lift like I used to do."

Gets Help

Ernest Telfrey, an old friend, helped the moustached mason with the barbecue, doing the heavy work, and the pair completed their masterpiece in eight days.

Mr. Moore's own home is a credit to his artistry. It is a sturdy brick with a large verandah adorned with several distinct designs of cobblestone work, which is his specialty. Narrow cement slabs across the top of the front door and windows are beset with tiny odd shaped colored stones, giving a

jewelled effect. The verandah pillars are constructed of oblong white stones, while the walls are built of large multi-colored stones. A skelton steel bar forms the base.

These verandah pillars were a work of love as well as a work of art. Stones gathered as mementos from the lake ports and surrounding district have gone into their structure.

"This is an Indian skinning stone," Mr. Moore pointed to a gray stone cemented in the front pillar of the verandah. One side is almost razor sharp, while the rest is very smooth. The Indians used it as a knife to cut the flesh from the skin of butchered animals.

Human Features

In the centre of the main pillar is the sculptured face of a doll, pinkish brown in color, with distinct human features.

At the back of his home is a large barbecue built for his niece, with whom he lives. Glass smooth stones from the beach sands, plus marble, topaz and ruby-toned stones make up the structure. The stones are cemented in place with black mortar, effectively outlined in white.

Although Mr. Moore can do all types of masonry, it is evident from his attractive home that cobblestone work is his favorite.

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The Otterville district reflects a good deal of this man's handiwork. At the village's Community Park he erected a Memorial Cenotaph, with a list of World War I casualties engraved on the side. Gate posts at the entrance to Brownsville Park, Bookton Cemetery and the beautiful Tillsonburg Memorial Park, all bear the fruits of his skill. His work has taken him as far north as the Longworth farm on the outskirts of Woodstock to Simcoe and Port Dover.

Since only special granite type stones can be used in masonry work, the supply in the Otterville - Tillsonburg district has been exhausted. The stones for the sesquicentennial barbecue were hauled from the outskirts of Woodstock, almost twenty-five miles away. Limestone, although plentiful, and on the surface much like the granite, has a tendency to tarnish over a period of years and is not considered good quality.

Big Stones

Size doesn't hamper this stone mason. Huge field stones weigh-

ing as much as four or five hundred pounds are broken into a dozen or so pieces by a special twenty pound stone hammer. Mr. Moore first looks for the grain, checks small notches along the desired break and then slams the boulder with his hammer. When a cross grain cut is needed, usually for corners, a deeper check is made. A smaller sharp edged stone

hammer with a two-foot long handle is used for trimming off the sharp and jutting edges. It takes as many as twenty stones to fashion a gate post.

Although the hard granite type stones are used in barbecues, the inside of the pit or fire-box must be lined with fire-brick. Even the dark tone granite, which is harder in substance than its lighter counterpart, is

apt to flake from the heat.

Gardens Too

Gardening, however, takes up a good deal of Mr. Moore's time these days. Since he has had to give up driving his car a few years ago, his interests have narrowed. He is still an active lawn bowler, his favorite past-time, and once in a while journeys over to the Norwich Green where he is a member.

Born in 1870, a mile north of Otterville, Mr. Moore has been an active member of this small tobacco community for a good part of this time. Although he hasn't any children his many nieces and nephews scattered throughout the district are justly proud of the grand old man of a passing profession. He is a credit to himself and his community.

Gladys M. Drake

OTTERVILLE (C) — A native and former resident of Woodstock, Miss Gladys M. Drake, 191 Oakwood Ave., Toronto, passed away on Saturday, July 19, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto. She had been in ill health for the past two years.

Born in Woodstock, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Drake. She attended school and business college there and then joined the office staff of the George Williams Shoe Co., Otterville. She moved to Ingersoll with the company and then to Toronto in 1928 and had been with the same firm all through the years.

While in Otterville the late Miss Drake was a great helper in St. John's Anglican Church.

Surviving is one brother, Douglas Drake, Woodstock.

The funeral service was held at the M. D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home, Woodstock. Rev. John Davies officiated. Interment was made in the Baptist Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Riste attended the funeral service in Woodstock on Wed-

DRAKE, MISS GLADYS, Toronto, native of Woodstock, who lived at Toronto many years, in Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto. Survived by brother, Douglas, Woodstock. Service 8 p.m. today, Turner and Porter funeral home, Toronto, and at Smith funeral home, Woodstock, Wednesday, 2 p.m. Burial in



South Norwich Fire Department members, proud of their excellent equipment and training, are pictured above in front of the new firehall at Otterville. Members of the department pictured are, left to right: Frank Finch (in cab), captain; Bill McMullen, senior chief; Art Picknell of the Fire Protection Committee; Bert Hill, Lorne Treffrey, Ross Dow, George Douma and Fred Pearce

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review Photo)

GERALD TREFFERY

MODERN EQUIPMENT

Otterville Fire Department Boasts Excellent Training

OTTERVILLE (C) — Recently a new Fire Hall — to meet requirements felt for some time with increased size of equipment was built on the same site as the old Fire Hall. The 20 foot extension provides first class accommodation for vehicles and for training of personnel.

Otterville has had fire protection for 100 years or more but it was not until 1925 that a model T pumper was purchased.

In 1952 purchase was made of a Dodge truck and an up-to-date pumper, which pumps 420 gal. of water per minute, carries 350 gal. of water and a tank truck which holds 1050 gal. of water equipped with portable pump, 120 feet and ladders, 1250 feet of hose.

Two members of the Volunteer Fire Department attended school for

training and received instruction which they have practiced since. They believe they have received more benefit from this than any other fire department in the county. They have even taken instructions pertaining to equipment in cities.

The Fire Department is operated under the management of the Village Trustees who in turn have set up the fire protection committee comprised of the Fire Chief, a member of the Township Council, and a Village Trustee.

This committee is responsible for the training and active administration of the department and acts as liaison between the Village Trustees and Township Council.

Requests For Service

Anyone requesting service should

give his own and the owners name of property, his concession, lot no. A map is being made of owners and lot numbers for reference. At a meeting held by the fire protection committee on Saturday a resolution was passed that during tobacco harvest a fireman be permanently employed and this resolution was approved by the Village Trustees and has been passed on to the Township Council for their formal approval.

The Volunteer Fire Department is formed of Senior Chief, William McMullen; Assistant Chief, William A. McMullen; Captain, Frank Finch.

The firemen are: Lorne Treffry, Ross Row, Augustus De Watcher, Don Broad, George Douma, George W. Davis, John B. Davis, Gerald Treffery, Fred Pearce and Bert Hill.

The members of the Volunteer Fire Department are particularly keen and proud of their membership for records show that 80% of this group have had 100% attendance at drills and lectures which are conducted weekly.

To Make Presentations To Otter Fire Dept.

OTTERVILLE — Two presentations will be made to Otterville's up-to-date Fire Department for use in their new station next Wednesday night, August 6, Stan Riches, member of the Otterville Fire Protection Committee, announces.

Radio Station CKOT will present the 13-man volunteer department with a studio clock while The Tillsonburg News is donating a blackboard for lectures by the department members who attend the Mutual Aid courses at Woodstock.

The Otterville Department hopes that area residents will come out for the presentation and take time to inspect the modern equipment. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

MRS. ALBERT M. ROBERTS

The funeral of Mrs. Albert M. Roberts was conducted Monday afternoon, at the Beckett Funeral Home. In charge of the service was acting branch president, First Councillor, M. E. Greenwood, assisted by Elders R. L. Knighton and S. B. Cook, all of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. Friends, and a representation from Universal Cooler Company Limited, were in attendance. There was a profusion of flowers. A duet, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," was sung by Rosemary and Diane Stevenson of Hamilton, accompanied by Mrs. Harry Priestly at the organ. Pallbearers were Elder, D. W. Casper of Hamilton, John Black of Paris, Merlin Myers, Chester Greenwood, Gordon Oles and Welby Davis, all of Brantford. Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

MRS. ALBERT M. ROBERTS

Mrs. A. M. Roberts, wife of Albert M. Roberts of 128 St. George Street, died last night in Brantford General Hospital. The former Frances Ada Wetherburn, she was born in Chester, England, and had resided in Brantford for the past 15 years. Prior to that she had resided in Otterville. She came to Canada about 65 years ago. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Surviving besides her husband is a daughter, Mrs. Doris Harvey, and a granddaughter, Judy, both of Brantford. Mrs. Roberts is resting at the Beckett Funeral Home for service Monday at 2 p.m. Interment will be in Mount Hope Cemetery. *8-11-58*



Photo
The story of Mrs. J. P. Miller, 3420 Wright Ave., pictured with senior occupational therapist Vivian Jones: "I was born Jan. 7, 1880, so you just figure out how old that makes me! I had a stroke two years ago, before I began receiving treatment at the Curative Workshop, and a second one just three months ago, so I'm going to come back again as soon as I can. They put me to work at the loom and at woodworking. You should see the things I've made—two rugs, six mats, breadboards and cheeseboards, a doll bed and a wheelbarrow. And a stool for my great-grandson and great-granddaughter, one that they can stand on to brush their teeth, or to put things away on a shelf, or use in front of the television set. I wish I could be here for the Curative Workshop's open house Sunday, but with my cane, crowds and I just don't agree. But I do wish everyone in Racine could see and understand what wonderful things the Workshop does for its patients."

RACINE, WISCONSIN

Check Speeders At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Troubled with speeding motorists for some time, village authorities are taking steps to halt the menace.

Three Provincial Police officers manned a radar speed timing device Saturday evening for three hours, flagging down 18 drivers, all exceeding 40 miles per hour. Speed limit in the village is 30 miles per hour.

Chairman of the village trustees, Stanley Riches said that the village has been signed according to Department of Highways regulations, and warned that periodic speed checks will be continued, with the co-operation of the OPP and other municipalities loaning timing devices.

In view of complaints received, consideration is being given to taking necessary action to have those driving habits are not indicative of a mature sense of responsibility called in for re-examination and other action under provisions of the Highway Traffic Act.

Making the check Saturday were OPP Constables Don Leedham and Albert Vye of Tillsonburg and Peter Morlack of London.

"KING TOBACCO" IS CURRENT REIGNING MONARCH IN OXFORD COUNTY



THE ANNUAL harvest of the Oxford County tobacco crop is now well underway, with the greater part of activity this week having been centred around the Norwich - Otterville area, and through to Delhi. The Sentinel-Review cameraman visited two of the tobacco farms on RR 1, Otterville, in South Norwich Township, and

was able to catch on film some of the operations involved in the harvesting of this big crop. Pretty Jeanne Kennedy of Otterville, **TOP LEFT PHOTO** is employed as a tier on the farm of Nate McMillan, who has 25 acres under tobacco cultivation, and operates five curing kilns. The young lady here displays for the photographer

the type of prime tobacco leaf that is considered as really top quality.



PHOTO. a group of tiers are shown busy at the bench, while the completed "sticks" of tobacco are loaded on wagons for transport to the kilns.



PHOTO ~~TOP~~ LEFT, Jeanne Kennedy and Marion Utter pass sticks to Viola McMullen

for hanging in the kilns, where they will remain one week to complete the curing process. LOWER RIGHT, Mr. Ash, who has been growing tobacco for 28 years, inspects one of his filled kilns. Various types of

heating are used by growers, including coal, wood, oil, natural and propane gas. Mr. Ash employs natural gas, and believes it the most efficient for the job. (Staff photos)



Wellington Armstrong Dies in Otterville

Following a lengthy illness, Wellington Armstrong, passed away at his late residence, Main St., Wednesday on his 60th birthday. The late Mr. Armstrong was born in Dereham township and when very young moved with his parents to Springford and later coming back to Otterville. Owner of the meat market, he was forced to sell his shop three years ago, due to ill health and since that time has been confined to his home.

Surviving are his widow, the former Lottie "Jamieson" Cotton, one daughter and four sons, Elgin, of London; Ivan of Kingston; Mrs. Milton Pettigrew, (Mona) Otterville; Vern of Waterford; Eugene of Hamilton and 14 grandchildren, his mother, Mrs Dave Armstrong of Springford and two brothers, Herbert of Brampton and Clarence of Wayne, Mich.

The funeral service will be held from the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m., with Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the United Church in charge of the service, and Rev. E. C. Grey, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville assisting. Interment will be made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. *Sept 17/58*

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Harvest Thanksgiving services were held in St. John's Anglican Church Sunday morning and evening and were well attended, and the church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. At the morning service the rector Rev. E. C. Grey based his remarks on the prayer "We Thank Thee for Everything." A solo "How Great Thou Art" was sung by Mrs. Stacey Hinks of Norwich. At the evening service Rev. H. E. Janke of Tillsonburg was the guest speaker and also chose a part of a prayer "Give us this day our daily bread." George Lowe of Norwich was the soloist and sang two selections "Over and Over Again" and "Hymn from the Old Church Choir." Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist. 1958

Wellington Armstrong

OTTERVILLE (C) — The funeral of Wellington Armstrong, former Otterville butcher, was held at the Addison Funeral Home Saturday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends from Wayne, Mich., Hamilton, Embro, Woodstock, Brantford, London, Ingersoll, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Norwich, Kitchener, Waterford, Springford and other places.

Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church, had charge of the services, assisted by the Rev. E. C. Grey, rector of St. John's Anglican Church. There were several Gideon Bibles placed in his memory, also several donations to the Cancer Society, as well as many lovely floral tributes.

Mr. Armstrong had been in poor health for several years, and died on his 59th birthday. Mrs. Wm. Butler played a number of hymns before and after the service.

The flower bearers were Arthur Moore, Murray Holmes, H. W. McDougall, Arthur Kilpatrick, R. E. Pettigrew and Max Avey. The casket bearers were Kenneth Davidson, Andrew Childs, Nate McMullen, Adam Oliver, Kenneth Moore, and Shirley Sandham. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. Charles W. Moore

OTTERVILLE (C)—The funeral of Mrs. Charles W. Moore, who died at Brantford Thursday afternoon, was conducted Sunday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home by Rev. G. L. Stebner, pastor of the Springford Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Moore was a valued member.

Mrs. Edgar Pearce and Mrs. Earl Haley sang "God Hath Not Promised," accompanied by Miss Eleanor Wilcox at the piano. The service was largely attended by relatives and friends from Windsor, Port Colborne, Beamsville, Bancroft, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Sudbury and other places, and there were many lovely floral tributes from neighbors, relatives and friends as well as from the Springford Baptist Church and the Springford Mission Circle, and several Gideon Bibles were placed in her memory.

The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Carl Howse, Charles Howse, Richard Brayley, Andrew Childs, Charter Davis and Murray Holmes. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mrs. Moore passed away at the Golden Years Nursing Home in Brantford in her 88th year.

Born in Elma Township, Perth County, she spent her early life there and later spent a few years in Quebec and Toronto before her marriage to the late Charles W. Moore.

She lived in Otterville since her marriage. She had spent the past two years in Brantford.

Mrs. Moore was the last member of her family of eight children of the late Edward Hammond and Sarah Steele.

She was a member of the Springford Baptist Church and is survived by one son Edward S. Moore, two granddaughters, Diar Margaret Moore of Otter

Norwich Church Wedding Scene

NORWICH — In a lovely wedding in Knox Presbyterian Church, on Saturday afternoon, October 11, Rev. Donald B. Cram united in marriage Miss Sandra Darlene Sherman and Harold Carman Sweazey. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sherman of South Norwich Township, the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sweazey of Merlin.

The setting for the pretty ceremony was formed on potted ferns and baskets of yellow and white chrysanthemums and candelabra. The wedding music was played by Miss Alice Hopkins of Kitchener, and the soloist was Miss Yvonne Colver of the London Teachers College, who sang "The Wedding Prayer and O Perfect Love."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had chosen a floor-length gown of nylon chiff. It was made with a tightly fitting bodice of French lace in a star effect and a Sabrina neckline outlined with seed pearls and sequins. The bouffant, hooped skirt was of the nylon net over taffeta and her headdress was fashioned with pearls and iridescent sequins. The finger-tip veil was of French illusion and she carried a cascade of white carnations.

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Mrs. John Bruce was her sister's only attendant and she wore a ballerina length gown of green silk organza over taffeta. Her gown featured a scoop neckline with a deep V at the back, star effect waist and a bow and long streamers which hung from the V neckline at the back. Her headdress was a green band of pleated silk organza over taffeta and with seed pearl bows. Mrs. Bruce carried a cascade of yellow carnations.

The winsom flower girl was Miss Glenda Davis and she was gowned in a ballerina length gown of green silk organza dress over taffeta and styled like that worn by the senior attendant. She carried a basket filled with pom pom yellow and white mums. Barry Wells, London, was the ring bearer and he looked smart in a blue blazer and grey trousers. Silvester Litton attended the groom and the ushers were Sub-Lieut. Max Sherman, Halifax, brother of the bride, and Norman Marshall, cousin of the groom.

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OTTERVILLE

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen and children of Newark spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen. Miss Edna Furlong of Detroit, who is holidaying at her home, also spent the evening with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harford of Miami, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. William Harford and children of Clear Creek, New York, visited the former's mother, Mrs. William Harford, who is a patient in the Layman Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, and also called on Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mundy of Harrison were also guests at the McMullen home on Saturday.

The wedding reception was held in the church parlors. Receiving the guests, Mrs. Sharman, mother of the bride, was wearing a blue silk shantung dress with navy fleck, navy and dusty rose accessories and a corsage of pink roses. Assisting with the receiving, Mrs. Sweazey, mother of the groom, wore a cocoa brown dress with dusty roses accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

The wedding breakfast was served by the Misses Ethel Brittain, Mary Lloyd and Dot Symons of Brantford, Brantford General Hospital classmates of the bride; Helen Hill and Betty Kerry.

For travelling to Northern Ontario and the Northern United States, the bride changed to a powder blue princess dress with a short jacket trimmed with pearls, white and navy accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Among the honored guests were Mrs. F. Sweazey, 83-year-old grandmother of the groom; J. Turtles his 93 year old aunt; Mrs. L. Sherman and Mr. and Mrs. C. Penting, grandparents of the bride.

Happy Bluebirds Tour Plant at Kitchener

OTTERVILLE (C)—The Happy Bluebirds and their friends, numbering 40, enjoyed a bus trip to Kitchener on Thursday. The trip was previously planned by the Kitchener Chamber of Commerce and a full day of tours through Weston's Factory and Schneider's abattoir and processing plant enlightened the members on quality of foods.

A visit to the television station rounded out the day. During the stop at CKCO many of the members were shown on the "Bazaar Program." Mrs. Harry Ash won the first prize for the best decorated hat and Mrs. Gertrude Huggins who was the eldest of the group, was presented with a floral arrangement for the table along with a Dutch oven.

Dinner was enjoyed at the Granite Club. A short meeting was held when plans were made for a progressive euchre in the Community Hall at Cornell on Nov. 20. The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency.

Borrow Idea from South

Simmering Stew Pot Aids Teeterville Group

TEETERVILLE — Anyone who said Teeterville was "in a stew" this week would have been almost right. Correctly, though, the stew was in Teeterville.

Searching their minds earlier this year for a method of raising money for their community projects, Teeterville Women's Institute members recalled the Southern Style Brunswick Stew, popular in the Southern United States, where many of them formerly lived.

They borrowed a recipe from Mrs. James Floyd, who comes from South Carolina; rose early in the morning, and erected a big cauldron. Into the pot went 100 pounds of whole young chicken; 40 pounds of beef, 40 pounds of pork, 6 gallons of corn kernels, 7 gallons of lima beans, 3 bushels of tomatoes, a bushel of potatoes, 3 dozen onions, 10 pounds of butter, and plenty of seasoning.

The pot simmered all day, and Institute members took turns manning the long wooden stirring spoons. Mrs. Floyd supervised the project, and the men assisted. One of these, P. J. McMillen, tobacco grower and race horse owner, recalled, as he stirred the ladle, as many as nine of the big kettles simmering side by side at political rallies in Georgia.

The stew was served in the

early evening to several hundred residents of Teeterville and district, who agreed, be-

tween succulent bites, that the old southern custom was just as pleasant in the north.

EASTERN STAR INSTALL OFFICERS

The four principal officers of the Norwich Chapter, Order Eastern Star, Mrs. Josephine Howse, Worthy Matron; Carl Howse, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Alzina Mann, Associate Matron, and Kenneth Mann, Associate Patron, have set up a family set which is unique in Eastern Star circles anywhere.

Mrs. Howse is the wife of Mr. Howse, the daughter of Mrs. Mann and the brother of Mr. Mann. They were installed on Wednesday evening, November 12, in a colorful and impressive ceremony in charge of Mrs. Edith Petch and Lloyd Peat. Mrs. Petch is a past Grand Adah of the Grand Chapter and was Worthy Matron in Norwich when Mr. and Mrs. Howse became members of the Order. Mr. Peat was her Patron at that time.

Other officers of the Chapter installed during the ceremony were: secretary, Mrs. Mary Burrell; treasurer, Miss Iva Croker; Conductress, Miss Lillian Oatman; chaplain, Mrs. Ruth Smith; Marshal, Mrs. Myrtle Addison; organist, Mrs. Beulah Stubbs; Ada, Mrs. Dorothy Durkee; Ruth, Mrs. Florence Church; Esther, Mrs. Marjorie Pearce; Martha, Mrs. Delores Evoy; Electa, Mrs. Gladys Waring; Warder, Wm. Waring; Sentinel, Harry Cookman.

The installing board, in addition to Mrs. Petch and Mr. Peat, was composed of: Mrs. Lois Batson, Associate Matron; Sam Croker, Associate Patron; secretary, Mrs. Eva Bickell; treasurer, Mrs. Blanche Hern; conductress, Mrs. E. Morley; associate conductress, Mrs. J. Baguley; Ada, Mrs. E. Hyatt; Ruth, Mrs. Dorothy Kivell; Esther, Mrs. F. Pattinson; Martha, Mrs. Margaret Phillips; Electa, Mrs. Betty Sanderson; Warder, Mrs. B. Slaght; Sentinel, N. C. Hern.

The guard of honor was composed of Mrs. M. Beckett, Mrs. M. Currie, Mrs. E. Garber, Mrs. L. Haviland, Mrs. M. Holtby, Mrs. L. Moore, Mrs. I. Sheppard, Mrs. O. Thompson, all incoming matrons in District 18.

Assisting with installations were: Mrs. L. Wardell, Mrs. V. McClung, Mrs. Rene Summerhayes, Grand Chaplain; Mr. and Mrs. G. Lowe, Mrs. C. Kennedy, Mrs. A. Arthur, Mrs. B. Purspey. Mrs. Joyce Day presented the various gifts. The installing organist was Mrs. Varol French, the installing soloist, Mrs. Marie

Climie. Both are from Tillsonburg.

Following the installation the newly installed Matron and Patron thanked the Chapter for electing them to the positions, and all having a part in the installation.

Parting gifts from the Chapter and also from the 1958 officers were presented Mrs. Ruth Smith and Wm. Waring, past matron and patron. These were presented by Mrs. Mann, associate matron, and Miss Oatman, conductress. Mrs. Smith was congratulated for a most successful year by Mrs. F. Church, who presented her with her past matron's jewel. George Lowe, congratulated Wm. Waring for a second good year's work in the interest of the Chapter and presented him with his past patron's jewel which had a gold bar added.

The lunch committee: Mrs. E. Rouse and Mrs. M. Foster, Norwich; Mrs. B. Slaght and Mrs. McDougall, for Otterville, served a most delicious, bountiful and refreshing lunch.

For the annual ceremony the room was tastefully decorated with roses and chrysanthemums. *Nov 15/58*

Mrs. Jack Riste returned home Sunday after spending several days with her aunt Mrs. Nellie Carswell in Detroit.

George Melvin Singer

OTTERVILLE (C) — George Melvin Singer, 92, lifelong resident of South Norwich township, died at his home in Otterville Tuesday evening following several weeks illness.

Mr. Singer, a son of the late John Singer and Lorena Taylor, was the last member of a large family, and was born on the 11th concession on land which his father had obtained from the Crown. He farmed in that area until 20 years ago when he bought his present home next to the Anglican Church. He was secretary-treasurer of the Summerville school for 16 years, and was a deacon of the Otterville Baptist Church for 32 years and then appointed honorary deacon for life. He had been a member of the church more than 65 years and was its oldest member.

Mr. Singer's wife, the former Minnie New, predeceased him two years ago, and he is survived by one son and two daughters, Clarence Singer, Norwich; Mrs. Joseph Stasin (Clara) and Mrs. Robert Goodman, (Irene) both of Detroit, and one grandson, James Goodman, Detroit.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be conducted Friday at 2 p.m. at by Rev. Walter E. Nicholls, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery. *Nov 18-21/58*

Nov. 8/58
The bake shop doors are open again. The shop which has been closed for more than one year when the owner, Derwood Spicer, started a bakeshop in Tillsonburg. Mr. and Mrs. William Furlong of Tillsonburg are operating the shop.

Confirmation Service Held at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — At a confirmation service in St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday morning 15 candidates were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. G. N. Luton, Bishop of Huron, who spoke of his visit at the Lambeth Conference while visiting in England.

The minister, Rector E. C. Grey, assisted in the services.

The Otterville Choir, assisted by the members of the Norwich choir, sang for their anthem "Incline Thine Ear, O Lord." Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Organist of the church was accompanist.

The Norwich and St. Charles Parishes withdrew their services for the day and united with Otterville for the service.

The church was filled to capacity and two baskets of chrysanthemums were placed at the altar.

The ladies served refreshments at the close of the service.

Otterville P.O. Contract Let

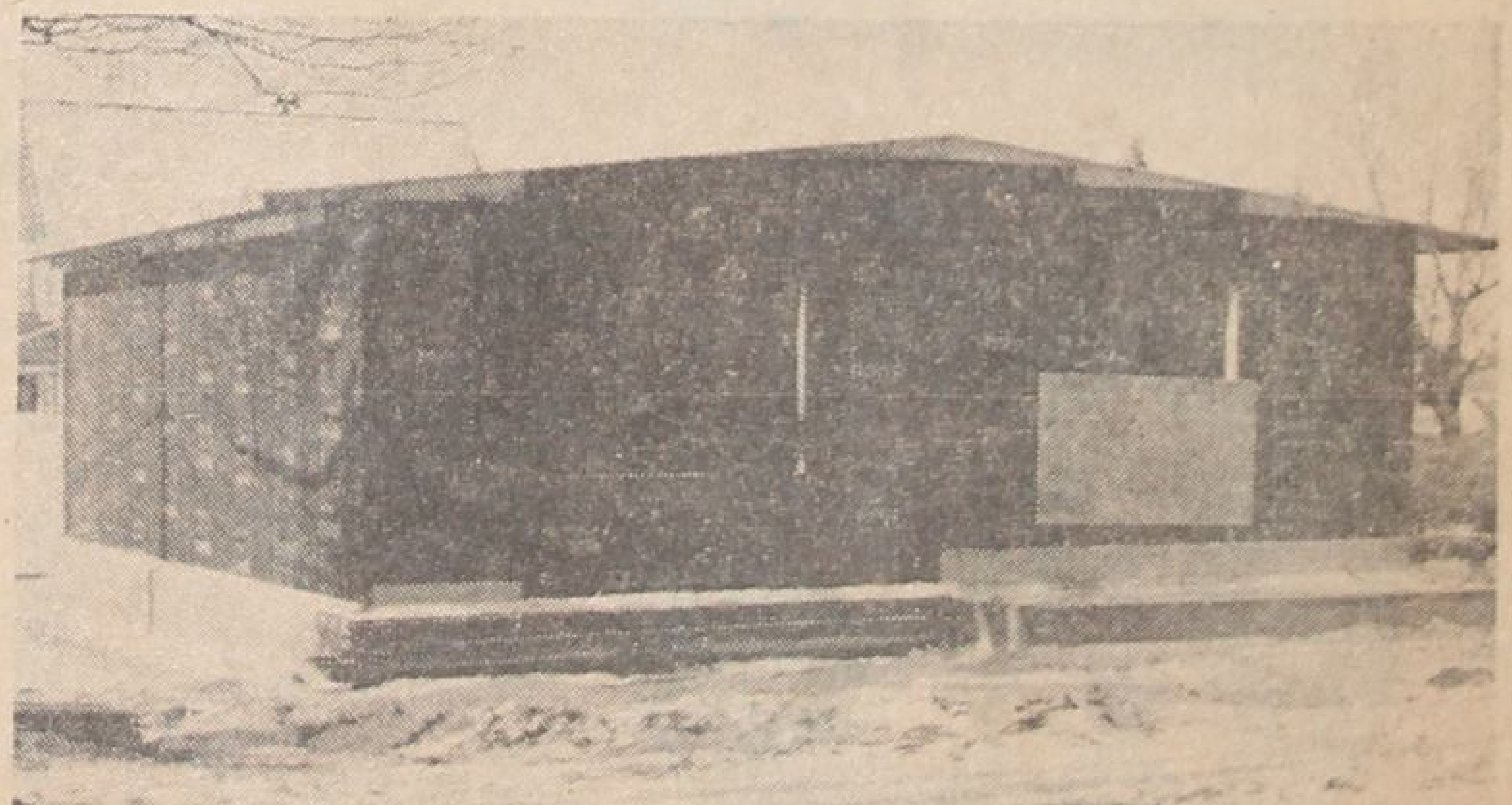
OTTERVILLE (C) — Contract for construction of the new post office building here has been awarded the Gilvesy Construction Co., of Tillsonburg.

Work on the brick-veneer, cottage type building will be started soon. About 800 square feet in size, the building will cost about \$17,500.

It will be located on Dover St., opposite the fire hall, on property purchased from Mrs. Myrtle Riste.

As part of the winter work program, the village is also working on extension of the water main from the pond to the westerly limits of the town. *Nov 15/58*

Otterville Post Office Takes Shape



Construction is progressing favorably on Otterville's new post office, scheduled for opening early in the spring. The new building will bring the staff, in charge of John Furlong, from Main to Dover streets and alleviate over-crowding in present premises. Contractor for the \$14,500 project is Gilvesy Construction, of Tillsonburg. *DEC*

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Pat & Lois Durkey. Diane Travel. Gladys Bicknell - Nov 2/58

Funeral of R. Albert Seaton
 The funeral of R. Albert Seaton was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville Sunday afternoon, and was conducted by Mr. R. J. Weston, minister of the Teeterville United Church. During the service Mr. George H. Davis sang the solo "My God and Father While I Stay" and the pianist was Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Relatives and friends were present from Teeterville, Port Stanley, Woodstock and Beachville. Mr. Seaton was born in Windham township 77 years ago, and spent his early life in the Bookton district, and later lived at Port Dover, Otterville, and Simcoe before going to Port Stanley 16 years ago, and had been a patient in the St. Thomas Elgin Hospital for the past two months.

He is survived by one brother Bero Seaton, of Teeterville, and one nephew and one niece, Stanley Seaton, Teeterville, and Mrs. Una Taves, Baden. Mr. Seaton was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, and on Saturday evening, Tom Murphy, D. D. G. M. of Otter District and Oddfellows from Simcoe Lodge 161; and Tecumseh Lodge Otterville 182, held a memorial service, led by Max Avey, P. D. D. G. M. and Carl Howse as Chaplain, both of Otterville.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were Stanley Arthur, Harold Arthur, Edward Arthur, Art Moore, Bert Redman and Fred Howse. Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery. *Dec 7/58*

Two New Trustees

In a close election held here Monday the Police Village of Otterville will have two new trustee members next year. Ross Avey, a new comer to municipal politics headed the polls, folowed by Donald Addison, a close second. First three elected:

- Ross Avey 191
- Donald Addison 189
- Stanley Riches 167
- Leonard Williams 157
- Arthur Picknell 127

NEWS FROM OTTERVILLE

Late Dr. Herbert George Downing

Dr. Herbert George Downing, a great man in the hearts of hundreds of Otterville and district citizens, died at his home in Otterville Friday afternoon after five months illness. Born

at Beachville 80 years ago, he received his degree as M. B. in Toronto in 1900, the youngest in a class of seventy graduates, and immediately afterward he came to Otterville, where he had a large practice, extending over a great area, and he con-

DOWNING — At his home, Otterville, on Friday, Dec. 26, 1958, Dr. Herbert G. Downing, aged 80 years, beloved husband of the late Christene Holmes, and dear father of Dr. E. Murray Downing, Otterville; Mrs. Kendrick Moles, Ancaster, and brother of Mrs. Allen Haddon, Port Hope. Friends will be received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where services will be conducted Monday at 2 p.m. Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Doctor Dies At Otterville

OTTERVILLE, Dec. 26 — Dr. Herbert G. Downing, 80, resident here for 58 years, and practising physician here for 45 years, died at his home this afternoon.

A native of Beachville, he came here after graduating at Toronto and started his practise. For the first 12 years of his work, which took him to all parts of the district, he traveled by horse and buggy and often emergency operations were performed on a kitchen table.

"And the funny part of it was," he often said, "the patients all recovered."

Dr. Downing continued active practise until the return of his son, Dr. E. Murray Downing, from overseas service in 1945. Always keenly interested in local and district affairs, he served several terms as a village trustee, was a charter member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge, was active in church work, and found time to paint water color pictures of many district scenes. During his term as village trustee Otterville obtained both hydro and water.

Surviving are his son, Dr. E. Murray Downing; a daughter, Mrs. Kendrick Moles, Ancaster, and a sister, Mrs. Allen Haddon, Port Hope.

Service will be conducted Monday, 2 p.m., at the Addison funeral home here, and interment will be in Otter Cemetery.

Dr. Herbert Downing

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral services for the late Dr. Herbert Downing was held at the Addison Funeral Home on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Donald Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist and played a number of favorite hymns.

Floral tributes surrounded the casket and included those from The Neighbours, National Drug and Cematic Co., Hamilton, General News and Novelties, Brantford, Port Dover Yacht Club, Brantford Clinic, Tillsonburg Registered Nurses Association, three remaining doctors of the class who graduated in 1900, Tip Top Cannery, Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, St. John's Lodge A.F. & A.M. Tillsonburg District Medical Society, South Norwich Township Council and Otterville Business Men.

Among the Gideon Bibles were those from Otterville United Church Sunday School and the Sunshine Club.

Among many donations to the Canadian Cancer Society were those from Otterville Business Men, Otterville United Church, Otterville Neighbours, Otterville Women's Institute, local telephone operators, employees of the Otterville Drug Store, Dr. Downing's Office and members of South Norwich Council, who also attended the services in a body.

More than 400 friends of every walk of life called at the Funeral Home to pay their last respects to a much loved citizen.

Casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Rod Taylor, Bill Morrison, Fredric Fish, Dr. H. J. Alexander, Claude Morrison and Carl Howse.

Relatives and friends attending the service from a distance were from Brantford, Ancaster, Toronto, Port Dover, Saskatchewan, Jarvis, Tillsonburg and surrounding district.

Interment took place in the Otter Cemetery. *Dec 26/58*

tinued without sparing himself until his son Dr. G. Murray Downing returned from overseas in 1945. After that he also continued assisting in the office and Drug store, and outside calls when necessary until this year. As a practicing doctor he received his Honorary M. D. in 1950.

An ardent reader, Dr. Downing also was interested in astronomy, and found relaxation in painting, and numerous pictures he has completed, are found in his home, and also shown at art exhibits. For many years he was active in the Bible Society, and was assistant Bible Class teacher in the United Sunday School. For several years he was active in the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and was a charter member, and of late years an honorary member, and was also a members of St. John's Lodge, A.F. and A.M., Norwich. Dr. Downing served as village trustee for some time and it was during his term of office around 1916 that Otterville obtained hydro and a water system, in advance of many other larger communities.

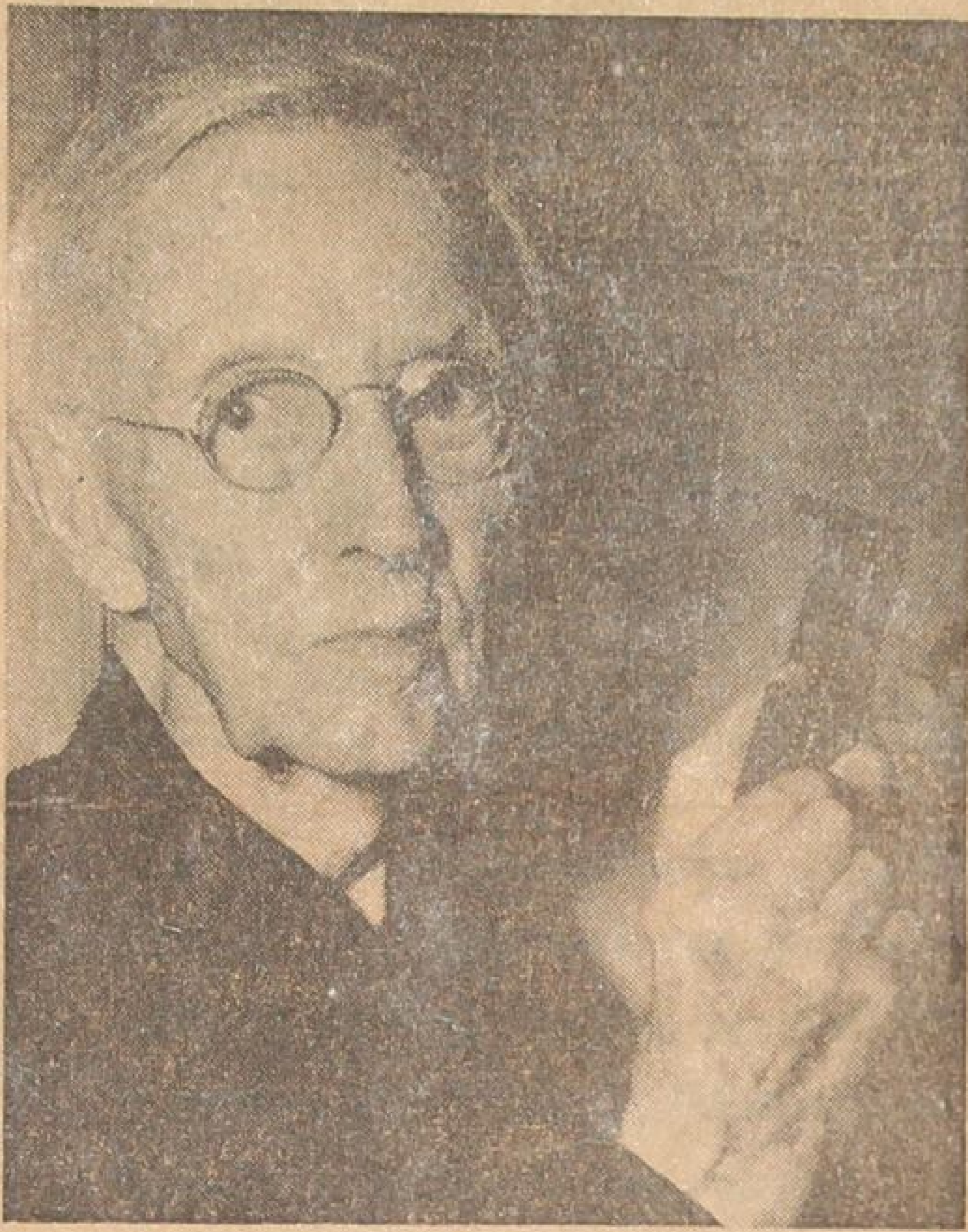
During the first twelve years of Dr. Downing's practice, horses were his means of travel, and he was frequently called upon to operate in emergencies, and if necessary he had to administer the anesthetic as well. In these cases, the operating theatre was the home and the kitchen table was used. Only three of Dr. Downing's graduating class of 1900 remain.

In 1908 Dr. Downing married Christene A. Holmes, and two weeks before their Golden Wedding last June she passed away. He is survived by one daughter, Jean, (Mrs. Kendrick Moles) of Ancaster, and one son Dr. G. M. Downing and four grandchildren in Otterville. Another son, Hugh, died in infancy. He also leaves one sister Mrs. Alice Haddon at Oshawa.

Friends were received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 29th at two o'clock and was conducted by Rev. Donald R. Morrison, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. *1958*

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Otterville Printer Still Active At 97



J. Wesley Fish sets type.

OTTERVILLE, Dec. 23 — Canada's oldest active printer, J. Wesley Fish, will be 97 here Dec. 24.

He's been in the business 80 years or more and his shop is still open.

Last Saturday, on overtime, he worked until 9.30 p.m. to ensure printing of a funeral card order.

He tried retiring once, several years ago, and became so bored that he went back to work.

Mr. Fish still is in surprisingly good health.

His family will be home for Christmas. They will come from Oakville, Toronto and Dundas for a party tomorrow.

The honour of your presence is requested
at the marriage of

Dorothy Irene MacMillan

to

Mr. Frantisek Valenta

on Saturday, October the eleventh
nineteen hundred and fifty-eight
at four-thirty in the afternoon

Chalmers United Church

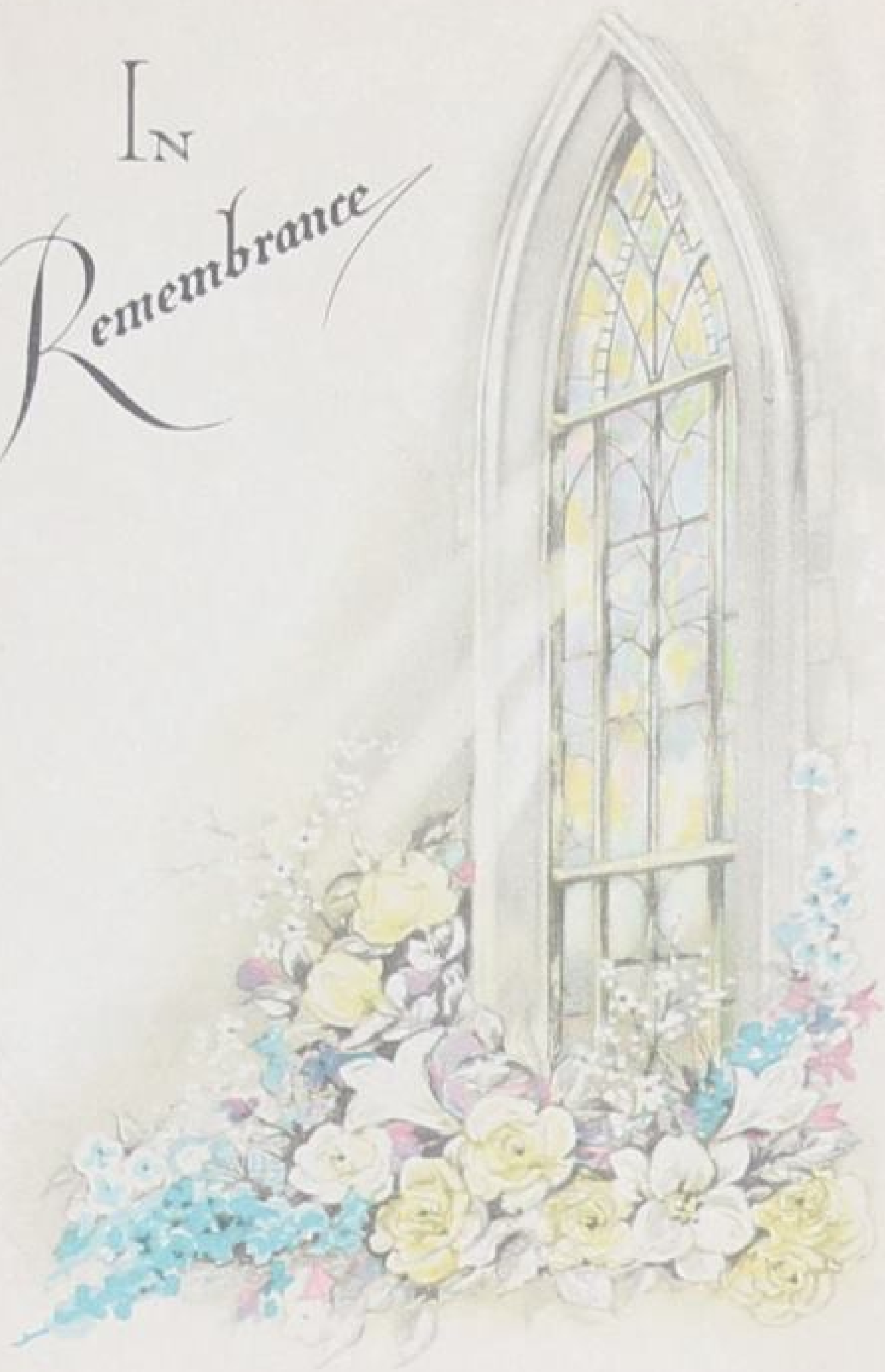
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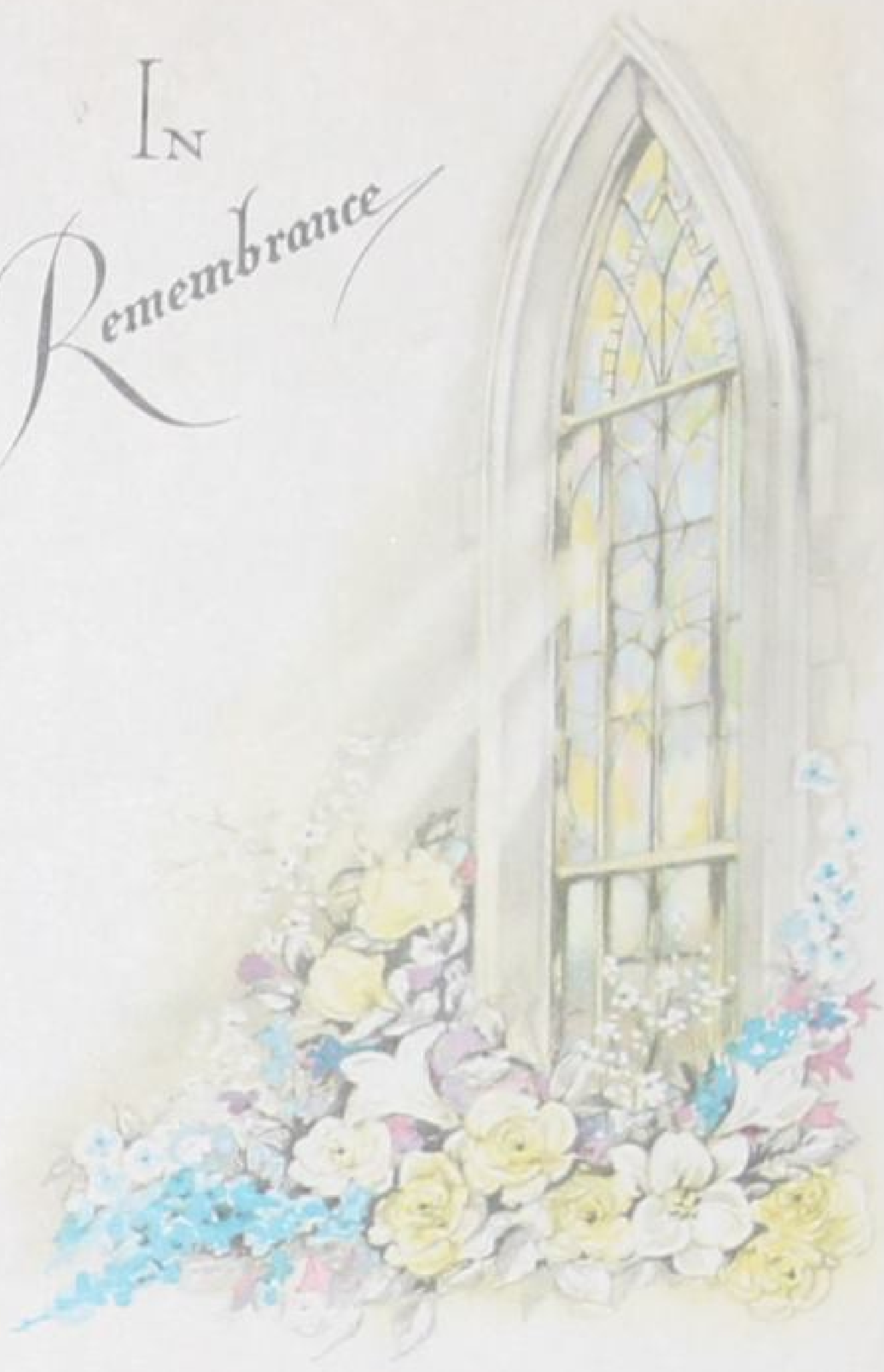
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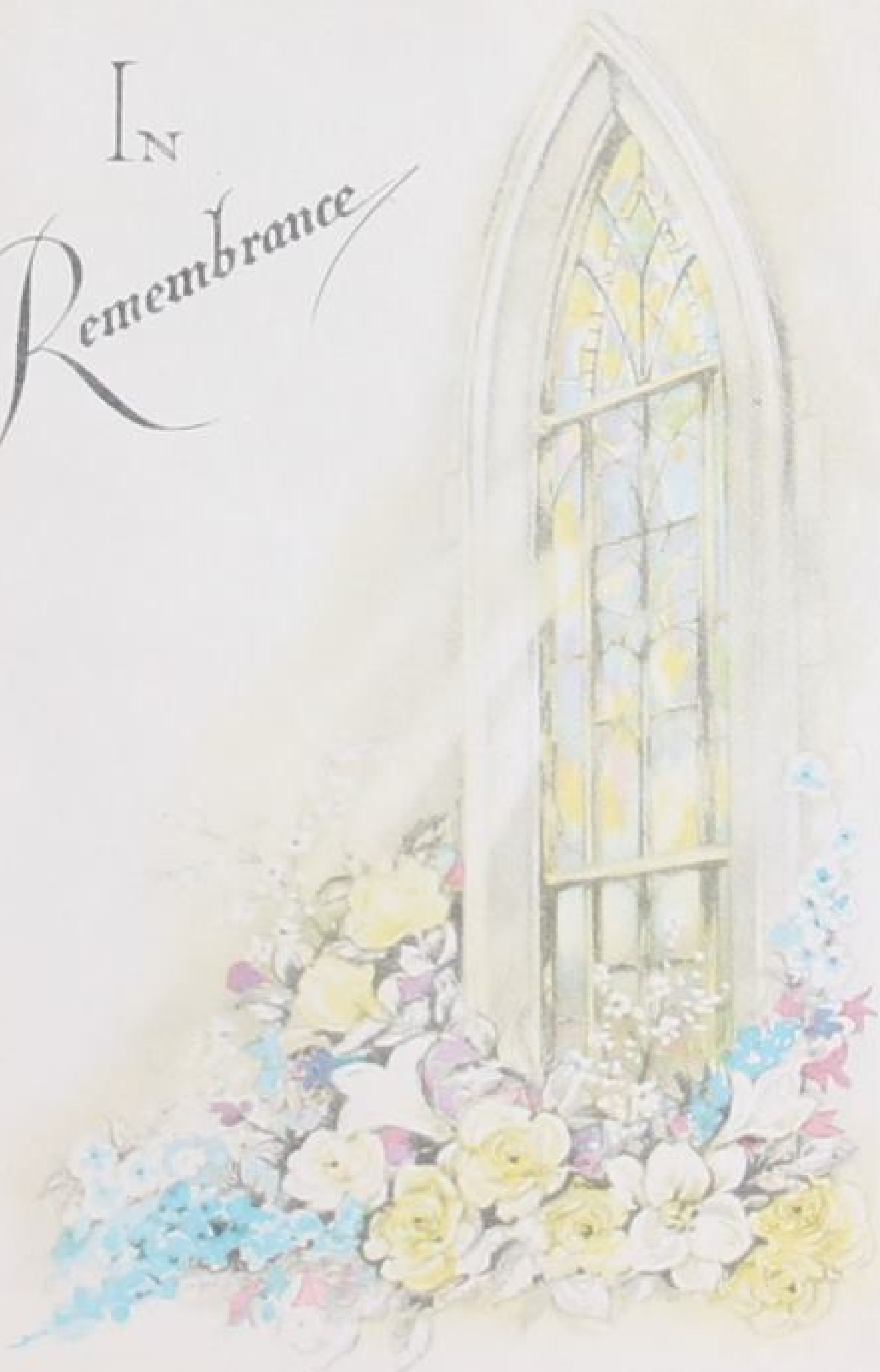
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I The Eternal Goodness
know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise;
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak
To bear an untried pain,
The bruised reed He will not break,
But strengthen and sustain.

And so, beside the silent sea,
I wait the muffled oar;
No harm from Him can come to me
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care

JOHN G. WHITTIER

In Memoriam

—o—

Died, at her home, in Otterville
Tuesday, September 2nd, 1958

Mrs. Lulu Wilson

wife of John Wilson
in her 78th year

Resting at the Addison Funeral
Home, Otterville, where friends
will be received.

The Funeral

Service in the Funeral Home

Friday, September 5th

at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Rev. E. C. Grey, minister officiating

Interment in Otter Cemetery
Otterville

The Eternal Goodness
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In Memoriam

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Friday, December 26th, 1958

Dr. Herbert George Downing

Age, 80 years

Resting at the Addison Funeral
Home, Otterville, where friends
will be received.

The Funeral

Service in the Funeral Home
Monday, December 29th

at 2 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Donald Morrison, officiating

Interment in Otter Cemetery
Otterville

Kindly omit flowers.

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JOHN G. WHITTIER

In Memoriam

—o—

Died, at his home in Otterville
Sunday, May 11th, 1958

Cecil Morris Hooker

in his 72nd year

Resting at the Addison Funera-
Home, Otterville, where friends
will be received.

The Funeral

Service in the Funeral Home

Wednesday, May 14th

at 2 o'clock p. m. D. S. T.

Rev. Donald Morrison, officiating

Interment in Otter Cemetery
Otterville



ANNUAL VETERANS-LIONS NIGHT



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and in the morning
we shall remember them"

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GREEN PEAS

PAN GRAVY

CRANBERRY SAUCE

ASSORTED RELISHES — GREEN SALAD

SHERBET

ROLLS

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COFFEE

PORT

APPLES

TOASTS

"TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES"

"THE QUEEN"

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