

Charter For Ingersoll Navy League



Bernie Zurbrigg, at left, president of the newly-formed Ingersoll branch of the Navy League of Canada, receives the charter for the branch from James Christ, of Toronto. (Photo by Longfield).

Pamberlin St.

Ingersoll Joins Navy League

1958
INGERSOLL, Sept. 10 — A local branch of the Navy League came into being here tonight when a charter was presented to the group by James Christ, field representative of the league from Toronto.

Receiving on behalf of the branch was its new president, Bernie Zurbrigg.

Plan Sea Cadets

Activities and requirements for membership were outlined by Mr. Christ and Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Jefferies, area officer, Sea Cadets, also of Toronto.

The branch plans to start a Sea Cadet Corps and hopes for an initial membership of 50 boys between the ages of 14 and 18.

Officers elected include Police Chief L. J. Pengelly, secretary; Herman Lindsey, treasurer; Merv Haycock, publicity; and directors, Councilor Ross Fewster and Frank Witty.

Works Building Approval Given

1958
INGERSOLL, Feb. 14 — Council last night approved a board of works plan for a service building to be located on Mutt street. *Cost \$2500*

Thomas Cleaver, chairman of the board of works, said the 4000 foot square concrete and steel structure will contain the superintendent's office, and will hold all works equipment.

Tenders will be called next week for the building, heating and wiring.

Accepted a tender from Melvin Shivers for construction of a washroom in the board of works building, at a cost of \$390; *APR. 6 - 1958*

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 has been done with
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May Retire From Old Red, Fire

By JIM GREENSHIELDS
 A big red fire engine, that has stood on guard against the ever-threatening menace of fire in Ingersoll for the past thirty years may soon be retired from its post by the relentless march of time.

But down by the fire hall, amiable Alf Schaeffer, still talks fondly of the old pumper that has served him and the town so well over the long and trying years since 1930 when it first went into service.

Alf likes to recall the days when he first took over the reins of the volunteer fire brigade. The present pumper had as its stablemate an old Model T, and although it had to be cranked, he claims it never once failed to reach the scene of a fire. Although the Model T has long since been replaced by a more modern ladder truck, (in 1946) still the memories of the era it did so much to create linger in the story-tainted fire halls.

20 years, the only full time member of the staff, heads a 12-man volunteer force.

The brigade, which despite the volunteer nature of the operation retains a remarkable degree of mobility, and its members are prepared for duty at all hours of the day and night and may be summoned to the scene of the fire through the telephone operator.

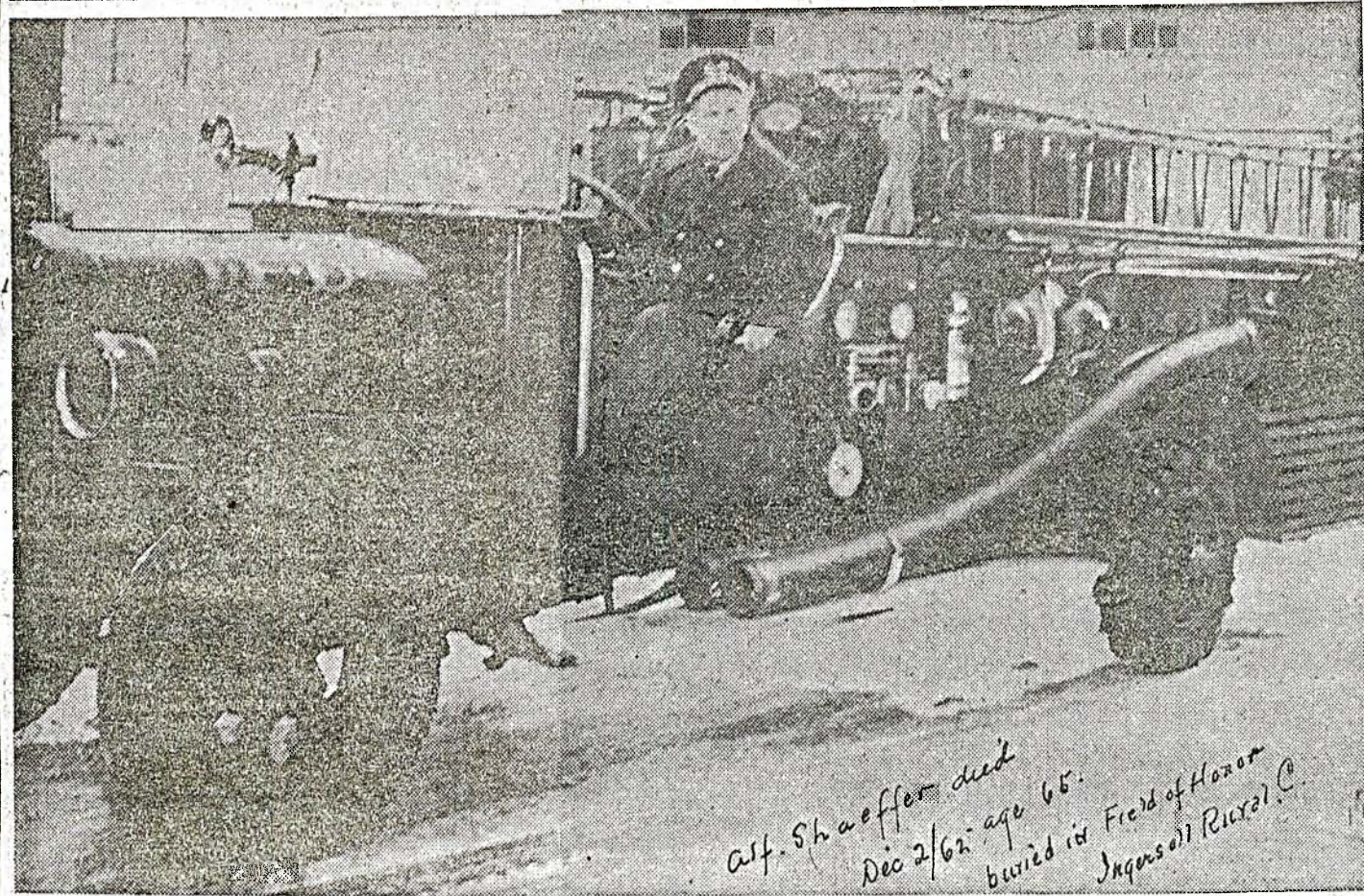
When the new dial telephone are installed in the near future it is expected a full time operator will be necessary at the fire station on a 24 hour basis.

Among the later innovations at the station are two Scot A Paks, respiratory devices for the protection of firemen against the danger of gas.

Mr. Schaeffer, believes that the new mutual assistance plan that enables the fire departments Woodstock, Thamesford, Beaverville and Ingersoll to go to ea

Alf Schaeffer, fire chief for

Old fire engine stored in shed on street where lockup was.



Alf Schaeffer died Dec 2/62 age 65. buried in Field of Honor Ingersoll Rural C.

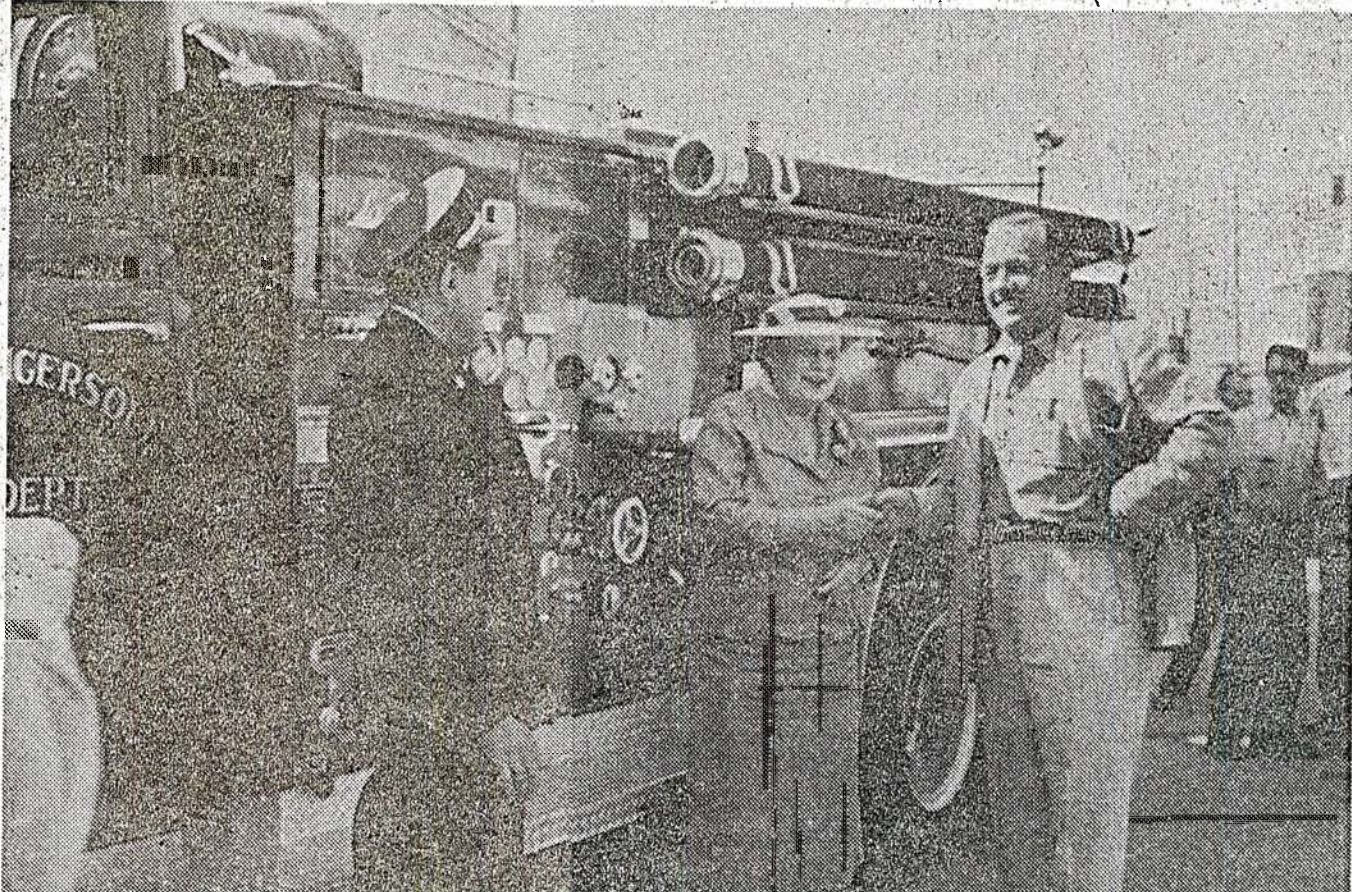
SHE'S NOT AS GOOD AS SHE USED TO BE...!"

Ingersoll fire chief, Alf Schaeffer, sits at the wheel of the 30-year-old fire truck which starts just as fast as it did in 1928. The pump truck has travelled over 4,000 miles in calls inside the town of Ingersoll. (Staff Photo)

Ingersoll Buys Fire Truck Despite Low Tender Protests

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 1958—SECOND SECTION

Ingersoll Gets Delivery Of \$15,800 Fire Truck



A \$15,800 fire truck was delivered to the Ingersoll Fire Department yesterday. The new pumper, purchased from La France Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd., of Toronto, underwent final tests in Toronto before delivery and brings the number of trucks

to three — a ladder truck and the old pumper which will be kept as a spare. Reg Carter, sales representative of the Toronto firm, hands the keys to Ingersoll Mayor Winnifred Williams as Fire Chief Alf Schaeffer looks on. (Photo by Smith).

INGERSOLL, May 5 — Council, in a three-to-two vote favored the purchase of a new fire truck from the LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Limited, Toronto, at a cost of \$15,854 over the protests of Councillor Stanley J. Smith, chairman of the public buildings and grounds committee.

He said that the accepted tender was \$550 above another tender received by council. "We are spending the taxpayers' money and after all any of these fire trucks have to be approved by both the underwriters and the fire marshal's department," Mr. Smith said.

Two resignations from municipally - controlled departments were accepted. Richard Lewis, a policeman since June 1956, resigned to join the Ontario Provincial Police. John S. Newman, a member of the park's board for a number of years, also submitted his resignation.

Meet Complaints
 As result of complaints received by council the traffic lights at Charles and Thames streets will be changed back to red, green and caution.

Councillor Thomas Cleaver, works chairman, said he had received "a number of complaints" from parents who said the lights were "confusing not only to children but to adults." The lights at the intersection

were changed to include arrows to indicate turns as well as usual stop and go lights.

Delay Sewers
 A petition from taxpayers from the Bell, Margaret, Cash and Innes streets area asked council to consider sewer services under the local improvement act was laid over. Councillor Cleaver pointed out the council had not budgeted for

A certificate of approval for sanitary sewers to be constructed on King Hiram, Cartwright, George, King Solomon streets and Kensington avenue was received from the Ontario Water Resources Commission. The amount approved was \$2,039.

Council was advised by the Board of Transport Commissioners that a certificate had been issued ordering the installation of two automatic crosswalks, two flashing lights and one warning bell at the Mutual street-CNR crossing within six months.

Buy Fire Trucks
 The Mayor said she hoped this would be a reminder to those who were delinquent to arrange for payment immediately.

Council gave final reading of a bylaw authorizing purchase of a new fire truck from LaFrance Fire Engine and Foamite Ltd., of Toronto, at \$15,854. Council received final approval tonight from the Ontario Municipal Board for purchase of the truck. JUNE 17-1958

- 1959 Council
- INGERSOLL
 MAYOR — Norman E. Pemberton 974; Miss Winnifred L. Williams 677.
 COUNCIL (six elected) — Ross Fewster 1,111; David Forrest 1,006; Thomas Cleaver 923; Glen Topham 881; Stanley J. Smith 782; Claude Wright 778; Peter Molmar 741; Robert J. Smith 716; Mrs. Rosalie Wilson 392.



OFFICERS NAMED FOR LADY DUFFERIN CHAPTER IODE

Mrs. J. W. McKinney was re-elected regent of Lady Dufferin Chapter IODE at the chapter's annual meeting held Monday afternoon. Members of the 1957 executive include: (seated) Mrs. F. Boniface, recording secretary; Mrs. C. Downing, second

vice-regent; Mrs. J. W. McKinney, regent; Mrs. R. Williams, first vice-regent; Mrs. G. H. Allen, corresponding secretary; (standing)—Mrs. C. K. Dykeman, services at home and abroad convener; Mrs. F. R. Adam, Echoes secretary; Mrs. W. Dorland, standard bearer;

Mrs. Henry Hayes, social convener; Mrs. P. M. Graham, treasurer; Mrs. H. Sanderson, press reporter. Mrs. S. Wadsworth, Empire study and world affairs convener, was about when the picture was taken. (Staff photo). Feb 4-1957

IODE is 70 today

FEB. 1971

The national IODE chapter celebrates its 70th birthday today.

To commemorate this anniversary, the London municipal chapter, will hold a special church service Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in Metropolitan United Church. Dr. George Goth will conduct the service. The national organization has 24,000 members and each year raises and disburses more than \$1,000,000 for education, emergency and disaster relief.

In the field of service, more than half a million dollars is spent at home and abroad according to Mrs. Bruce Butler, public relations secretary for the national chapter.

In educational services, more than \$330,000 was spent by IODE chapters across Canada. The number of schools receiving assistance both in cities and outlying areas totals 1,888.

Primary chapters assist children of Indian and Eskimo heritage in 148 "adopted" schools in Newfoundland, Labrador and the Northwest Territories. Indian schools in all provinces are also assisted by the chapters, and secondary schools in British West Indies.

The National Ballet, National Theatre School of Canada and the National Youth Orchestra continue to be supported financially.

years, who resigned last March 15.

Report Ingersoll "Find"

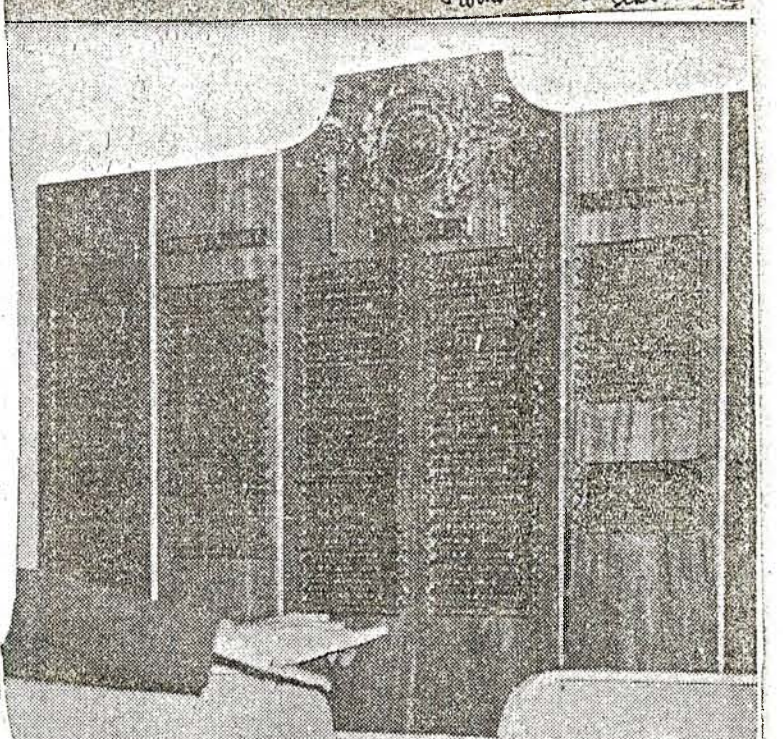
Ancient Lockup Discovered As Town Hall Sand-Blasted

INGERSOLL, Aug. 31—A jail that hasn't held a prisoner for more than three-quarters of a century has come to light during sand-blasting of the town hall.

The ancient lockup in the basement of the 102-year-old building was abandoned in 1875 when a drunk lost his life by suffocation when the town hall caught fire. The old jail has half-inch square iron bars inserted through an oak beam. The entrance—now closed up—was from the east end of the building on King street. It is used for storing old town records.

The dollar replaced the pound as the monetary unit throughout Canada by the Uniform Currency Act of 1871.

I have seen this old jail. Some gratings of the old jail were put over the windows of the old jail.



RDS NAMES OF TOWN OFFICIALS April 1957

bears the crest of the Town of Ingersoll and the bronze name plates are mounted on a walnut veneer, striking against the modern new light finish of the court room. It was viewed by Council at their Monday night meeting

for the first time. Here Councillor Tom Cleaver, chairman of the public buildings and grounds committee points to the name of Ingersoll's first lady mayor, Miss Winnifred Williams. (Staff Photo).



HONORED FOR SERVICE TO YMCA Feb. 1957

J. R. Henley and Gordon B. Henry were honored guests at Monday night's annual meeting of the YMCA. Mr. Henley, now of London, served as treasurer of

the YMCA for seven years, and Gordon B. Henry served nine years as president of the Y. Both men were presented with plaques

inscribed with a record of their "Service to Youth" at the dinner meeting. The presentations were made by R. G. Start. (Staff Photo)

- Jan 3, 1958 - Hugh Bowman killed at CNR crossing at Mutual St.
- June 12 - 1958 - Harry T. Bower died.
- Sept 11 - 1958 - D. Fred. Garlick died.
- June 12 - 1959 - Annie Moon died 76 yrs.
- Aug 27 - 1959 - Arthur Zyzard died - 73 yrs.
- May 23 - 1962 - Harry Sanderson died - 62 yrs - CPR agent 15 yrs - to Godwin country.
- July 18 - 1965 - Mrs. C. Winders - died - 78 yrs - to My Rural C.

Administrator For Ingersoll

Michael Aitken, of Ingersoll was appointed administrator for the town at the meeting.

Mae Horsman, assessor for many

Byron G. Jenvey was reappointed to Ingersoll Suburban Road Committee for a term of five years.

Mr. Jenvey, who will serve with Arthur Hutchinson, of North Oxford and A. D. Robinson, of West Oxford, announced the Commission may be taking over a portion of No. 7 county road as far as Rayside in the near future.

The Commission is now responsible for maintenance of the Hamilton road and Culloden road for a total distance of 4.2 miles.

A report submitted by Mr. Jenvey showed Ingersoll's cost for suburban roads at \$1,600 a year for the past five years.

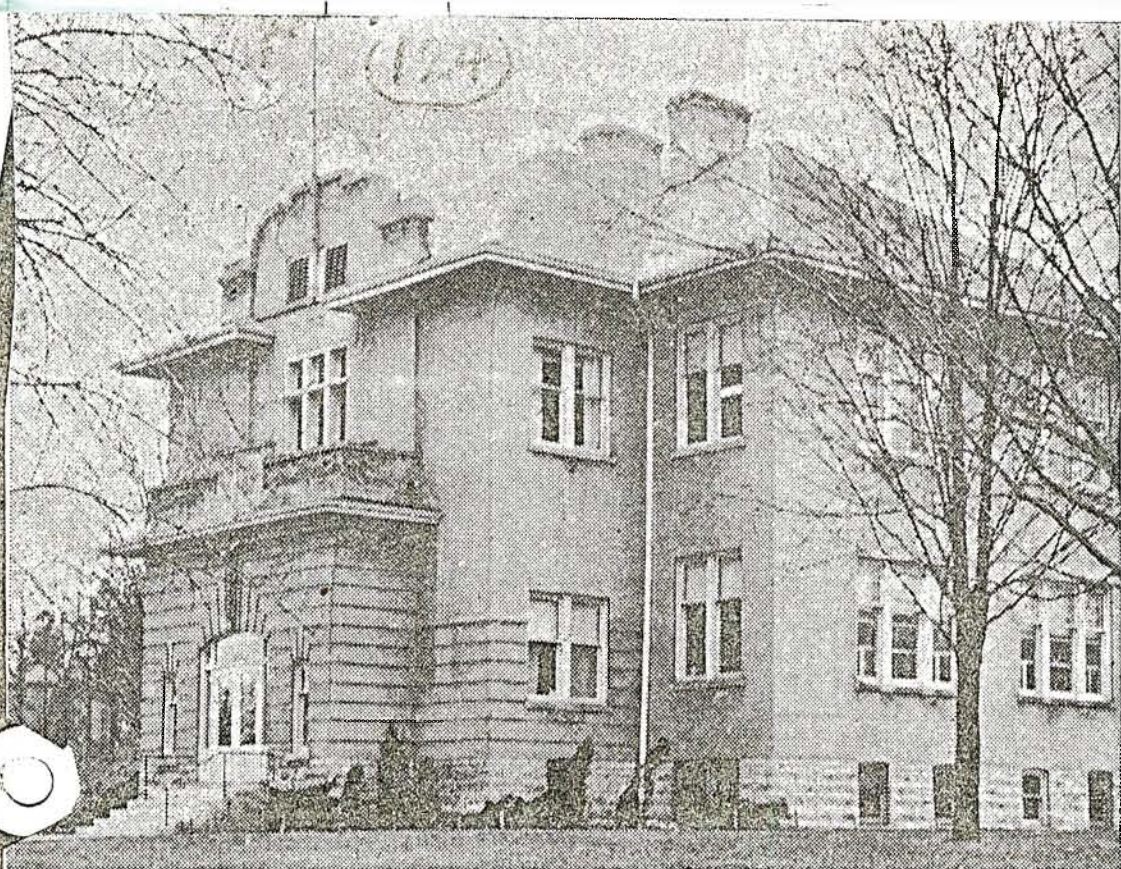
Dec. 1958 - Ingersoll assessment \$ 9,901,230.

Dec. 1958 - Population - 6976.

Dec. 1958 - Blinking lights installed at junction of Bell and Thames St. - to protect children.

Adams Furniture Store opened Jan. 15 - 1959

The Com. took over Road 7 from Ingersoll to Rayside in 1961.



MAY ADD ROOMS TO PRINCESS ELIZABETH SCHOOL

It looks as if this familiar building, Princess Elizabeth school, is due to have a change in shape. At a meeting of the Public School Board this week chairman Allan J. Wilson made the suggestion that a two-room addition to the school might be

a solution to the accommodation problem there. The public school board once again faces a lack of accommodation problem here. It was about eight years ago that the school had several rooms added to it; and since that time

Princess Anne School on King street east has been erected. Meanwhile the race continues to keep the accommodation at least equal with the growing school population in Ingersoll. (Staff Photo). APR. 4-1957



KIWANIANS HONORED FOR LONG SERVICE

Three members of the Kiwanis Club of Ingersoll were honored at last night's meeting when they were presented with their 35-year certificates and pins. The three

honored members (front row), are all past presidents of the club. Left to right they are W. A. C. Forman, R. A. Stone and R. W. Green; standing behind them are

Bernie Zurbrigg, president, a Cliff Love, chairman of the law and regulation committee.

(Staff Photo)

Sept. 20-1957

To Reorganize Historical Society At Friday Meeting

The Oxford Historical Society which is holding a reorganization and open meeting on Friday night in the city hall was first formed in January of 1897.

The first executive of the society included: G. R. Pattullo, president; A. McClenaghan, first vice-president; Dr. Williams, of Ingersoll, second vice-president; John Hall of Drumbo, third vice-president; William Munro sec.-treasurer; James White, curator and librarian; H. J. Duncan, George Smith and Walter S. McLay, editors. Members of the council were R. W. Sawtell, W. Carlyle, public school inspector; F. R. Ball, QC, Rev. Dr. McKay, James Sutherland, MP, Andrew Pattullo, MLA, A. McKay, MLA, Col. Cowan, George F. Fraser, Dr. Rice, T. H. Lennox and R. Paxton of Otterville.

In 1912 T. P. Hart of East Oxford was the secretary. During the First World War the society ceased to function. It was reorganized in 1930 at a meeting called by E. W. Nesbitt. It continued vigorously until just before the Second World War when activity ceased again.

During the war, Mrs. E. J. Canfield, the president, took on Red Cross work and whenever she

gave historical information to seekers from Woodstock and Oxford county.

Miss Louise Hill kept the small museum of the society, one room and later two, in the court House open on certain afternoons for the benefit of school children and others. She did this for many years. In recent years the Oxford Museum was established in the city hall and Herbert Milnes became president. The late Miss Effie Nesbitt was curator. The present curator is Mrs. Bernadette Smith. This museum is a separate entity but is co-operating with the Oxford Society.

Arrangements have been made to have Mayor Winnifred Williams of Ingersoll as chairman for Friday evening's meeting. Miss Williams is a niece of Dr. Williams who was a member of the society's first executive. Mayor C. M. Tatham of Woodstock is expected to attend and to introduce the Mayor of Ingersoll.

Members of the present executive of the society are Mrs. E. J. Canfield, the Hon. D. M. Sutherland of Embro., Dr. R. L. Revell, Miss Zella Hotson, Innerkip, Mrs. Charles Blueman and Miss Marjorie Chambers, RR 4, Woodstock, who is the secretary.

Kenora Man As Principal For Ingersoll

INGERSOLL, Feb. 11 — Donald Thomas, of Kenora, will be principal of the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute during the two-year leave of absence of Principal J. C. Herbert, beginning in September, the board's teacher committee reported last night.

Mr. Herbert was recently granted leave to serve with the Department of National Defense in Germany.

The committee reported that Mr. Thomas, 41, is head of the science department and office assistant to the principal at Kenora-Keewatin District High School in Kenora, a school with almost exactly the same enrolment as Ingersoll's. He has 18 years teaching experience, and will be bringing his wife and eight-year-old daughter to Ingersoll.

Enrolment at Kenora was reported at 632. Mr. Herbert said last night enrolment at Ingersoll in January was 639, with an average daily attendance of 613. Night classes will conclude March 12, Mr. Herbert said, "probably" with an "Open House" program.

Mr. Thomas went to West Lake, N.S.

In 1959 there were 119 hydrants in Ingersoll

Name Collector For Ingersoll

INGERSOLL, Aug. 10 — John M. Sowler, 44, of 127 Metcalfe St., has been appointed collector in the customs and excise offices here succeeding Jack Payne who has been named head of the customs department according to an announcement from civil service headquarters in Ottawa.

Mr. Sowler is a native of In-



JOHN M. SOWLER

gersoll and an RCAF veteran of the Second World War. He joined the Air Force in 1940 and served six years, including a tour overseas. Since his return, he has been employed with local industries.

He is married and has two sons. He has been president of the Ingersoll Minor Hockey Association, and served on the citizens' committee for the Ingersoll District Memorial Centre. He is also a member of Canadian Legion branch 119 and of the Presbyterian Church.

Ingersoll Names Head Of Industry Committee

INGERSOLL, Jan. 19 — James W. Dean was appointed industrial commissioner for Ingersoll for 1959 here tonight.

Pass Committee Bylaw
A bylaw passed to form an industrial committee named the mayor and two members of council to be appointed each year.

Council representatives this year are David Forrest and Glenn Topham.

Salary of the commissioner was set at \$175 a month, plus reasonable expenses. The new plan replaces the former industrial board.

The secretary-treasurer was appointed.

Mayor Norman E. Pembleton, speaking on the bylaw, said it was necessary to set up the new industrial committee after council was advised by letter the Chamber of Commerce had no nominees to name to the board at present.

Mayor Pembleton paid tribute to the board for efforts in locating industry here in the past. He noted many other municipal

ities had either gone to the idea of an industrial commissioner, or were looking into the system.

The only councillor to object to the bylaw was Stanley Smith, who said: "I do not agree to the \$175 salary. I would be willing to go along with the idea if I could see someone to support an amendment whereby we offer a bonus of \$1,000 for each industry located here."

Mayor Pembleton: "We have discussed many ways of paying an industrial commissioner, and it appears the one we have suggested tonight is the answer."

Councillor David Forrest, local industrialist, said Mr. Dean was largely responsible for locating in Ingersoll five years ago. He felt council was doing the right thing by giving this for a year.

Mr. Dean discharged - Oct - 1960

July 2-1960

Council also approved expenditure of \$1,500 for improvements on the Simister building on Victoria Street, in preparation for rental to a boat manufacturing company. The company is now quartered in a portion of the board of works equipment storage building, which will soon be needed for winter equipment.

Oct 18-1957 - Society Organized.
T.P. Hart - President.
Stanley J. Smith - Ingersoll - Vice-Pres.
Oct 7-1957 - Ingersoll Council made a grant of \$25.00 to above Society



VISUAL PROGRESS can now be seen involving the new Masonic Hall to be constructed on property near the downtown section on Thames Street South. Excavation for the base of

the two storey building was completed Saturday in the project which is expected to be finished in early spring. Members of King Hiram Lodge, 37 and St. John's Lodge, 68 num-

ber about 400. The Masons' building committee is seen in the upper photo and includes Warwick Marshall, Wilf Allen, A. R. Horton, chairman R. S. Clark, vice - chairman Norm

Greer and Clarence Grieve. Absent from the picture are Harry Cornell and Fred M. Smith. (Staff Photo)

Construction Is Started ^{Sept. 1958} On New Masonic Building

Ingersoll's New Masonic Hall, estimated at \$55,000 is now under construction. An 80 by 40 foot two storey building is expected to be finished with brick, stone, and concrete on or about May 1, 1959.

The site of the building is on the west side of Thames Street south between Ann and King Streets. The lot size is approximately 132 by 66 feet and is situated just north of the Salvation Army Citadel.

Architect for the building is Frank W. White of London and the contractor, Songhurst and McLeod of Ingersoll.

Plans were started when the Masonic Lodge rooms and furnishings above Featherstone Market were destroyed by fire, November 27, 1956. The King Hiram Lodge 37 and St. John's Lodge 68 which make up the approximate number of 400 Ingersoll Masons have been holding their meetings at the IOOF Hall, also on Thames Street South.

Charles W. Rudd is master of the King Hiram Lodge and W.

More progress was made when the property site on Thames South was purchased in the summer of 1957 and the over 60 year old landmark of a farmhouse, torn down. Saturday, the property surveying was complete and the foundation excavation dug.

Now the building committee of chairman R. S. Clark, vice-chairman Norm Greer, Clarence Grieve, Wilf Allen, Warwick Marshall, Harry Cornell and Fred M. Smith can see their plans progress. Thier work will soon begin to show and in the not too distant future they will be using the first floor social room and second floor lodge room of their new building.

The modern two storey building will assist in giving the main street a new aspect.

Died Oct. '61
Died Aug 8 - 1962

Masons Hold Dedication Of Building

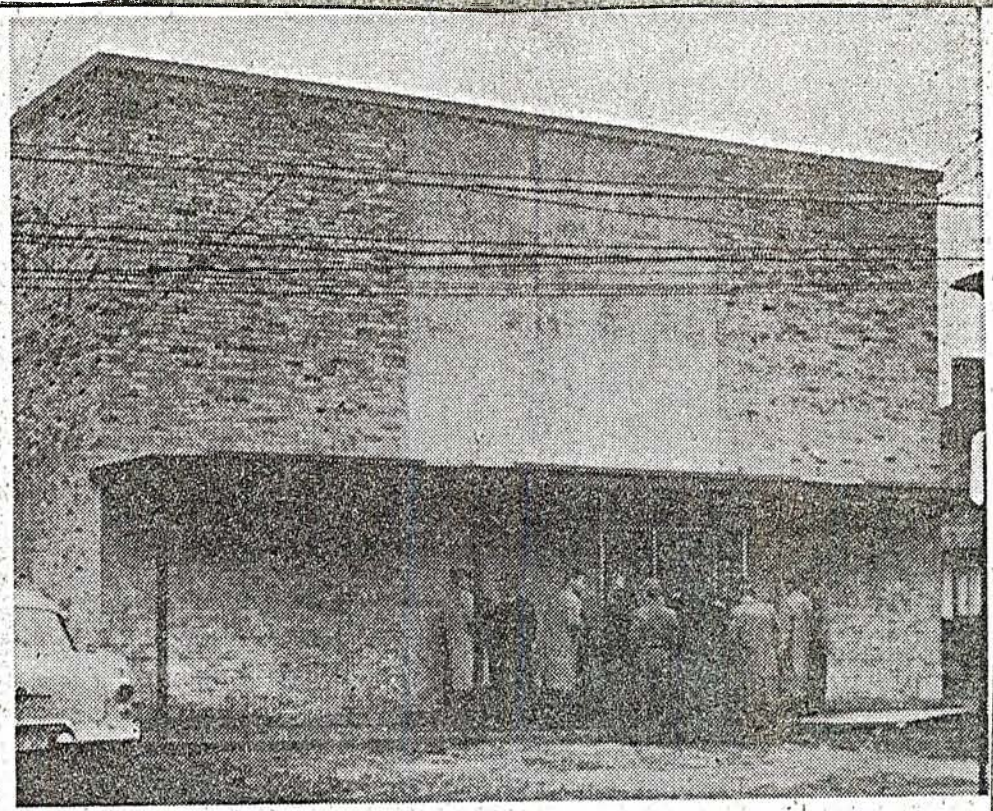
MAR. 31-1960

INGERSOLL — A \$55,000 Masonic Temple, housing King Hiram Lodge No. 37 and St. John's Lodge No. 68 was dedicated yesterday in a cornerstone ceremony conducted by Ontario Grand Master, C. MacLeod Pitts, of Ottawa.

The building was started in October, 1958 and it was completed recently. More than 350 Masons attended the ceremony and a banquet in Trinity United Church.

Also taking part in the ceremony were Ontario Grand Chaplain M. G. B. Williams of Toronto and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies David Selker, of Hamilton.

Chairman of the banquet was Bruce M. McCall, of Embro, Wilson district deputy grand master. Thomas Jackson, of Ingersoll, presented a cheque on behalf of the two lodges to aid construction of a new Masonic administration building in Hamilton on behalf of the two lodges.



MANY ATTEND CEREMONY—Dedication of the Masonic Temple in Ingersoll was attended by more than 350 Masons from many Ontario centres. The new building houses King Hiram Lodge No. 37 and St. John's Lodge No. 68. Construction of the lodge was started in October, 1958, and completed recently. (Photo by Longfield).

Woodstock
Ringham & Harpell did the brickwork
Top storey built by above in March 1959.

Masons Purchase New Temple Site

A joint committee of the two local Masonic Lodges, King Hiram No. 37, and St. John's No. 68, on Thursday night completed negotiations for a site for a new Masonic Temple to replace their former quarters which were destroyed by the disastrous fire in the East side section of the main Thames street business block in November last.

MAY 23-1957
Acquisition of the property at 194 Thames street South, adjoining the Salvation Army on the North side, has been announced as the site for the new Masonic Temple. The site is very central, only about half a block from the centre of the business section of the town and in all respects is considered very suitable for the new building.

Steps have been taken by the committee to have the dwelling on the property removed and arrangements are also being made to have the building directed under the supervision of an architect beginning probably in July.

Fred S. Newman is the chairman of the joint committee and the respective members of the two Masonic Lodges are: King Hiram - Clarence Grieve, Harry Cornell, W. R. Marshall QC; St. John's - Fred Smith, Chris. Grimes, John C. McBride.

Food Plant At Ingersoll Announced

INGERSOLL, June 18, 1959 - Construction of a new 12,000 square foot food processing plant in the Westfield sub-division, was announced by Mayor N. E. Pembleton.

Mayor Pembleton said he was not at liberty to disclose the name of the company, but final arrangements were being made by Industrial Commissioner James Dean.

Construction of the plant is expected to get underway sometime this year. When completed in 1960 it will provide employment for approximately 100 people.

The company has purchased a five-acre site in the sub division. *Above Co. went to Stratford*

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GRAND LODGE OFFICIALS ATTEND

**New \$55,000
Masonic Temple
Is Dedicated**

The new \$55,000 Masonic Temple on Thames street south was officially dedicated on Thursday by C. MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master of Canada, assisted by Bruce McCall of Embro, District Deputy Grand Master, and 27 members of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M.

turned the keys over to the Grand Master during a cornerstone ceremony conducted late in the afternoon. Also participating were Ontario Grand Chaplain M. G. B. Williams of Toronto; Assistant Director of Ceremonies David Selker of Hamilton; Grand Secretary E. A. Dixon, and Bruce McCall, DDGM.

Norman Greer, acting chairman of the building committee, attended the dedication dinner at Trinity United Church with the Wilson District and both Ingersoll Lodges, King Hiram, No. 37 and St. John's No. 68, as hosts.

Head table guests included: Wor. Bro. Ivan Smith and H. Nagle; Rt. Wor. Bro. W. Trebel and Rev. M. G. B. Williams; W. Bro. Jack Hargreaves; Very W. B. J. W. Montgomery; Wor. Bro. R. G. Groom; Rt. W. Bro. J. Irvine; and Bruce McCall; Most Wor. Bro. C. MacL. Pitts; Rt. W. Bros. J. J. Talman; F. S. Newman, E. G. Dixon, C. Sutherland, B. Omand, S. Painter; Wor. Bros. J. Dean and G. Beavis.

Approximately 300 Masons from all over Ontario attended the official dedication of the Masonic temple in a service starting at 8:30 o'clock.

THE CORNER STONE of the new Masonic Temple was unveiled, and the Thames street building dedicated in formal services Thursday afternoon and evening. C. MacLeod Pitts

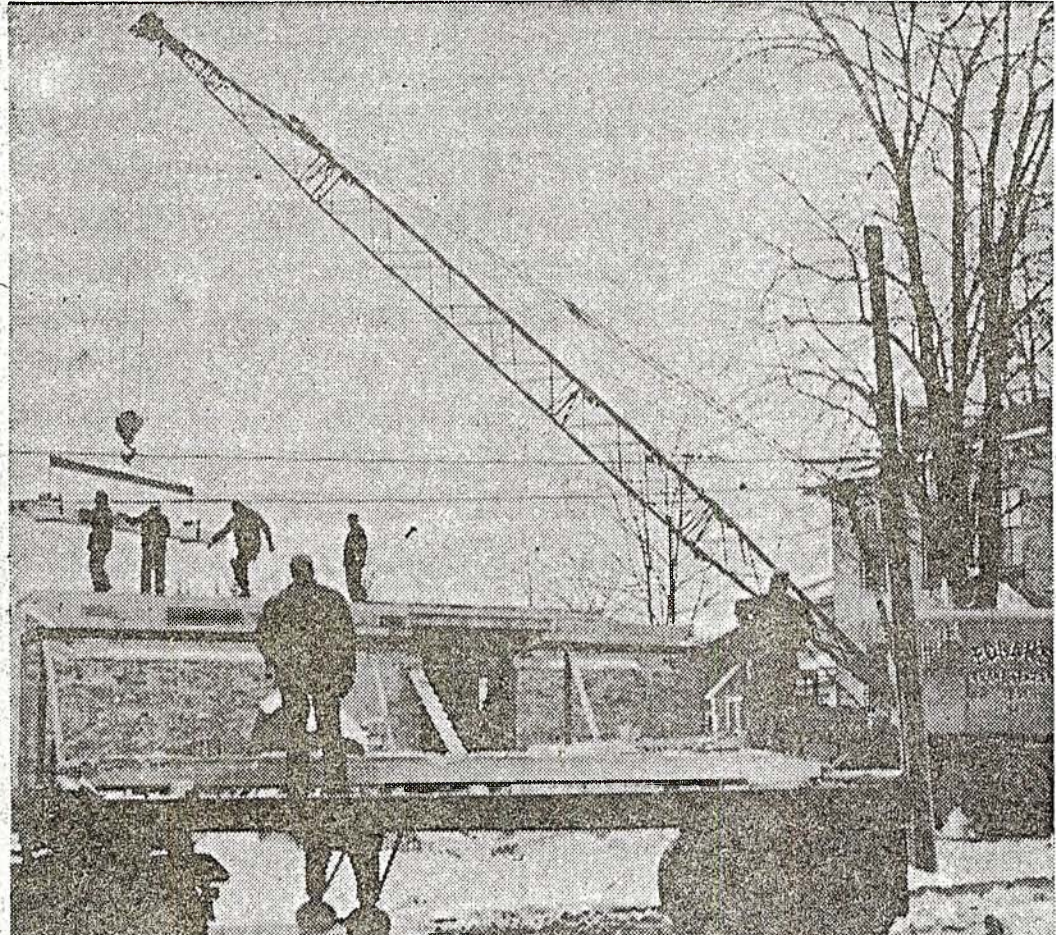
of Ottawa, the Grand Master of the Masonic Order in Canada, unveiled the cornerstone of the \$55,000 building. In the photo, from left to right, Ivan Smith, WM, King

Hiram Lodge No. 37. Ingersoll; M. G. B. Williams, Toronto, Grand Chaplain, Ontario grand lodge; E. C. Dixon, Hamilton, grand lodge secretary; C. MacLeod Pitts; Bruce McCall,

Embro District Deputy Grand Master, Wilson District; George Beavis, WM, St. John's Lodge No. 68, Ingersoll. (Staff Photo).

*Actual cost \$56,900.
Completed according
to architect*

I watched this for some time - 5 School Truck loads - G.G.J.



NEW MASONIC BUILDING SHOWS MUCH PROGRESS

Progress toward completion of the new two-storey Masonic Hall moves right along these days, and on Wednesday there was a big step forward when the pre-stressed concrete beams, 40 and 20-feet in length,

were placed in position on the second floor. In the process, a large mobile crane was employed, and in the photo, workmen stand by as one of the smaller beams is lowered into position. The interesting operation was

watched by quite a gathering of spectators. According to the building contractor, laying of bricks for the second storey will begin very shortly. (Staff Photo). **DEC. 3 - 1958**



NEW MEN'S CHORAL GROUP IS ORGANIZED

Singing in the shower may soon become a regular practice for members of the proposed new men's choral choir

that is being formed in Ingersoll. Eight members were present for the first meeting but it is expected more will turn out in the future. In the

photo (left to right) Herm Lindsey, Don Rumble and Dave Bradshaw are singing with leader Lloyd Werner at the piano. (Staff Photo).

JAN. 18 - 1962 -

Courageous Pioneers Set Own Ambitious Objectives

By GEORGE JANES

Following through the years from as far back as a century and a quarter as they have been handed down to successive generations of early pioneers, are vivid accounts of incidents, occasions and thrilling experiences.

Many of these in the present environment of the countryside with the well tilled farms, fine homes and barns and the general atmosphere of contentment and tranquility are as gripping as a fascinating chapter of fiction.

No a few of the memorable events emanate from the area when Ingersoll was only a small hamlet completely surrounded by dense hardwood forests through which there were only wagon trails and an occasional footpath for making a short cut to a neighbor's loghouse and small plot of cultivated land.

To many it may seem difficult to realize that these conditions ever existed. But there are still some of the older residents who recall the log houses and the log school buildings in various sections as well as the improvised roads and the great stretches of bushland.

Where progress has been made with the clearing of the land the borders of all fields were defined by what was known as brush fences.

The great urge everywhere among the early pioneers who were rugged and ambitious was to get more land under cultivation and the task of reducing huge virgin forests was a Herculean one — but they never faltered and their eventual triumph as is generally recognized was the great heritage they left to posterity and on which national stability and development have been anchored.

HOMESPUN CLOTHING

In those early years livestock was comparatively limited and much of the clothing that was worn was of the "homespun" type with the wool that entered into it being from the fleeces of sheep that were kept for the purpose as well as supplying meat.

What has often been related about turkey raising when first adopted has brought to the fore the natural wild tendency of the large birds. Although given their allowance of food regularly in

the vicinity of the house or barn the tendency of the birds was to wander and roost on the lower limbs of the trees during the night. Often there were serious losses in a flock caused by prowling animals or disease among the young birds. However despite the serious handicaps there were frequently very large birds, the gobblers attaining a weight of forty pounds and the oldtimers have added "they were well conditioned, plump and of fine flavor."

The sawmills in the various districts were for many years a source of hurried activities and much excitement. Their necessity increased as greater strides were made in the felling of the huge trees and demands increased for lumber with which to put building on a larger, more convenient and more "modern" basis.

The lumbering scenes were typical of the era and they were often featured by rivalry in its keenest form. Despite the hospitality of the times and a strong community spirit fueds crept in and these too, were settled in physical fashion which in some instances emphasized individual prowess that is still remembered.

There were stirring competitions that brought to the fore the most noted woodsmen in the district — some for their ability in wielding their axes in the felling and trimming of trees — and others for their skill in the use of saws — and reputations were established for the amount of wood that could be produced in cord form in a specified time.

MANY WAGERS

The competitions often created interest that agitated an entire district with many wagers being made on the outcome.

It also has been recalled that those were the days when everyone was astir at dawn, and the

busy routine was carried through until night descended with the women gallantly sharing the exacting responsibilities in the homes and frequently out of doors.

Of the early pioneers it can be said without exaggeration that they set their own objectives. They were courageous, energetic and ambitious and they never compromised with idleness.

Since they passed from the scene of action great have been the tributes that have been paid them as their memories have been honored in many respects.

It is even now related how wolves with their almost constant howling made nights hideous for some of the early pioneers only a few miles from Ingersoll. In this connection the experience of one settler and a companion on a night drive from Ingersoll has been cited. Scarcely out of the confines of the village their attention was attracted by a howling pack of wolves. The menacing animals kept comparatively close to the vehicle which followed only a

wagon trail through the bush. When the home premises were finally reached the animals seemed to form a ring and they continued to howl, as if in disappointment for hours into the night.

It is not known how many years have elapsed since the last of the wolves were heard, but it has been mentioned that as soon as the dense forests began to disappear they left apparently for more secluded areas.

Dec. 5-1960 - Leslie Harlow appointed Fire Chief at \$400. Alf Schaefer, present chief to be assistant. Change effective Dec. 12/60.

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Boot-Jack Served Useful Purpose In Earlier Days

By GEORGE JANES

Boot-jacks and little iron scrapers attached to steps and other approaches to homes were once very serviceable equipment during the muddy seasons of spring and autumn.

To many persons the old boot-jack which had its beginning in the pioneer days and was continued for many years might now appear as a mystery object. They have not all been abandoned and not a few of them are being retained in some home collections for their importance as antiques.

There are however, many of the oldtimers who recall with interest the important service that the boot-jacks gave in the years when men wore custom made tight fitting high boots to say nothing of the more rugged types of leather and felt boots for general service in the course of their occupations.

There are family reminiscences of how someone had to give father or granddad a helping hand as he struggled to the stage of exasperation in his attempts to remove a tight fitting pair of boots, probably after spending part of the night at dancing as one of the old fashioned "hoe downs" and his feet were tired and swollen. The old boot-jack had failed to loosen the tight fitting boots from the grip on the heels, and someone had to get astride of an extended leg and tug and twist mightily before the boots were finally removed. And it has been emphasized that the puller had to be aware of his or her own predicament. If a boot was suddenly released by the frantic tugging there was a possibility of making a headlong dive for the floor or across the room.

Such scenes as this were not uncommon and they were usually marked by more or less merriment despite that all did not have complete control of their tempers.

However in the main the housewives of those early years who also struggled to keep their floors neat and tidy when mud was one of their greatest enemies also had a high regard for the service rendered by the boot-jacks and the little iron scrapers. Often they were insistent that boots that were covered with

mud be removed before entering the house and placed where they would remain until required for another day's work.

On the farms, in the villages and even the towns and cities there was mud everywhere.

Faithful teams and single horses hauled loaded wagons and buggies through it when it was almost up to the axles but the whole situation, distasteful as it was did not cause everyone to be perturbed. By most people it was accepted philosophically, as one that could not be prevented and all looked forward to the time when the mud would disappear and normal conditions prevail.

In those early years there were not the cement sidewalks that people now are so familiar with, nor the paved roads. It was an era before the advent of the automobile and the horses had full sway.

Great changes have come in many respects since that time and the boot-jacks and the little iron scrapers to many are reminders of that era to a very significant degree.

Since that time conditions have undergone most important changes. The use of cement has changed stabling conditions and drains have lessened the water that once collected near the farm buildings and there is also a greater co-operative spirit to beautify the premises in their general aspect.

Victoria Memorial School

1957 - East wall re-mortared

1958 - West wall re-mortared

1959 - North & South walls re-mortared

all by Ross Kilgour Contractor Ingersoll

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Parks Board Acquires Victoria 'Palace' From Agricultural Group

A transaction of more than ordinary interest was recently consummated whereby the Ingersoll Parks Board acquired the spacious building at Victoria Park generally known as the "palace" of the former Ingersoll North and West Oxford Agricultural Society.

The building will be used as storage quarters by the Parks Board for all equipment, including tools, motorized equipment, as well as the benches, picnic tables and the playgrounds facilities from Memorial park.

The transfer of equipment is now taking place gradually from Memorial park to the building in which important changes are also being made.

The partitions in the building which provided space for various types of exhibits on both sides of the two main aisles have been removed and the unobstructed space is ideal for meeting the requirements of the Parks Board in the storage of all its possessions that are portable.

During the present week the efforts of parks' caretaker, A. W. Blancher, have been devoted to various phases of work pertaining to the changes in the building and the work to be done on equipment.

The building will be recognized as the permanent headquarters of the Parks Board and Mr. Blancher will have office space there. This will be an enclosed section, which is now nearing completion, and it will be heated to provide comfort during his working hours.

The entire building has a concrete floor and its acquisition by the Parks Board is generally recognized as most important as regards the care that can be given to equipment and the convenience and the comfort it will provide for the caretaker.

ADVOCATE MUSEUM

At intervals during the past few years an Ingersoll and district museum has been advocated. Confidence has been expressed by a few residents of the town and district who are interested in the project that it would not be difficult to obtain a worthwhile collection of articles in a varied assortment of historic interest. This fact, it has been stated, was established a few years ago when a number of displays of antiques dating back to early pioneer days were made and in which tremendous interest was manifested. Among those interested in the establishment of an Ingersoll and district museum is local historian Byron G. Jenvey, who no doubt would give all possible assistance to the movement. At the present time the matter of permanent quarters appears to be a problem, and there has been some speculation as to the disposition that will be made of the present postoffice building when the new Federal building is ready for occupancy.

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Offer St. Charles Hotel For Sale Through Tender

JUNE 25-1961

St. Charles' Hotel property will be offered for sale by tender in newspapers of Toronto and London, D. M. White, Canada Trust Company London, said yesterday. The London company is in charge of the estate of the late Gus Morello of Ingersoll.

"I am negotiating with Mr. Quinn," Mr. White said, when asked by the Sentinel-Review if he had already purchased the building.

Geld A. Quinn, Havelock, had his licences approved for the St. Charles Hotel in Ingersoll by the Liquor Licence Board on May 3 of last year.

It is suggested by the London that Mr. Quinn's licence would expire at the end of 11 months. *see Sale*

Mr. White declined to say when the lease expires for the present tenant, Jack Watson, who operates a restaurant there.

When the present developments in connection with the St. Charles Hotel were brought to his attention this morning by the Sentinel-Review, Mr. Watson, said there is nothing new about it being offered for sale.

"It has been up for sale ever since the death of the owner Gus Morello," he pointed out.

"Will you give any information as to when your lease expires?" Mr. Watson was asked. To which he replied, "Why should I?"

Mr. Watson said this was a personal matter and he felt so far as he was concerned it should be treated as such.

bought later by Vince Beams

Nov. 1959 - Ingersoll's population - 7079 Assessment for 1960 taxes \$ 5,687,545.00

Oct. 1960 - Ingersoll Inn painted by Corvelli Beech 11/60 Gas connection and water supply line placed across King St. to mains on south side (Oct. 26-1960) for Inn

Gas office & building on Avonlea St. demolished Oct. 1953

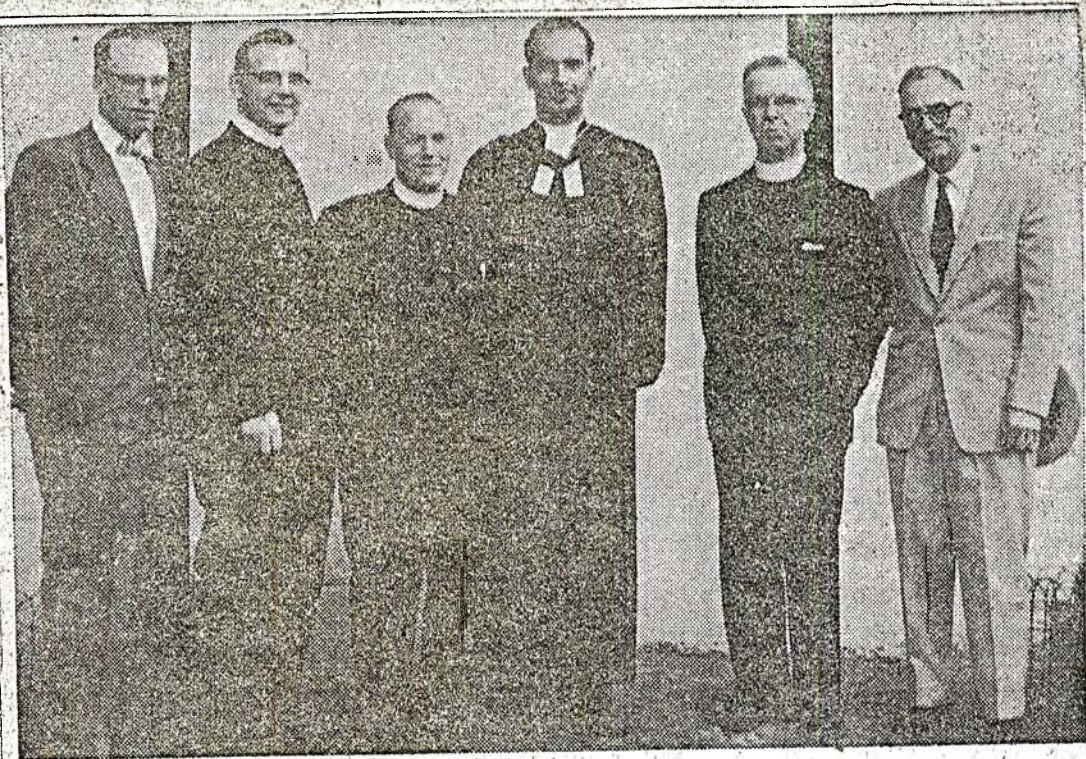
New Sunday School Building Is Dedicated



Sept. 28-1958.

The Rev. S. H. Brenton, left, chairman of Oxford Presbytery, presents the keys for a new \$23,000 Christian education centre at Trinity United Church, Ingersoll, to the minister, the Rev. Ralph King,

during dedication ceremonies in the addition yesterday. More than 200 persons attended the service. (Photo by Smith).



THE MODERN \$23,000 Trinity United Church Alma Street Extension Sunday School was officially opened at an afternoon service on Sunday. The school is for approximately 100 students, children of the United Church on the north side of the Thames river who have us-

ed classrooms in Princess Elizabeth public school for over a year and a half. In front of the new Sunday School are several of the participants in the dedication service: clerk of the session, J. C. Ferguson; local minister Rev. Ralph E. King; chairman of Oxford Presby-

tery, Rev. S. H. Brenton of Woodstock; chairman of Christian Education committee for Oxford Presbytery, Rev. A. W. Meacham of Thamesford; Sunday School superintendent L. C. White, and building committee chairman, T. E. Jackson. (Staff photo).

Trinity United Church Alma Street Extension Sunday School was officially opened in a dedication service at 3 p.m. yesterday. The Sunday School enrollment is 97 in nursery-kindergarten, primary and junior classes. The modern two-storey, 60 by 32 foot building, with its furnishings, cost approximately \$23,000 and is just part of the work that has been planned by the building committee. Work was ready to go ahead after May 11 when Rev. R. A. Facey and Sunday School Superintendent L. C. White turned the first sod. Construction continued during the summer and in early September the children of the United Church, who live on the north side of the Thames River, moved their place of meeting from Princess Elizabeth Public School which they had occupied for nearly 20 months.

PRESENTATION OF KEYS

Building committee chairman T. E. Jackson first received the building keys from Gord McLeod of the contracting firm of Songhurst and McLeod. Later Mr. Jackson handed on the keys to the chairman of the Presbytery of Oxford, for the United Church of Canada, Rev. S. H. Brenton of Woodstock. To complete the ceremony, Mr. Brenton in turn presented the building keys to the local minister, Rev. Ralph E. King.

"This is a day to which we have looked forward for what has seemed a long time", Mr. Jackson remarked. "However, here we are and our only regret is that Mr. Facey is not able to be with us. But he is with us in spirit - for he had envisioned something along these lines many years ago. Of course, we must also pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. White who kindled the spark to start the school going. They and their assistants have been doing an excellent job."

"My committee was a volunteer group and we promised the bare essentials at the most reasonable figure," continued Mr.

Jackson. We feel we have done this but, naturally, there are still many items that could be added, and I think, in time, these additions will be made. The committee wishes to express their appreciation for a number of gifts and donations and much assistance from many people. We have listed a number of these on the Bulletin Board at the stairs. The energy and help given by the Minister in the short time he has been here should also be mentioned.

"I would also like to pay tribute to the architect, Harold Hicks, and to the contractors, Songhurst and McLeod. They have all been most co-operative."

"It must be added that I have had an excellent committee with which to work and my appreciation goes to them. All in all Mr. Chairman of Oxford Presbytery, we are indeed very thankful. We feel that a great amount of good will radiate from this centre - that the workers as well as the children will be blessed and I have much pleasure and satisfaction in turning this key over to you", Mr. Jackson concluded.

Sunday School secretary, Mrs. L. C. White led the gathering of over 200 people in prayer.

Scriptures concerning of God and declarati Gospel were read by the Rev. A. W. Meacham of Thamesford, who is chairman of Christian Education Committee of the Presbytery of Oxford. Mr. Meacham read Isaiah 55:10 and 11; St. John 5:39; and St. John 3:16.

Clerk of the Session, J. C. Ferguson, read Scriptures concerning Christian nurture in the home and church.

Concerning prayer, John Edwards, Chairman of the Christian Education Committee read St. John 16:23 and 24.

The Act of Dedication was led by Rev. S. H. Brenton, B.A., with the congregation also taking part. Mr. Brenton read "The Doxology" and continued to add his greetings.

In this building many children will be led to God, and will be long in memory of people of this town like the Whites", Mr. Brenton stated, when summing up the progress of the building. What the future has in store through this building will be very great and these children will eventually lead the congregation, he noted.

Mr. King, in his address, "Danny at the Door," took the life of a small boy and his impressions of the activity around him. The minister asked how this boy could face the big world and how he can find that God can find him.

"The church proclaims the love of God," Mr. King noted, and continued to say that we make provision for teaching, groups of study and the Sacrament.

"The Home" is the basic institute of the child's life and the church becomes a partnership with it on baptism", the speaker explained. Danny, or the child he referred to, sees something through his parents ways and later in Sunday School he will display those habits that they have taught him. "The Sunday School can only confirm what parents have given," he emphasized.

"Is Danny worth an examination of your lives?" the speaker queried. Mr. King continued to give examples of some of the parents' mistakes and the relationship between the children and their other teachers.

"What is Danny worth? We had better find out!" Mr. King concluded. "We had better find out, so that the child can understand us and find Christ in me and you."

Special music by the church choir was the anthem, "I will feed My Flock," and hymns included, "All People That on Earth Do Dwell", and "Christ: Is Made the Sure Foundation."

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Members of the building committee were: Chairman, T. E. Jackson; J. Pettit, M. Thornton, J. Miller, J. J. Little, A. Hall, R. R. Smith, Rev. Ralph King; Architect Harold L. Hicks, and contractors Songhurst and McLeod.

The committee expressed its appreciation to the many people for their donations and services including the Allbert Quait Company, projection screen and stand Fernlea Flowers, Evergreens; Woman's Association, drapes, stove and utensils; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, piano; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Longfield, piano; Group 2 WA, painting of chairs; Robert Taylor, trucking services; Melvin Thornton, erection of sign, and J. J. Little and Associates, making of tables.

Open Ingersoll Federal Building Monday

RIGHT—Ingersoll's new \$204,800 Federal Building on Charles Street opens for business Monday. Built by Ellis-Don Ltd., the modern building contains new post office facilities on the main floor, offices for customs and excise divisions, national defence, employment service and public works branches of the Federal Government.

THE INGERSOLL POST OFFICE

will open
Ingersoll, Ontario,

for business at its new
location CORNER OF
OXFORD LANE and
CHARLES ST.

on
OCTOBER 23rd, 1961

HOURS OF SERVICE

Monday-Friday

Wicket Hours 8:00 a.m.

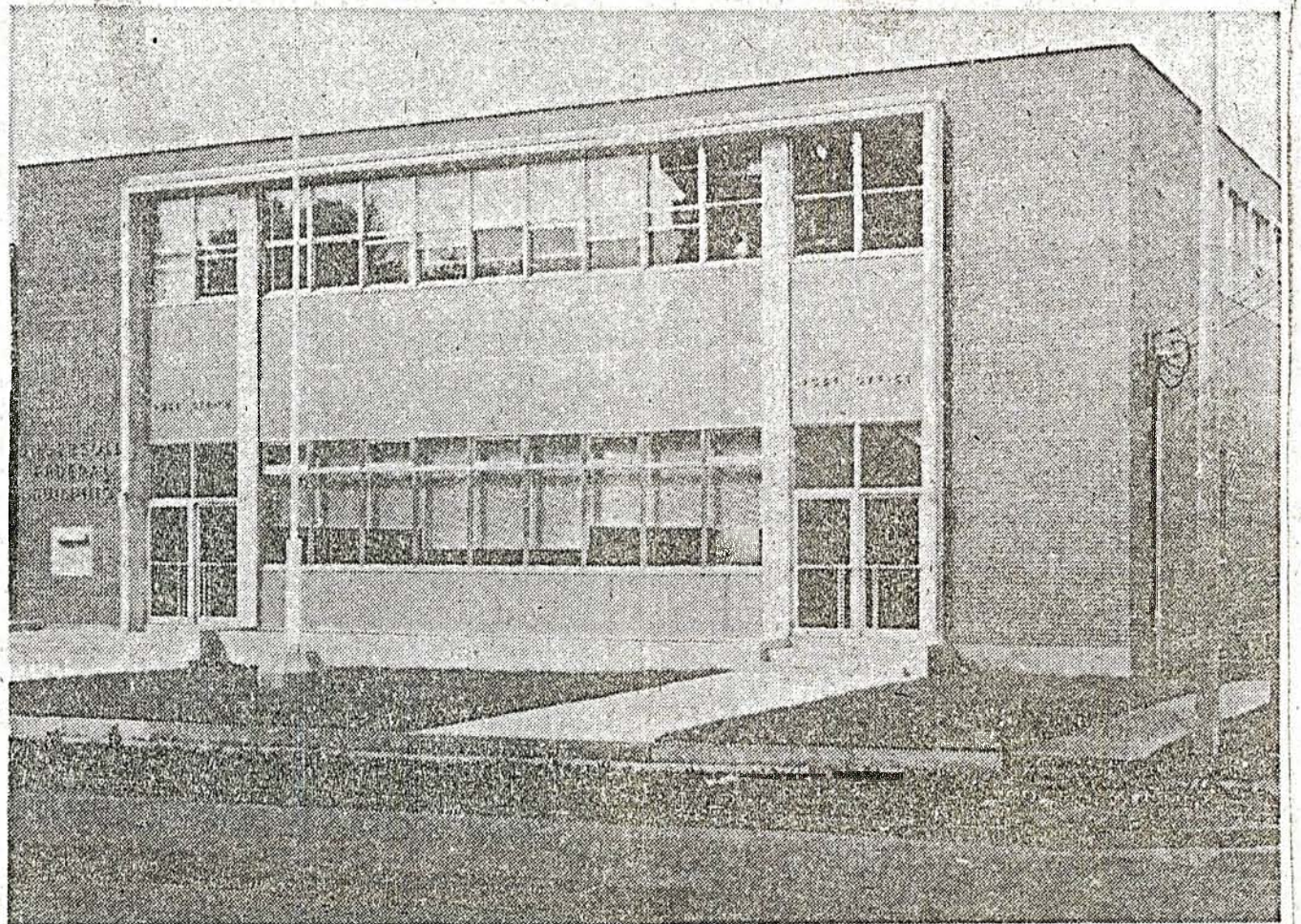
Lobby Hours 7:00 a.m.

Saturday

Wicket and Lobby Hours

8:00 a.m.

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Move Ingersoll Post Office Operations From Old to New Premises This Weekend

The newest addition to Ingersoll's growing list of new construction and building renovations, the Ingersoll Federal Building, makes its debut into the business world on Monday, after a busy weekend of moving.

The distinctive new building with its attractive face of glass, porcelain enamel and brick has quickly advanced in construction. Less than a year after the first sod was turned, the first tenants have moved in.

The new building, which fronts on Charles Street at Oxford, was built by Ellis-Don Ltd., of London, at a cost of approximately \$204,800.

After serving the community since the turn of the century, Ingersoll's old post office at Charles and Thames streets stands vacant. Commencing Monday, the new Federal Building will be open to serve the general public.

The new Federal Building, housing all government offices under one roof will be officially opened at a later date. In the meantime, the various tenants will take occupancy. Tenants include the post office, customs and excise divisions of the department of national revenue, national defence, public works and the national employment service.

The total floor space is over 12,000 square feet.

The modern new building is constructed of concrete block and steel with exterior finished in red brick. Wide ex-

terior porcelain enamel panels and the coat of arms accent the brick walls.

In keeping with the attractive modern exterior, the clear expanse of interior lobby, post office and office space. From the wide entrances and the almost white terrazzo floors to the sweeping natural birch finished counters against softly tinted plaster walls, there is a bright and airy atmosphere.

Members of the community visiting the second floor offices will appreciate the contrast of warm yellow walls accented with dark oak paneling and the sweep of soft green terrazzo floors.

For added convenience a sidewalk mail receiving slot and stamp vending machine have been installed.

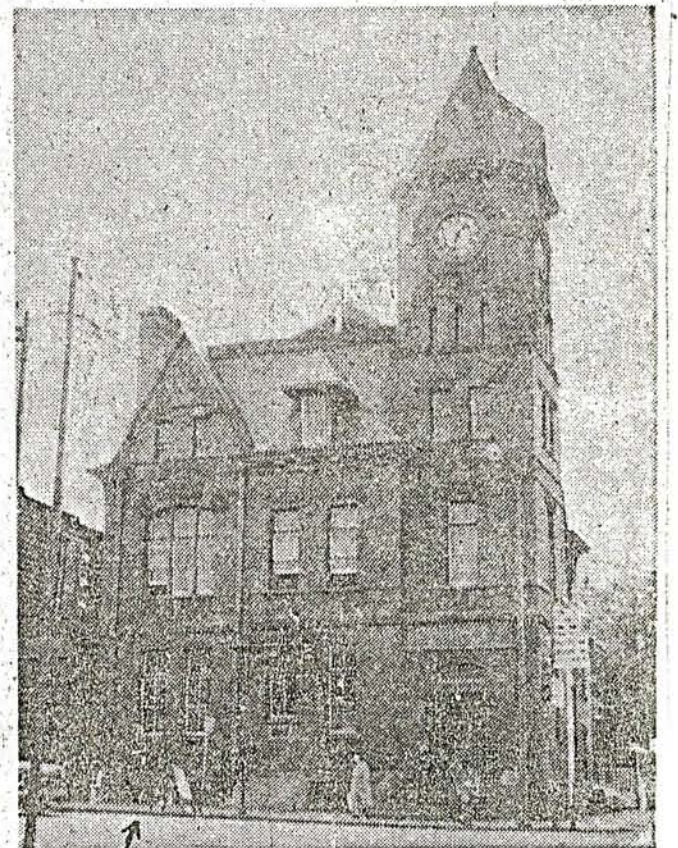
Located at the rear of the building with a laneway leading off Charles Street to loading ramps on the west side, is a large van yard with a parking area of approximately 6,000 square feet.

The new Federal Building offers increased facilities to the residents of Ingersoll. The modern new premises with the added features of modern mailing equipment creates a sharp contrast to the former post office, built in 1898, at Charles and Thames streets, the fate of which remains to

be decided by municipal officials.

The entire moving operation from the old post office to the new premises will be completed without disrupting cus-

tomers service. The post office will be open to the general public on Monday with wicket hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and lobby hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



no South entrance
in this picture.

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The bell installed in 1902



Completely levelled Aug 31-1962-

Friday, August 10, marked the "beginning of the end" for the old Ingersoll Post Office clock tower roof. Wreckage of the familiar landmark continues rapidly by Greenspoon Brothers of Port Credit. When levelled the site owned by the Bank of Montreal, will be surfaced and used by the Ingersoll traffic committee accommodating around 20 cars.

Ingersoll Building Seen Ready In Nine Months

INGERSOLL — Ingersoll's new \$204,800 federal building will be completed in about nine months, the department of public works announces.

TURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1960

Contract has already been awarded to The Ellis-Don Ltd., of London. The building, which will front on the north side of Charles Street at Oxford, will be of cement block and steel construction with the exterior finished in brick veneer, the department said in releasing details of the plans through Wallace Nesbitt, Oxford, MP.

Call Tenders For Ingersoll, Zurich Works

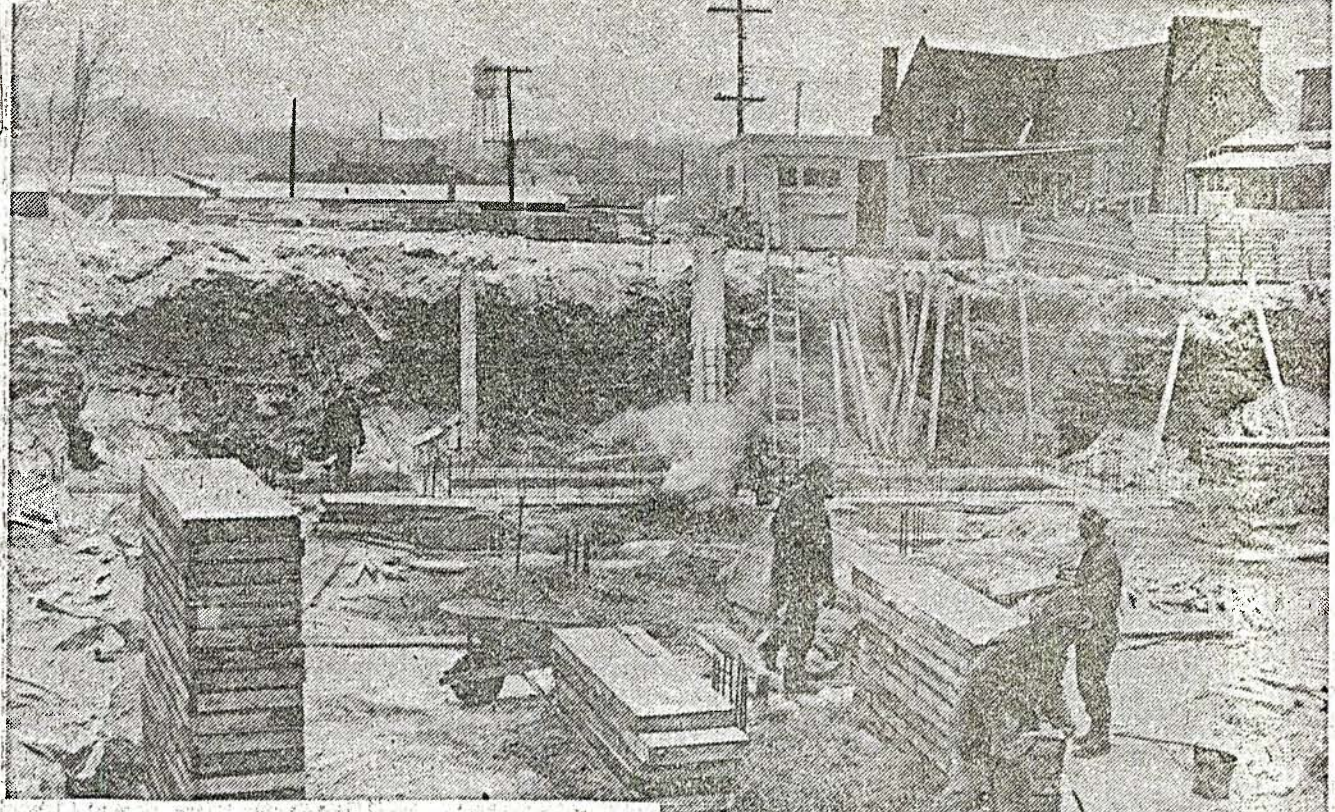
Two Storey Building
It will be 67 feet by 64 feet, two storeys high, with finished basement, providing accommodation for the post office department, customs and excise division of the department of national revenue and department of national defence and public works.

Tenders for a new post office at Zurich and federal building at Ingersoll have been called by the federal department of public works.

Plans and specifications for the proposed federal building at Ingersoll, designed to house post office, National Employment Service offices and other federal agencies, were completed last month. The building will be erected on Charles Street at the site of the old armory building.

Interior walls and ceilings will be of painted plaster and plywood and floors linoleum-covered. A large truck yard will be provided at the rear, with a laneway leading off Charles Street to the west of the building.

Tenders will be received until Nov. 16. Tenders for the Zurich post office will be accepted until Oct. 27.



A DECEMBER START was made on a new federal building, located on Charles Street West. Plans call for a two-storey structure, plus a finished basement, and will contain post office facilities, offices for the customs and excise division of the department of national defence, public works and national employment service. The building is scheduled **JAN. 31-1961** for occupancy by fall.

Ingersoll Issues Permit For Federal Building

Dec 6-1960
INGERSOLL — A \$204,000 building permit for an Ingersoll federal building to house the post office, customs department, unemployment insurance commission and the Ingersoll contingent of the 3RCR's Oxford garrison, was issued yesterday to the general contractor, the Ellis-Don Ltd. of London.

The upstairs portion of the building is used by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the Canadian Customs. The lower floor is used by the Postal Authorities for the various services they render. The lower part or basement is used for storage, cafeteria, boiler

Start Excavation Soon
Excavation for the two-storey building on the Charles Street West site of the old armory will be started next week by Haggerty Construction Ltd., of Ingersoll.

been decided. Ingersoll town council has expressed interest in using the site for parking purposes. The present post office also houses the customs department, while the unemployment insurance commission is in rented quarters in the Oxford Street market building.

room and a meeting place for the militia. The UIC took over their offices on Friday afternoon and the Customs moved in on Saturday morning. The main post office undertook their task of moving late Saturday afternoon and evening and also worked over the weekend in an effort to straighten up for Monday morning. The first thing to be put in order was the setting up of the mail bag dispatching racks and the various sorting tables which are used. Another tedious task was filling the boards of the letter boxes' keys which were distributed to the letter box owners on Monday morning.

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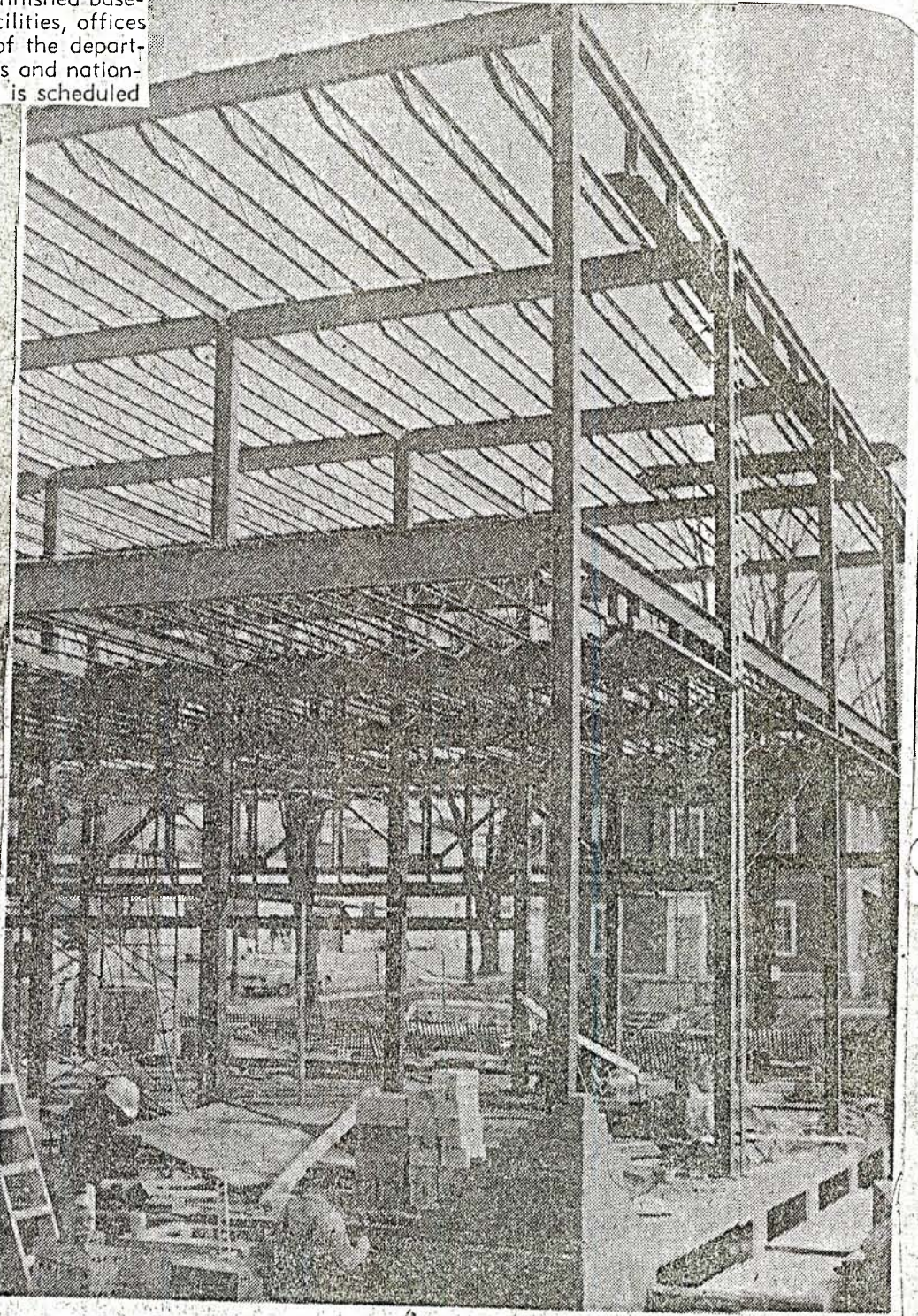
TENDERS CLOSE NOV. 16

Expect Start On Post Office By December 1

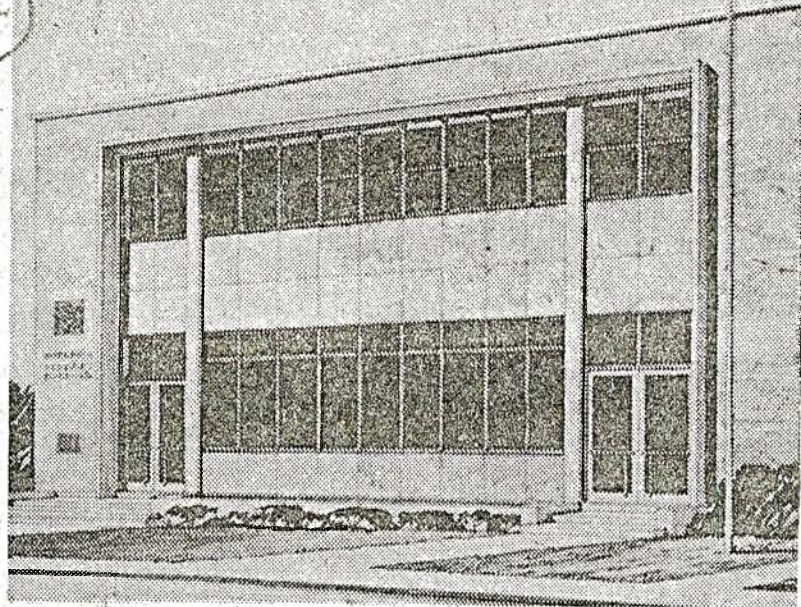
Construction of Ingersoll's new post office is to begin December 1. The Sentinel-Review yesterday received word from Wallace Nesbitt, MP for Oxford, that tenders for the building will be received up to November 16. Immediately after the tenders are opened the contract is to be let, Mr. Nesbitt said. He added that it was planned to start construction by December 1 and that all haste will be employed in completing the new federal building.

Charles Street West site to Wingham Street, after it was purchased by the local branch of the Navy League of Canada for the use of the sea cadets. The new federal building is to be erected where the armories stood for many, many years. Robert Wark, postmaster in Ingersoll, has no further information on the new post office. Mr. Wark said he had the plans, specifications and application for

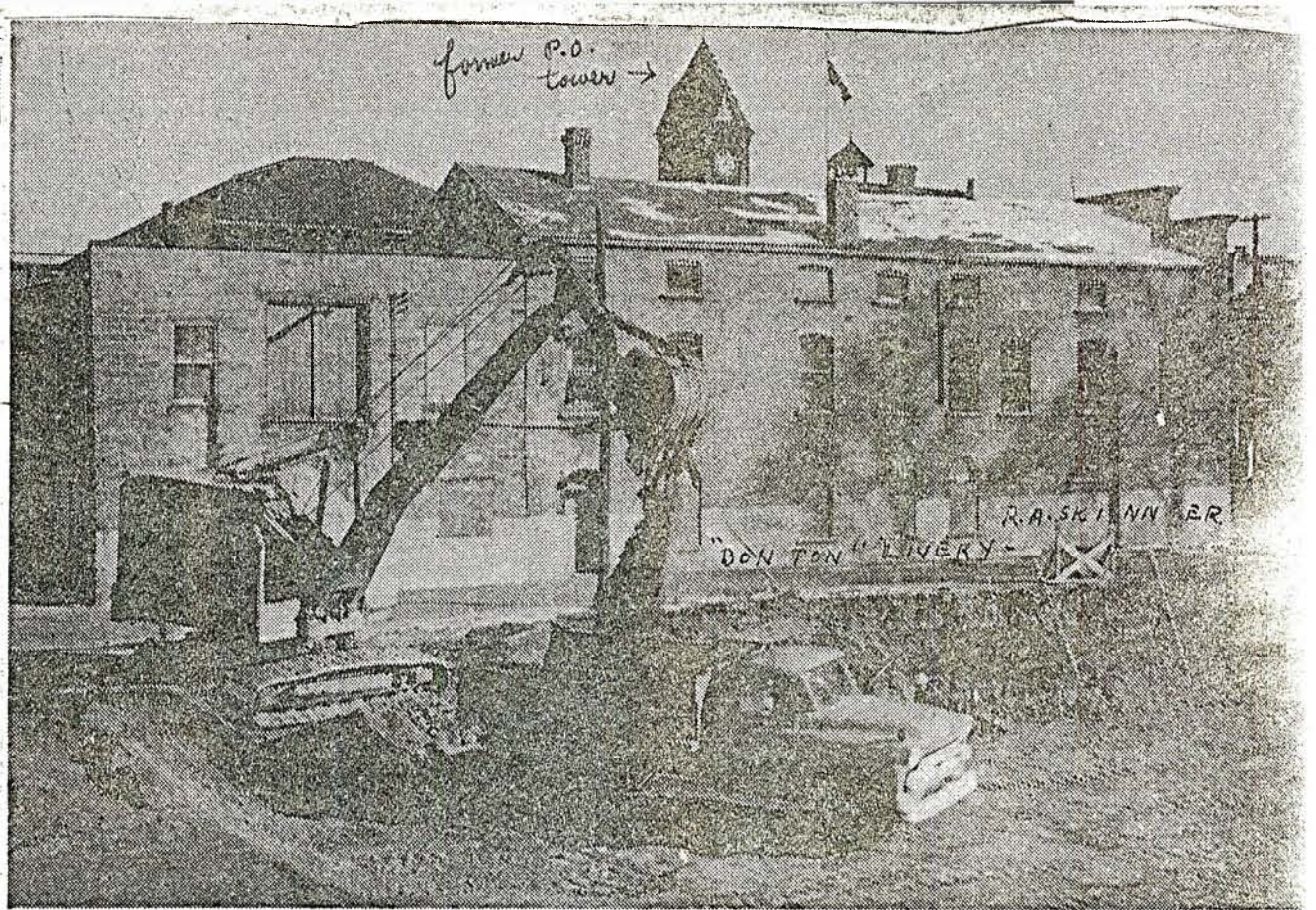
tender forms, but had received no information in connection with the building. Residents of Ingersoll are also keenly interested in the fate of the present post office. The imposing brick building at the town's main intersection has been the subject of much concern as a number of rumors including one to the effect that it may be torn down have circulated around the town.



FIRST BRICKS — Workmen yesterday began laying bricks around the completed steel skeleton of Ingersoll's new, \$160,000 federal building. The structure, expected to be ready for opening in October, will house the post office, customs department, unemployment insurance commission and 3 RRCR Oxford Garrison. (Photo by Longfield).
FEB. 22-1961



NEW INGERSOLL POST OFFICE — This is an architect's sketch of a federal building for Ingersoll, scheduled for completion in the near future.



START INGERSOLL JOB — Excavation for the new \$204,000 federal building at Ingersoll is under way. General contractor for the new building, to house the post office, customs department, unemployment insurance commission and Ingersoll contingent of 3 RCR's Oxford Garrison, is The Ellis-Don Limited, London. Haggerty Construction Limited, of Ingersoll, is working on excavation at the Charles Street West site. (Photo by Longfield).

*New Post Office opened for business
Oct. 23-1961 -
B.G.J. turned in 2 Keys & received 2 new Keys
Box No. 887 - unchanged*

Firm Starts Alterations To Federal Building

INGERSOLL — Letter carriers here are going to move back to the "home" Federal Building after alterations are completed to provide suitable space for them. The local carriers have been operating from an annex on King Street since delivery service began in November, 1964.

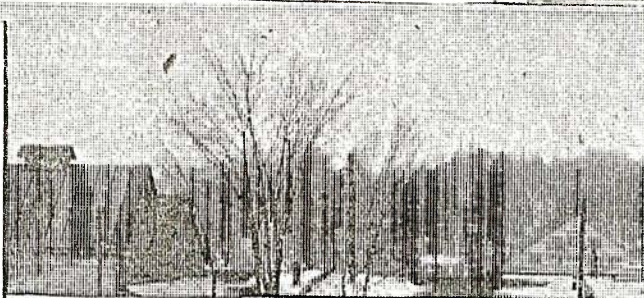
Work began yesterday on the \$24,995 contract, awarded recently to Lancel Consolidated Developments Ltd.

First crew on the scene at the rear of the Federal building put equipment into motion to cut a large slab of concrete from the rear foundation platform. The alterations are to include installation of a shaft for a freight elevator.

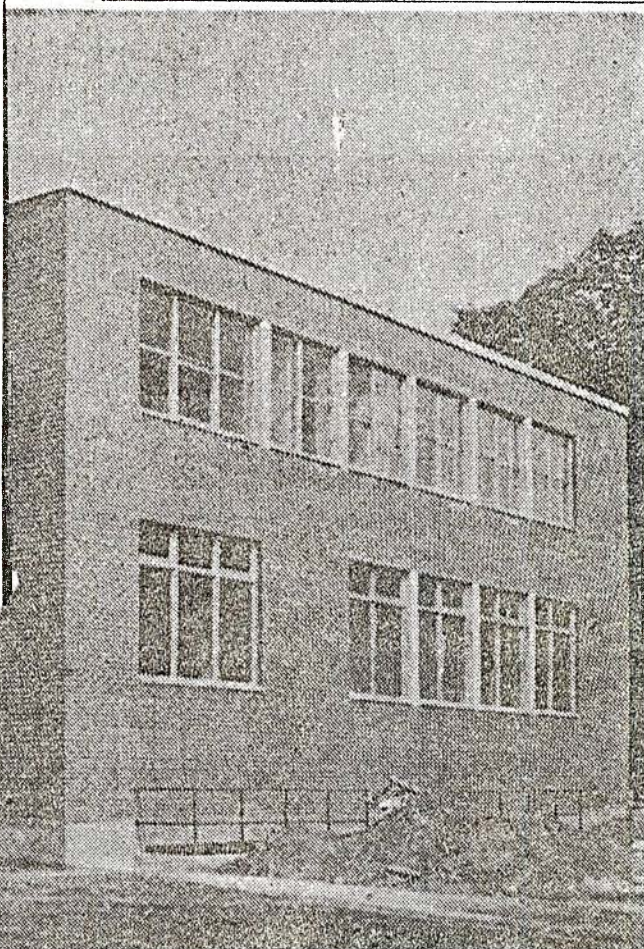
Postmaster C. H. Egley says that the Canada Manpower Centre now located on the second floor of the Federal Building is to move from its office to another on the same floor. The former quarters are to be altered to suit requirements of the letter carrier sorting and other operations.

The move to consolidate all postal services in the same building means that a freight elevator will now be necessary to carry mail from the main floor to the second floor. The new elevator will also be used to carry material stored at the basement level.

The plans and specifications were prepared in the Toronto office of the federal Department of Public Works.

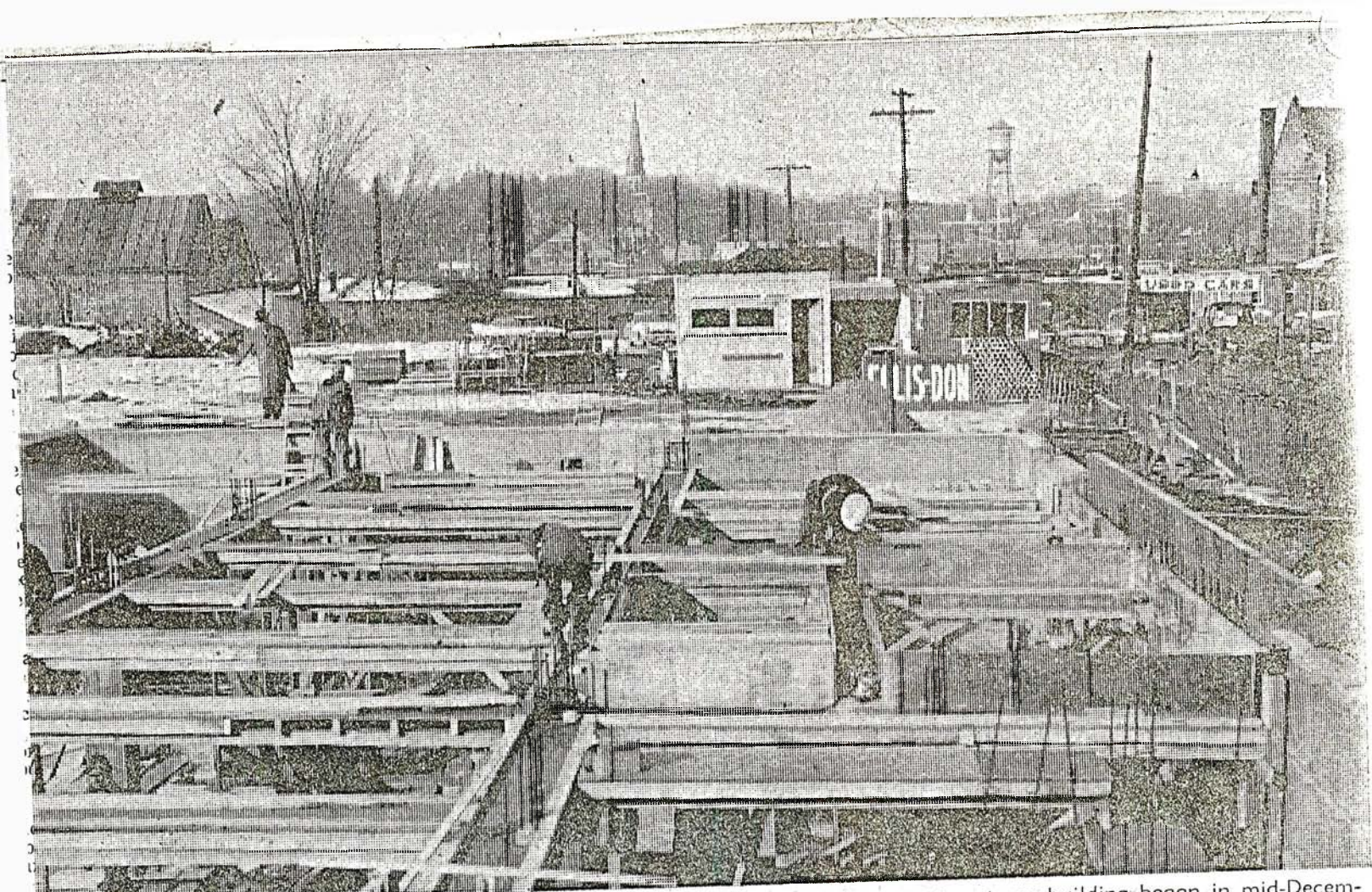


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NEW FEDERAL BUILDING — Ingersoll's \$204,000 federal building is nearing completion. The exterior work was finished with the placing of the windows

this week and the interior plastering and trim work is in progress. Officials hope to open the building late in August. (Photo by Longfield).



INGERSOLL PROJECT—Construction of Ingersoll's \$204,000 Federal Building gives another notch toward completion. The foundation has been laid and concrete columns will be poured early next week. The general contractor, Ellis-Don Ltd., of London, has been assisted by ^{see by} _{11/14/61} spring-like weather. Excavation for the two-storey building began in mid-December. It will house the post office, customs, National Employment Service, and the Ingersoll contingent of the 3 RCR's, Oxford Garrison. (Photo by Longfield).

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Ingersoll's Daly, Royal Hotel

Once Rival Spy Headquarters

The old Daly House at Ingersoll, now known as the Ingersoll Inn, and recently restored by its owner, Vincent A. Barrie, of St. Thomas, can boast of a historic past which probably cannot be matched by any other hotel existing today between the Niagara and Detroit rivers.

Recognizing the historic importance of the old Daly House, Mr. Barrie promised Oxford Historical Society some time ago that the building would be preserved for posterity.

The inn has been subjected to many vicissitudes of fate . . . fire, political strife, plots of insurrection, and surreptitious meetings of the anti-slavery faction prior to the outbreak of the American Civil War of a century ago.

The Daly House was erected by Absalom Daly, an outspoken Englishman who took his military discharge in Ingersoll after the defeat of the rebels in the Mackenzie Rebellion, in 1837. Daly's original intention was to build an all brick hotel, but due to the scarcity of bricks he had to compromise on a brick front facing the Old Stage Road (King street) and a frame structure erected in the rear.

This was in the year 1838, but in 1854, a spark from a trash heap situated behind Ingersoll's market building on the opposite side of the street blew into a bedroom window and ignited the curtains with the result that the hotel was partially destroyed.

Daly made temporary repairs until the O'dell brickyard could turn out sufficient bricks to make it a solid brick structure.

In 1842, Daly advertised in the Christian Guardian. He mentioned that he had the finest hotel "in the western province" and had a livery stable with good horses and rigs for hire attached to the premises. To save the cost of another advertisement he added, "Wanted — Two smart boys to learn the hotel business." In 1840, he commenced a stageline to Port Burwell to connect with boats plying Lake Erie to Cleveland, Sandusky and Toledo.

After the completion of the Canada Great Western Railway, in 1853, he advertised that those using the Talbot road to eventually gain their destination could detrain at Ingersoll and make connections at Tillsonburg for St. Thomas, Port Stanley, Simcoe and Port Dover by using his stages. Edwin Doty was the stage driver and he later went into business for himself when he received an express agency.

Daly became interested in education and for many years he was secretary to the school board. Through his influence

the old log school was torn down and a new model school erected in its place which served Ingersoll until 1919 when the Victory Memorial school was built in its place.

In 1856, the market building mysteriously caught fire and an agitation was commenced to build the new Town Hall near the tracks of the CGW railway. Daly became incensed and publicly stated that the promoters of this new location were land speculators and they could probably throw light as to whom the arsonists were who touched off the market building.

Absalom Daly was a Royalist and the principal inhabitants of Ingersoll were Reformist. There existed two cliques . . . one called "the post-office gang," or the "dying members of the 'Family Compact' government and the other favored George Brown of the Toronto Globe in forming the Clear Grit party. When Daly cast his remarks about the arsonist he invoked the wrath of the editor of the Chronicle . . . a reform news paper in opposition to the Oxford Herald . . . and under the caption of "A Nuisance in Ingersoll . . . A way to Rid Ourselves of it!" the editor took Mr. Daly to task.

"A person who lives and owns a little property not a great distance from where the old market stood and who has made himself obnoxious to almost every respectable man and woman in this place . . . the reader knows very well whom we mean . . . stated to a member of the council unless the proposed market was erected on the old site, 'it would leave the village in disgust.' Even when the council was considering the kind of bridge which is best to be erected on King street, this everlasting interloper was foremost in his selfish suggestions.

"Now, as a good way to rid the village of this selfish, meddling, disappointed cur, would it not be well to build the market and town hall in some part of the village where this man does not want it, providing he will promise . . . No, not promise . . . but bind himself to leave this place? If we can rid ourselves of an intolerable nuisance by doing so, we would consider it very cheaply done."

Daly appeared before the town council and admitted that he was the one that was referred to in the newspaper

and asked the councilmen if he ever attempted to sway their decision and receiving a negative answer he promptly sued the Chronicle but was non-suited when he could not prove that it was the editor of the paper who had printed the copy which Daly held in his hand as exhibit A in his trial for defamation of character.

It would be difficult to pick out the most famous guest who registered at the Daly House. Before the coming of the railway it is easily conjectured that the weary traveler halted for the night to rest his shattered system after a rough ride from Hamilton or Sandwich. Robert Baldwin, MP, spoke in Ingersoll after the formation of the government to unite Upper and Lower Canada. Every famous personage booked in at the Daly when they lectured in Ingersoll. John A. Macdonald, Alexander Mackenzie, Wilfred Laurier, and countless other politicians.

The Daly House being exactly opposite the new Town Hall with the largest auditorium in town, it would be natural for the travelling troupes and artists using the town hall to stay at the Daly. Christine Nielson, Metropolitan opera star; and scores of other noted personages which composed the famous Chautauqua circuits which travelled extensively throughout Ontario giving lectures upon religious subjects, scientific, and philosophical discussions, invariably stayed at the hotel.

Three historic characters who met a violent end were either guests or visitors at the Daly. First and foremost, Old John Brown whose soul goes marching on; John Yates Beall

Confederate spy; and Canada's famous orator, D'Arcy McGee.

Brown was hanged at Charles Town, W. Virginia, for his futile raid at Harper's Ferry to commence an insurrection between the slaves and the slaveowners. Brown was supposed to have met the noted conductor of the Underground Railway, Harriet Tubman, at the Daly, but she failed to show up to the anxiety of Brown. He sent a letter to St. Catharines seeking her whereabouts and while waiting in Ingersoll he received a message telling the names of five prospects for his army of liberation who were staying at "Batchelor's Hall" which at one time was a hotel named the River House.

Apparently, Brown had been well coached on the Ingersoll set-up because he was instructed to report at "Patterson's" hotel to find out the location of Batchelor's Hall, but some ten weeks previously John Patterson gave up the Royal Exchange hotel to take over the Daly House and this is how Brown happened to come to the Daly.

With his raid a fiasco, Brown's personal belongings were looted and his correspondence scattered over the countryside. In some manner, Governor Henry A. Wise of Virginia learned of Brown's Ingersoll and Chatham visit and dispatched agents to the town to find out if there was another conspiracy in the making after Brown's execution. Governor Wise stated that he would hang the inhabitants to the trees!

ginal Parson's crew on Fighting Island in the Detroit River. The ship then proceeded to Sandwich where the rest of the pirates abandoned her and made an attempt to sink the ship.

Beall and Burley made their way to Toronto. Beall made

that a frequent change of management was noted.

From 1883 to 1857 Daly ran the hotel, but after having a squabble with half of the villagers he leased it out to John Patterson, Ingersoll's first village treasurer and lessee of the Royal Exchange Hotel. The Royal Exchange was

was to involve Great Britain in war to relieve some of Abe Lincoln's pressure on the southern front.

Beall and Burley boarded the steamer Philo Parsons. The latter went aboard in Detroit and arranged for the steamer to stop at Sandwich to pick up Beall. This was done and the Philo Parsons proceeded to Amherstburg and at this place about a dozen rough-looking passengers went aboard. As the steamer started a heavy trunk was placed on the deck.

W. O. Ashley, purser and part owner of the Philo Parsons, was advised that the men would like to stop at Kelly's Island, Ohio. This was done and after getting two miles out, Burley and three others approached the purser and, presenting pistols, told him he would be shot if he offered resistance. The other

and removed revolvers and axes. The crew was herded down below and the ship steered for Bass Island, where another steamer, the Island Queen, was seized and its passengers were brought aboard the Parsons. The Island Queen was then set adrift in a scuttled condition.

A disgruntled member of the Confederate forces tipped off the commander of the Michigan military district and he in turn alerted the U.S.S. Michigan's captain, J. C. Carter. Sandusky, also alerted, ordered forces from Cincinnati to go to Johnson's Island. As the plot was foiled and receiving no signal from the Michigan that the vessel was in rebel hands, the Philo Parsons was turned around and headed back to Amherstburg and put the ori-

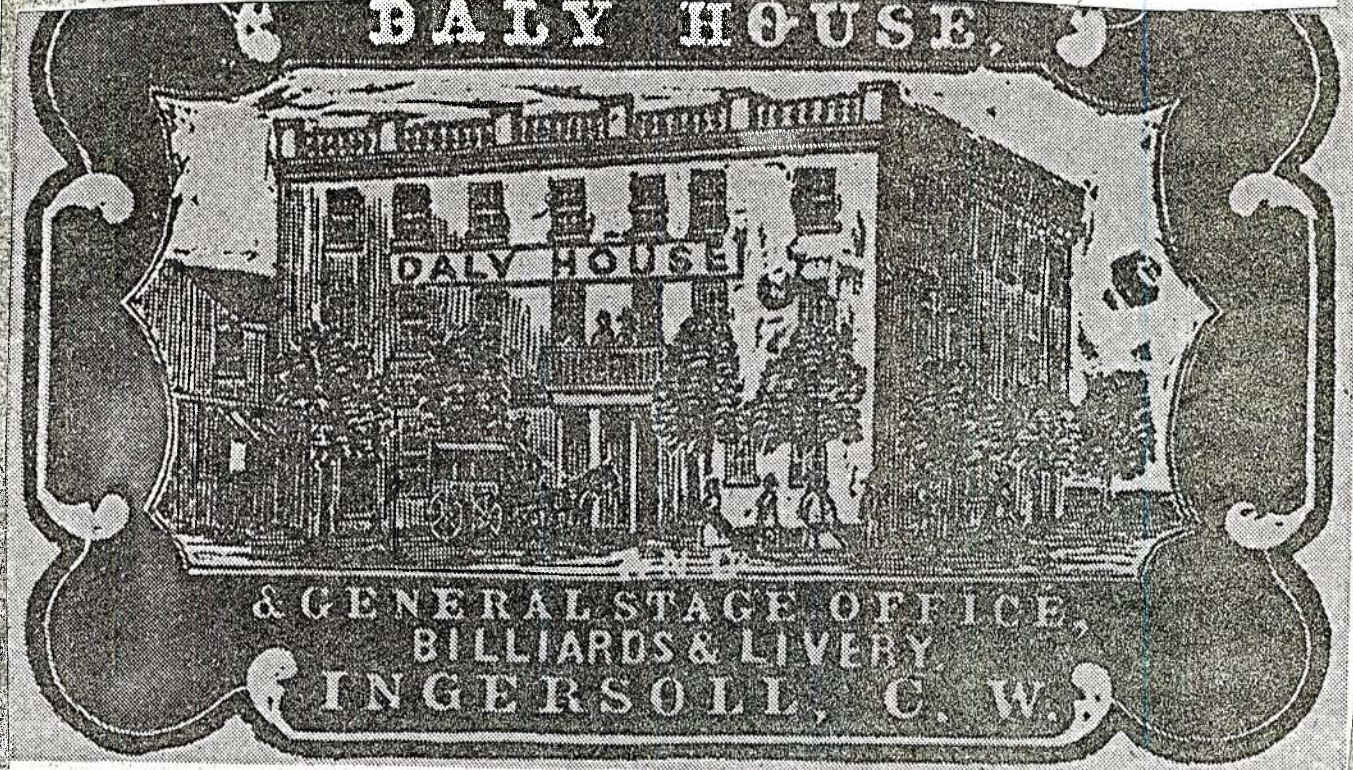
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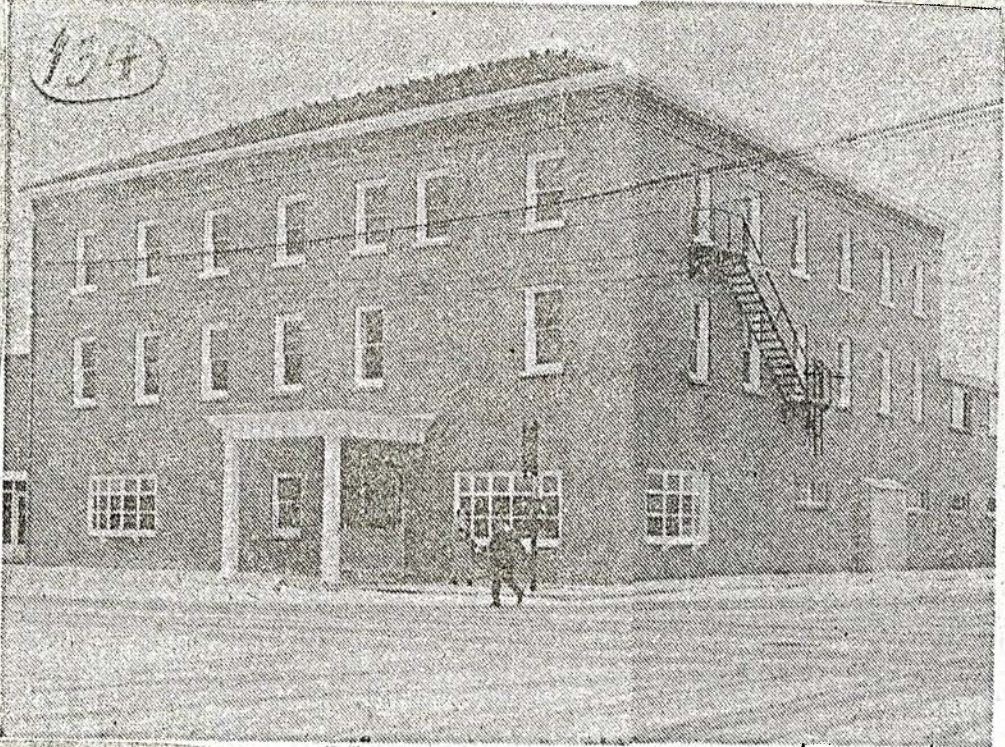
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INGERSOLL'S DALY HOUSE, recently restored and now operating as the Ingersoll Inn, has been host to many famous personalities. Built in 1838 by Absalom Daly, it was partially destroyed by fire

in 1854 and rebuilt. During the U.S. Civil War, the inn became a centre for Union army spies in Canada, and before that was a meeting place for the anti-slavery faction.

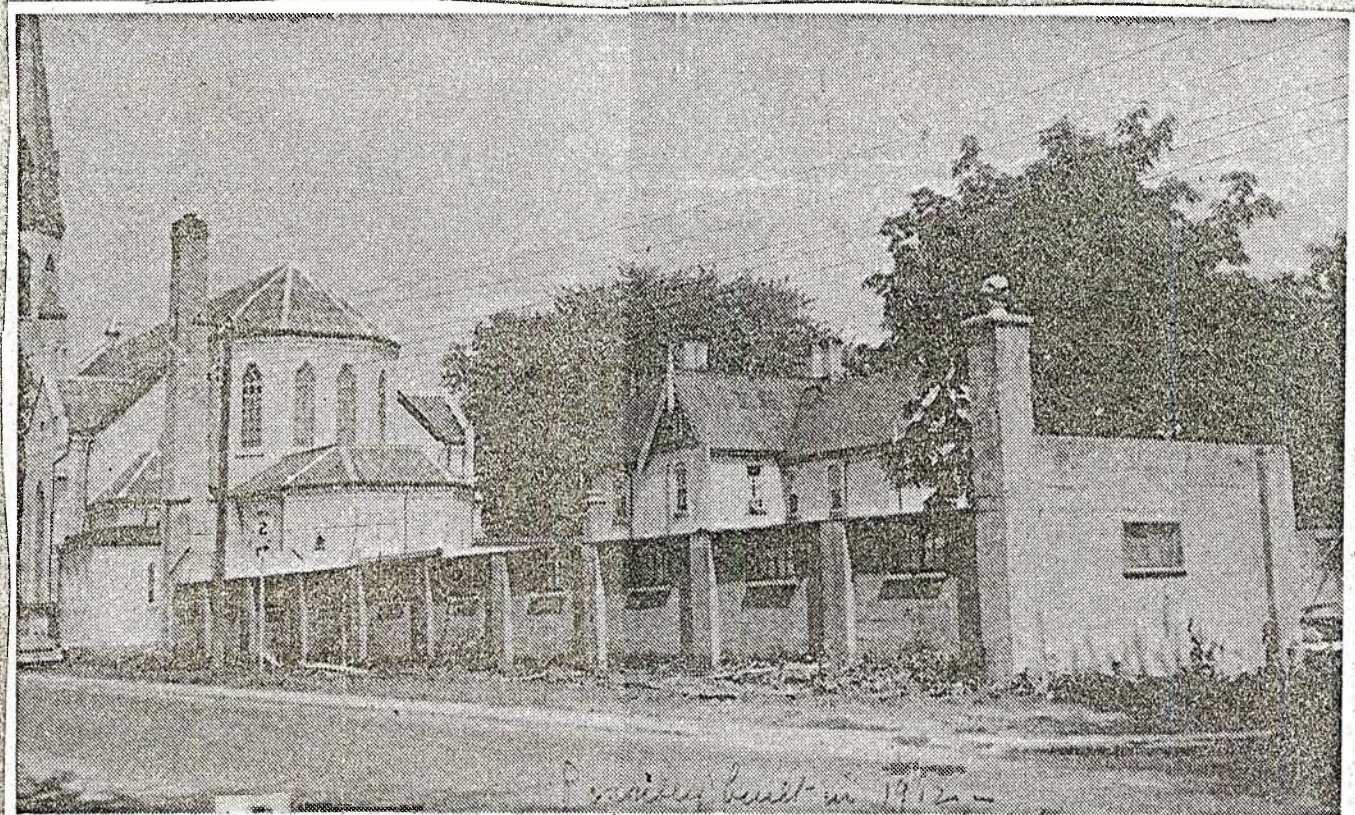
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note - Scores of Pigeons on Roof.

COMPLETELY RENOVATED, at a cost of \$160,000, was the Ingersoll Inn, giving the town a practically new hotel, inside and out. It is Ingersoll's first licensed premises in a number of years.

JAN. 23-1961



RAZING CARRIAGE SHEDS — The sheds along-side Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Ingersoll, are being torn down to provide parking facilities. The sheds, built early this century, were once used to shelter horses and carriages. Lately, They've been used mainly for storage.

Demolished in 1961

Deaths
Ingersoll residents

- Mrs. Chas. Eidl - 74 - died Dec. 29-1961
- Mrs. S. K. Long - 77 " Dec. 31-1961
- James Lebbo - 80 " Jan. 2-1962
- R. M. Borowman - 83 " Jan. 30-1962
- Roy G. Brogden - " Feb. 8-1962
- Dr. L. G. Staples - 66 - Mar. 4-1962
- Roy Grew - 77 - Mar. 18-1962
- Alex. Yule - 75 - Mar. 31-1962
- Alex. Collins - 65 - Apr. 6-1962
- Oscar Bailey - 77 - Apr. 7-1962
- Dr. Robt. McKay - 77 - Apr. 17-1962
- Alfred Schaeffer - 65 - Dec. 2-1962

Old Assessment Records Provide Interesting Data On Early Days

AUG. 1961

A set of interesting municipal records have come to light which replace those destroyed three years ago by a councillor who regarded the old books as being outdated and had them burned in the town hall furnace. County Clerk L. K. Coles has given Mayor Ross Fewster 10 old assessment rolls of Ingersoll. The law required the Ingersoll assessor to give to the county a copy of his assessment. This prevented any municipality claiming special privileges based on the assessment because the county clerk would have full knowledge in his possession. After Ingersoll became a separated town it was no longer necessary to supply this information to the county clerk. The old books are dated from 1881 to 1902 and the first copy proves most interesting as it supplies the data of some of the leading citizens who were practically the earliest residents of Ingersoll.

True to tradition the assessor asked no lady her age but all male inhabitants' ages are listed. One local historian noted that in the 1889 roll there is only one person named who is alive today and that is the name of Ingersoll's grand old lady who celebrated her 94th birthday yesterday, Mrs. John MacMillan, formerly of Innes street. Considering the mansions constructed on North and South Thames street, the assessments were low. For instance, the residence of Alfred H. Ellis, now the Canadian Legion, was assessed for \$5,500; the old Norsworthy homestead on King street east was \$6,175, and the James Noxon residence which was converted into the Alexandra hospital was tagged at \$8,000 being the highest assessment in the return for 1886.

NOTED TAXPAYERS

Two of the most notable taxpayers, but non-residents, were Hiram Walker of Walkerville and John McClary of London. Mr. Walker had a storage excise warehouse on Victoria street and Mr McClary had a stove store on the south side of King east near the entrance to Memorial park. The oldest taxpayer listed was William Boon on the south side of Inkerman street and he was 98 years old in 1886. Another interesting character was Robert Maginity, listed at that time as being 83 years old, but who lived to be one hundred and one years of age. Mr. Maginity was a pensioner from the Imperial army and he had served a number of years in India and spoke the language fluently. John Shaver was the only sten-

ographer and the meaning of the word is not what it is today. Mr. Shaver's trade was short hand and in 1886 he was the only one listed. For many years he was a court reporter and attended every yearly assizes for the county of Oxford. The lowest assessment went to Willis Fant, an escaped slave, who lived on the Gravel road (Bell street today). His assessment was for \$150. The school tax was \$2.67 on a five hundred dollar assessment which was the average value of houses in the town.

SALARIES

All single wage earners were taxed if their income exceeded \$500., and if they were under the age of 60 years. Thomas McLeod, GTR crossing watchman, Thames street, had this notation, "Exempt for over age," and two other exemptions were "Rev. Fr. J. P. Murphy, parish priest", and "Mrs. Matheson, janitress, high school". The principal of the high school was taxed on his \$1,200 salary and teachers received \$500 per year. Other names mentioned who became well known in the town were H. D. McCarty, a 24 year old grocer; Thomas D. Millar, 57 year old manufacturer of Ingersoll. Cream Cheese and marketed under the name of the Paragon Cheese company; and Neil McFee, 38 year old butcher who was the last survivor of the American Civil war in Southwestern Ontario. Mr. McFee lived to his mid-nineties and was an uncle to Mrs. MacMillan who celebrated her birthday yesterday.

The assessor for the year 1886 was William McLeod who made his roll returnable to Town Clerk William Tennant.

April 2-1962 - Council leased site of demolished Post Office from Bank of Montreal for an 18 car parking lot for \$480.00 per yr + tax on lot. Also appointed a traffic committee of Chief Penzelly, Mayor Fewster, Councillors Van Kouyret, Robt. Smith: C. of C. Robt Carr + Bernie Zurbriegg - P. C. of C. New West Merchants - Meredith Walker & E. H. Newell.

Ingersoll's Music Club Active In Encouraging School Musicians

Almost fifty years ago there were two music clubs formed in Ingersoll, a junior club for the young people studying and interested in furthering their musical careers, and a senior club for the women who wished to keep alive their interest in music. These clubs carried on for many years and the senior Music Club is at the present time still a very active organization in town.

Ingersoll should be very proud in having such a worthwhile group and it is through the combined efforts of such women as Mrs. W. R. Veale, Mrs. Robert Kerr, Mrs. E. Bonesteel, Mrs. George Beck, Mrs. W. Tune, Mrs. L. W. Staples and Mrs. F. N. Horton that the club has been so successful through the years.

At the present time there are about forty active members who meet once a month, presenting amongst themselves many splendid programs of many varieties with the works of the old masters along with the modern compositions. They also exchange meetings with the Woodstock Music Club and the Delhi Music Club through the year.

Their main project for the year is the donation of prizes to the public school commencement exercises thereby creating an interest in music among the pupils some of whom would not have any other opportunity.

Donations have also been to the heart fund in memory of departed members.

The president for 1959 is Mrs. Harold Wilson and the secretary-treasurer is Mrs. E. J. Chisholm.

Competitions Were Feature Of 1958 Camera Club Work

The Ingersoll Community Camera Club, although small in numbers, did provide many worthwhile activities for its members in 1958. The executive consists of Grace Gregory, president; Colin Leitch, secretary; Gary Smith, vice-president; Joe Nephew, treasurer; and Harry Sivyver, past president.

Monthly competitions are one of the main features of the club work. A different subject is selected each month. Some of these included snow, animals, table top, portrait, candid, flowers, autumn, and Hallowe'en. One special competition was conducted during the summer months. In June each member selected a location for taking photographs by throwing a dart at a map of Oxford County. Members could enter both black and white or colour. Winners of these competitions included Grace Gregory, Gary Smith, Colin Leitch, Harry Sivyver, Joe Nephew, John Patterson, Shirley Smith, and Dr. S. Bland.

Another feature of the work was the assembling of a travelling salon which would be criticised by the members of other clubs in the Western Ontario Federation of Camera Clubs. Members contributing to this salon were Grace Gregory, Harry Sivyver, Earl Dynes, Gary Smith, John Paterson, Dr. S. Bland and Joe Nephew.

Another phase of the work included talks and discussions on various aspects of photography. In January Grace Gregory gave a demonstration of enlarging at her home. In February movies were shown by Gary Smith and

Beaver Lumber Co. Offers Friendly Aid

"Mr. Beaver" is an alias for Reginald Stewart, genial manager of the Beaver Lumber Company, Charles Street West, Ingersoll. The local manager responds to either of the two names. The name "Joe Beaver" has become synonymous with the Beaver Lumber Company just as Beaver Lumber has become synonymous with service and the top in building supplies.

A friendly spot, the Beaver Lumber Company is a place

where folks drop in from all over Oxford County as well as Ingersoll to get their building supplies and some friendly advice.

Mr. Stewart has been manager here ever since Beaver Lumber came to Ingersoll 14 years ago. Today it is one of the largest lumber supplying firms in Oxford County.

Retailers in lumber, fibre boards, roofing materials, door and window sashes and many other building needs, the firm has become one upon which people have learned to depend. A development two years ago was the establishing of a farm representative, Pat Johnson of Woodstock, an advisor to the staff who specializes in modern type pole structure.

The fast and prompt delivery service on goods ordered is one of the many factors that has made Beaver Lumber popular in the district. One of the many special departments used by the company is a modern lumber mill with planing machinery and capable of producing finished lumber exactly as ordered.

Ingersoll Y Began As Triangle Club

An old file recently turned up at the YMCA revealed that on May 21, 1931, Edward Otter, travelling secretary of the National Council of the YMCA, met with the Board of Directors of the Ingersoll Triangle Club in the Anglican Church Committee room. The purpose of this meeting was to consider the possibilities of affiliating the organization with the National Council of the YMCAs in Canada.

This Board consisted of nine men and represented four protestant churches and the Salvation Army, so right from the first it was truly a community group. There was also a committee of three from the Anglican Church who acted as trustees on behalf of the Anglican Church which loaned the gymnasium

to the Triangle Club.

This was the beginning of the Ingersoll Community "Y" and from the record of the Triangle Club it is evident the club did a very good job. Progress has been made since that time in the regular work of the "Y" and in its general acceptance by the community. The present building was the gift of William Stones Sons and much work has gone into improving the facilities. Even this last year alterations have been made in heating, plumbing, kitchen and decorations. Larger numbers of young people are using the "Y" and it is an accepted meeting place for community organizations. This year an innovation in program was tried called the Samplers Club. This group of young adults met weekly for instruction in a large number of recreational skills including volleyball, table tennis, darts, badminton, social dancing, square dancing, Scottish dancing and a series of the most popular card games. The year also saw an effort to progress to a business mens gymnasium class. It is said that progress is cyclical and it is to be noted that the old Triangle Club had a business men's group.

Progress was notable during the last year in the swimming program in which the YMCA cooperates with the Maude Wilson Memorial Pool and the Kiwanis Club because 1261 children enrolled and 16,157 lessons were given to set new records for participation.

The "Y" was internally destroyed by fire - night of April 22 - 1964.
Y - moved to space over Witty's garage - to Town Hall and to Anglican gym.
then to former telephone office on King St.

Poultry Business On The Increase

The Little Red Hen, 44 King Street East, in their third year of operation have started their own poultry farm for their source of supplies at RR 1 Beachville. Proprietor Fred Chalkley plans to have the flock increased to 6,500 early this year.

Through the past three years, experience has been gained by the employees and they are qualified to serve and satisfy their customers. Using the intriguing name, the Little Red Hen, the store is a well known egg grading station retail store.

Fred Chalkley who came here from Embro took over the store March 1956 and had only been here a short time when he introduced the popular and convenient three quart jug of milk to Ingersoll.

Ask friendly proprietor Fred Chalkley what the store specializes in and he will tell you first of all... cleanliness, fresh produce and friendly service.

Agency Handles Vacation Trips

Baseball excursions to Cleveland is just one of many special vacation trips arranged by the Allan G. Hall Insurance and Travel Agency, 159a Thames Street South. Through arrangements with the local office, made colorful by a display of travel pamphlets, Ingersoll and district residents travelled on over 25 Trans-Atlantic trips and four to Mexico in the increasing travel program, last year.

Mr. Hall, owner and manager established the insurance agency in 1950 and the travel agency in 1952 with complete affiliation with airlines and Trans-Atlantic steam ships to any point of the world. Spring time, brings a rush for the Caribbean and summertime is the time for the trans Atlantic holiday. Reservations are already being made for this summer, Mr. Hall said.

The travel agency organizes hotel accommodations, passports and visas and advice for local travellers, if desired.

The Allan G. Hall Agency also handles a complete line of insurance, with the exception of life insurance.

Pharmacy Serves North Side Town

Drug store needs for Ingersoll residents on the north side of Thames River and employees on the north side are easily obtainable from the bright cheerful store at the corner of Thames and Victoria Streets. Proprietor Max Sumner's store is a popular shop for many Ingersoll customers.

Pharmacist Max Sumner, known as just "Max" by his customers, graduated from the school of Pharmacy in 1936. In the drug store business for 22 years, he had a store on Thames Street south for many years before moving to the present location five and a half years ago.

Friendly merchandise and friendly prompt service are just two of the features that make Sumner's Drugs such a favorite with Ingersoll shoppers.

After Max died - Timbley McDougall bought store. Contents & closed the store.

John Paterson. In March Ken Poste of Woodstock gave a demonstration on lighting using Miss Beth Zurbrigg as a model. In April and May members criticized prints and slides from other clubs in the salon circuit. In June Gary Smith gave a talk comparing the pictorialists and modernists of photography. In September there was a print display in the public library for the public followed by a slide show in October. In December members brought floodlights and photographed a Christmas subject brought by Mrs. Weir of Thamesford.

Inter-club visits formed a part of club activities. Members visited St. Thomas to see a slide show and hear a speaker on composition. In London members gave comments on a print competition which they had been asked to judge. The St. Thomas club visited the Ingersoll club to see the slide show.

The purpose of the group is to provide for an exchange of ideas for anyone in this area to improve the quality of photography. Two of our members have won competitions outside club work and one, Gary Smith, is now a photographer for the Sentinel-Review. The club has recently been plagued by the lack of members. If the work of our club interests you, contact one of the executive. Do not hesitate because you are only a beginner. All the members have had problems at one time and yours would be welcomed.

Lloyd Beckham And Sons Farm Implement Dealers

Throughout 1958 the firm of Lloyd Beckham and Son led the sales of combines in the district and continue to be one of the largest farm equipment dealers in Oxford County. The Beckham firm is associated with the Massey-Ferguson company and carries as its biggest side-line Beaty farm equipment from their Oxford street location.

Established here in 1953, the rapid progress of the Canadian Massey - Ferguson Company helped make last year one of the best for sales. Since the merge of the Massey-Harris Company in the same year, the Ferguson system has been introduced into larger tractors. Lighter weight tractors produced now are able to work more efficiently giving traction without built in weight.

In 1959, the Massey-Ferguson "85" model will be introduced which is capable of handling five furrow mounted plow. This is a jump from the regular two furrow plow, Norm Beckham explained.

The number "35" combine introduced a year ago increased their sales and their service to the community. In the harvest season as high as four service units were out on the road reaching as far as 20 miles from the centre.

The modern trend in farming is specialization and expansion and they are trying to keep up with the rapid development of agriculture in the county. Norm Beckham said, "we will expand as the farms expand in the area".

Beckhams aim to help any farm organization or individual who would like to view the production lines in the Canadian factories at Toronto and Brantford or the tractor assembly lines in Detroit. The staff of the firm includes Lloyd Beckham, manager; Reuel the milking conditions on the farms similar to the inspection of the Medical Officer of Health and Norm Foreman, general repair. These employees attend company service schools to keep abreast in a rapid change in machinery.

Belldaire Milk Products Now In 5th Business Year

For a pound of butter, or a quart of milk, Belldaire Milk Products Limited, 125 Bell Street is open from 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. daily. Delivery service is carried out in Ingersoll, Putnam, Beachville, Embro and the surrounding territory.

In its fifth year of business in Ingersoll, Belldaire has opened their self service section for dairy products for the convenience of the customer. Also operating in Thamesford, for its third year, Belldaire Dairy maintains a high quality of service to the consumers of dairy products including Shaw's icecream.

The firm operates a fleet of completely insulated trucks to insure quality and freshness of all

their products from the farm to the doorstep. After the milk leaves the nearby farm source, it is less than 15 minutes before the milk is returned to refrigeration at the dairy. The system is considered a necessary requisite in order to insure the freshness.

Dairy representatives inspect the milking conditions on the farms similar to the inspection of the Medical Officer of Health and Norm Foreman, general repair. These employees attend company service schools to keep abreast in a rapid change in machinery.

Employing a total of 18, Belldaire has a wide range of products including Guernsey gold milk, two percent defatted milk, regular and homo milk, golden Guernsey (high test), skim milk, buttermilk, chocolate, cream, eggs, butter and cottage cheese.

Walker Stores Favorite Spot For Milady

Attractive displays, easily viewed merchandise and tempting prices are just a few of the attractions that have made Walker Stores Ltd. a favorite shopping centre for milady over the years.

Garnet Kosmack who has been manager of the store here since September 1956 and his capable staff do their utmost to add to the shopping convenience of their customers.

The lower floor of the building is well stocked in dry goods, towels, linens, blankets and many other household items. The clerks who greet the customers downstairs are Mrs. Ann Clothier and Mrs. Jean Wilson. Upstairs, customers find a wide variety of women's wear and children's apparel. The friendly clerks on this floor are Mrs. Evelyn Smith and Mrs. Mary Walker.

An extensive renovating and redecorating plan which got under way in 1957 was completed last year and customers find the attractive color scheme both relaxing and pleasing.

Specialty lines in accessories such as handbags, gloves and costume jewelry have become favorites with the customers and the latest trends in these lines are always on display.

Oxford's 'Grand Canyon' Pays \$2.5 Million Yearly

Stretching west from Beachville to Ingersoll, a distance of approximately four miles, is the "Grand Canyon" of southwestern Ontario, but unlike its famous counterpart in the United States, this one is man-made.

Actually there are three diggings, open-faced quarries, reputed to be the largest man-made holes in the North American Continent. From them comes almost 100 per cent pure calcium limestone, used in many industries, but notably steel, paper, mining, fertilizer and cement.

Another quarry, making a total of four in the area, is located just north of Beachville, above the Governor's Rd., and operated by the Canada Cement Co. Ltd.

The huge deposits of limestone in the area were first discovered 155 years ago, and

some traces of those old kilns, obsolete for nearly a century, can still be found in Beachville, near the site of the old mill.

With the establishment of industries such as Dominion Tar, Chemical Lime, Cyanamid and Canadian Industries, many years ago, and the addition of Canada Cement and Chicago Vitreous in the latter years, the economy of the so-called "Limestone Valley", zoomed.

EMPLOYS 500

Located geographically closer to Ingersoll than to neighboring Woodstock, most of the 500 employees of these industries took up residence in the stretch from Beachville to Ingersoll, with a good percentage inside the Ingersoll town limits. A payroll of nearly two and a half million dollars annually is one of the many reasons that merchants in Ingersoll and the area, have their businesses on a sound footing.

The limestone taken from these quarries is a rock consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate usually an accumulation of organic remains such as sea-shells, which yields lime when burned. Crystalline limestone is what is referred to as marble.

To most people, who feel that five or 10 years is practically a lifetime, it's hard to imagine

that these limestone deposits started forming over 550 million years ago. Most of it was formed under water, and raised to a point near the surface by the movement of the earth's crust.

The Beachville-Ingersoll operation is just a portion of the limestone belt, starting with a narrow area at Norwich and spreading out to a 15 mile wide area in the vicinity of Seaforth and Kincardine. The belt is about three and one half miles wide in the Beachville-Ingersoll area.

BEST IN WORLD

According to the men behind the industries directly related to limestone, the Ingersoll development produces the best material of this nature in the world. It is reputed to be the purest, thickest and most uniform that can be found anywhere. In excess of three million tons of limestone is quarried in the area each year.

As the limestone deposits at Beachville lie about 20 feet below the normal surface of the ground and extend downward, a process known as "strip mining" or open face mining, is used to get rid of the top material. As the limestone bed extends towards the north, this overlay gets deeper at the rate of about 30 feet per mile, making the operation in the north not feasible from an economic standpoint.

Removal of the limestone, originally a very touchy and dangerous endeavor, through the years has improved in method,

until today, it's just routine, with very little, if any, danger involved.

BLASTING

A number of holes, 75 feet deep are bored and packed with dynamite. These are about six inches in diameter and spaced 24 feet apart. Through experience and actual practice, workmen are able to control the blasts so that the rock is broken into a size required by any particular firm. The most modern of diesel shovels are used in picking up this material. One of the machines at Cyanamid cost about \$325,000.

After transportation from the pit-heads, the limestone chunks are fed through crushing mills to the required size. It ranges from nine inches to one-eighth inch in size in the undried state. Dried, it can be reduced to powder for the use of glass and feed companies.

In the quarried and crushed state, the limestone can be used directly in the manufacture of concrete, but to produce quicklime and burntlime, further processing is required. The limestone is heated in kilns up to 2,200 degrees which gets rid of carbon dioxide, 100 tons of limestone producing 50 tons of lime. The rest is carbon dioxide.

To the people of Limestone valley, who might be worried about the deposits eventually running out, they can relax. According to engineers and geologists, the deposits, at the present rate of working, are good for at least another 100 years.

McNab Bus - Local Story Of Expansion

Bell Street in Ingersoll is noted for one man who has carved his notch in the business life of the community. That man is Lou MacNab, proprietor of MacNab Bus Sales on one side of Bell St. and MacNab Auto Sales Limited on the opposite side facing the bus lot.

From a small lot on the same street in 1940, Mr. MacNab has expanded his business until today he employs from 23 to 25 employees in the operation of his six acre car and bus operation.

Recalling the early days of his establishment, Mr. MacNab said that around 1941 he only had about one car stall where he could handle one car at a time. Today, this single car stall has expanded to the state where he now has facilities to service 15 or 16 cars at a time.

Busy in his service department are eight licenced mechanics who are experienced in repairing and servicing buses, trucks and cars.

One of the important keys to Mr. MacNab's six acre operation is his \$50,000 parts department. Here he has parts to service all Ford products including his own line of Mercury, Lincoln, Meteor and Comet series.

Mr. MacNab said that he had cleared his stock room of most obsolete parts, but kept some in another warehouse where he could service customers who needed parts for real old antique models. He mentioned having hub caps for models as far back as 1950. Besides the regular parts department, Mr. MacNab mentioned that they also had a storeroom for all types of exhaust systems, where he estimated they had about 50 to 60 models in stock but not

nearly all of them. One of the problems with this department he said was the fact that they were "always running out of stock."

Mr. MacNab began his bus dealership following world war two in 1946. Today he carries a complete stock of Thomas Built Buses on his lot which handles, any where from 47 buses in the slack season to 120 buses at the peak season in the summer.

The Ingersoll Thomas Bus dealership covers the whole of Ontario with another operation set up in Eastern Ontario to handle business in that area. Selling the bus lines are seven salesmen who call on bus operators all across Ontario.

Mr. MacNab said that in the Ingersoll operation their stock included all chassis for Mercury, Chevrolet, GMC, Fargo and International equipment.

Looking ahead to 1965, Mr. MacNab said he figured on an increase in the overall operation for the year.

Ingersoll Casket Company Ships First Export Order

INGERSOLL — This past year saw three firsts for the Ingersoll Casket Co. Ltd.

Its first export order was made, and this was sent to the Barbados. As well as this, the first carload was shipped from the company, and these went out west to one funeral director.

Last but not least, a showroom, office, and warehouse was opened in Toronto late in October of 1964.

When the outfit first began in the 1880's, it began as a furniture company with the manufacture of fine pine furniture.

Interestingly enough, car bodies constructed of hard wood were made for the historic Stanley Steamer.

Casket manufacturing was started as a sideline, and during the "Depression Years," it was found more economical to concentrate on this line of work.

NO FURNITURE

Eventually, the furniture end of the business which had been the main enterprise, was dropped altogether.

There are 31 employees at the plant, and some of them have worked there since furniture was produced. Almost all are local people. The only two women engaged are employed in the manufacture of the interiors for the caskets.

The production, according to company manager Ellwood Lemon, is around 1,500 a year.

with a peak capacity at about 3,000.

There are about 65 casket companies in Canada Mr. Lemon stated, and the production in Ingersoll is as high as ever was.

Approximately 175,000 board feet of lumber (mostly elm) are used in the construction of the 1,500 pieces, with around 15,000 yards of satin and velvet for the linings.

Fifty-two different styles are manufactured and all are of solid lumber. No veneers are used.

Most of the lumber is purchased within a 60 mile radius of Ingersoll, while some of the fabrics used for the interiors are imported.

SOME IMPORTS

The most expensive woods such as African and Columbian mahogany, are imported. These however, are used in the production of the most costly of the caskets. 1964 - reported 1500

Other woods that are used besides the popular elm, are walnut, oak, cherry, maple, and imported willow.

As a sideline, the company has started the production of a Swedish style chair to be used in funeral homes. This is an upholstered model, and will soon be in greater production.

Another sideline is in custom kiln drying. One firm in particular, Wally Enterprises in Dresden, ships hockey sticks to

Started On Cones Paper Box Co. Flourishes

INGERSOLL - Back in 1922, tire effort on the production of boxes, and the cones were dropped.

At present both the rigid type box and the folding kind are produced in varying sizes from about 1 3/4 inches square to 26 by 14 by 5 inches. No corrugated cardboard is used.

Russell Street, secretary-treasurer of the company stated that last years sales amounted to some \$245,000.

Boxes are shipped from coast to coast by this relatively smaller operation which is one of many such outfits in this area.

Approximately 25 employees, all hired from the local labor force, process some 250,000 tons of paperboard a year.

Some of the boxes have been shipped as far north as the Yukon and customers include those in the retail clothing trade, the bakery trade, candy companies and stationary outfits.

Plain and fancy display cases are also manufactured with the printing on the folded type box done right at the plant. The rigid boxes are also printed but this is done differently. Here a wrapper is printed and is then used to cover the box.

the Ingersoll company to be dried in their special kilns.

Some odd styles are sold out west where a picture of the "Last Supper" in the interior is popular in some areas. One particular funeral director in Saskatoon orders all his caskets with scarlet red interiors.

According to Mr. Lemon, who has been with the company for around nine years, production since 1958 has increased about 150 per cent.

Cartage Firm Reports 1965 'Even Better'

INGERSOLL — Pettapiece Cartage started its branch in Ingersoll in 1957 with five employees and three transports. The head office is in Leamington, with other branches in Chatham and Hamilton, and an office in London.

Since then the depot in Ingersoll has increased to 20 tractors, seven of which were added in 1964. There are about 50 trailers with which to carry the A-freight and express parcels.

The service of the company extends from daily runs to London and back, across Ontario, and into Michigan.

In the past year the Ingersoll depot has increased the garage facilities by 50 per cent and doubled the office space. There is at the present time 21 employees on the payroll of the Ingersoll branch.

Ross Deacon, Manager of Pettapiece Cartage in Ingersoll, stated that from all indications business will be better than ever in the coming year.

The latest addition to the plant has been a two-colored letter press. This machine costs in the vicinity of \$25,000 and prints two colors at the same time.

Mr. Street stated that at present all available space at the plant is being utilized. He said however, that there are no immediate plans for expansion.

He explained that there is such a small profit in this type of product that they would have to be assured of future customers before they could consider any expansion.

COSTS \$30,000

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New PUC Well Increases Capacity By 30 Per Cent

INGERSOLL — When the new deep well pumping station located on Cemetery Lane comes into operation soon, the water supply of Ingersoll will be increased by one third. The project, nearing completion, is costing upwards of \$30,000. The new well, drilled to a depth of 340 feet, can pump up to an additional 500 gallons per minute into the mains. The

neat - appearing brick building houses the latest in automatic pumping equipment. General Contractor has been Songhurst and McLeod of Ingersoll and International Water Supply of London has been in charge of the well and equipment installation.

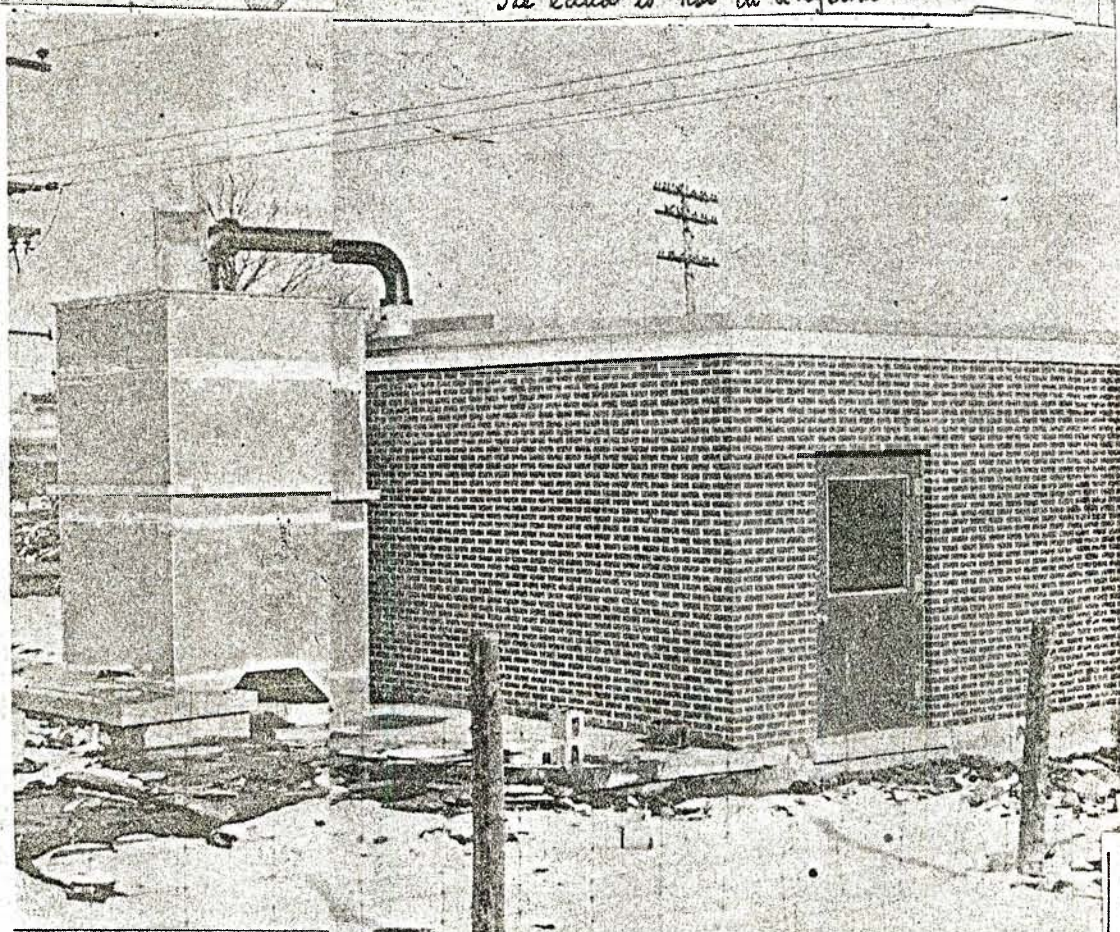
The 340 foot well is cased with 12 inch casing down to the bedrock of limestone. The pump column within the casing is of 8 inch steel and goes down 153 feet to a 10 inch deep well turbine pump.

One pneumatic packer, a broad inflatable band, will be located 30 feet below the surface and inflated for a secure pipe column fit.

The new pumping station, housed in a building approximately 15 by 20 feet, is entirely automatic and capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute through the aerator from whence it is repumped into the town's water system. A 35,000 gallon storage tank lies beneath the site.

C. V. MacLachlan, PUC manager, states that the area around the new station will be attractively landscaped and an official opening will take place in early summer.

This well dug on a small area of land purchased by Ingersoll from Mrs. Mrs. farm. This farm formerly known as the Bailey farm. The land is not in Ingersoll.



Ingersoll Public Utilities' new well and pumping station on Cemetery Lane is now completed and will be in operation this year, increasing the town's water supply by one third.

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Ingersoll Club Won Ball, But What Was The Game?

INGERSOLL — September 3, 1868 — On Tuesday last the Victoria club of this town went to Woodstock with the intention of beating the champions of Canada and taking possession of

the silver ball. They have visited that town, on the same mission, several times before, and with the same intention, but from some cause, as yet unknown to us, they have not been successful.

On this occasion, however, their best exertions were put forth and at the close of the game the Victoria Club of Ingersoll was pronounced the champions of Canada.

The game was very hotly contested and was one of the best matches ever played in Canada. It would be invidious for us to make distinctions or note any particularly good play on the part of those engaged and if we were so inclined we should not know where to begin for every individual member of both clubs seemed to exert himself to the utmost.

The club returned to town about half past seven in the evening and were received with a perfect ovation. The flag at the town hall having been hoisted, bonfires were lit. On their arrival at the Royal Hotel they were met by a large concourse of people who gave them hearty congratulations and prolonged cheers.

Team members were W. Hearn, J. Gibson, R. Jackson, C. Pascoe, W. Berry, J. Taylor, J. Brown, W. Taylor, G. Bickerton.

Those who would like to see and examine the silver ball — now held by the Victoria Club of Ingersoll — The Champions of Canada — will call on friend Woodcock at the P. O. Book Store.

Building Value Hits \$1,409,630

INGERSOLL — In 1965 building permits were issued for 27 single dwellings, 3 duplexes, 1 double duplex and 1 dwelling and office combination.

Total building permits issued were 233. Residential building was valued at \$598,630; commercial at \$243,181 and industrial at \$649,339.

The total estimated cost of new building, additions and renovations was \$1,409,630.

The renovation of the old Maitland Theatre to become Warden Appliances accounted for \$10,000. Essex Wire plant was \$493,000. A new Esso Service Station was \$30,000.

Much building took place in the block containing the Sacred Heart buildings with a school addition costing \$93,000, a rectory and offices at \$65,000.

The Sewage Disposal Plant made renovations costing \$3,070. The Shantz turkey plant made changes costing \$17,000. Borden's put up an addition costing \$80,000.

Quait's Car Wash cost \$20,000 and a second Car Wash cost \$7,000. The Memorial Centre did \$1,000 worth of renovations and the IDCI made repairs costing \$16,000. The Imperial Bank received a face-lifting which cost \$2,700 and the Dairy Freeze at \$4,600.

The Ingersoll Machine office work cost \$1,410 and the Post Office \$1,598. Cox Press project cost \$2,500 and Bell Telephone \$3,620. The Hilltop Motel renovation cost \$1,300 and Supertest accounted for \$3,000.

Borland Builds New Esso Station

INGERSOLL — A \$30,000 Esso service station was built on Thames Street South. Opened in December, the station is operated by Bruce Borland. Mr. Borland has operated the business at the same location since 1947. Prior to that it was run by Mr. Borland's father.

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'WI BESOM AND STANE'

With the remote possibility that there are no Scotsmen in the audience, the caption translated means "with broom and stone." Curling in the

old days in Ingersoll was just as popular then as it is now. The only difference was that at that time, it was done all outdoors on lakes and ponds.

These hardy fellows just stopped long enough to put on a clean shirt and go indoors to have their picture taken.

Bursary, Prizes, Financed By Norsworthy IODE Group

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In 1919 the Norsworthy Chapter Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire received its charter. The name Norsworthy was used to honor the four sons of the late Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy all of whom held high rank in the army during First World War, two paying the supreme sacrifice. Mrs. Norsworthy passed away in Ingersoll in 1951 and was the chapter's honorary regent and held in high esteem by all the members.

The chapter is very active and takes part in all community efforts as well as helping in every way possible activities sponsored by Headquarters.

During the year 1958 under the leadership of the Regent, Mrs. A. W. Waring the Chapter raised about \$1,300, which was spent on worthy causes. A substantial bursary was given to an IDCI student going on to university, prizes to Public School pupils, a music prize to the School for the Blind in Brantford and help given to a local University Student. The Chapter also helped financially in giving milk to children in the public schools.

Patients at Westminster Hospital London are visited by mem-

bers of the Chapter each month and given treats. At Christmas special boxes are packed and given to these patients.

The immigration and Canadianization committee of the chapter help at the graduation exercises held at the IDCI for new Canadians and also attend the ceremonies at Woodstock when the new Canadians receive their citizenship papers.

The services at home and abroad send about 150 hand knit articles to Headquarters each year for distribution where needed and have also sent several shipments of pocket editions to the service men stationed in Germany.

The Armistice Day service is always attended by members of the Chapter and financial assistance is given in placing the wreath on the cenotaph in the park. The Chapter also donates to the many worthy projects of the National Chapter.

The members have two ways of raising funds to make all the above possible. A June Tea is held each year which is well patronized by the ladies of the community and where work of the patients of Westminster Hospital is on display and sold and the

money refunded to the patients. The chief source of funds is the Opportunity Shop located on Oxford Street in the Ingersoll Inn Building. The shop dealing in good used clothing for men, women and children and many other articles is open four afternoons a week and each member gives an afternoon per month to serve the patrons. The stock for the shop is maintained by the steady donations of members and their friends in the community.

At the monthly meetings many excellent papers dealing with current events in the world are given and an occasional guest speaker addresses the group.

The Chapter is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and under the leadership of the regent elect, Mrs. L. W. Staples, plans are being formulated to mark this event.

1958 was a very busy and successful year and the officers and committee heads plan and work many hours to fulfill the demands of all the Chapter's obligations.

ORGANIZED IN 1900

Lady Dufferin IODE Chapter Has Long Record Of Service

The Lady Dufferin Chapter Imperial Order of The Daughter's of the Empire, Of Ingersoll, has the honor of being the fourth oldest chapter in Canada. This chapter was organized in the year 1900 and received its charter on February 7, 1901. In the Christmas issue 1958, of the IODE magazine Echoes this chapter has the honor of being listed among the chapters who have passed their golden jubilee.

The primary objective of this chapter has always been to stimulate patriotism and to support good works for the betterment of Canada and to assist the British Commonwealth and needy peoples of the World.

Main projects for the year have included the selling of tickets in the spring for a "mother's day dinner for eight people" and the annual Trafalgar Tea held October 18 in the Y. These activities brought sufficient funds to meet the various obligations of the chapter throughout the year.

At the close of World War I this chapter erected the Soldiers Cairn in Memorial Park, Ingersoll with inscribed on the plaque the names of local men who lost their lives in this war. A short time ago this memorial was brought up to date listing those local men and women who died for our country in World War II and Korean War. The Flag pole was also repaired before the Armistice day service this year. This work was looked after and financed by Lady Dufferin chapter.

Odell And Allen Have New Lot

The addition of the Mapleview Used Car Lot, west of Ingersoll on No. 2 Highway is the most visible sign of progress of Odell and Allen Limited. The sales lot is additional to the one at the garage on King Street east, and is advertised as one of the best used car lots in Oxford County.

Norma Allen has become the owner and president of the Pontiac, Buick, GMC and Vauxhall and Victor dealership.

A new body and paint shop has been added and is under the supervision of Dennis Chatterton and Bud Heald. There, the finishing touches are made on accident repair work.

Odell and Allen after serving the Ingersoll and district public for many years, moved from their Thames Street location to their present site of business in 1948. Seven years later the firm became a limited company retaining the name of Odell and Allen with Norm Allen the owner and president now.

Members of the sales staff include: Roger Nagle, sales manager; salesman Lloyd Morgan, Earl Swartz, Bill Boyes, and Percy Harlock (at the used car lot); office, accountant Louis Odorico and assistant Marian Doust; stock room managers Dennis Howe and Roy Franklin; service manager Stuart Keenan; mechanics Joe Clair, Piebe Kobus, Lloyd Dawes, Ben Holland and Don Springall and assistant Pete Morgan.

EDUCATION PROJECTS

Under the convenership of Miss Dora Harrison and Mrs. C. K. Long the following educational projects have been accomplished: nine books have been presented as prizes six to Victory Memorial School for English literature and Canadian history; two to Sacred Heart and one special prize in English Literature to a grade 10 student in Collegiate Institute; Robert Jackson received a bursary of \$100 from the chapter entering Teacher's College last fall; four flags presented to the Sacred Heart School. Forty-one IODE calendars were presented to the schools in Ingersoll-one for each room. This is a yearly project of the chapter. Financial donations were sent to Provincial and National headquarters for the projects our chapter support by treasurer Mrs. P. M. Graham.

Mrs. C. K. Dykeman, convener of services home and abroad packed 47 knitted and sewn articles, 16 nursery bags, a box containing 360 pieces of used clothing and sent them to headquarters in Hamilton. She also collected and shipped used magazines for the armed forces in Germany and pocket editions for forces in Korea. 100 pounds of used Christmas cards were sent to an ex-servicemen's organization in Yorkshire England.

Very interesting and informative papers were presented at the meetings of the chapter under the arrangement of convener of "Services Home and Abroad"—Mrs. R. R. Smith. These were—"Trans-Canada Highway", given by Mrs. S. Wadsworth; "Trans-Antarctic Expedition", Mrs. C. K. Long; "Our Duty as IODE Members", by Mrs. Wilson—a guest of the chapter from Lord Dufferin Chapter Orangeville; "Newcomer's to Canada", "Alert Services", Miss Lamb's paper, "Canada and the United States—a comparison" by Prime Minister of Great Britain and "Dr. Mueller's Dreary Christ-

mas" by Mrs. Smith. Regent Mrs. J. W. McKinney always keeps members well informed of an highlights she received from the Provincial and National headquarters during the year.

AT CONVENTION

Vice-regent, Mrs. C. Downing standard bearer, Mrs. Basil Wilson and treasurer Mrs. P. Graham represented the chapter at the provincial convention held at the Royal Connaught Hotel, Hamilton in April. Mrs. Wilson carried the flag in the impressive ceremony of procession of flags at the opening of this session. Mrs. C. Downing presented a condensed and informative report of this session to the members of the chapter at the May meeting.

The retirement of regent Mrs. McKinney was accepted with much regret after six years of outstanding service and loyalty to our chapter. A small token of appreciation was presented to her on behalf of the chapter by Mrs. R. A. Williams at the February meeting.

The officers for this year are—Honorary regent, Mrs. F. V. Bowman; Councillor - Mrs. C. Long; past regent, Mrs. W. McKinney; regent, Mrs. C. Downing; first vice-regent, Mrs. R. Williams; 2nd vice-regent, Mrs. Alex Wilson; secretary Mrs. Boniface; treasurer, Mrs. P. Graham; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G.H. Allen; Educational convener, Miss Dora Harrison; assistant, Mrs. C. K. Long; standard bearer, Mrs. B. Wilson; services, home and abroad, Mrs. C. K. Dykeman; Empire and World Affairs, Mrs. R. R. Smith; Echoes and Calendars, Mrs. Adams; publicity, Mrs. H. Samerson; flowers, cards and monty collections, Mrs. N. J. Danic wool convener, Mrs. H. I. Stewart; social, Mrs. A. Robley; assistants, Mrs. W. Shelton, Mrs. F. Newman, Mrs. V. Wilson and Mrs. J. Ralwings. Con. of Commonwealth Relations - Mrs. V. McKinney.

Walker And Clifton Town's Oldest Funeral Home Firm

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The first funeral home in Ingersoll was the business now known as the Walker and Clifton Funeral Home. Preston T. Walker purchased the former Fred W. Keeler Funeral Business in 1934 and in 1936 opened the first funeral home here, at its present location, 88 King Street West. The business officially became the Walker and Clifton Funeral Home three years ago, George M. Clifton having been with the firm for 20 years. Mrs. Clifton, the former Leta Manzer, has been associated with the business for 27 years.

Always interested in public affairs, George Clifton has been a member of the public school board for the past 11 years and was chairman for two years. Mr. Clifton was also instrumental in starting the movement for help for retarded children in Oxford County, the splendid schools being the results. He has also been a member of the Y's Men's Club for the past 20 years and is a past president of that club.

A tribute to the competent but always sympathetic service offered by the Walker and Clifton Funeral Home was their appointment two years ago as a member of the Associated Funeral Directors, for Ingersoll. The appointment means that the firm is prepared to arrange and care for funerals anywhere in Canada and the United States.

Not only is the Walker and Clifton Funeral the oldest established funeral home in Ingersoll, but it was the first to maintain and operate an ambulance. In 1949 the Town of Ingersoll ceased to operate the Alexandra Hospital

ambulance for them. The town was then without ambulance service, therefore this firm purchased an ambulance and since that time has built a splendid reputation for its swift, careful and comfortable ambulance service. Also available is oxygen when required. Another service this firm is pleased to give the community is the use of their hospital beds and wheel chairs.

Decorating Is Specialty

One of the largest stock selections of wallpaper in the district is available for customers of Jack W. Douglas, Decorating Supplies, 116 Thames Street. This year is the 13th anniversary for Jack W. Douglas as proprietor of the paint and wallpaper store. Progress has been the keynote of the Douglas story since he opened his business as specialty decorating in 1946. Last year the interior of the store was completely renovated and many new lines have been added to their already well stocked business.

A large selection of pictures and paintings is another feature of the Jack W. Douglas store.

Two years ago they added a line of pre-pasted wallpapers and during the past year increased the scope in that. Mr. Douglas said, something new is being added with the self-selection wallpaper department.

Thurtell's Drugs Modern Pharmacy

Thurtell's Drugs, Thames Street south in Ingersoll boast one of the most modern dispensaries and the name has been synonymous with the druggist trade for the past 58 years.

Know popularly as the post office drug store, Thurtell's drugs has a well-stocked and diversified store catering to every need

Bigham's Store Favorite Spot

Chicken bones, bulls eyes, brazil taffee, and maple walnut cream are just some of the things that Bigham's Limited, Thames Street South is noted for. Bigham's chocolates are recognized as a special treat by people far and wide and are conveniently packaged in boxes of all cream centers, maraschino cherries in cream or assorted chocolates.

Bigham's, managed by Ross Bigham, is a well known restaurant in Ingersoll and has been since 1914, the year it was established.

The restaurant is a favorite spot too with office workers, clerks, bankers and practically anyone else whose business is on the front street when the morning coffee break times rolls around. Again in the afternoon busy housewives take a relaxing few moments from their shopping for a cup of coffee and a visit with friends. end.

in the drug field.

Thurtell's maintains a modern and attractive cosmetics department that features Marcell's Hypo Allergenic Cosmetics. These cosmetics are especially prepared to prevent skin irritation or other allergies common in the use of cosmetics.

A complete delivery service to the public is another of Thurtell's many characteristics and includes the pick-up and delivery of prescriptions.

Thurtell's drugstore has recently renovated its drug department with new designs and fixtures and a fully renovated dispensary.

Findlay (Sandy) MacDougall, manager, points out that the drug business has made more progress in the past 50 years than in the past five centuries and states that the Thurtell store has kept pace with this phenomenal progress.

The staff at Thurtell's is comprised of: Walter Thurtell (Uncle Walt), proprietor; Findlay MacDougall, manager; Mrs. Coza Sinclair and David Noe, parcel delivery.

R.N. Thurtell bought the drug business in 1901 from Kneibens Corner Drug Store - where Royal Bank now is - Thurtell moved to drug store business to 2nd store south of 1916 Post office - also had a parcel delivery.

Planing Mill Does Building

The local monument business, Ingersoll Memorials, owned jointly by Roy and Jack Pettit has its beginning many years ago but back in 1920 the business was purchased by Fred E. East and was located on King Street at the premises which is now an auction sale store. From there the business was caught in the throngs of moving real estate and was moved to a location on Oxford Street, then to King Street east and finally to its present location at 274 Tunis Street in the year 1929.

In December of 1952 Mr. East retired and sold the business to the above mentioned father and son partnership. Ingersoll Memorials is well known throughout Ingersoll and district for dealing in only the best grades of granite and marble. A tribute to their service and workmanship was the appointment two years ago as authorized dealer for the world famous "ROCK OF AGES" Corporation, whose granite is known and sold in the world. The large display of monuments at Tunis Street also includes granites from Canada and European Countries. They also have the local agency for the Klassen Bronze Co. dealing in all types of bronze.

To further their scope of service an agency was started last year in Norwich under the management of Mr. John Young.

Construction work on a church, Sunday school and Masonic Hall have been the "pet" projects of employees of Ingersoll Planing Mill, Thames Street South, during the past year. Trinity United Church Alma Street Extension Sunday School was completed and officially opened September 28. An addition to Trinity United Church on King Street West and the construction of the new Masonic Hall are now in progress. The fully equipped planing mill is complete with a modern retail section with handling lumber, builders supplies and coal, under the management of Lies Songhurst.

The construction phase of the business, is under the management of Gordon McLeod. One of the oldest lumber yards in the district, the Ingersoll Planing Mill was purchased by Songhurst and McLeod in February 1953. With an average on the payroll of 20, Ingersoll Planing Mill has enjoyed considerable growth in recent years and looks forward with confidence to the years ahead.

Naturalists Enjoy Local Club Work

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The Ingersoll Nature Club was formed in 1953 by six Ingersoll people most of whom still live here and still belong to the club. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Public Library basement. At each of the winter meetings the club attempts to have a speaker and this year were most fortunate in securing the services of Harry Sivyer of Ingersoll with a fine collection of colored slides of his vacation trip through Wyoming, Dakota and Yellowstone National Park; G. Marshall Bartram, extension secretary of the Federation Ontario Naturalists who chose as his subject, "Woods, Waters and Wild Flowers", showing colored slides of the four seasons, bird life, trees and flowers; Miss Ruth Jodges of Ingersoll and her colored slides of a recent vacation trip through Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park and other parts of the USA; Art Robertson of Ingersoll, entitled "Life in the Marsh", a film which was enjoyed by all; Don Kittmer, vice president of the Ingersoll Club and a resident of Harrington, with a good selection of colored slides of his trip through Dakota, Wyoming and Yellowstone Park including many fine closeups of animals and birds in their natural habitat, also slides of a recent moose hunting trip to Northern Ontario; Miss Fernie Jones BA, Woodstock, whose choice as her topic, "Wild Flowers" and described in fine detail the early and more common wild flowers of Oxford County.

MANY ACTIVITIES

During the summer months of 1958 there were many activities; the club bought and presented a cup suitably inscribed to the summer school playgrounds having the best insect collection (Harry Sivyer judged the collection and presented the cup); President Bruce Parker spent a few weeks a camp counsellor at Bolton, Ontario; in March 1958 members present for the FON gathering at Long Point Bay to watch the spring migration of Whistling Swans; in May Don Bucknell, Bruce Parker and Harry Sivyer spent a weekend camping and bird watching at Rondeau Park; May 31st a gathering of nature lovers from Brantford, London, Eden, Woodstock, Chatham, Galt, and Thamesford met at East Nisour under the guidance of the Ingersoll Club to study birds, ferns, fungi, trees, etc.; four members attended the St. Thomas meet at Springwater. Various trips were made by members and their friends last summer and all were favored with excellent weather on each

trip. Mr. and Mrs. H. Sivyer, Mr. and Mrs. James Vann and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McDiarmid visited St. Williams, Bacchus Woods, Long Point Bay and Rondeau Park on different occasions. Two of the more adventurous members, Don Bucknell and Harry Sivyer with friend Norman Jones packed their camping gear, drove down to Long Point and went by boat from the "Old Cut" to the end of the Point where they camped for the weekend and studied the birds, animal and tree life around them.

Don Bucknell spoke to the St. James' Anglican Church WA and chose as his subject, "The Feeding of Birds."

Harry Sivyer showed colored slides to the Girl Guides in Ingersoll and has worked with the guides on different occasions helping them with nature study work.

The Ingersoll Nature Club will gladly welcome new members any time.

Fulton Firm Experienced

Woodworkers, whether they are amateurs who like to make minor household items in the basement or experienced carpenters can find all the materials necessary for any job, large or small, in the lumber section at the Frank Fulton Coal and Lumber Company, King Street West. It has been one of the most popular sources of coal and lumber supplies in the town of Ingersoll for the past 27 years.

The firm maintains a well stocked warehouse of lumber supplies and has obtained wide experience in this specialized field over the past 40 years.

After the firm had been in operation for 17 years under the management of M. E. Scott, Mr. Fulton purchased it and inaugurated a program aimed at increasing service to the public. The change of ownership took place in 1932.

Since 1932 fuel consumers and builders have been turning to Frank Fulton firm in increasing numbers for their needs.

Currently, the Frank Fulton Coal and Lumber Company is noted for its progressive spirit and rapid service to the customer.

In addition to the coal and lumber yards, Mr. Fulton manages an electricity driven chopping mill and features Shur-Gain Feed Service and Products.

The firm has eight employees.

Fleischer And Jewett Report Good Year In '58

June 1961 changed to General Motors Division

Fleischer and Jewett Limited, Automobile Sales, established since 1920 class the 1958 year as one of their most progressive years. Recently installed were: the latest electronic testing equipment for diagnosing electrical and engine faults; a new electrical welder; new automatic transmission tools; an enlarged parts department with complete exhaust systems and body repair panels.

The firm started in 1920 both P. T. Fleischer and R. A. Jewett taking an active part in the business today. Starting as a Willard battery service station on King Street East, today it is one of the most modern garages in town, in its Thames Street location. The firm has always specialized in carburetor and electrical work and over the years have had their men especially trained for that work.

In 1936 it became a Dodge, Desoto and Dodge truck dealership.

Today P. T. Fleischer, who has had 44 years experience in the auto business is general manager; Bob Jewett is in charge of car sales; Ted Fleischer Jr. is in charge of service sales. Fred Hettick, foreman, has been with the firm now for 27 years. Tom Ponting, a master mechanic has been with Fleischer and Jewett for 20 years and his son Gordon, also a master mechanic has been with them since 1945.

Other members of the staff include Cliff Redman, car sales; Gordon Elson, painter and refinisher; Ted Ionson, in charge of used car appearance reconditioning; Danny Barratt parts department; apprentice Louis Verhoe-

ven; Doug Hammond, office manager and A. C. Fleischer, car salesman.

Fire Mutual Has Surplus

Assets of the Dereham and West Oxford Mutual Fire Insurance Company with offices on King Street East, wiped out in the early 1930's have climbed gradually to a current high of \$104,880.98 with a surplus of \$82,021.98.

The company carries a total of \$8,661,585. of insurance on farm buildings, live stock, implements and homes in the townships of Dereham and West Oxford and adjacent areas, as of December 31, 1958, which is an increase of \$5,414.83 over December 31, 1957 in spite of higher than usual fire losses in 1958.

The Ingersoll office is one of 65 similar businesses in Ontario. Now entering its 71st, year of service to this part of the province it has maintained a steady growth of business since its founding in 1887, the original policy register contains many names, the descendants of whom are still residents of this community.

Business is written on rural property and on residential insurance in urban centres.

The present Board of Directors are: W. O. Harris, president; R. G. Mayberry, vice-president; Board of Directors Howard Priester J. F. Way, J. W. Smith and H. R. McBeth. X

Knitting wool, patterns and needles are another feature. All the needs for those who sew can be purchased at the same time as the thrifty sewer buys her material. The store has the modern "Advance" patterns in stock at all times and "Butterick" patterns can be ordered and are back in a very few days.

A feature of the store is the "trimateria", an almost unbelievable supply of every kind of trimming - cotton, nylon, lace, beaded, fluffy - that you could possibly use in trimming clothing or sewing of any type, all on a compact rotating stand.

Pearl M. Fishleigh, in partnership with her father, J. W. Fishleigh formed the P. M. Fishleigh and Company in 1954 and on January 11 of that year opened their store in the former W. W. Wilford Store.

Members of the staff besides Miss Fishleigh and her father include Miss Olive Stephenson, Mrs. A. Burke, Miss Shirley Johnson and Mrs. E. Foster.

Might As Well Be Spring At Fishleigh's

If you were to walk into the P. M. Fishleigh and Company store today, regardless of the weather, you would be sure that spring was not very far away. Their colorful array of spring materials and accessories is typical of the fine stock that the store always carries for every season of the year.

Dry goods is by no means the store's only specialty. A wonderful selection of infants and children's clothing can be seen in that department and the store carries a complete line of ladies and children's sweaters and blou-

stic stewardship, Mrs. W. A. Bell; fairs and exhibits, Mrs. B. G. Jenvey; flowers and Cards, Miss Jennie McKay; medal contest, Mrs. G. Statham; press and publicity, Mrs. B. G. Jenvey; soldiers and sailors, Mrs. W. A. Bell; temperance work in schools, Mrs. David Pollard; missions, Mrs. G. Armstrong.

It was Frances Willard as the "Golden Orator of Temperance Reform" that said "To help forward the coming of Christ in all departments of life is, in its last analysis, the purpose and aim of the WCTU." The women down the years have been working, and are still, with this goal in mind.

1958 Was Year Of Much Activity For Ingersoll Branch Of WCTU

The members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union work the year round to educate people young and old to the evils and the misuse of alcohol. The WCTU promotes poster contests, a national study course, elocution contests for school age children and literature is available for adults also.

The WCTU was organized in 1873 in New York State and ten years later a world wide organization was formed.

In meetings this past year clip sheets have been used giving insight on parent and child delin-

quency, drug addiction, juvenile and family court, and other subjects. What is Gambling? Jury Service for Women in Ontario, Alcohol and the Home, and United Nations Children's Fund have been very informative.

Meetings are held each month either at homes of members or at the YMCA.

The officers for the past year have been: President, Mrs. David Pollard; 1st. vice-president, Mrs. C. Beynon; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Melvin Thornton; secretary, Mrs. J. Tattersall; treasurer, Mrs. B. G. Jenvey; evange-

Many Activities Occupy Mcnaughton Chapter IODE

The Christina Armour McNaughton Chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire hold monthly meetings September through to June inclusive on the second Monday of every month with the regent, Mrs. Ken Swance conducting the meetings. Mrs. Beth Young, first vice-regent, has presided over the meetings since September due to the illness of the regent.

Meetings open with the Prayer of the Order repeated by the members, the presentation of the flag and the official opening by the regent. This is followed by the minutes of the previous meeting and roll call by the secretary, Mrs. A. Fortner, and correspondence read by Mrs. Jack Shuttleworth.

The treasurer's report is read by Mrs. R. Street and then reports are presented by the various conveners representing education, Echoes, services abroad, services at home, empire study, Canadianization, civil defence, film, membership, hostess, scrap book and bulletin. A discussion on business at hand then follows.

ORIGINAL NAME

The Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, founded at Montreal in 1900, was first known as "Daughters of the Empire Federation."

Sketch Club Now Formed 15 Years

The Ingersoll Sketch Club which has been organized for about 15 years continued weekly meetings at the library during 1958.

The executive consisted of: H. W. Fick, president; Mrs. L. MacLonald, secretary; Mrs. J. N. Barnes, treasurer. In the winter

and spring of 1958 the group met and painted at the library under the direction of Harry Whitwell and on several occasions brought to Ingersoll London artists for lectures or demonstrations, among them Mrs. Paddy Gunn O'Brien, assistant Curator of the Art Museum, and Herbert Ariss, President of the Western Art

League.

In the fall, arrangements were made with Jack Bechtel of Blair, to give monthly criticisms and guide the group in a series of projects, and the club renewed activities with much enthusiasm.

The club also continued to sponsor art classes for children from 9 to 14 years of age. This group

During the past year chapter has taken part in various activities of the town as well as carrying on projects. Some of these activities include: sending paper back books to Canadian armed services in Germany, convening the food booth at the giant acution sale held by the Ingersoll District Memorial Centre on March 29th, sending a flag to the adopted school in the north as well as gifts and magazine subscriptions at Christmas, presenting citizenship awards at the public school commencement as well as \$100 bursary at the Ingersoll District Collegiate commencement, remembering a boy with

Muscular Dystrophy on his birthday and at Christmas, aiding the firemen with their Muscular Dystrophy campaign, holding a bake less bake sale, presenting baskets at Christmas to two needy families in Ingersoll, celebrating the chapter's 16th Anniversary with a banquet, knitting socks for Korea, and last but not least the big project for the year - the Canadian Holiday Preview held at St. James Parish Hall in May.

At various times throughout the year members are privileged to have some very good speakers and demonstrations which prove most interesting to the members.

Meetings close with the Queen and lunch is served by four hostesses in charge.

also met at the library and was in charge of Mrs. Alec Edmonds a specialist in child art. An exhibit of their work was held at the library for a month during the summer.

The Sketch Club is financed by fees of the members and a grant toward instruction from the Recreation Commission.

Thames St. widened 6 ft. from Charles St To CPR. in June 1959 by Hugh McLeod.

New prefabricated concrete slab floor put on Metcal St. bridge - 1959. Contract - \$3,400 Contractor - W. A. Haggerty Const. Co. Ingersoll. July 1959.

Canada Silo Crews Build Average Of One In 2 Days

Building the name of Ingersoll, along with silos throughout the Western Ontario district is one of the duties of employees of the Canada Silo Company, Mutual Street Ingersoll. During the building season as many as five erection crews are anywhere within the Windsor, Owen Sound and Bowmanville triangle.

The individual crews construct an average of one silo every two days, which would account for many throughout the busy season. As many as thirty employees are working during the peak season.

Employees have available concrete stave silo material, and automatic feeding systems for agricultural and industrial use. They also have available P and D silo unloaders, lazy susan mangers, auger feeding systems, and accessories.

The firm buildings on Mutual street take the theme of silo construction for their offices and manufacturing buildings. In 1958 Canada Silo company, under the management of Cal Campbell, completed a 60 by 72 foot circular addition to be used for manufacturing as well as for warehouse materials. Mr. Campbell stated that presently the firm is preparing to overhaul and modernize equipment on the plant in an aim for more efficiency.

During the winter months, the company manufactures industrial silos for construction companies.

In the summer, the Canada Silo has taken over the sales of Silomatic unloaders for farm silo use, and automatic Rotomangers which are also for farm silo use.

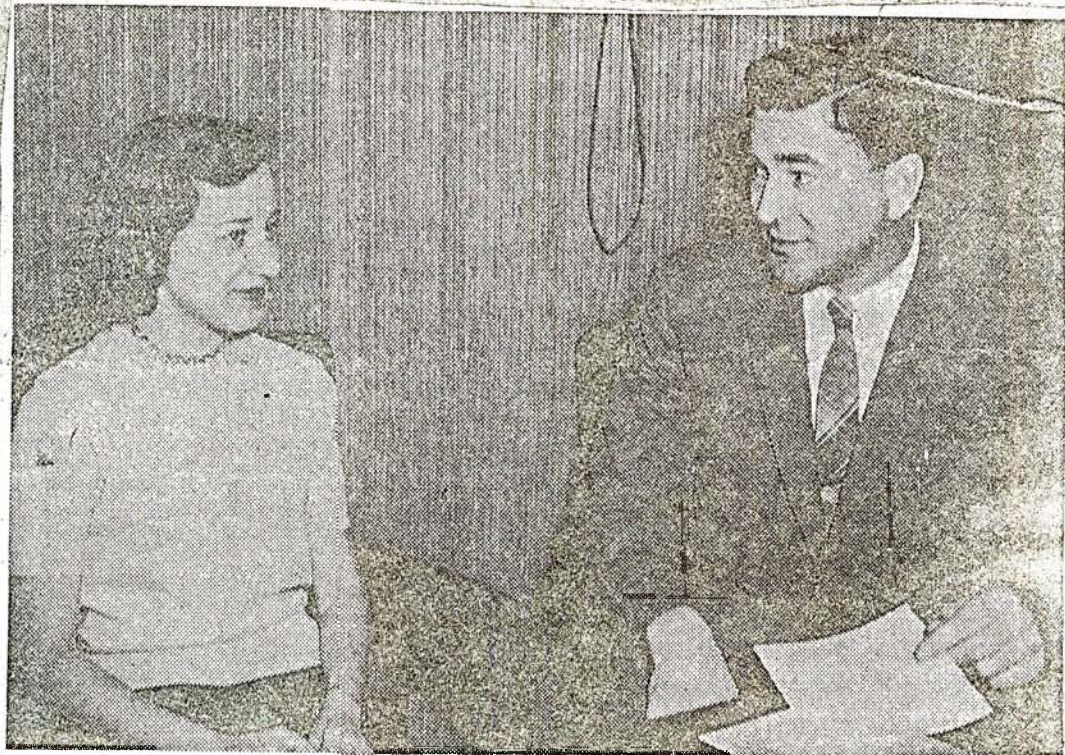


NEW SIGNALS PROTECT SCHOOL CHILDREN

With the coming of winter, attention was focussed once again on the dangerous conditions for school children at the Bell and Thames street inter-

section. In early December, cross walks and flashing lights for the protection of students attending the three schools north of the river were installed at the busy corner. Here Cpl.

Ronald James of the Ingersoll police department talks with safety patrol members, Joyce Jordan and Greg Laurenceson of Princess Elizabeth School. (Staff photo).



HONOR STUDENT WINS SLOGAN AWARD Feb. 1959

Judging the entries in the competition aimed at acquiring an official slogan for Ingersoll was by no means a small job. Judges had over 1,000 suggestions to choose from as the entries from the public schools, the separate school and the Ingersoll Collegiate poured in. The competition was a joint effort of the town's industrial committee and the Chamber of

Commerce with a prize of \$25 donated personally by Councilor David Forrest. Judges were Miss Betty Crawford, librarian; J. W. Dean, industrial commissioner, and B. W. Carr, president of the Chamber of Commerce. In the photo Principal D. W. Thomas of the IDCI tells 16-year-old Kathy Schwitan, 131 Helen street, that her "Ingersoll Invites Investigation!"

is the prize winning slogan. Miss Schwitan, of 10B, is an honor student at the collegiate with an average at Christmas of 84.6 per cent. Her slogan will be used on all industrial committee correspondence, the town's official brochure, new signs to be erected at the outskirts of town and in all Ingersoll promotion. (Staff Photo).

It was way back in 1934 when P. T. Walker



Mr. Preston T. Walker is Seen Here Admiring a New Bedroom Suite With His Son, Meredith. P. T. Walker Furniture is Widely Known For Their Quality Bedroom Furniture. Feb-1959

- July - 1959 - Several sidewalks surface treated with Tariva - see picture in folder.
- July 24 - 1959 - Council let contract to Haggerty Const. Co. of Ingersoll - for widening and paving Charles St. for one mile from Thames St. to Corporation limits. This contract to include installing sanitary sewers from Daniel to Taylor St. Contract Price \$ 84,295.00 - additional grant of \$16,000 - in Oct. 1959.
- A second contract was let to above Company to widen, level, curb & gutter Thames St. from Canterbury St. to King St. (about 1000ft) and from C.N.R. to Victoria St. (about 300ft) - Contract price \$ 28,459.00
- Sept. 8 - 1959 - Council let contract to Ed. Roberts to coat roof of market building for \$100.00 and four flat roofs of town hall for \$204.15
- June 1959 - Bridge on Andrew St. - \$4,000.00
- Sept - 21 - 1959 - Contract to Ross Kilgus to re mortar town hall \$3,700.00 } completed in Oct. 1959
- Sept - 1959 - James Nichols put up a building on west side of Mutual St. opposite Haggertys - Property was bought in 1956 - this is a machine shop -
- Oct - Dec - 1960 - Dr. Westman built an office on front of his house - Oxford St.

Descendants Of Town Founder Are Visitors

Aug. 7-1959.

Two descendants of Thomas Ingersoll, founder of this town, were recent visitors here. The two relatives who, were anxious to get details on early Ingersoll history and in particular the Ingersoll family, are in the fourth and fifth generations from the founder.

The tourists, Mrs. Clarence R. Rice, and her niece, Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, direct descendants of Laura Secord, daughter of Thomas Ingersoll, delved briefly into the early history here. Laura Secord's sister was the great grandmother of Mrs. Rice. They spent only one morning here before returning to their United States homes.

On route to Ingersoll from their home town of Hamilton, New York, they visited Queenston Heights where monuments honor General Brock and Laura Secord. Mrs. Lewis, especially, was keenly interested in the historical standpoint being a retired American junior high school history teacher. She recalled briefly that her great aunt, Laura Secord had played an important part in the War of 1812.

Laura was the eldest daughter of Major Thomas Ingersoll, and was thought to be about 20 years old when she accompanied him from Massachusetts to the settlement he built on the banks of the Thames River.

GIVEN LAND GRANT

Mr. Ingersoll, she pointed out came to Canada from Massachusetts after trouble in the American Revolution. His move may have been prompted by a land

grant by Governor Simcoe. Apparently through friendship with an Indian Chief, Joseph Brant, he selected a tract of land which he considered very fertile and which became a village named in his honor.

While here the two descendants visited an Ingersoll drug store, on Thames Street, which is believed to be the location of the Ingersoll homestead. A special visit was paid to Ingersoll Rural Cemetery although they failed to locate the burial places of the early Ingersoll family.

Particular interest was devoted to plaques in St. James' Anglican Church in memory of the founder.

On the stone plaque just inside the church front doors are carved the words: "In memory of Charles Ingersoll who departed this life 18 August, 1832, age 42 years, and Thomas his son, aged 13 - cold in his hand and heart, cold's that eye which after wept o'er human misery that heart in which each tender feeling rose, is now unconscious of a widow's lives - that had so active in affording aid when pestilence on human victim's prey'd by deadly cholera, at length was seized when in the very act of mercy raise."

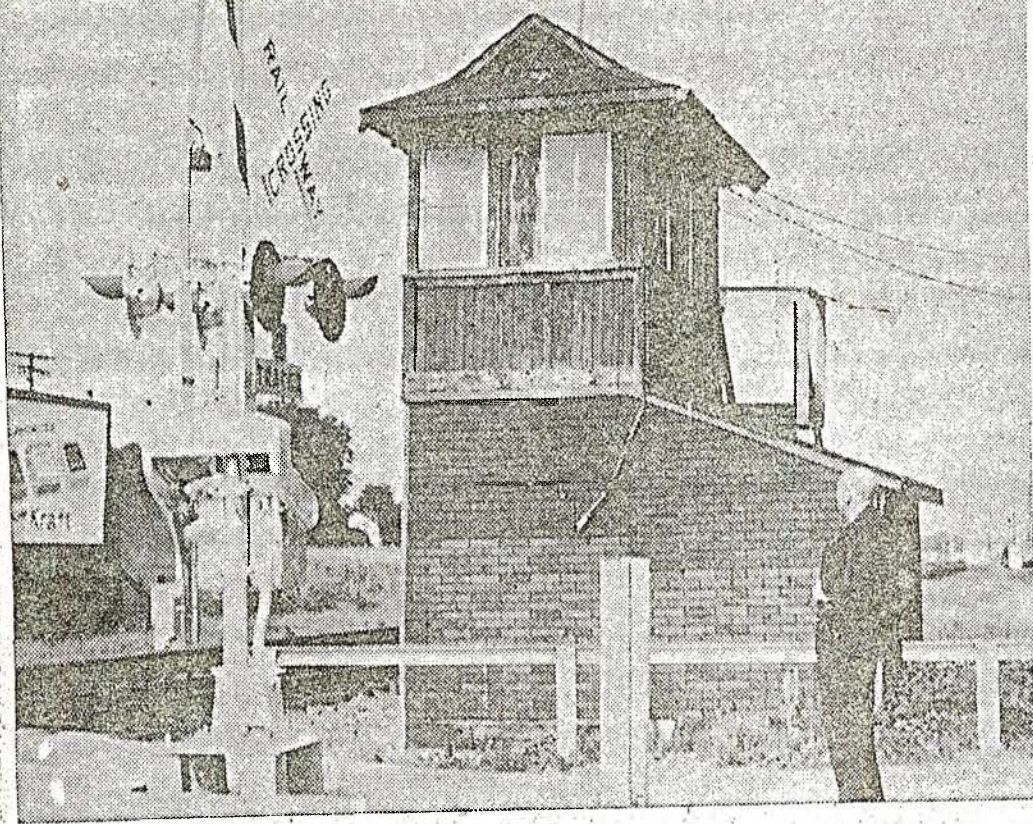
On a smaller plaque beneath the stone memorial was written, "This tablet placed here to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Ingersoll, eldest son of Mayor Thomas Ingersoll, after whom the town was named - by his granddaughter and great grandchildren".

Cramped for time on their vacation, the two relatives started on their return homeward, regretting that they had missed part of what they had come here to see, certain books in the Ingersoll Library. They hope to return in the near future, not definitely next summer, to search deeper into the family history.

Ingersoll is much larger than they had expected. Mrs. Lewis stated that they expected to find a village with a population of approximately 1,000 people. Remarkable that they were impressed on this their first visit here, they made particular note of the beautiful homes and streets and

the general cleanliness of the town.

While they were here they talked to B. G. Jenvey, a noted Ingersoll historian and a veteran newspaper reporter, George F. James of the Sentinel-Review staff.



COUNCILLOR STANLEY J. SMITH VIEWS OLD STRUCTURE

THAMES ST. LANDMARK TO VANISH

Aug 7-1959.

Crossing Guard Tower Gives Way To Progress

A "no admittance" sign is nailed near the padlocked door of the once 24 hour a day manned control tower overlooking two Canadian National Railway tracks near the start of Thames Street north, just north of the Thames River bridge. The tower no longer has a use and will make way for progress.

Ingersoll town clerk, R. Elmer Winlaw, read during council meeting Tuesday night, a communication stating that word had been received that the tower at the CNR Thames Street crossing would be removed.

What is to become of the building is difficult to foretell. If Stanley J. Smith, Ingersoll councillor, and director of the Oxford County Historical Society has anything to do with it, will be moved to someplace where it could be preserved. "I would like to see this tower placed in some suitable spot, either in a public or private ground, as a memento of the old horse and buggy day", he said.

Presently an isolated tower it stands proudly over the crossing where many lives have been saved through its continuous use from 1908 until early this year. The 13 steps to the top of the tower will never again be surmounted by the tower attendant in his regular line of duty. The insul brick and wooden siding, and an old pot bellied stove undoubtedly never again will keep the watchmen warm during their winter's employment. Never again will the 10 windows furnish a view for the man at the controls to drop the protective gates at the precise time.

From 1908 until 1957, Mr. Smith explained, a buzzer would sound in the small tower when the train passed a point approximately two and one half miles away to the west or approximately four miles

in the east. The exact time that the gates fell would be up to the attendant.

AUTOMATIC GATES

In February of 1957 automatic gates were installed at this crossing and for a time the new gates were operated from the tower with an electric switch. Following a two year trial basis, the electrical device was considered safe and the tower and its employees were no longer considered necessary. The most recent employees are presently believed to be working in London.

Harry Cole, it is believed, operated the switch for over 25 years, Stanley J. Smith for approximately 26 years and George Springall around 10. Mr. Smith is presently working in London completing at least five month's work before he is eligible for a pension after 40, or 41 years of service with the

railroad.

The crossing has not been without its share of accidents. On many occasions transport truck and cars crashed into the old wooden warning gates causing need for repair. An accident a round Christmas of 1908 is believed to be one of the reasons that the original system was installed in the first place.

The tower also survived the flood of 1937 when the old iron bridge was washed away. The tower apparently withstood a great deal of damage although it was soaked in at least three feet of water.

Previous to the installation of the gates, baggage men would walk up to the crossing and flag trains over the Thames Street crossing at a reduced speed.

The track was laid in 1854 according to Councillor Smith.

Ingersoll Firm Bought By Dresden Company

DRESDEN, Sept. 25 — Wally Enterprises Ltd. of Dresden has bought the Ingersoll Hockey Stick Co. for an undisclosed sum.

The announcement was made today by Wally Enterprises' president John T. Lacey, whose firm manufactures such sporting goods as baseball bats and croquet sets.

The hockey stick firm has

been in Ingersoll for five years and before that was in New Hamburg for 17 years. Key personnel have been moved from Ingersoll and some further expansion of the Wally staff is expected, Mr. Lacey said.

The Ingersoll firm has produced hockey sticks for several NHL and other professional and amateur teams in Canada and the U.S.

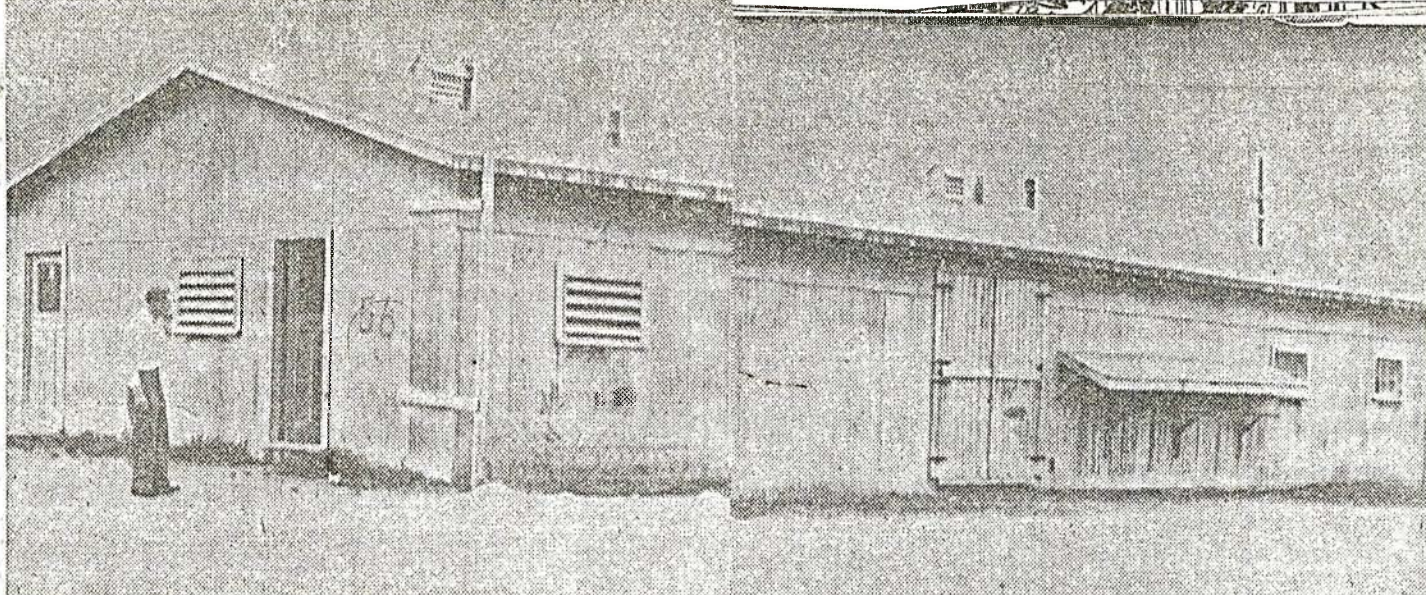


VIEW PLAQUES HONORING COMMUNITY FOUNDER

Two visitors to Ingersoll last week were found to be direct descendants of the founder of this town, Thomas Ingersoll. Mrs. Clarence R. Rice and Mrs. Robert E. Lewis, Broad Street,

Hamilton, New York State, fourth and fifth generations removed from the Ingersoll family are seen in the above photo reading plaques erected to the memory of Mr. Ingersoll and

his family, at St. James Anglican Church. The two visitors left here after a short visit but plan to return again to delve further into their family history (Staff photo).



Ingersoll citizens interested in their youth of the town and the Ingersoll Association of Scouting will assist the Scouts

in dismantling their building donated by the Canada Cement Company and reconstruct it at Victoria Park. Land at the north-east section of Victoria

Park has been given to the 250 boys associated with the Ingersoll Scouting program. President of the Ingersoll Scouting

Association of Scouting, Harold Smith can be seen in front of the 76 by 43 foot structure. (Staff Photo).

Volunteers Will Convert Building For Use Of Scouts

Within the Boy Scout promise is a pledge to do a good turn every day and now they ask assistance from their parents and sponsoring group members. The idea of the Ingersoll Scouting Association is to tear down a building donated by the Canada Cement Company north of town and reconstruct it on property given to it by the town.

The building, a 76 by 43 foot

structure, with a ceiling of nine feet, will be taken down by volunteers which include parents of 250 boys associated with the organization, the sponsoring Lions, Kiwanis, 1st Ingersoll (St. James Church) Troop, and IOOF organizations as well as the Scouts themselves. Removal of the parts of the building to the future site at the north east section of Victoria Park and east of the drive will be carried out before a deadline of September 1. Some vehicles have already been promised and others are expected.

President of the local association of Scouting in Ingersoll, Harold Smith, and the supervisor of the building project, Jim Brewer, expect the Victoria Park area to become more of a beauty area than it is now. The Scouting Association has been given a 150 by 130 feet piece of land, which, with the assistance of the Ingersoll Parks Board, will be levelled so that a cement foundation can be laid.

The Victoria Park area itself is an ideal spot for the activity of young men associated with scouting. Some of their early summer meetings have already been held on the infield of the "old" park.

The building itself is a three

year old structure formerly used by the Comstock Company during the electrical change over on the Canada Cement grounds.

Two large activity rooms, 26 by 42 feet and 26 by 26 feet, will be used as playing areas for basketball, volleyball, floor hockey and other active scouting games. Five Cub Packs, two Scout Troops and one group of Rovers will have their own club rooms and own cupboards for equipment.

A parade, with around 250 members of the Scouting association and possibly the Ingersoll bands is planned when the last few pieces of the estimated \$5,000 building moves to town. The movement has been called the biggest event in the Ingersoll Scouting scene up to now.

Scout Building Work Speeded

A cement foundation for the new Boy Scout building to be located in the north-east section of Victoria Park will be poured early next week. The building, with dimensions, of 76 by 43 feet, will be used by over 200 boys associated with Scouting in Ingersoll. The building was donated by the Canada Cement Company, and the complete project is termed the best thing that has happened to Ingersoll Scouting.

The building, presently located on Canada Cement property, is being torn down slowly by volunteers for removal to the Ingersoll site. A building, donated to the Woodstock organization, was removed in a few days but the larger Ingersoll building is taking longer.

Holidays have cut down the number of assistants working on the project and too few appear to be doing all the work. No experience is needed and a wrecking bar and a hammer are the only tools that are necessary for the work. Work parties leave for the Cement plant from headquarters at St. James Anglican Church at 7 o'clock nightly.

The building, which is being slowly torn down, has to be off the company's property by the end of September, will unite the Scouts in one building, and bring the Scouting Association closer together.

Ingersoll Curlers Choose Executive

INGERSOLL, Nov. 19 — Ingersoll Curling Club named Anderson Thornton president tonight at its annual meeting.

Other officers are: Dr. C. J. Kennedy, vice-president; Elwood Lemon, secretary; and George Powell, treasurer. The club has 87 members.

more further on →

June 6-1960 - Council to issue \$92,400 in debentures to repave Thames St. - St. Catharines, in debentures to from C.N.R. To Victoria, a street market - \$511.00 sewer on Charles St. - St. Doniel & Taylor Sts.

Ingersoll Council Sells Land to Concrete Firm

INGERSOLL, Oct. 5 — Town council approved the sale of three acres of land to Mixed In Transit Concrete Limited, Tillsonburg, during the regular meeting held tonight.

\$300 Per Acre
The land is located on the west side of Pemberton street north of what is known as the Dyke road. The lot will have a 300-foot frontage on Pemberton street and will run westerly along the north limits of the Dyke road for approximately 435 feet. Price of the land was \$300 an acre.

Will Build New Church

Construction of a new Pentecostal Tabernacle could start as early as next January, Rev. Keith Running said in a statement yesterday. The present lack of Sunday School facilities for approximately 100 children has necessitated the move from the Thames Street building, which is being sold.

Plans for the new building are definitely not complete as yet, he said, but will be organized shortly.

Two lots have been purchased at the corner of Centre and Tunis Streets for the proposed building, Mr. Running said.

Apr 17/61 Council buys a street market - \$511.00

Ingersoll, Woodstock clubs joined to form Oxford Philatelic

In 1949 the Ingersoll and Woodstock Stamp Clubs got together and organized the Oxford Philatelic Society.

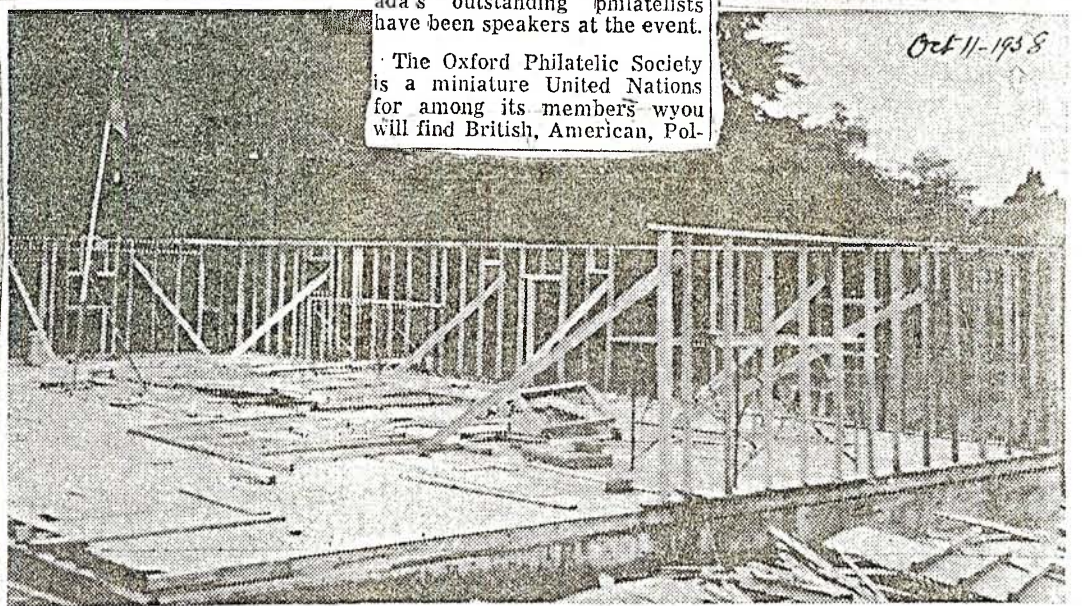
Meetings were held in the old Woodstock YMCA, the Hickson parsonage and for several years at the late Jack Kitchen's Stamp farm.

In recent years meetings have been held on the second Thursday of each month in the recreation room of the Woodstock City Hall and on the fourth Thursday in the Woodstock YMCA.

The annual show and dinner were at one time held in Mrs. Wolstenholme's banquet room, whereas it is now held at Old St. Paul's Anglican Church, Woodstock, usually in April. Over the years many of Canada's outstanding philatelists have been speakers at the event.

The Oxford Philatelic Society is a miniature United Nations for among its members you will find British, American, Pol-

ish, German and Belgians, Dutch, French, Ukranian, Czechoslovakian and Finnish people.



BOY SCOUT STRUCTURE STARTS TO TAKE FORM

Work is continuing steadily on the erection of the Ingersoll Boy Scout building in the south-east section of Victoria

Park. Already 2,600 working hours have been put into the project and a lot of time will be spent yet, judging from the

appearance of the structure. The picture of the building was taken with the camera facing a western direction. (Staff Photo)

Mayor's salary raised to \$600.00

Starting Jan 1-1962

Councillman get \$13.00 per Council

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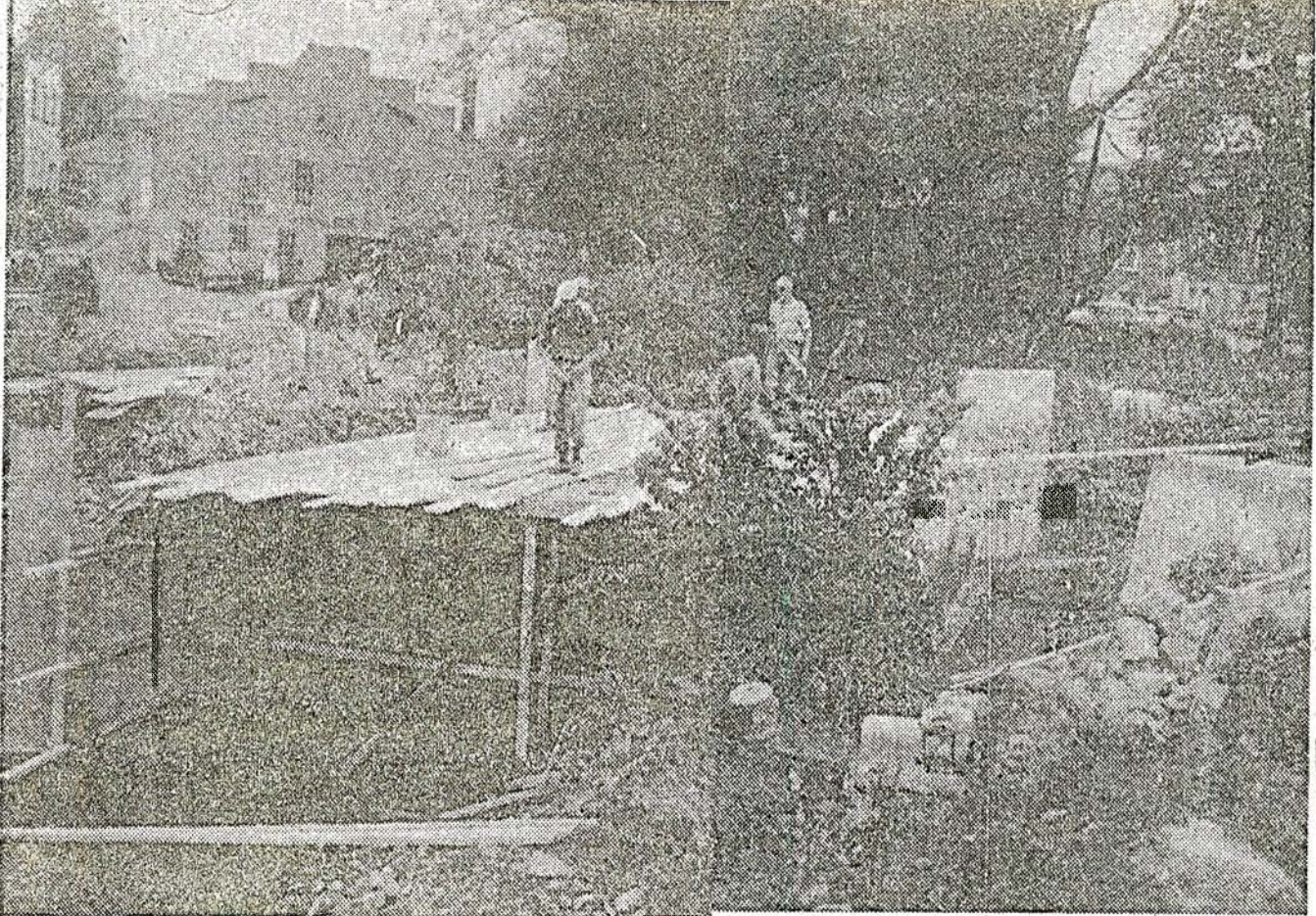
Raised to \$16.00 in 1963

A bylaw, covering the transfer of a parcel of town land located between the CNR tracks and the Thames River to the west of Wingham Street, to the Ingersoll branch of the Navy League of Canada, was given final reading. The Navy League will move the frame portion of the local armory building to the site for use as a headquarters. The town's new post office will be built on the armory site this summer. The old building must be moved from the property by June 1-1960

Old building moved in June

June-1960 - Council sold five acres along Thomas St. to Ontario Turkey Producers Ltd

Apr. 17-1961 - Council accepted tender of C. F. Powell & Sons, Beachville to paint the trim of the townhall for \$700.00



NEW INGERSOLL SPAN—Workmen place deck-^{JUNE 24} Ingersoll district with the partially completed com-¹⁹⁵⁷ munity centre. The bridge is expected to be open time for the opening of the centre in August.

Liquor Permit Bid Approved For Grey Man

INGERSOLL, Aug. 5—Construction of a 26-room licensed hotel on No. 2 highway at the westerly outskirts of Ingersoll, will begin within the next 30 or 40 days, it was announced tonight.

License Approved. The announcement was made by Owen Sound hotelman J. H. Alles following Ontario Liquor Control Board approval of a liquor license application made by Mr. Alles in June.

The new hotel, a stone-faced two-story structure, will be erected on an eight and a half acre site on the north side of the highway acquired by Mr. Alles and his wife about 18 months ago.

It will contain two dining rooms, a cocktail lounge, beverage rooms and a coffee shop in addition to the accommodation facilities. Total seating capacity will be 600, and parking will be provided for more than 500 cars, Mr. Alles said. The two dining areas alone will set 250 patrons.

Contract Not Let Target date for completion of the hotel is Jan. 1. Although architect's plans have been drawn up, the contract for its construction has not yet been let.

Mr. Alles, who said the new establishment will specialize in meals, has operated the Seldon Hotel in Owen Sound for the last 22 years. His wife, Naomi, will be a partner with him in his new venture, he added.

The announcement was hailed by Mayor Norman E. Pembleton and the town's industrial commissioner, J. W. Dean.

Mayor Pleased The mayor said he was "highly pleased" with the news, but expressed some disappointment that there still has been no word as to "whether we'll have a hotel in downtown Ingersoll." He added: "I'm still hopeful that a downtown location will be considered by the LCBO."

Mr. Alles' application for a license was one of three Ingersoll bids heard by the board in London on June 16. An application was made by the Ingersoll Inn and also on behalf of an establishment which would be located where the Ingersoll Casket Company is presently situated.

Mr. Alles gave up idea of building hotel on No. 2 highway on Bell St. West due to lack of sewers. Mr. Davies of the Casket Factory, also abandoned the idea.

OK License For Liquor At Ingersoll

INGERSOLL, Nov. 19—Application for a liquor license for the Ingersoll Inn has been approved by the Liquor License Board of Ontario.

Advised To Mayor Norman E. Pembleton said he had been advised of the board's application by Vince on behalf of the Inn.

On Oct. 18, Ingersoll adopted a resolution to approve the request for the establishment on Oxford and King.

Approval was so certain of the uncertainty of a license in Ingersoll.

Earlier Mayor Pembleton had received approval from two persons, both of whom had received approval of licensed hotels. "neither could give any assurance as they would be in the process of proceeding with applications."

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John Galloway—son of James Galloway and brother to Ed. & Wm. G. had a drug store in the stone building.

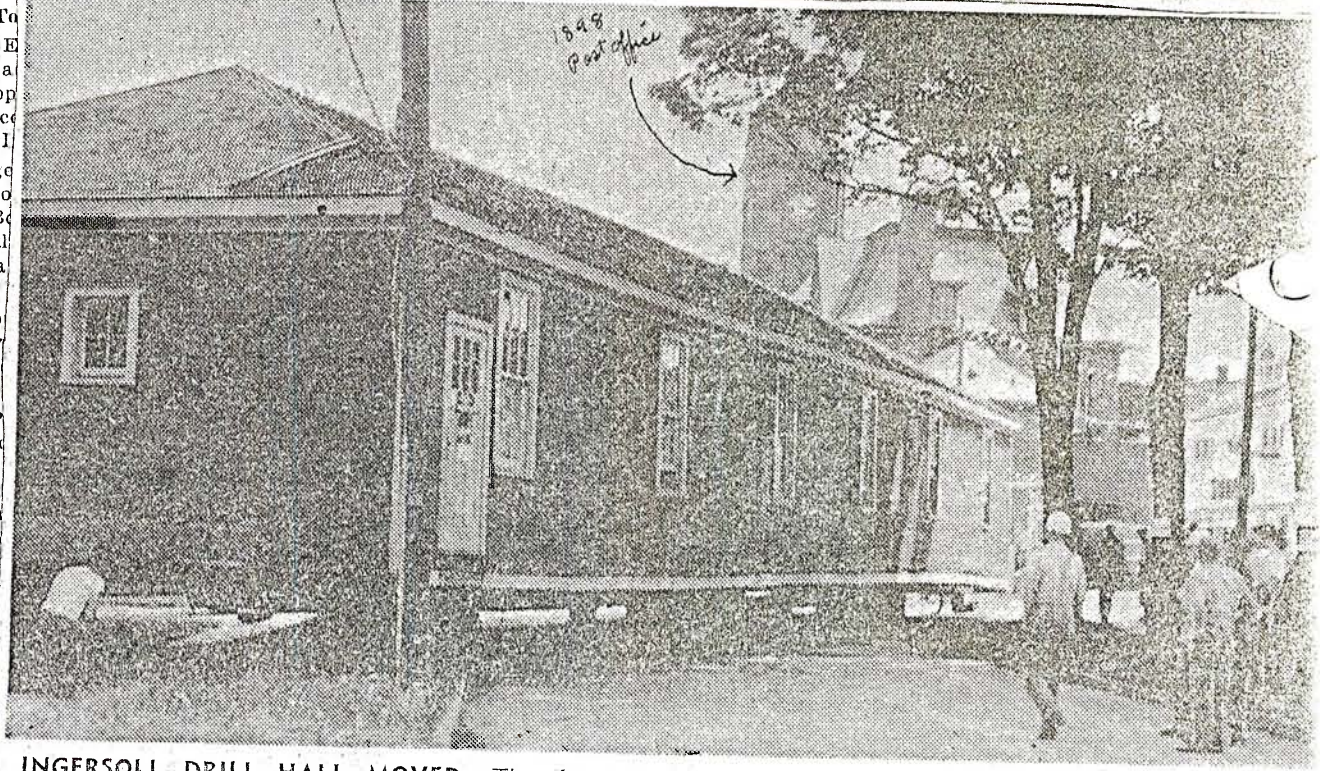
Some background on the stone building was provided by a local historian, Stanley J. Smith. He said that the building was constructed in 1839 for a chemist by the name of Berry and he used the rear part of the house for a dispensary. His two sons took over the pharmacy upon their father's death and opened a chemistry on Thames Street, and one of the sons continued to live in the house until 1855. The house was then occupied by a Dr. S. S. Cole, a young 23 year old graduate, who nine months later died suddenly only two days before his wedding day. Dr. Cole died at noon, and on the 2:30 o'clock train from Toronto arrived his bride to be and she was unaware of his death until friends of the doctor advised her of the sad event.

1856 "In 1856, Dr. J. J. Hoyt took over the premises and continued to practice there until he joined partnership with Dr. Williams (father of the late Dr. Ralph Williams) and opened their offices on King Street, opposite Winder's bakery shop. It then became a part of the old Charles Street Methodist Church which many of the older citizens of Ingersoll can recall before it was dismantled earlier in this century."

I attended Charles St. Meth. church & doubt this statement B.J.



THE ARMORIES - CHARLES ST. INGERSOLL



INGERSOLL DRILL HALL MOVED—The former Ingersoll Armory drill hall, soon to be the home of the Ingersoll Sea Cadet Corps, was moved yesterday from its former site on Charles Street West to Wonham Street. There it will be placed on a new foundation near the Thames River. The moving operation took about four hours. Hydro and telephone crews had to move wires and posts along the route. A new post office will be built on the old Armory site. (Photo by Longfield).



SOD WAS turned for the foundation of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Ingersoll" Building by Winnifred L. Williams, acting mayor. Chaplain (P) D. T. Evans, left, and Lieut. Leslie J. Pengelly, Corps OC. watch as Miss Williams

performs the ceremony in presence of the members of the cadet corps. The stone section of the Ingersoll armory is being

dismantled while the remainder of the building is being prepared to move to the new site. (Staff Photo.)

Lieut. Pengelly presented Miss Williams with a spade to turn the sod which marked the official start of work on the building. "It is of significance that the turning of the sod ceremony takes place on the 50th anniversary of chartering of the Canadian Navy", Miss Williams said. The Navy League of Canada has done many great things, she said, as she referred to history of the country. "The skills and discipline learned here will serve you well all the days of your life", she

May 5/60

BREAK GROUND FOR BUILDING

Sea Cadets Will Seek To Raise \$2000 Fund

May 6-1960

Tonight members of the Ingersoll branch of the Navy League of Canada and the members of Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps "Ingersoll", will launch a campaign to raise \$2000.

Sea Cadets, in full uniform will be conducting a tag day tonight and Saturday, and on Monday a mail canvass will begin. All monies realized through this campaign will be used to pay for the moving of the former armories building to its new location on Wonham street. The Navy League was the successful bidder to the Crown Assets Corporation, and the historical old armories is now the Sea Cadet headquarters.

Cleworth Witty, chairman of the Navy League branch announced yesterday that the tender for the moving of the building had been awarded to the Harold Harris of Ingersoll.

Lieut. L. J. Pengelly, cadet commanding officer, added that because of the amount of volunteer work which has been offered to the Sea Cadets, it is not

necessary to hire workers. "We're very pleased with the interest that has been shown in this most worthwhile project," Lieut. Pengelly said, "and of course we will need even more volunteers, but the amount of labor that has been offered to us has been a great money saver. Naturally we're most anxious to cut costs wherever we possibly can and still have the best possible sea cadet headquarters."

A work party has been called for Saturday morning when the footing for the building will be poured. Lieut. John Eckhardt will be in charge of that part of the project.

The ground for the sea cadet headquarters was broken at a special ceremony.

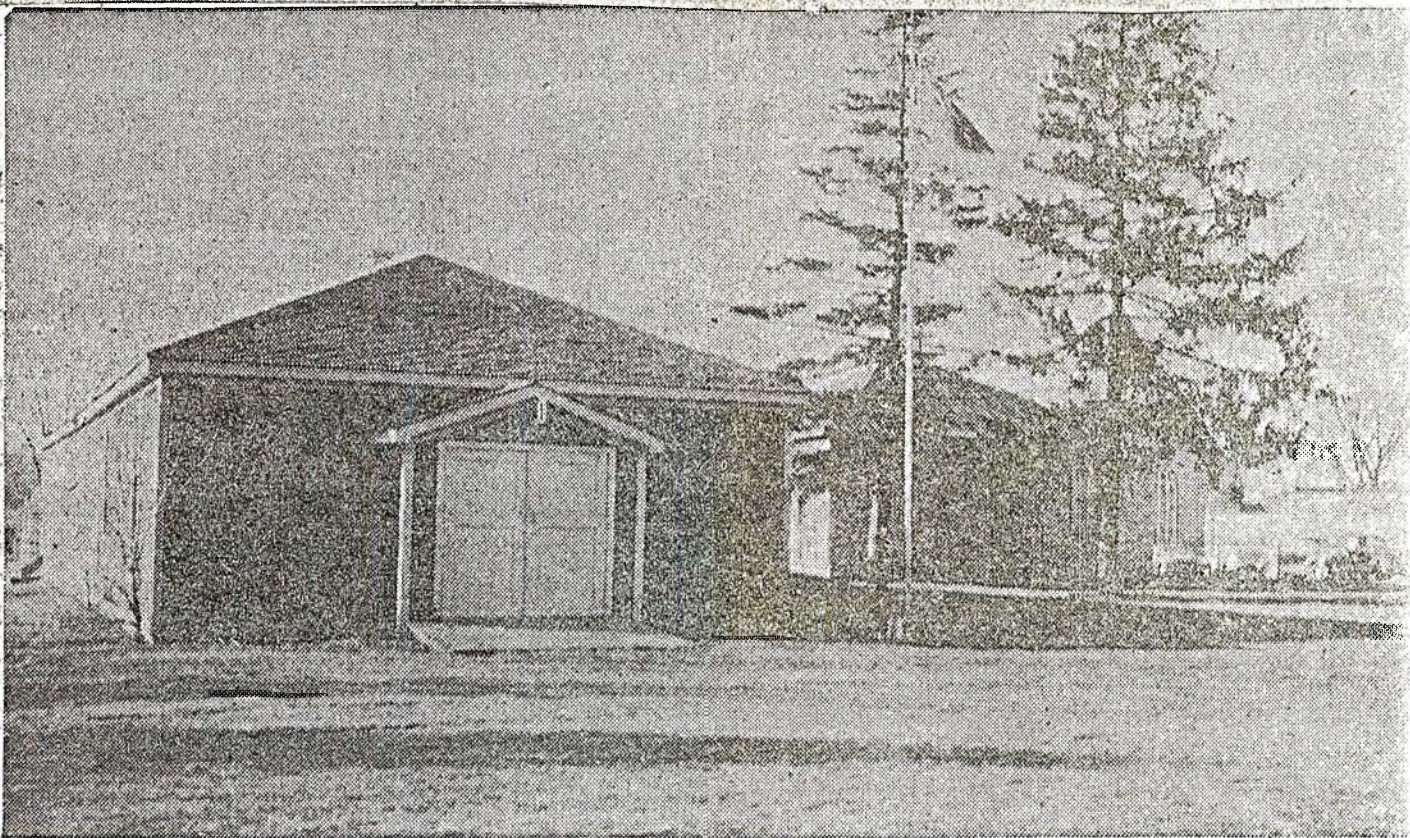
LED PARADE

Lieut. John Eckhardt led the Sea Cadet parade from the armories, to the new site. Acting Mayor Winnifred Williams; Commanding Officer, Lieut. Leslie J. Pengelly; Chaplain (P) D. T. Evans and Cleworth Witty,

president of the Navy League Branch were already at the location, northwest of the corner of Wonham and Charles streets.

The building means a new phase of life both for the corps and the community, Mr. Evans said in his opening remarks to the Cadets. "It will bring new enthusiasm and spirit into the corps," and added: "Tonight is a very significant night in the history of the corps."

The "Smale" residence on North Side of Andrew St. at rear of the Pentecostal church and adjoining the coal yard of Quarts was demolished by Quarts in 1960. Smale Bros. operated a livery stable across the road from the Presbyterian Church and next to the Atlantic House. The livery stable became a garage.



NEW FEDERAL BUILDING TO OCCUPY OLD ARMORIES SITE APR-1954

A familiar landmark in the town, the old Ingersoll armories, will be making way for the town's new federal building. In a statement to the Sentinel - Review last night,

Mayor Norman E. Pembleton said he had received a copy of a letter from Wallace Nesbitt, MP for Oxford County, stating that work on the new

post office will begin either late this year or very early next year. This spot was stated to definitely be the site of the new building. Mayor Pembleton

believed that the beginning of the work was set for that time in order to provide winter employment in the town. (Staff photo.)

Ingersoll Gets Parking Land

June 19-1961

INGERSOLL — Town council last night accepted an offer by the federal department of public works of a portion of land 100 by 175 feet north of the new federal building for a public parking lot. *not so.*

The town will pay \$1 a month and would be given three months notice if the government requires use of the land again.

Council also accepted a works department offer to grant a licence of occupation over the seven-foot, nine-inch strip immediately to the east of the new building and a licence of occupation on Oxford Lane, also on the east side of the building for a period of 20 years. The offer will permit the strip to continue to be used as a thoroughfare.

A New Industry.

Oct. 20, 1961, E.L. Cooney, vice-pres. of Moto-Mower Co. announced the opening of a Canadian Branch, in plant vacated by Mid-States of Canada which is the old plant of Robson Bros. Don Quinn of London is to be general manager. Dr. Alexander of Richmond, Indiana, plant "Moto-mower is a subsidiary of Dural Corporation, Oak Park, Michigan. Lawn and garden equipment is made. Lease will be made on Nov. 1, 1961 and the plant will be in production by Jan 1/62.

It is expected the plant will begin with 20 to 30 men and increase this number as business grows.
March 7-1966 - The Ingersoll Pipe Band purchased the Sea Cadet building from the Navy League and re-named it "Ingersoll Pipe Band's Armory". The town owns the land & leases it.

Extensive Damage Caused In Ingersoll Market Blaze

Apartment Occupants Forced Out

INGERSOLL — Galpin's Food Market at 138 Thames St. S., was heavily damaged by fire which broke out shortly after 11 o'clock last night and forced five persons from apartments. *Sun. May 15/60*

Still Smouldering

The interior of the store, which is separated by two fire walls from McKim's Hardware and The Showcase, a novelty shop, was still smouldering at 1 a.m. today.

No one was hurt in the blaze although S. R. Galpin, the operator of the food market, his wife, and occupants of two apartments over The Showcase were forced to evacuate.

Two apartments over the Food Market, one occupied by the Galpins and the other vacant, were scorched and blackened by smoke.

Taken To Fire Hall

Mr. Galpin said he and his wife were getting ready for bed when they smelled smoke. He ran down the front stairway to the street and got a passing motorist to take him to the fire hall. By the time he arrived, the fire department had already been alerted and was on its way.

Three teachers, Miss Jean Borland, Miss Ethel Barber and Miss Janetta MacDonald, were forced out of the apartments over The Showcase and had to seek accommodation with friends for the night.

Cause of the fire was not immediately known. The blaze appeared to get its start around a freezer compressor unit in the warehouse at the back of the store.

There are five other compressors in the basement.

Heaviest damage was concentrated at the rear of the store but the entire stock and interior were also damaged.

Firemen used three lines of hose to battle the flames and donned masks and oxygen tanks to fight their way inside.

Public utilities crews cut off hydro service to the building.

Firemen salvaged some records from the food market. Mr. Galpin said they were soaked by water and it was doubtful whether they were of any value.



STORE DAMAGED—Firemen battle flames which ripped through the interior of Galpin's Food Market on Thames Street South in Ingersoll late last night. Occupants of three apartments were forced to flee.

That the following account was paid and charged to the Margaret Street etc. sanitary sewer project, W. M. Veitch Associates' \$1,033.53. *Mar 20-1961*

That the report of W. M. Veitch Associates dated March 15, 1961, on sanitary sewers on the following streets; Bell street from Union street to Margaret street; Margaret street, from Bell street to Innes street; Innes street from Margaret street to Cashel street; Cashel street from Innes street to Skye street, Skye street from Cashel to Margaret street, Mutual street from William street to King Hiram street, Charles street from Taylor street to East Town Limits, in the Town of Ingersoll, be accepted and that the tender bid of W. A. Haggerty Construction Ltd. Ingersoll, amounting to \$28,709.11, be accepted and that the Mayor and Town Clerk be authorized to sign the tender forms on behalf of the town of Ingersoll and that the W. A. Haggerty Construction Ltd. will not start work on the project until they have presented a Performance and Maintenance Bond in favor of, and acceptable to the Town of Ingersoll, in the amount of 50 per cent of their lump sum bid viz. \$14,354.56.

Blaze Damages Plant In Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — Fire of undetermined origin broke out at the Ingersoll Glass and Mirror Company, Mill St., at 1 a.m. yesterday, causing \$200 damage to the building and \$400 to the contents. The Ingersoll volunteer fire department quickly put out the fire.

The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Charles Pedden, wife of the proprietor. Their home is next door to the building.

Ingersoll Turf Club OKs Barn Plans, Site

INGERSOLL — The site and plans for construction of a new Ingersoll Turf Club horse barn, to replace the one lost in an \$8,000 fire Saturday, were approved by the Ingersoll parks board last night. *Sept 10 1960*

Details Presented

Gordon L. Bisbee, president of the club, and Elmer Cunningham, owner of three horses lost in the blaze, presented plans for the concrete block barn, 36 by 38 feet.

No estimate of cost was given. The parks board granted permission to lease property for the construction of the barn on park property, to be bounded on the east by Frank Street, on the south by Park Avenue, and on the north by the Victoria Park racetrack.

Exact location of the barn on the property has not been determined.

A long term lease will be arranged by the club with the parks board through the town solicitor, W. R. Marshall.

Make Progress On New Barns

Laying of the concrete brick walls of the new Ingersoll Turf Club barn at Victoria Park will begin on Wednesday. A week from Saturday, the walls of the barn are expected to be completed, and the structure ready for the aluminum roof. *Sept 27 1960*

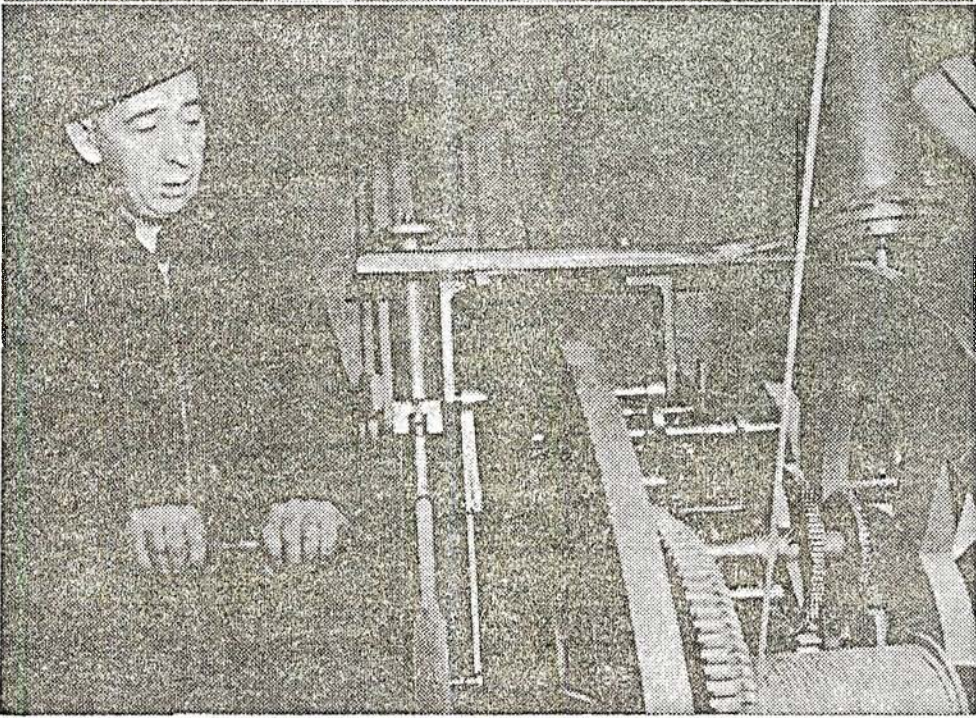
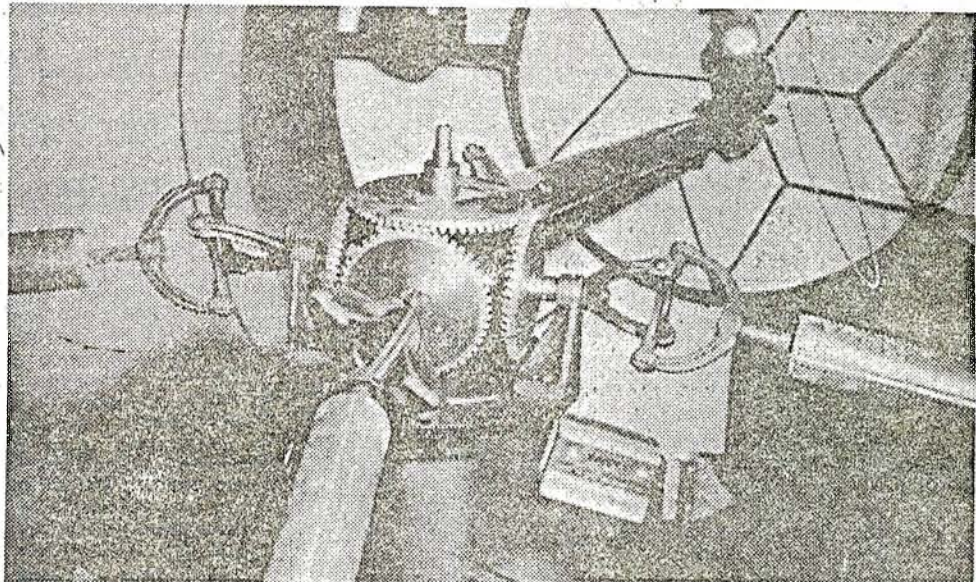
The footing of the 36 by 60 foot structure, which is estimated to cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000, has already been poured. Included in the structure will be 10 box stalls, complete with individual windows and lighting. Besides the box stalls are a pack room, feed room and wash room.

E. L. Cunningham, building architect, has been working on the building with Don Manzer and Stan Hughes.



JUNE 1960
END OF THE LINE—A water tower on the CPR line at Ingersoll, near the junction of spur lines leading to Port Burwell and St. Thomas, for years a symbol of the supremacy of the steam engine, toppled in the wake of the CPR's change-over to diesel engines. The tower toppled over after cutting torches sliced through its supports. It will be dismantled and removed. (Photo by Longfield).

CITIZENS STILL APPRECIATE FAITHFUL OLD TIMEPIECE



THE OLD post office clock, at the corner of Thames and Charles streets still gets a glance from local citizens as they hurry to their jobs. However, never seen are the innards of the clock mechanism which has been running for

the past 63 years. **TOP PHOTO** shows the pinion gear that drives the four horizontal shafts to the four sets of hands on the clock face. This is coupled to the clock mechanism by a vertical spindle revolving

inside a heavy casing which is part of the clock. Keith Hammond, caretaker for the old post office and the new Federal building is seen in the **LOWER** photo winding the clock up with a hand crank. (Staff Photos.)

Solve Mystery Of Old PO Clock Irregular Striking

DEC-13-1961

The mystery of the bell in the former post office building ringing at odd times, which has puzzled many local citizens, has been solved.

Since the postal authorities moved to their new quarters, the old building stands vacant and is not being heated. The grease on the striking parts had become stiff from the cold weather causing the bell to get out of step with the timing mechanism in the clock.

The old clock situated about 70 feet above the street at the top of the old post office building at the corner of Thames and Charles Streets is a complicated piece of machinery.

AWAY UP

To reach the clock-room, one must climb up 73 steps. In the small nine foot square room is the clock works which is about five feet long and approximately four feet high. On the top of the works is a vertical shaft with a crown gear on top, driving four horizontal shafts which are connected to the four sets of hands on the clock faces, facing north, south, east and west.

If the clock is fast or slow this may be adjusted by pulling the drive pin on the clock works and turning the four sets of hands at once. But if one set of hands is out of synchronization with the rest, three men have to be there to hold the four horizontal shafts in position

all hands on the clock would fall to the 6.30 position.

MUST BE WOUND

Winding the clock is done by traveling from the top of the building to the basement by using a hand crank. Winding the bell weights which weigh 2,400 pounds takes the caretaker of the federal buildings 20 minutes. These have to be wound back from the basement whereas the time part of the clock weights are lighter and only take a few minutes to wind. The cables are wound on two separate drums, one for the timing mechanism and the other for winding the bell cable.

The clock has ticked off the hours for the past 63 years and the brass gears have become

with the bell. the orig. memorial centre. A committee should be formed to explore every possible avenue to preserve this relic and in conjunction with the Oxford Historical Society, bring pressure to bear upon the Federal government to

work. Now when the hands of the clock go past 12 the time gains a few minutes, but when the clock reaches 6.30 the time loses few minutes.

Although at times it's blamed for being inaccurate there's no doubt that the four-faced, old clock, at the top of the equally old former post office building, has become an institution in Ingersoll and would be sadly missed.

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Unveil Plaque To Ingersoll Founder

Sept 21/60

INGERSOLL — A plaque was unveiled here yesterday, commemorating Major Thomas Ingersoll, founder of the town, and his son Charles.

The plaque is one of many being erected by the department of travel and publicity on advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario. The unveiling ceremony was sponsored by the Oxford Historical Society, with Mayor Ross Fewster as program chairman.

Others participating were Professor G. F. G. Stanley, of Royal Military College, Kingston, representing the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board; Councilor Winnifred Williams, president of the Oxford Historical Society; Stanley Smith, member of the society.

The plaque was unveiled by Leslie H. Ingersoll, a great grandson of Major Thomas Ingersoll, and a Riverside consulting engineer. Dedication was by Rev. L. V. Pockock, rector of St. James' Church.

Major Thomas Ingersoll and his son were among those responsible for settlement of East, North, and West Oxford, as well as being founders of the town.

In 1793, the government of Upper Canada received a petition signed by the Reverend Gideon Bostwick, a Loyalist, Thomas Ingersoll and a number of associates, all of Berk-

shire County, Massachusetts, requesting the grant of a township in the new province. In this document the petitioners engaged to bring in a sufficient number of settlers for "all or the greatest part of the lots of the said township."

Major Ingersoll and his family came to Upper Canada

in 1793 and settled temporarily in the Niagara Peninsula. The land that was ultimately assigned to Ingersoll was in Oxford County and included the modern townships of East, North and West Oxford; an area of some 80,000 acres. His associates in this land settlement scheme

never actually came to Canada or participated in the project.

After the area had been surveyed, Ingersoll did manage to bring a number of settlers to the area, and built for himself a house within the boundaries of the present town.

80,000 acres - ???
Gov. Simcoe granted the petitioners a township in Upper Canada - Ingersoll selected the area, later known as "Oxford on the Thames" and still later as West, East and North Oxford townships. The area according to early historians consisted of 66,000 acres. According to the Crown Lands office, the area was 69,800 acres.

This was before North Oxford received 30 lots from Middlesex when Missouri township was divided. Whence the 80,000 acres?



INGERSOLL PLAQUE UNVEILED—A plaque commemorating Major Thomas Ingersoll, founder of the town that bears his name, was unveiled beside the Thames Street bridge in Ingersoll yesterday by Leslie H. Ingersoll, a great-grandson. Above, 39-1 attended.

participating in unveiling ceremony, are from left: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie H. Ingersoll; Councilor Winnifred Williams, president of the Oxford Historical Society; and Mayor Ross Fewster. (Photo by Longfield)



SEP. 21-1960
G. K. NEWELL, who was re-elected chairman of the Alexandra Hospital trust board at Ingersoll at the inaugural meeting of the directors last night. (Photo by Longfield).

To Baron G. Jenvey
Ingersoll.

The pleasure of your company
is requested

at _____ o'clock

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CEREMONY
OF THE
UNVEILING
... OF ...

Historic Plaque

To The Memory of
Colonel Charles Ingersoll
1791 - 1832
Founder of Ingersoll

Wednesday afternoon, September 21st
1960
at two-thirty o'clock

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THAMES STREET BRIDGE, INGERSOLL



DEC. 1960
NEW FIRE CHIEF — Leslie Harlow has been appointed fire chief at Ingersoll by town council. Mr. Harlow, a member of the Ingersoll volunteer brigade for 12 years, takes up his new duties Monday. He replaces Alfred Schaefer, a patient at Victoria Hospital, London.

Turkey Growers In District Hope To Form Co-Operative

FEB. 24-1961
INGERSOLL — A group of Southern Ontario turkey growers announced plans at a meeting here yesterday to apply for a charter for the formation of a turkey growers' co-operative. The proposed co-operative would have its head office at Ingersoll where a five-acre site has already been obtained for a processing plant, said Roy E. Patterson of RR 2, Camlachie, one of the provisional directors. **Site Picked**
 The plant site is just off the

marketing," Mr. Patterson said. Other provisional directors who have been named are Albert D. Pond of Jarvis; Len Meyers, Hanover; Russell Axt, Petersburg; Harold Martin, Sparta; Nelson Weber, Conestogo, and George Ramsay, Dunnville. Two representatives from the Central Turkey Co-operative at Ellsworth, Iowa, Emery Tegland and Merlyn Ostebee, outlined the operation of their co-operative to the Ontario growers.

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 See a few pages further on

First Local "Y" Building Is In Process Of Wrecking

1961
 Fifty years ago this fall the old YMCA building on Thames Street, near the corner of Charles, was closed down. Now, the building, (at the rear of the Al-brough Electric Store) which included a fine swimming pool and a large size auditorium, complete with balcony and stage is being destroyed. J. E. Gayfer, a local resident and an executive committee member of the old YMCA pointed out that it ran for three or four years but it just faded out. It was a failure right from the start, he said. The objective, Mr. Gayfer said, was to turn it into a Bible class, but people wouldn't continue to go there. The Ingersoll man recalled opening the Association after the Ingersoll Amateur Athletic Association gave up the Royal Hotel room. A lease was taken on the building, he said, and the board of directors built the pool, intending to heat the pool with connections to the piano factory for heating the water. R. Elliott was president of the YMCA during the final year here with a Dr. Burnet, vice-president; L. Norman, secretary and W. C. Forman, treasurer. Members of the executive committee included Dr. Burnett, Dr. Neff, J. E. Gayfer, James McKay, J. A. Coulter and W. C. Forman. The finance committee included H. E. Robinson, H. Vann, A. W. Taylor, J. A. Coulter and J. E. Gayfer. The education committee included W. Briden, H. F. McDiarmid, L. Norman, Dr. Burnet and Dr. Neff and the vacancies committee included W. C. Forman, H. E. Robinson, F. Bowman, H. Vann and W. Briden. Auditors were James McKay, F. Bowman and W. Daniels and the board of directors was composed of R. Elliott,

Dr. Neff, A. W. Taylor, W. Daniels, H. E. Robinson, F. Bowman, H. F. McDiarmid, J. A. Coulter, W. Briden, L. Norman, J. E. Gayfer, T. H. Vann, Dr. Burnet, W. C. Forman, and James McKay.

mittees were very encouraging, and augur well for the future success of the institution. A vigorous campaign will be entered upon for the winter months." October 9, the Chronicle reporting a meeting of the YMCA said that the Association should be continued and a re-organization take place. The financial statement presented at the meeting showed a deficit of around \$600 on the past year's work.

CHRONICLE REFERENCE
 The Ingersoll Daily Chronicle of 1901 was used as a reference for YMCA activities. The newspaper referred to a YMCA orchestra, football team, sponsored plays junior and senior basketball team, hockey and swimming as well as Bible class meetings; and Ladies' Auxiliary. The January 19 edition of the newspaper explained briefly the formal opening of the new YMCA building in St. Thomas. The January 23 newspaper made reference to swimming races in the YMCA pool, with a Mr. Lillywhite winning out in a 100 yard event in two minutes and 10 seconds, a mark that has been cut in half by constantly training young swimmers in the Maude Wilson Memorial Pool. E. Kennedy was reported to have won the junior 25 yard race in 28 seconds and S. Porter the junior long dive competition at 40 feet. Brief information was presented in the January 30 edition of a boys' junior department basketball league opening a new season. With all the activities it would appear the YMCA was functioning well. Information in the September 13 newspaper of the same year also indicated even more activities. The brief item was as follows: "C. M. Copeland, provincial secretary of the YMCA was in town last night attending the meeting of the directors of the local Association. The report presented by the different com-

FAILURE IN FALL
 It was October 23, 1901, that the failure was reported in the Ingersoll daily publication. It noted that there were mixed feelings among the membership, whether to continue or not to carry on with the Association. The newspaper reported: "Some of the officers and directors agree with the former view, and in order to give them an opportunity to undertake a re-organization the following resolution was passed. 'Whereas the present Board of Directors of the Ingersoll YMCA has made an effort during the past year to maintain a YMCA in the town and has not succeeded in carrying on the work in such a way as to warrant them in believing that a sufficient sum of money can be raised to continue the Association as at present organized, he it therefore resolved that the Association remain closed as at present, till November 30, 1901, in order to afford an opportunity to those who wish to re-organize the Association on a new basis to do so, being made by November 30, the present board of directors proceed to take the necessary measures to close permanently the YMCA in Ingersoll'."

No further mention was made in the Ingersoll newspaper files the remainder of the year.

REORGANIZED
 The Ingersoll "Y", Al E. Clark, General-Secretary pointed out was re-organized about 30 years ago, starting from a triangle organization at St. James' Anglican Church. Later on, the theme of the triangle including the spirit, mind and body was inducted into the Community Recreation Commission when organized by the Y's Men's Club. It was pointed out by Mr. Clark, who saw the interior of the old "Y" building for the first time when it was under demolition, that if the facilities had been known to him he would have been in favor of making use of them. He noted that there has been need for an indoor swimming pool for the off season training of swimmers.

*R. Elliott - editor of Ingersoll Chronicle
 Dr. Burnett - a dentist
 L. Norman - Collegiate leader
 W.C. Forman - merchant
 Dr. Neff - medical doctor
 J.E. Gayfer - druggist - only one of these living in 1961.
 James McKay - hardware
 J.A. Coulter - Pres. of Morris
 H.E. Robinson - grocer
 A.W. Taylor - insurance
 Wm. Briden - Princ. of J.C.D.
 H.F. McDiarmid - Princ. P.S.
 Fred. Bowman - merchant
 Walter Daniels - Pease factory worker*

The Royal Hotel - built in early 1840's was considered the best hotel between Windsor & Hamilton - 6 stage coaches a day called here - Guests lodged in by liveried doorman - Had a theatre - 22 front windows above the lower storey.

A Mr. O'Neara - an undergraduate for the Anglican ministry was very active in the above Y.M.C.A. It was a well established Y.M.C.A. at the beginning and was affiliated. In 1929 a Triangle Club was organized in the recreation room of the Anglican Church (now this yr) by Herbert Standley who was a director and first secretary. It became a Y.M.C.A. and located in the former hide storage building on Oxford St. used for many years by Peter Kennedy - hide dealer.

all known by B.G.F.

Parishioners, Clergy, Club Honor Retiring Monsignor

JUNE 15-1961
INGERSOLL — The town of Ingersoll paid tribute last night to Rt. Rev. Augustine Fuerth, retiring after 40 years of service to Sacred Heart Church. The popular monsignor was honored with a series of presentations in Sacred Heart parish hall, following an 8 o'clock high mass in the church. Clergy members from London, Woodstock, Port Dover, Simcoe, Windsor, Tillsonburg and St. Marys were among those attending. Many were formerly associated with Sacred Heart.



A plaque marking Msgr. Fuerth's service was presented by James N. Henderson to be placed in the church. Michael Dewan presented a set of breviaries and John Fruttarol a purse to the monsignor.

Special presentations were made by Very Rev. Fr. J. H. O'Neil of Tillsonburg, the new dean for the district, succeeding Msgr. Fuerth, and by the Ingersoll Kiwanis Club. Msgr. Fuerth is a charter member of the club.

Two veteran parishioners who have been associated with the monsignor since he came to Ingersoll were on the platform with him. They were Mr. Henderson and Mrs. Frank Shannon.

MSGR. FUERTH
 --- feted at Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — Cecil Nobes, of Colborne, was hired by Ingersoll Recreation Commission as recreation director and arena manager at a commission meeting here. Mr. Nobes replaces Joe Ian-narelli who left earlier this month for British Columbia. Mr. Nobes was recreation director of Colborne for the past three years. **MBY-16-1961**



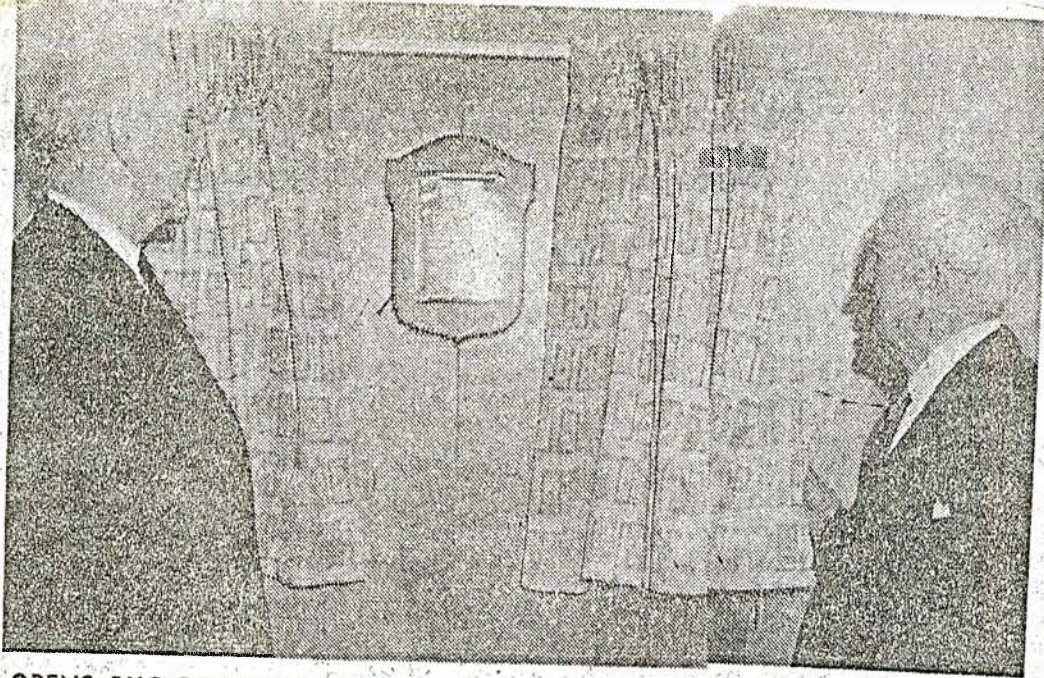
CECIL NOBES
 ... recreation director

Ingersoll Theatre To Close Nov. 1961
INGERSOLL — The St. Theatre will cease operation Nov. 18, F. J. Tondreau, visor of the theatre, said half of Theatre Holding Corporation, yesterday. Mr. Tondreau said the business, even on a cur-operation of three-days a was the reason for closing. Ingersoll town council rejected a proposal for a vote be taken on the question of Sunday movies. Council turned down Mr. Tondreau's proposal on a 4-2 vote.

JUNE 21-1961
ENGLISH, WILLIAM H., 76, former mayor of Ingersoll and London furniture craftsman for 20 years, yesterday at St. Joseph's Hospital, London. Survivors: Wife, the former Hazel Notwell; four daughters, Mrs. Lloyd (Hazel) Tubbs, of Largo, Fla., Mrs. Jean Newnes and Mrs. Arthur (Margaret) W. H. English Clark, both of London, and Mrs. Earl (Helen) Hills, of Byron; sister, Mrs. Harry (Eva) Fluent, of Long Beach, Calif.; grandchildren. Body is at the Bennett and Pincombe funeral home for service tomorrow at 2 p.m. Rev. F. A. Jewell, of Maitland Street Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

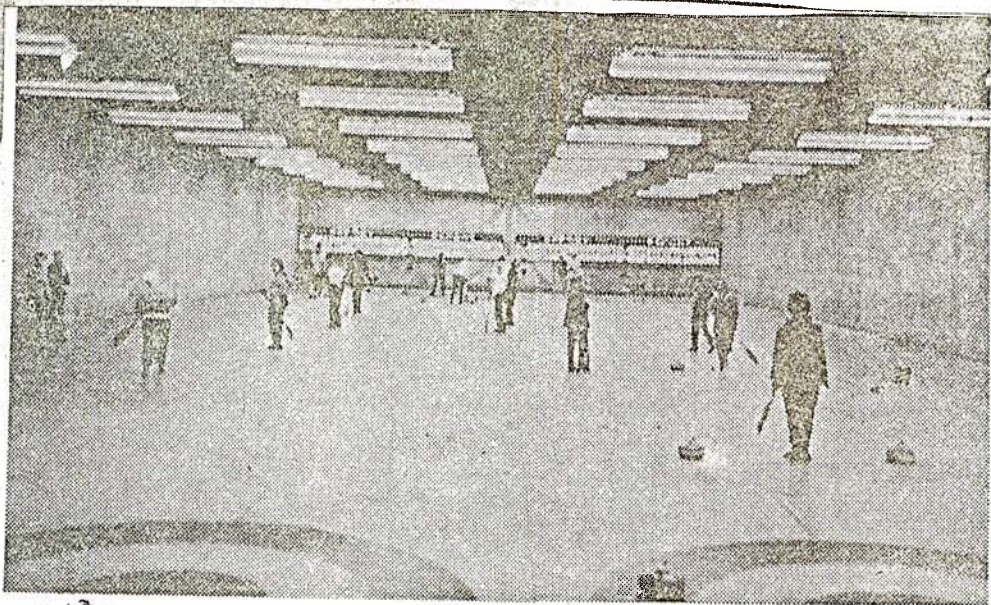


Died Dec. 25 1962 at Woodlee Essex Co. Buried in Sacred Heart C. Ingersoll Dec 28/62.



OPENS PUC BUILDING — W. R. Strike, QC, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Electric Commission; left, officially opened a \$75,000,000 business office and warehouse of the Ingersoll Public Utilities Commission yesterday. A wall plaque commemorating the opening was also unveiled. (d. From left to right are, Mr. Strike, and Ingersoll PUC chairman John Bowman. (Photo by Longfield)

DEC. 8-1961



JAN. 13 1962 **WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN NEW CURLING RINK**

The Ingersoll District Curling Club will officially be opened tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock and the general public has been invited to inspect the building after the opening ceremonies. During the afternoons the ladies usually take over the rinks and the sport is every bit as popular with them as it is with the men. Curlers relaxing in the lounge would be able to see this entire scene through the huge windows which offer a panoramic view of the ice surface. (Staff Photo.)

PUC Building Opening Held At Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — A \$75,000 building bringing all departments of the Ingersoll Public Utilities Commission under one roof for the first time, was officially opened yesterday by W. R. Strike, QC, chairman of the Ontario Hydro Electric Power Commission.

The 23,000 square foot office building, warehouse and storage area, is located at the intersection of Bell and Wingham Streets. The building was formerly a garage operated by McVittie and Shelton.

Study Hydro

Mr. Strike, who also unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening, noted that recently observers from Red China, India and several African states toured Ontario Hydro Commission installations gathering information for their countries.

Among dignitaries attending the opening were Ingersoll Mayor Ross Fewster; R. M. Laurie, London, western region manager of Ontario Hydro; Stanley Large, Tillsonburg, director at large, Municipal Electric Utilities Association; PUC chairman John Bowman and members of the Ingersoll town council.

Benediction was given by Rev. Joseph Brisson of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and Rev. Keith Running of the Ingersoll Pentecostal Tabernacle.

The building, which has a large paved customer parking lot, has been open for business since last July. Open house was held for the public last night.



AFTER SERVING as secretary-treasurer on the Ingersoll Public School Board for these past seven years Lloyd Rutledge, who has resigned this post, was presented with a silver rose bowl following the regular meeting of the Board in the Victory Memorial school last night. In the photo, left to right, vice chairman George Clifton is presenting the gift to retiring secretary-treasurer, Lloyd Rutledge, with chairman of the board, Gordon B. Henry, and the new secretary-treasurer, J. Doug Tomlinson, as interested spectators. (Staff Photo.) DEC. 19-1961.

PRESENTATION

Following the adjournment principals of Princess Elizabeth school, J. R. Cook; Princess Anne school, Harold Fryer and assistant principal of Victory Memorial school James Arnott were invited to the presentation of a gift to the retiring secretary-treasurer Lloyd Rutledge.

Mr. Rutledge was presented with a silver rose bowl by the vice chairman George Clifton.

The retiring secretary-treasurer Lloyd Rutledge remarked that at the present time working under difficult conditions as living and working in the London District and attending to the business of the IPSB found to be trying. But he added that it was a great pleasure to serve the Board and will pass on any help the new secretary-treasurer requires. Once again Mr. Rutledge thanked the Board for their help through the last seven years that he has served.

Mr. Tomlinson was introduced to the IPSB by chairman Gordon B. Henry who remarked that he was sorry to see Mr. Rutledge leave, but believed the new secretary-treasurer will follow in the shoes of the retiring secretary-treasurer for keeping of the records of the Board. (Staff Photo.) JAN. 1, 1962.



MEMBERS OF Ingersoll's 1962 council met for the first time at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The first item on the agenda was the declaration of office to be taken by all members of the council and the mayor. Seen administering the oath of office to the three new members of council, Frank Littell, Jim Robins and Bob Smith, is the town's clerk-treasurer, Elmer Winlaw. Three council meetings were held yesterday. (Staff photo.)

opening remarks he observed that "Enthusiasm is the only word that can describe the rea-

son the curling club was built". Dr Hunt added that from the conception of the curling club in 1959 when curlers curled once a week in the Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre, it soon became evident from the growing membership that a rink of their own would have to be built.

Although it would be impossible to name all those who took part in the drive to build the rink there are three members part in the drive to build the rink there are three members who have given their time and effort to make this rink possible, he said. Dr. Hunt introduced George Powell, past chairman of membership, "who was enthusiastic from the beginning"; John B. Mitchell, chairman of finance committee, "who made the funds available" and John B. Morris, chairman of the building committee who is responsible to see that the building located in the Westfield subdivision is completed.

Curlers Propose To Build Rink On Site At Golf Club

Meeting on Tuesday evening, close to 100 members of the Ingersoll Curling Club, approved the building of a curling rink, and committees were formed to report back after meetings with the golf club, owners of the proposed building site.

The motion was proposed by J. C. Herbert, and Dr. C. J. Kennedy and was passed unanimously by those present.

G. W. Pittock's proposal to request co-operation of the Ingersoll Golf and Country Club with regards to the construction of a rink on their property and offer \$20,000 in pledges to the golf club, met objection by only one member.

A third proposal, to authorize the committees as set up to raise the required \$20,000, was made by C. V. MacLachlan and passed unanimously.

NAME COMMITTEES

Barry Hunt, chairman of the steering committee appointed at the last meeting, read the rosters of the membership, finance and building committees, which met

with the approval of the membership.

The membership committee includes George Powell, Andy McKenzie, Ivan Brown, G. W. Pittock, Jack Cole and Harry Ellery; finance committee, John McBride, M. G. Billings, V. J. Eidt and John Mitchell; and building committee, R. A. Stone, Ross Kilgour, John Morris, Gord McLeod and C. V. MacLachlan.

Don Wallace, club president, in charge of the meeting in the auditorium of the Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre, pointed out previously that the building will cost \$55,000 and that \$20,000 needs to be raised to start the building, through the sale of \$100 shares to members and prospective members.

Mr. Wallace, at the meeting, talked of the possibilities of buying a government building in London, dismantling it, and having it moved to Ingersoll for \$11,000. Another club, he said, did the same thing and their building turned out to be successful.

The particular building, Mr.

Wallace pointed out, is wide enough for four sheets of ice.

Other prices of pre-fabricated buildings from \$22,500 to \$37,000 were also quoted to the membership.

Financing is going to be a problem he re-emphasized and stated that in working in connection with the golf course, mortgages can be received easier.

It was pointed out by the president that there will be

committees, a golf club committee and a curling committee, to be in charge of the seasonal sports, with a general committee at the head.

AWAITS APPROVAL

The accepting of the proposal for the building of the Ingersoll Curling Club on the Ingersoll Golf and Country Club property, to the north side of the club house, must await approval of the golf and country club membership at their annual meeting, February 6.

Both executives, Mr. Wallace indicated, have made the plans unofficially.

Don McLagan, secretary of the Ingersoll Curling Club, read the minutes of a meeting of the two executives stating that the general feeling of the golf club members is that the curling rink would be a benefit to both.

A meeting for the membership and finance committees was set for Wednesday night in the office of Beldaire Dairy at 8 o'clock, to make a further plans in regard to the selling of shares.



TURN FIRST SOD AT SITE OF NEW CURLING RINK

Sod turning ceremonies for the new Ingersoll Curling Club to be erected in the Westfield subdivision were held yesterday morning, Dr. B. R. Hunt,

chairman of the ceremonies; Gordon C. McLeod, curling club president; James W. Dean, secretary of the Ingersoll Land Company and John

B. Morris, building committee chairman are seen here during the brief ceremonies. It is expected that members will be curling in the new rink by December 1.

Brief Ceremonies

As First Sod

Is Turned For

New Curling Rink

Council approved a 30-day option to buy the old arena site for \$6,200. The option will be submitted for consideration to Ingersoll Curling Club officials. The site is on Charles Street East. APR. 17-1961

Curling Club To Build Rink

The Ingersoll Curling Club made plans to build a new rink on property in Westfield Subdivision in the south west section of the town, at the annual meeting at the Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre on Tuesday night. JUNE 6-1961

The newly elected executive, including Gordon McLeod, Bordon Lyndon, J. C. Herbert, Jack Cole, M. G. Billings, C. V. MacLachlan, Anderson Thornton and Fred Kimberley were given permission to proceed with the building and financing of the rink, to be erected for the 1961-62 season.

The building committee already has the architect's plans for the structure.

The money will be raised by sale of certificates in the club, as well as by the sale of debentures.

Plans were made for the executive to meet shortly, to elect the officers.

Don Wallace, retiring president, was in charge of the well attended meeting.

Brief sod turning ceremonies for the new Ingersoll Curling Club were held yesterday morning at ten o'clock at the Westfield sub-division.

J. W. Dean of the Ingersoll Land Company expressed the company's pleasure that the curling club had selected the site for their new building. Mayor R. Ross Fewster also spoke briefly, stating the town was happy that the club was building within the town.

Gordon C. McLeod, president spoke of the continuing need for a drive for membership and the support of the membership in the building of the club. J. C. Herbert, vice-president also addressed the gathering briefly and urged a concerted drive for membership.

Dr. B. R. Hunt gave a resume of the progress of the club to date.

John B. Morris told off some of the plans for the future, saying the excavation would proceed immediately and that some of the contracts have already been let.

Dr. Hunt said yesterday that

Organized In 1958, Curling Club Now Plays In Own Rink

By DR. B. R. HUNT

The Ingersoll District Curling Club was conceived by a small group of Ingersoll residents in November 1958. Following an organizational meeting, the following were elected as officers of the club for the season 1958-59: President, A. Thornton; vice president, Dr. C. Kennedy; secretary, E. Lemon; treasurer, G. Powell.

The facilities of the Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre were made available to the club on a rental basis for one day a week and fees for the first year covered the cost of rental and the purchase of 64 stones (at a cost of approximately \$2,000.00) and brooms.

The second season of 1959-60 saw an increase in the interest of area residents in the game and, because of this, discussions were initiated regarding the construction of separate curling facilities to provide a maximum of curling to those interested. The executive officers for this year were: President, D. Wallace; vice president, G. McLeod; secretary, D. McLagan; treasurer, M. G. Billings. This executive established various committees relative to financing, construction and membership of a new rink. Chairmen of these committees were: finance, J. Mitchell; building, J. Morris; membership, G. Powell.

Many weeks were spent investigating various possible sites for the curling club and eventually the Westfield Sub-division was chosen as the location.

Construction commenced in July 1961 and was completed by the first week of December 1961.

The various sections of the club are; men's, ladies', business girls and high school curlers. Various types of bonspiels held this year include men's, ladies' and mixed spiels. Entries to these have been oversubscribed and Ingersoll is rapidly gaining the reputation of having the fastest ice in the area. The man responsible for providing this excellent ice is Norm Dorland who has spent long hours keeping the curling sheets in condition.

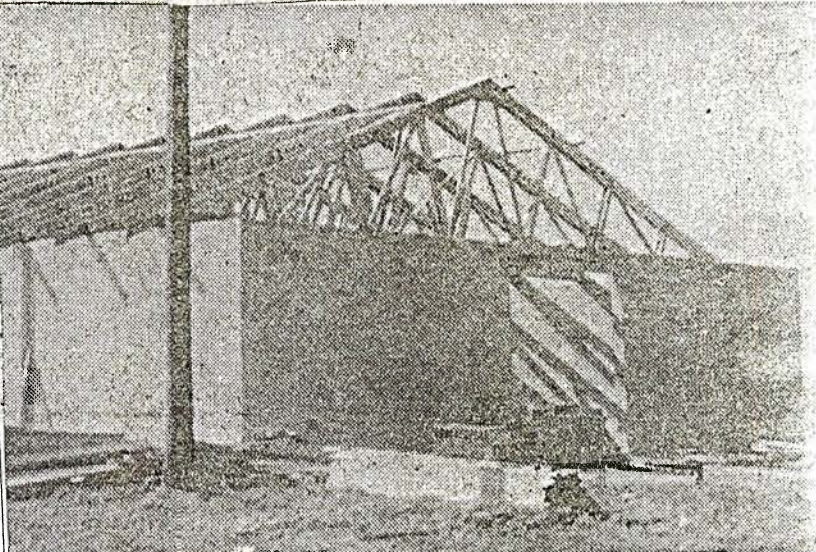
Bill Garrett and Buck Billings have had the responsibility of setting up and conducting the bonspiels and their success to date is evidence of their efforts.

Executive officers for the year 1961-62 are: President, G. C. McLeod; vice president, J. C. Herbert; secretary, C. V. MacLachlan; treasurer, A. Thornton.

The club welcomes the public to visit the rink and observe this fine old game which Canadians are adopting as the fastest growing winter-time participation sport.



RINK OPENED — A new \$60,000 curling rink officially opened at Ingersoll Saturday. J. C. Herbert, vice-president of the curling club; Gordon McLeod, club president; Mr. Innes, and Dr. B. R. Hunt, club publicity chairman. (Photo by Longfield)



\$60,000 rink a 60-by-150 foot surface. Ice-making machinery was set up and should be installed next week. (Photo of ice on 1961 by Longfield)



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New Rink Is Open For Ingersoll Curling Club

"With the cutting of this ribbon, the Ingersoll District Curling Club rink is officially opened," declared Gordon Innes, MPP.

Curling is one of the few sports that bring town and district together. Curling is a friendly game where people can get acquainted," he continued to say at the official opening ceremonies Saturday afternoon. Close to 200 people were on hand including mayor Ross Fewster and the entire council.

Mr. Innes commented "It has only been through community effort and spirit that the people of town and district have this rink". He added that it is another "first" for Ingersoll.

A procession of guests and speakers was led once around the main lounge and down to the ice surface of the rink by pipe. Stewart Thurtell and Don McLeod, members of the Ingersoll Pipe Band to the tune of "Highland Laddy".

Dr. Barry Hunt, chairman of publicity, was master of ceremonies for the afternoon. In his

Orange Lodge Given Charter August 1894

By MRS. FRANK ROBERTS

The religious and fraternal organization known as "The Orangemen", is formed by persons desiring to support and defend Her Majesty "The Queen The Protestant Religion, the laws of the country, and the protestant succession to the throne. They associate in honor of King William the third, Prince of Orange, whose memory they revere, not only as a great patriot, a constitutional monarch, and a hero but as a true Christian; and hope in the adoption of his name to emulate his virtues by maintaining religion without persecution.

William of Orange was invited to England by the clergy and nobles. He came in 1688 and the people joined him. Constitutional government was established (Bill of Rights) 1689. He triumphed. The victorious Battle of the Boyne in 1690 was a supreme effort for establishment of civil and religious liberty. The Protestant succession was secured.

To keep alive the memory of these stirring events and the blessings of the "Glorious Revolution", and to act as a bulwark against Papal aggression, the Orange Association was formed.

It is an exclusively Protestant association, yet lays no claim to exclusive loyalty or exclusive Protestantism, but admits no one to membership whose principles are not loyal and who is not a true Protestant. An applicant must be a practising Christian in every sense of the word.

The Orange Association was founded upon the enduring principle of "Civil and Religious Liberty" for all men. Its platform is Protestantism, Patriotism, and Freedom. That freedom which is the birthright of every man has been inscribed on its banners and written in its laws.

PROTESTANT ORDER

The Orange Order is the only distinctively religious and patriotic association in Canada open to Protestants of every race, party and denomination. It is not confined to any particular place, person or nation, but extends itself wherever a loyal Protestant is to be found, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty.

While the Orange Order has no monopoly on protestantism or patriotism it is the only organization actually putting cash and sacrifice of time and energy to defend Protestant heritage. Time and time again it has championed the cause of the public schools, the marriage law, the supremacy of the English languages, opposed secularism, separatism and eclesiasticism, and has been the means of obtaining necessary legislation dealing with many public issues. Never in the history of this country have men and women been organized for nobler purposes, and never have their united efforts been more urgently required. There must be a vigilant and united action from coast to coast against the unwarranted aggression of Rome. Experience has taught that any special privilege gained by Rome in one province is a signal for a similar demand in the rest of Canada or the Dominion.

The name Loyal Orange Lodge (L.O.L.) so well known today is a derivation of the Orange Confederation which was the name of the society first organized and instituted at Exeter and Axminster England on Nov. 21 1688 and from 1776 onward a great many lodges were organized in Ireland. On April 18, 1832 a Grand Lodge meeting was held in London, England and the development of the order in Canada was started.

By an act of Parliament in Canada in 1890 the Grand Lodge of British America was formed to unite the numerous primary and county lodges throughout Canada. About this time the existing Orange Lodges in Oxford County were consolidated and it is believed the original Orange Lodge in Ingersoll was incorporated about October 25th 1894 a worthy successor to No. 505 which operated about 1855 and No. 1083 which existed about 1860.

The present Orange Lodge "Pride of Oxford L.O.L. No. 743" received its charter under date of August 8, 1894. The first Worshipful Master was R. McClintock. At the subsequent reorganization on June 28th, 1929, the Worshipful Master was A. Reynolds; D. M. J. Waring; Chaplain J. Neaves; Recording Secretary S. Sargent; Financial Secretary and Treasurer E. Gerhardt.

Pride of Oxford L.O.L. No. 743 meets on the first and third Monday evenings in the IOOF Hall Thames St. with Harry Nagle and Worshipful Master Past Masters in the local membership include W. Lampkin, A. Venning, G. Turner, J. Spittal, F. Roberts, W. Brownscombe, E. Mott, and the late W. L. Nagle and W. Annison.

CHARTER IN 1923

The Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, (LOBA) received its charter in April 1923 and Mrs. W. Ireland was the Worthy Mistress. Other charter members were Mr. Ireland, Mr. and Miss Gerhardt, Mrs. Sivyler, Mrs. G. Fisher, Mrs. F. Jackson, Mrs. R. Windram, Mrs. A. Lewis, Mrs. Minier, Mr. and Mrs. Grey, Mrs. Ewart Wilson, Mrs. W. Aflord.

Most of these members have passed on to higher service. Others stepped in to carry the torch.

The local lodges help support the True Blue and Orange Home at Richmond Hill. This home was completed and opened on July 2, 1923 at a cost of \$299,542.00. It has a capacity of 140 to 150 children—a marvelous work and deserving of help. There is also the Aged People's Home, the Sailors, The Bible Society, Contingent Fund, the Red Cross, the Heart Fund, and a bursary for public Schools as well as response to any other calls from the needy. This is where the word Benevolent is merited. The raising of funds is a big order.

As the name implies, LOBA bears relationship to the LOL and works as an auxiliary and co-operates in every way. The ladies meet second and fourth Monday evenings in the IOOF Hall and are known as "Pride of Ingersoll No. 538. The WM is Mrs. W. Hartsell, DM Mrs. F. Cartmyle, J. D. M. Mrs. A.

Abbott, Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. Grinnell, Financial Secretary and Treasurer Mrs. F. Roberts, Chaplain Mrs. M. Mitchell, Lecturer Mrs. E. Hoare, and Mrs. V. McKee, D of C. Mrs. E. Lampmen, Guard F. Roberts, IPM Mrs. E. Piper. The slogan of the Orange Association is "One School, One Flag, and One Language" 1962. Oxford County sponsored the "Orange Walk", this past year. The parade was held in Ingersoll on July 8, and formed up at the Collegiate grounds then marched through the town to the Fair Grounds. This was most successful and will be long remembered by all who had the privilege of seeing it.

Les Dowling Named First Optimist Club President

"There is a specific need for Optimist International in Ingersoll", observed Robert Reinhart, past president and past lieutenant-governor of London Optimist Club, at the inaugural meeting of the Ingersoll Optimist Club, held Saturday night at the Ingersoll Inn. "This, need", he continued, "is to help with the boys' work in the community".

The more service clubs that there are in a community, the more services there are to be performed by those clubs," he added, "and if every effort is put into the Ingersoll Optimist Club now it will pay off many fold in years to come."

Mr. Reinhart went on to say that at one time the Optimist Clubs used to help with the juvenile delinquents after the boys were in trouble, but through the years the clubs have kept the boys active and out of trouble so as not to become delinquents.

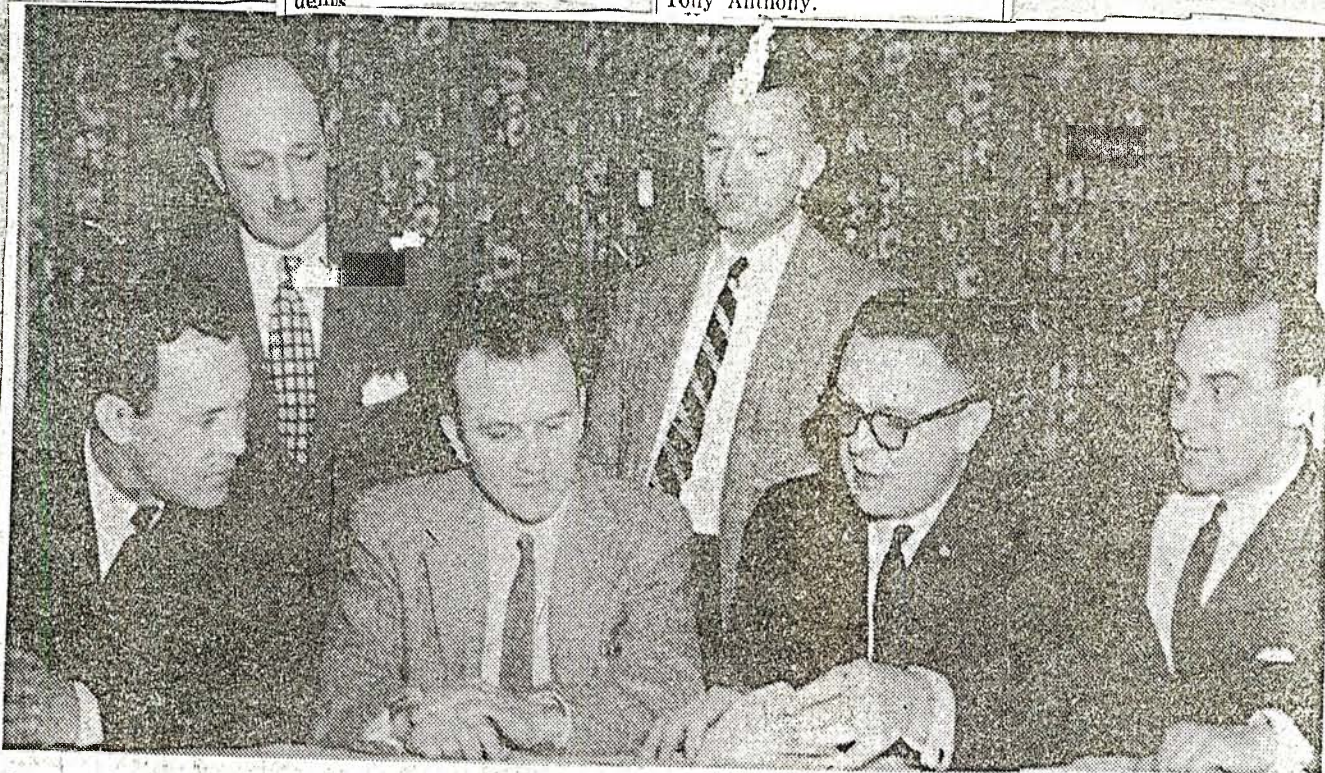
Mr. Reinhart was introduced by John Shields, president of the London Optimist Club and thanked by Les Dowling.

Tom Bishop, lieutenant-governor welcomed the members into the Optimist International and he told the group about the tournament that was held in he Ingersoll and District Memorial Centre on Saturday. He remarked that next year the Ingersoll Club will be host for the tournament and that the tentative date has been set for March 16, 1963.

Mr. Shields conducted the nominations for officers which were accepted by the membership as follows: President, Les Dowling; vice president, Ron House; secretary - treasurer Cecil Nobes; sergeant-at-arms, Les Feldmar. Committees: membership, Robert McNiven, Jim Mannone, Gene Mabee, Ralph Williamson; attendance, Dr. J. Lawson, Frank York, Jack Baskette, William Wilson, Tony Anthony.

March 19th 1962.

The Ingersoll Police Dept joins Police Network of this area. Machines will be installed in Police office. Installation cost of teletype \$2000. Annual rental \$540.00



INGERSOLL OPTIMISTS — Officers-elect were chosen at an organizational meeting for an Ingersoll Optimist club Saturday. Guest speakers at the meeting included R. A. Reinhart, manager of CFPL-TV, London; Lew Short, CFPL-TV personality, and John Shields, president of the London Optimists. From left are: Ron Hhouse, vice-president; Les Dowling, president; Mr. Short; Mr. Shield; (rear) Les Feldmar, sergeant-at-arms; Cecil Nobes, secretary-treasurer. (Photo by Longfield)

INGERSOLL — The Ingersoll Optimist Club last night held its organizational meeting and elected its 1962 slate of officers. Elected president was Leslie W. Dowling; vice-presidents, Ronald House and William Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Cecil Nobes and sergeant-at-arms, Les Feldmar.

Directors are James Mannone, Earl Swartz, John Baskett, Neil Trembley, Eugene Mabee and Rev. Joseph E. Brisson.

L. Howard Logan, Optimist International field representative, conducted the meeting.

A president's pin was presented to Mr. Dowling by Terry Cassaday, of Hamilton, club building chairman of District 15.

A secretary-treasurer's pin was presented to Mr. Nobes by Thomas Bishop, of London, lieutenant-governor of Zone 5.

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Ingersoll Bank Buys Former Post Office
Jan 1 1962
INGERSOLL — The Bank of Montreal has purchased the old Ingersoll post office and site, W. G. Davey, manager of the bank's branch here, announced yesterday.
The old building, located at Thames and Charles streets, will be torn down in the near future, Mr. Davey said.
The site will be used for parking for several years. Future plans, however, call for the construction of a modern bank building on the site within two or three years, Mr. Davey said.
The post office was vacated following completion of the town's new federal building.

NEW YORK (AP) — Bond prices continued along their upward path in April for the third consecutive month. Most reached their highest level in about a year. With only one session remaining in the month many corporate and U.S. Government securities were perched at their peak. The steady gains apparently reflected persistent uncertainty over the health of the U.S. economy. When business soared and interest rates rise the prices of fixed income securities such as bonds generally decline.

Optimist Club Gets Charter At Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — More than 150 persons attended the Ingersoll Optimist Club's charter night program Saturday at Ingersoll District Memorial Centre.

Hugh Kelly, of Lambeth, governor of the club's District 15, presented the charter to club officials and noted that the Ingersoll club was the 49th in the district. There are now 2,000 members in District 15, he said.

Guest speaker R. A. Reinhart, manager of CFPL-TV and past lieutenant-governor, cited the role of Optimist clubs in plugging gaps left by parents who are too busy to care for the children.

Optimists "Care"

He said Optimist clubs fill where parents leave off because "the clubs care."

There are young people in Ingersoll who need help, he said, and they will receive it from the newly-chartered Ingersoll Optimists.

The installation of officers was conducted by Terrance M. Cassady, of Hamilton. Rev. Joseph Brisson, Ingersoll, chaplain of the Ingersoll club, installed members.

A gavel and gong were presented to the new club by Thomas C. Bishop, of London, lieutenant governor of Zone 1 and a flag was presented by Sidney R. Gee, London, secretary-treasurer of District 15. A banner and dinner badges were presented by John Shields, president of the Optimist Club of London.

Officers of the club include: President, Leslie Dowling; vice-presidents, Ronald House and William Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Cecil Nobes; sergeant-at-arms, Leslie Feldmar.



Opening Of New Wing At IDCI

Oct 4-1963

A capacity audience of about 750 filled the gymnasium at Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute last night for the official opening of the new vocational wing. W. T. Laing, assistant superintendent of secondary schools for Ontario was the guest speaker and declared the wing officially opened.

The evening's program was directed by J. C. McBride, chairman of IDCI's 13 member board, many of whom were present on the stage. Other platform guests who briefly addressed the audience were: Wallace Nesbitt, MP for Oxford; Gordon W. Pittock, MLA for Oxford; Mayor Ross Fewster; William Sutherland, reeve of West Zorra, who spoke for Peter MacDonald, warden of Oxford county.

The school's general building contractor, W. P. Cooper of Cooper Construction Company (Eastern) Limited, spoke briefly, as did D. M. Blinkhorne, representing the architects, Shore and Moffat and Partners. IDCI principal, J. C. Herbert introduced the guest speaker.

Mr. Laing referred to Dr. S. D. Rendall, superintendent of Secondary education, who was to officially open the wing until he was taken ill on Wednesday. "His career as superintendent commenced in 1956," said Mr. Laing, "since that time he has very skillfully led the province in the development and implementation of its reorganized programs of study."

"KEEPING PACE"

He went on to say, "It is very gratifying to see that the educational life of the Ingersoll district is keeping pace with the unprecedented expansion of educational facilities throughout Ontario."

In pointing out the rate of growth of secondary education over the past 16 years, Mr. Laing observed, "If we look back to 1946, we find the Ingersoll Collegiate Institute operating in the old building with 249 pupils and 12 teachers. This year the enrollment is 919, with 38 teachers — more than three times as many."

IDCI, he told the audience, is now equipped to offer the five- and four-year programs in arts and science; business and commerce; science, technology and trades; and also the occupational program.

"The reorganized school program," said Mr. Laing, "was conceived, developed and introduced by the department of education to encourage pupils to remain in school, to develop fully their potential abilities — in their own interest and in that of the nation."

URGENT NEED

Stressing the urgent need for training, he said, "sights are being raised all down the line, and what slipped by five years ago will not get by today."

"In order that youth may have this chance," he said later, "the Dominion and Ontario governments share the cost of building the new wing."

He gave the total cost of the project as \$1,529,027, of which 75 per cent is paid by the Dominion government and the balance of 25 per cent by Ontario.

"Indirectly, and in essence, you are all paying for this fine new structure . . . and I am helping too."

In pointing out the "tremendous" growth of Ontario's secondary school system, Mr. Laing mentioned that from 1946 to 1962, the number of pupils increased from roughly 124,000 to 332,000, and the number of teachers from about 5,500 to nearly 15,000.

"Last year," he observed, "there were 32,000 more secondary pupils than the year before." He also pointed out that legislative grants over the past 16 years have risen from about \$9,700,000 to nearly \$61,000,000.

SET ASIDE

He went on to say that, last

year, the Ontario department of education set aside \$4,950,000 to provide scholarships, bursaries and student loans.

"If a grade 13 student obtains 66 per cent and is in need of financial help, he is eligible for a bursary of \$500 and a loan of \$500 from year to year as long as he maintains his standing," said Mr. Laing.

"With the \$1,000 and his summer savings, education at a university or institute of technology is within reach of any capable student," he added.

"The staff of this school," Mr. Laing concluded, "is now presented with the opportunity to break new ground and maintain for the new composite school the same tradition of excellence which the school has heretofore fostered. The department of education will be watching your efforts and accomplishments with great interest as your new programs grow into maturity."

He then declared, on behalf of Hon. W. G. Davis, minister of education, the new addition officially open.

The speaker was thanked by G. F. Pirie, chairman of the building committee, who also presented Mr. Laing with a gift.

At the opening of the program, the invocation was given by Rev. J.E. Brisson of Sacred Heart parish, and later, the dedication was read by Rev. Ralph King, president of the Ingersoll Ministerial Association.

ADDRESS BY HERBERT

In a brief address J. C. Herbert, principal of IDCI, said that a school should not be judged solely by its building or equipment. "A mansion can be a very fabulous and wealthy house, but a very poor and inadequate home."

"This school," he said, "should be judged by its teachers, its students and its graduates, and not by its spacious corridors, brightly lighted classrooms, or well-equipped shops, important as these are."

Mr. Herbert expressed the hope that the collegiate will be a highly-rated secondary school in the province, not only because of the new vocational wing, "but rather because we have excellent teachers and a dedicated staff; because we have students of whom we can be proud, and who are anxious to give of their best . . ."

Following the ceremonies in the gymnasium, the visitors made a tour of inspection, looking into both the old and new sections of the collegiate. Refreshments were served in the new cafeteria.

new wing begin. The contract to build the technical and vocational wing costing \$1,235,466 was signed yesterday by the

at a premium in the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute officials are anxious to see the

School Addition Contract Signed

A special meeting of the building and vocational advisory board committee of the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute Board was held yesterday afternoon, to sign the contract with the Cooper Construction Company Limited, Hamilton, for construction of the \$1,235,466 technical and vocational wing at the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute.

R. W. Cooper, president and general manager of the firm; C. W. Wilson, chairman, and Clark Pellow, secretary-treasurer of the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute Board, signed the necessary papers. Construction of the new wing is expected to start on Monday morning.

The class room space excluding the shops, is to be completed by November 15 for occupancy of the students. The whole

addition is to be finished by March 31, 1963.

Approval was given by the Ontario Board of Education and all sub-contracts have been signed.

Four tenders were received to build the new wing and the bids were: Gilvesy Construction Company Limited, Tillsonburg, \$1,248,876; Canadian Engineering Construction Company, Hamilton, \$1,256,256; Robertson Yates Corporation, Hamilton, \$1,364,551; Cooper Construction Company Limited, Hamilton, \$1,235,446.

Those present for the signing were R. W. Cooper, W. Nelson, T. H. Keighley, J. Fleming for the Construction firm; D. M. Blinkhorne, architect; J. Kelly, assistant architect; members of the building and vocational advisory committee of Ingersoll District Collegiate Board.

construction firm and the Ingersoll District Collegiate Board. In the photo (left to right) are G. F. Pirie, building chairman; C. W. Wilson, chairman of the IDCI Board;

R. W. Cooper, president and general manager of Cooper Construction Company Limited Hamilton and D. M. Blinkhorne, architect, Shore and Moffatt, Toronto. (Staff Photo).

Indicate IDCI Addition Cost Reaches \$1,248,797

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G. Pirie, chairman of the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute building committee, told a meeting of the IDCI board last night that no date has been definitely set for the final inspection of the new vocational wing, but such an inspection would take place as soon as the contractor advised the architect that the building was ready. To date, the building contract cost totals \$1,248,797, with the cafeteria, which is not included in the contract, an additional \$86,000.

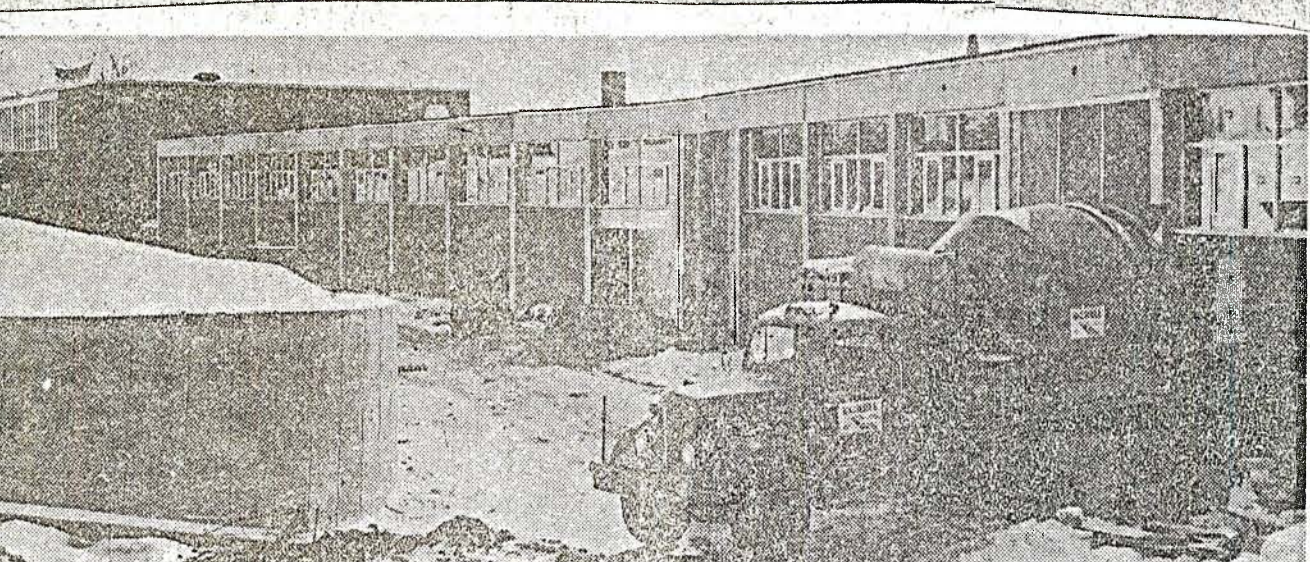
J. C. Herbert, principal of the school, suggested in his report that action should be taken by the board in several fields before the new school year commences in September. He asked the board to consider matters pertaining to the money spent through the year by each student on locks, insurance, etc.,

and suggested that this be paid in one lump sum instead of at irregular times throughout the year.

Mr. Herbert also asked for policy decisions on problems of shop supply, night school classes, an official opening for the new wing, a policy for the replacement of office staff, and consideration of transportation for rural pupils.

The upper school results were termed "reasonably satisfactory" by Mr. Herbert. He told the board that in addition to Ontario Scholars, Hope Wilson and Gail Cuthbert, who each obtained an average of over 80 per cent, the school also had five first class honor graduates, and 13 with an average of over 66 per cent.

In other business, the resignation of Mrs. Beatrice Franklin was presented to the board.



COLLEGIATE EXPANSION — Far the biggest building project to get under way in Ingersoll last year was construction of a \$1,235,000 extension to Ingersoll District Collegiate. The 20-room wing to contain a new cafeteria, gymnasium, technical study classrooms and facilities for vocational, carpentry, automotive, electrical, metalwork, drafting and business training, is not expected to be completed until the 1963 fall term. There are more than 900 students enrolled.

Option Land For School At Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — The public school board last night announced plans for the erection of a four-room elementary school to accommodate 120 pupils from the southwest section of town by September 1964.

In conjunction with the school, the board took an option on 3.17 acres of land in the Westfield Subdivision. The option is with the Ingersoll Land Company.

The six-man board also announced it will build a two-room addition to Princess Elizabeth school when construction of the new building is undertaken.

In other business, the Ingersoll Community Recreation Commission received permission from the board to use the playgrounds at Princess Anne school for its summer program. The playground at Princess Elizabeth school will be used for minor league softball games.

May 7/63

Back \$120,000 Plans For Ingersoll Schools

INGERSOLL — Tentative approval was received from the Department of Education for a four-room elementary school at Westfield subdivision and a two-room addition to the Princess Elizabeth public school here for an estimated total of \$120,000. Ingersoll public school board learned last night.

Town council will be notified and a start on construction is expected early in 1964.

Registration for kindergarten totalled 117 at the three Ingersoll public schools for the fall term.

Get acquainted meetings for pupils and parents are scheduled June 18, 19 and 20 at Victory Memorial School, Princess Anne School and Princess Elizabeth School. The meetings have been arranged by the Ingersoll Home and School Association.

Three teachers have been hired. Miss Linda Pigram, of RR 1, Belmont, and Lloyd Scott of Midland, for Victory Memorial School and Miss Ma-

jorie Daniel, of RR 5, Ingersoll, for Princess Elizabeth School.

Miss Daniel will replace Miss Patrician Shelley who has obtained a leave of absence to teach Canadian Armed Forces children in Germany.

Educational tours are planned for grade six pupils to Fanshawe Park, London, June 19. Grade eight pupils will make a Niagara tour June 26. The boards pay one-third of the total cost with the pupils paying the balance.

Ingersoll Orders Plans For School, Addition

INGERSOLL — Plans for a new four-room public school in the Westfield Subdivision and for a two-room addition to Princess Elizabeth school were ordered by Ingersoll trustees last night.

Land Optioned

The Westfield school, for which the public school board has optioned 3.17 acres on Glenn Avenue, will accommodate approximately 120 students.

London architects Blackwell, Hagarty and Buist, were hired to prepare plans for the projects, both of which are to be ready for occupancy next September.

Westfield School Contract Placed

INGERSOLL — The public school board announced yesterday a \$101,300 contract for construction of the four-room Westfield school has been awarded to William Hendriks Construction Ltd., Dorchester.

The board said the Hendriks' bid was the lowest of seven. Work will begin April 1, with the opening set for September. The school will be in the new Westfield subdivision.

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Name Principal For New School

INGERSOLL — John W. Spivey, a grade six teacher at Victory Memorial School, has been appointed principal of the Westfield Public School, to be built in the town's southwest section, Ingersoll public school board announced last night.

Sod-turning ceremonies for the school will be held Saturday, with school board chairman Gordon B. Henry officiating.

Two resignations were received at last night's meeting. Ross Hurst, grade 7 teacher at Victory Memorial School, resigned to go to Port Colborne, and Mrs. Sandra Kennedy, a grade 2 and 3 teacher at Princess Anne School, resigned to go to Stratford.

Contract for electrical work at Victory Memorial School was awarded to J. B. Carroll Limited of Tillsonburg. His tender was for \$3,465.

New 4-Room Public School In Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — Westfield Public School was officially opened last night in Ingersoll.

Rev. George Y. Lockhart gave the invocation, followed by school board chairman Gordon B. Henry, who continued by giving an account of the school construction that has taken place.

As well as the four room Westfield school, two rooms were added to Princess Anne Public School with a total cost of \$180,000. Mr. Henry stated that construction could have been postponed for a later time but that the board wanted to qualify for a loan from the Municipal Works Assistance Program.

The Board borrowed \$143,436 from the Municipal Program, of which \$23,000 is forgiven. This means that the Board has to pay back \$115,436. The town issued debentures to cover the remainder of the cost.

Mr. Henry thanked the Separate School Board, town council and the secondary school for going their right to assist-

ance under the Plan so that the elementary school could borrow such a large amount.

There is a kindergarten and three classrooms which can be expanded to nine or ten. All the rooms are individually electrically heated and have a new type of screening on the windows that eliminates the need for drapes.

Councilor Mark Simpson representing Mayor Thomas Morrison, who was unable to attend, brought greetings from the mayor and the town.

William Hendriks, the general contractor, handed the keys over to Mr. Henry and expressed his appreciation for the co-operation he received while the school was under construction.

Rev. Douglas Gordon dedicated the school and the Public Schools Trustee Association presented principal J. W. Spivey with a bible. The Christina Armour McNaughton Chapter of the IODE, then presented the school with a picture of the Queen.

Robert F. Bornhold, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education in Ontario, was guest speaker, then gave a talk on the manner in which schools are affected by change.

He went on to describe how television is now being used as

a teaching method as well as films, and tape recorders. He also told of a new mathematics system which will soon be started by the school system.

He went on to say that new courses have been introduced in grades 7 and 8, and that there will also be a change in courses taught in grades 1 to 6 in the near future.



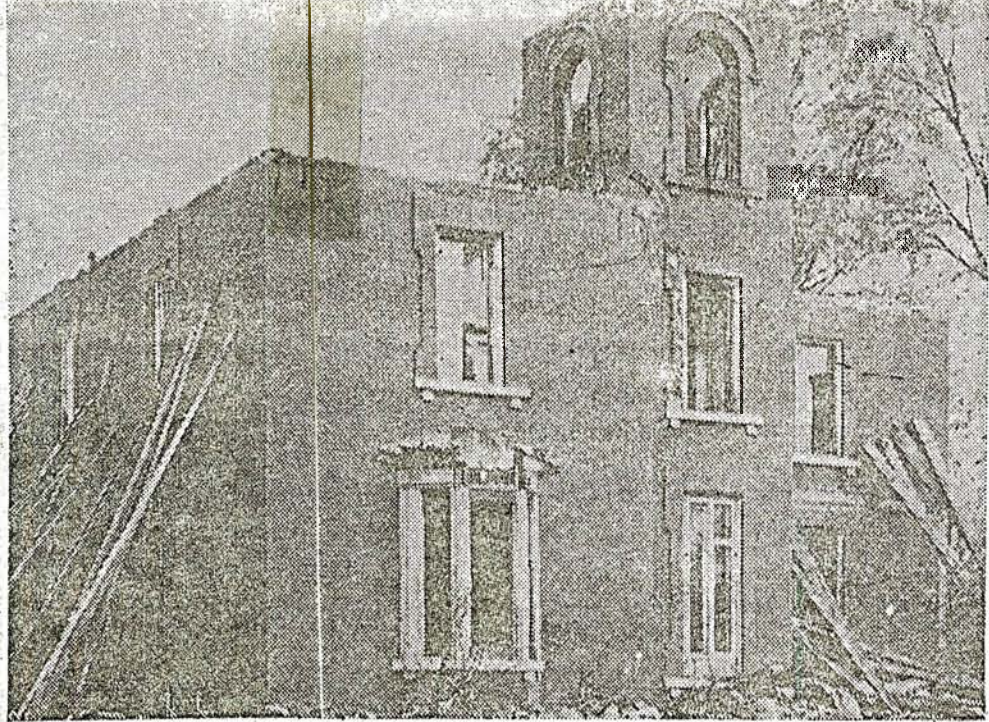
SCHOOL OPENING — Westfield Public School, Ingersoll, was officially opened last night. At the ceremony were, from left: John W. Spivey, principal; Gordon B. Henry, chairman of the public school board; R. F. Bornhold, Toronto, assistant superintendent of elementary education; A. G. Murray, supervising principal of Ingersoll public schools. (Photo by Longfield).



At the official opening of the Westfield School Mrs. John Clement, regent of the Christina Armour McNaughton Chapter, I. O. D. E., is shown above presenting a Royal picture to John W. Spivey principal. The school opened for the fall term, accommodates 65 pupils in kindergarten and classrooms with room for further expansion.



TURNING SOD — A. G. Murray, supervising principal, left, and G. B. Henry, chairman Ingersoll Public School Board, turning sod for the new Westfield Public School.



HERE IN the process of being demolished by workmen to make way for the new telephone central dial office is the old Mill street home of the late Thomas Brown. The site is now completely cleared, and construction of the new building, to house the dial switching equipment, will begin very shortly. (Staff photo).

FORMER HOME OF LATE THOMAS BROWN

New Phone Office On Historic Site

Apr 18 - 1962.
By GEORGE JANES
The Mill street property acquired by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada as the site of a dial central office building is rich in historic lore.

It was once the palatial home of Thomas Brown whose name has been proudly and appreciatively woven into the history of the town.

Going back over a span of seventy or more years there are a few of the older citizens who recall the important contributions made by Mr. Brown to the expansion and development of the town in one of its most progressive eras.

OPERATED TANNERY
For many years Thomas Brown operated a large tannery on King street, East. It was located on the site of what is now O'Dell and Allen's garage, less than the distance of a block from his large and attractive home on Mill street.

Mr. Brown was noted for his progressive spirit both in business and in civic affairs and the unstinted efforts which he gave to all undertakings. He was generally regarded as a community builder. His activities and achievements were of an inspiring nature and they gave impetus to the transition that advanced Ingersoll from the status of a village to that of an incorporated town.

It soon became apparent in those early years that Thomas Brown was a leader in virtually every civic enterprise, and was equally at home in affairs of church and state, and in addition to conducting his large tannery he was active in promoting better roads leading to the town. He exerted a powerful influence in affairs generally for which he quickly won admiration and general recognition.

He lost none of the lustre of his earlier years in public life as with his assistance continued the town made rapid progress and prospered.

It was learned that in 1859 Thomas Brown was a member of the Municipal council and it was while serving as mayor that he gave the name "Victoria" to the local park.

MANY GATHERINGS
It has been related that the large Brown home on Mill street with its many spacious rooms was the scene of numerous large gatherings some of brilliant nature and others in a more subdued atmosphere when Mr. Brown and other public spirited associates discussed important projects and decided upon a course of action that probably had an important bearing upon continued development of the community and shaped the destinies for many years to come.

It was in this respect that over the years glowing tributes were paid Mr. Brown for the distinctive role he played as a business organizer, a sincere speaker and his faith in his home community as well as his willingness to share responsibility.

CAME FROM U.S.
Mr. Brown was said to have come to Ingersoll from the United States about the same time as several other families who settled here. He was often referred to as an "American" but not in a slighting manner as he was always given a full measure of praise for his efforts to advance community interests and in which he was eminently successful.

In the historical data collected by this writer the year that Thomas Brown came to Ingersoll is not clear.

Some light in this respect is shed on the situation by reference in the Oxford Gazetteer, published in 1962, to the Ingersoll and Port Burwell Plank and Gravel Road as follows: "This Company was formed in September, 1849, President Benjamin VanNorman; Directors,

Thomas Brown, Ingersoll; Andrew Bodwell, Dereham; Martin Hubbard, Bayham; Mr. Francisco, Vienna. No change in the directors since the formation of the Company".

The whole distance of the road was given as 31 miles of which 16 1/2 miles were within the county of Oxford. The road was said to be completed as far as Vienna, a distance of 28 miles. The average cost per mile of the portion of the road gravelled was given as 275 pounds, and for the planked section 300 pounds per mile.

Although definite information is lacking it is presumed that Thomas Brown built his large home on Mill street. Construction of homes was somewhat general in the era in which Mr. Brown was so active in municipal affairs as well as in other business enterprises.

The fact was established that prior to 1899 the Brown property on Mill street was registered in the registry office at Woodstock in the name of Thomas Brown but on the 23rd of June, 1900, in the names of C. Hoyt and George K. Brown, executors of Thomas Brown estate.

Although Thomas Brown has long been at rest he left to posterity an inspirational legacy in his record of loyalty and achievements which gave him distinctive recognition in the history of Ingersoll's early progress and development. Since the old home of Thomas Brown of brick construction on Mill street property was razed in orderly fashion, the grounds have been completely cleared and levelled and present a neat and tidy appearance for the construction by the Bell Telephone Company of Canada of a building which will mark a new and important epoch in the community progress and service.

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Plan Extending Toll-Free Area To Woodstock

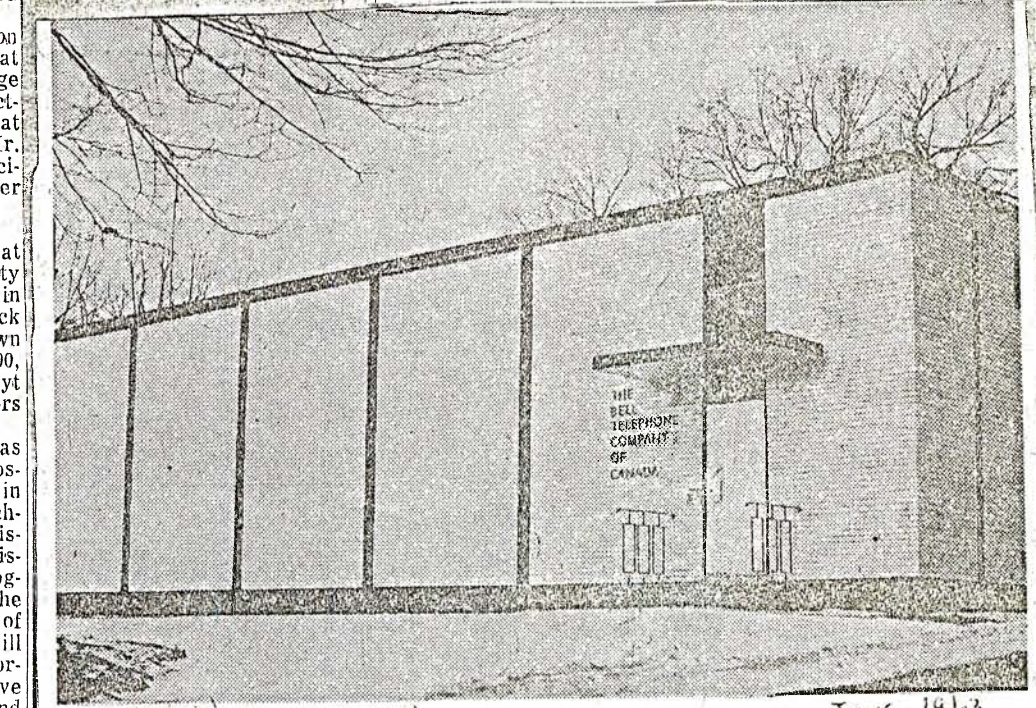
Apr 14 - 1962
Free Press Woodstock Bureau
WOODSTOCK — Dial telephone service will be introduced in Ingersoll in the summer of 1963, Bell Telephone district manager D. K. Foster said yesterday. Cost of the change-over is estimated at \$630,000.

Extend Area
Ingersoll now has toll-free calling to Beachville and Thamesford, which will continue after the changeover to dial, and toll-free service will be extended to Woodstock and Embro. The telephone company has purchased a site on Mill Street for a central office building. Construction of the building, to house the dial switching equipment, will be the first phase of the project.

Once the building is completed, Northern Electric technicians will begin installation of the equipment. At the same time Bell crews will be re-arranging and extending the network serving Ingersoll and visiting area customers to install and adapt telephones.

Dial service will mean a change in all Ingersoll phone numbers. The new ones will have seven figures, conforming with the "all number calling" plan which is gradually being introduced throughout North America.

The actual changeover to dial operation will be made in a few minutes with virtually no interruption in service, Mr. Foster said.



DIAL SYSTEM — Bell Telephone converted Ingersoll and region to dial system in what amounted to a \$630,000 conversion program. The project included construction of this \$60,000 dial exchange terminal on Mill Street.

Beaver Lumber Co. bought Henry Ogden mill on Charles St. W in July 1944.

Set Tenders For Ingersoll Phone Building

Jan 8 1962
Free Press Woodstock Bureau
INGERSOLL — Tenders close June 20 for construction of a building to house switching equipment for the introduction next summer of a dial telephone system in Ingersoll, district manager S. J. Rolfe said yesterday.

Other Stages
The project is one stage of a program to introduce dial phoning, all-number calling and extensions of toll-free dialling in various parts of the district within the next year.

Total cost of the change-over has been estimated at \$630,000.

The Ingersoll building's site, on the east side of Mill Street opposite the power sub-station, has already been cleared off. The change-over to a dial in Ingersoll will coincide with the change there to all number dialling and the introduction there of toll-free dialling to Embro and Woodstock. Ingersoll now has toll-free calling to Thamesford and Beachville only.

A similar building is being planned for Thamesford. Tenders are to be called in September and the building completed by February 1963. Dial equipment will be installed in the building and the change-over to dial and all-number calling will take place at the same time as the change in other parts of the Woodstock district, tentatively late June, 1963.

Start Building In First Phase Of \$630,000 Job

July 18 '62
INGERSOLL — Construction of a one-storey brick building containing dial equipment for converting telephones in Ingersoll and district was begun here by the Gilvesy Construction Company of Tillsonburg yesterday.

\$630,000 Project
J. S. Rolfe, Bell Telephone manager for the Ingersoll area, announced the \$630,000 conversion project yesterday. Mr. Rolfe said the conversion project is expected to be completed by the summer of 1963.

The 61-by-50-foot building will be located on the east side of Mill Street between King and Charles streets.

Mr. Rolfe said the conversion will meet the needs of the area for many years to come.

Tannery had an awful smell

Feb 2, 1962 - Postal service in Ingersoll requires 250¢ places of call, according to 1960 survey. Ingersoll had 2,298 places of call and savings to be made in 1962.

Feb 2, 1962, Council accepted share of cost of signals at Home St. C.P.R. crossing equal to 1 1/2 times the cost of installation, also half cost of maintenance of \$635.00 annually.

Apr 2, 1962 - Council leased site of old Post office, corner of Williams & Charles Sts. from Bank of Montreal for \$450.00 the annual tax on the lot. To be used for parking cars.

July 16 - 1962. Ingersoll Council passed a bylaw making Memorial Centre Board Subject to the Council. Council will in future be treasurer for the Memorial Centre Board. The Bylaw authorizes Council to use \$10,000 annually to help the Board.

Ingersoll Ratepayers Turn Down Sunday Sports, Movies in Plebiscite

INGERSOLL, May 27-1963 Ratepayers yesterday turned down Sunday movies by a vote of 933 to 462 and Sunday sports by 750 votes to 656.

38 P.C. Turnout Only 1,453 of the 3,765 eligible voters cast ballots - approximately 38 per cent. Deputy Clerk G. R. Staples said that the turnout was "about what we've been getting" in recent municipal elections.

The Sunday sports question drew strong support from the northeast and east central residential areas of Ingersoll and, until the last polling subdivision came in from the southeast section, the vote was nearly equal.

The final returns, from subdivision four of ward two, showed 193 against and 93 for the question and tipped the scales.

Never In Doubt The Sunday movies question was never in doubt after the first returns began to show the pattern of defeat. The Ingersoll and District Hockey Club paid the cost of the plebiscite, which Mr. Staples estimated would run to more than \$500.

The car service for the "vote yes" organization was operated from the Strand Theatre, Ingersoll's only movie house. A car service for the "vote no" group was operated from Trinity United Church.

Council also decided to put baskets for litter on streets - baskets to cost \$19.00 each.

Dec 1962 - Council sold to D.C.J. Kennedy a building lot at east side of north entrance to Memorial Park for a dental clinic building for \$1500.00

Wed., July 10, 1963

LICENCE GRANTED 1963

Construction Set For New \$150,000 Hotel

George Bural of Islington told The Sentinel - Review last night he has been granted a licence by the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario for the proposed \$150,000 hotel on a seven-acre site at 350 King street west.

He said construction will start almost immediately on the hotel. It will be a 22-room motor hotel type building with banquet room, dining lounge and two beverage rooms.

The hotel would accommodate 594 persons at one time, including those making use of the overnight rooms.

Cost of the structure would exceed \$120,000 plus \$30,000 for landscaping, construction of a dam and fish pond and park and parking facilities for 300 cars.

Mr. Bural earlier told The Sentinel - Review that the pond behind the hotel would be stocked with bass and trout and fishing privileges would be open to area residents as well as to patrons of the hotel. The park facilities would also be open to tourists and local residents who wish to use it as a picnic area.

not built by 1968



ARTHUR EDWARD MAHONY, 40, of Delhi, began duties yesterday as chief constable of Ingersoll.

Resigned May 27-1963
Succeeded by Arthur McCarl of Warton
Starting May 25/65
Salary \$5,500. for 6 months then \$5800 - retroactive to May 25

Rev. Ralph R. Sadleir To Exchange Parish With Rev. L. V. Pocock



Two Anglican clergymen will exchange positions on January 1, 1964. Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, Bishop of Huron, has announced that Rev. Lawrence V. Pocock, rector of St. James' Church, Ingersoll, will become rector of St. Aidan's Church, Riverside. The present rector of St. Aidan's, Rev. Ralph R. Sadleir, will succeed Mr. Pocock at Ingersoll.

Mr. Pocock was born in Quebec and educated at Brockville. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Wycliffe College and was ordained in 1928. After two years service in Toronto, he came to the Diocese of Huron in 1930. He served successively in parishes in Blyth, Florence, and Hespeler. From 1951 until 1956, when he moved to Ingersoll, Mr. Pocock was rector of St. David's Church, London. He is a past rural dean of Waterloo and East Middlesex deaneries.

A native of Chile, South America, Mr. Sadleir is a graduate of Wycliffe College, Toronto. He is a former rancher and principal of an agricultural school in Chile. Mr. Sadleir was field superintendent of a Canadian mission there from 1936 to 1941. He has been a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society since 1945.

Mr. Sadleir was ordained in Brandon, Manitoba, in 1942. After service in the Diocese of Brandon, he came to Courtright in the Diocese of Huron in 1944. In 1948, Mr. Sadleir moved to Shelburne and in 1950 to Wallaceburg. Since 1956, he has been rector of St. Aidan's, Riverside. He is a past rural dean of Kent and a member of the board of directors of Canterbury College, Windsor.



ARTHUR H. W. McCART, chief constable at Warton, has been named chief constable of the Ingersoll police department effective tomorrow. He succeeds Arthur Mahony who will resign May 29. (Photo by Longfield) 1965

Ingersoll's newspapers

In 1852, Josiah Blackburn founded the Ingersoll Chronicle and edited it for two years. In 1854 it was sold to John Sayers Gurnett who had an assistant Mr. Wassels. Mr. Gurnett died in 1876 and was succeeded by his son, George. The son issued the Chronicle until his death in April 1897. Then it was bought by C.R. Patience and Wm. Agur who shortly sold it to Robt. Elliott and his son Wm. J. A daily edition was commenced in Jan. 1897 and continued until Nov 1916 - about 20 yrs. The weekly edition was also continued. H.A. Welloughby purchased the Chronicle in 1916 and continued the weekly edition for 2 1/2 yrs. Early in 1920 the Chronicle ceased publication.

In 1921, W.J. Taylor - of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review Co - purchased the Chronicle building and used it as an office of the S.R. - The S.R. carried on commercial printing for several yrs. This was later taken over for a few yrs. by A.H. Edmond and then closed.

In 1874 - Henry Rowland started the "Oxford Tribune"

In 1881 - C.R. Patience started the "Ingersoll Sun" - this paper taken over by T.A. Bellamy in 1886.

The "news" - of short duration was edited by H. Constable.

July 1969 - "The Times" - Jennie Robins - editor
 Alton Houghton - advert manager
 Ray Van Nieuw - artist - "a weekly paper"

Times close to the night of 1st of May 1977

CHAMPIONS OF 1930

George Hayes Recalls Town's Greatest Day

(Editor's Note: With the big reunion of Ingersoll's champion ball team coming up, many memories are being stirred back to the rough road that led to the final victory and to the parties and celebrations that followed. Local members of that famous 1930 baseball team are busily completing plans for the game and reunion and eagerly looking forward to renewing old friendships. The following reminiscence written by George Hayes, batboy with that team and now an NHL linesman will answer many of the questions currently being asked about "Ingersoll's greatest day in sport".)

Ingersoll's Intermediate "A" champions of 1930 will hold a reunion on Saturday, September 8th. They will unite with the Intermediate "B" champs of 1937 and once again don their uniforms and play a game with this year's fine Optimist Midget club. Most of the Midgets were members of last year's Ontario Bantam "B" champions. Champions and former champions all in Victoria Park at the same time — truly a "Day of Champions"!

Dolph Staples, who was probably the first taximan in Ingersoll, was responsible for entering the first team in the OBA. The year was 1924 and he had a real good catcher Bob Henderson and a fire baling pitcher Charlie Kelly to build the team around "Tee" Daniels "Silver" Wilcox, Charlie Hovey and Tom Filmore from Thameford were others on that first team. Filmore later became a fine hockey player, playing for Detroit and the New York Americans.

They entered in the Oxford Elgin League comprised of Tillsonburg, Aylmer, Springfield and Ingersoll. They won the group but were eliminated by Brantford in the first round. A young fellow pitched one of the games for Brantford by the name of Ralph Beemer. Ball fans were to see much of him in the next few years.

The year 1925 was to see Dolph with a much stronger team. Andy Myerjack, a pitcher moved here from New York to set up new machines at the Morrow Co. and another pitcher was Max McIntyre, from near St. Marys who in 1926 was taken south with the Toronto Leafs for a tryout. "Red" Shewan from Thamesford and Bill Weir from Goderich were added to the team.

After the season opened a local 16 year old boy joined the team — Rabbitt Marshall. Marshall was to be the hero of many an Ingersoll victory in the years to come.

The team won the Oxford-Middlesex League. They defeated Sarnia in the first round and eliminated Windsor thanks to a twelfth inning home run by Rabbitt Marshall in the second game in Windsor Bridgeburg eliminated them in the third round.

The next year, 1926, they were entered in the Oxford-Norfolk League made up of Simcoe, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Beachville (Beachwoods) and Ingersoll. Dolph brought in three players from London to fill the spots of some departed members. They were infielders White, Chuck Hazelwood

and "Sucker" McKenzie. Scurry Lee also made his first appearance this year. The reason Woodstock combined with Beachville was to keep Fred Filmore and Max McIntyre from playing with Ingersoll. Both lived out on the highway near the quarries and they lived closer to Beachville.

Ingersoll won the group by defeating Beachwoods 2-0 in a sudden death game. They put out Strathroy in the first round

but Leamington beat them 6-4 in a sudden death game at Chatham to put them out of the running.

They entered the Western Ontario League in 1927 with Sarnia, Strathroy, London, Lucan and Ilderton and the competition was keen with plenty of arguments and protests. It also was the season of the Charlie Geanos - Andy Myerjack fight on a hot July afternoon. Geanos who was London's manager, was quite a known wrestler but Andy more than held his own. They added to their lineup a big, tall first baseman Bill Hicks from Tillsonburg. Besides being a fine fielder he was also a hard hitter. In a game in Strathroy, he hit one of the longest balls ever seen in that park.

Ingersoll defeated Sarnia in two straight games to win the league title. Appin was the first team to bite the dust in the OBA playdowns but they caught the locals with a "loaded" bat and protested. (To be honest, the bat had been loaded but the load had been removed and they used it for knocking out fungoes to the outfielders.) The OBAA then ordered Ingersoll to replay London, Sarnia, and Appin in sudden death games on consecutive days. This they did and won them all. Then they took Galt in two straight in the second round. Leamington, with their fine pitcher Floyd Hillman, again put them out of the running. Prior to the start of the season Dolph brought Ralph Beemer here from Simcoe but after several executive meetings the OBAA refused him a card.

BEEMER ARRIVES However, in 1928 Beemer was eligible. Dolph brought a big left hander in from Thorndale by the name of Oscar Judd. Frank Pring, Charlie Pirie from London, Wally Pitt a third baseman from Ilderton and a kid from near Thamesford "Tari" McMartin were also on the team. They were in the Intercounty League with Stratford, Galt, Brantford, Preston, Kitchener and Woodstock. In the opener at Stratford they won by a score of 19-3 with Beemer striking out 22 batters. Judd won in his debut at Woodstock 12-2 and it looked like this was the year. But things went from good to bad and worse. They didn't even make the Intercounty play-offs!

With practically the same team in 1929, they led the Intercounty most of the season. Red Pullin took over at first and Lee Flynn from Woodstock played second. After disposing of Preston in the Intercounty semi-finals, they met Galt in the finals. Galt won the first game here but with Lefty Judd pitching a no hitter in the sec-

ond game at Galt, they won by 17-0. The deciding game was played in Preston and after leading 1-0 going into the ninth, they blew the lead with the Rangers pushing over three runs to win.

Ingersoll was a mighty gloomy place that night!

Ingersoll didn't stop playing ball when they were eliminated. They kept on playing exhibition games. They brought in Almas and Mellanby from their arch rivals Preston to play a game or two with the idea of bringing them here and getting them good jobs. Chuck McCarthy, the Galt left hander, was slated to come here. McCarthy had been the locals, nemesis all season. Then the depression struck and jobs couldn't be found suitable to these players.

Early in the spring of '30 an executive was formed — president Sam Gibson; vice president, James Grieve; second vice president Tom Dunn; secretary-treasurer Irvin Butler; Executive Committee — Charles Haycock, Loyd Thompson, Sam Zurbrigg, Reg Stone, manager Dolph Staples.

CROWDS TURNED OUT

The town had really been behind this ball team. Ingersoll had started all their games at 3 p.m. regardless of whether they were on Wednesday or Saturday. Wednesday crowds probably averaged 1,500 with the Saturday crowds averaging between 2,000 and 3,000. When they played out of town, 500 loyal supporters followed them and cheered the team on, getting their transportation any way they could.

After the fine season of '29, Dolph was hungry for an Ontario Championship — and so was Ingersoll, but there had to be some changes made. Bob Henderson, the always dependable catcher, who had been a bulwark since the town had been in organized ball, retired. Leo Flynn the star second baseman would be no longer available. He was soon to be ordained into the priesthood. The

evening the executive was elected started the ball rolling toward the Ontario Championship. They discovered St. Thomas was pulling out of the Senior Intercounty after many successful seasons. This put some fine ball players on the market. London had first choice on these men but when approached, they assured Ingersoll they wouldn't stand in their way and waived Ingersoll all claim to these players. Ingersoll chose catcher Pood Udell, second baseman Snap Binns, third baseman Dede Lindsay, out fielder Bill Cabot and Joe Evans a utility player. Now to mould them into a team.

This was the roster Coach Joe Evans and Manager Dolph Staples finally settled on: catcher — Udell, 1st base — Pullin, 2nd base — Snap Binns, 3rd base — Wally Pitt or Dede Lindsay, shortstop — Red Shewan, right field — Bill Cabot, center field — "Tee" Daniels, left field — Scurry Lee, pitchers — Judd, Beemer, and Marshall, utility — Dinty Moore and Eddie Hicks.

15 STRAIGHT

They opened in Brantford on May 11 and went down to a 10-8 defeat. It was to be over two months, on July 13 to be exact, before they lost their next one, a 4-3 loss in Galt. They had won 15 games in a row including three exhibition games against senior clubs, two against London and on May 24th here they defeated the Hamilton Oskies, former senior champions of Ontario. In this game, Red Pullin probably hit the longest home run ever in Victoria Park. The ball lit high upon the center field hill. They finished the Intercounty schedule on top by a wide margin, with a percentage of .805. Brantford was second and Stratford third. Ingersoll met Brantford in the final winning the first game in the Telephone City by 9-4. Bill Cabot put one over the Agricultural Park dyke in the first inning with the bases loaded. They wrapped it up here in the second game by 17-6. Intercounty champs at last!

They drew Sarnia in the first round of the Provincial playdowns. Ingersoll won 7-1 in Sarnia and 13-0 here on a wet Saturday afternoon. Judd won the first one and Beemer the second. Not to outdo one another, each of them hit a home run. They met Dundas in the next round winning 4-3 in the Valley Town. They sealed the Valleyites coffin here on Labor Day on the long end of a 9-4 count. This was one of the best teams the locals met all season.

Harrow was next. The first game was in Harrow and the locals came from behind to win 6-4. Beemer came to the rescue in the third inning and struck out 17 batters from that point on. Ingersoll scored the winning run on Pullin's triple in the ninth inning. Judd blanked the Essex County club here 8-0 to send the locals into the Ontario final.

Peterborough General Electric won out in eastern Ontario and the first game of the finals was played in the Lift Lock city on September 27th. It was a cool blustery day and a crowd of about 1,000 sat shivering in the grandstand at Exhibition Park. The Electric led 1-0 until the eighth when Ingersoll exploded for five runs on five hits and bases on balls. Rabbitt Marshall's double with the bases loaded was the big blow. The locals scored one in the ninth to make the final score read 6-1. Judd allowed the Poles but three hits and struck out 13. When the winners returned home the next morning 2,000 people greeted them at the CNR station.

In a previous article, the history of baseball in Ingersoll was brought up to the championship year of 1930. It was the greatest season this town ever saw in baseball and the team was supported by the largest crowds to attend games at Victoria Park. Starting in 1931, one word set in. Ingersoll still had a good ball team, although they lost many of the stars of the championship team. Lefty Judd moved to Guelph, "Red" Shewan went to teach school in Galt and the four St. Thomas players stayed at home to play on their senior team.

A real good lefthander, Ka Biddle, was imported from Sheddon to bolster the pitching staff. "Pick" Pascoe and another outfielder Art Parks from Dunnville were added to the roster. Good Junior grads Bill Jordan and Fred Wurker were brought up to play shortstop and catcher. The team had a god season finishing second

the intercounty but lost out to Stratford in the semi-finals. The crowds fell off badly — a reaction that always seems to set in after winning a championship.

COACH WILLIAMS

In 1932, Ingersoll had a good Intermediate team but was eliminated by Stratford. It was a good Juvenile team coached by Dr. Ralph Williams who stole the spotlight and the crowds this year. Dr. Williams was one of the finest coaches of boys you could want. Having played many years of good baseball himself in Canada and the United States he had the knack and the patience to pass his great knowledge of the game on to the boys. This team played their hearts out for him and after winning the Intercounty championship, eliminated Waterloo and Guelph in straight games only to lose out to Niagara Falls in a hard fought, three game series. They lost the deciding game at Hamilton 5-4 in 10 innings. Bill Swackhammer who was a good umpire, also helped coach the team. The lineup was composed of Anderson, Thornton, Pete Williams, George Hayes, Bill Kerr, Jack Payne, Herb Boynton, Arnold Shewan, Max and Clinton Clark, Frank Kean, Bill Taylor, Kitch Henderson, Clarence Pittcock and Grant Swackhammer.

1936 CROWN

As far as league championships were concerned, Ingersoll drew a blank until 1936 when they won the Intercounty Intermediate "B" crown. They defeated Tillsonburg three out of four games for the right to enter the provincial playdowns. The "power of the press" helped draw good crowds in this series as both teams were throwing dirt at each other in print.

The locals eliminated Hespeler in the first round but Milton stopped them in a three game series. Milton winning the deciding game played at Galt 5-4. The lineup — Harry Johnson, catcher; Pete Williams, Vic Byers, Pete Clement and Pat Hambly were members of the

mount corps; Alex McGinnis at first; Earl Thornton at second; Wally Pitt at third and Bill Jordan at short formed the infield. Lee, Hayes, and Gump Thornton patrolled the outfield. Utility players were Cloes, Daniels and Mowat. "Scurry" Lee was the coach and Dolph Staples was the Manager.

The "Big Flood" hit Ingersoll in the spring of 1937 and in the fall the town won its second Ontario championship. Dolph Staples' team won the Intercounty Intermediate "B" title. They eliminated Simcoe in the first round of the OBA playoffs in two straight games.

Tilbury was next and after winning the first game here, they ran into a no-hitter at Tilbury pitched by a fellow named Murray and lost 17-0. In the third game played at Strathroy, the locals won 5-4 winning the game by executing the old "squeeze play" perfectly.

In the third round they put Oshawa by the wayside winning the third game played at Galt. This left only Caledonia and the locals for the championship. "Dolph's boys" won here 2-1 but lost by a wide margin at Caledonia in a "home run festival". (The outfielders played out on a street the field was so short). The deciding game was played at Galt during snow flurries on a cold windy day.

Ralph Beemer went all the way on the mound defeating Caledonia's Dagleish and Wally Pitt made a sensational catch at third base with the sacks loaded that saved the championship. The honor roll was — catchers Johnson and Haycock, Pitchers Beemer, Williams, Vic Byers, Jim Byers, and Clement. First base McGinnis, second base Earl Thornton, third base Wally Pitt, shortstop Bill Jordan. The outfield — Lee, Gump Thornton and Daniels. Utility - Lloyd Phillips and Rine. Swackhammer was the coach and he pulled every trick out of the book to win the championship.

Name C. of C. Committees At Ingersoll

INGERSOLL — George Clifton was named secretary of the Ingersoll Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting of the group yesterday. He replaces Allan G. Hall in the position.

1963 Committees

- Committees for 1963, with chairmen listed first are: Industrial relations, John Stares, David Forrest, George Lockhart, John D. Duncan, Roy Knott, C. V. MacLachlan; retail merchants, King Newell, Norm Greer, Meredith Walker, Pearl Fishleigh, Lloyd Alter, H. E. MacMillan; national affairs, P. M. Dewan, W. Waterhouse, J. C. Herbert, A. G. Murray; group insurance, Peter Breel, R. W. Stewart, Wilfred Stempler, Bernie Zurbrigg; tourism and historical matters, B. W. Carr, George Powell, W. J. Black, J. J. Martin; publicity and public relations, Bernie Zurbrigg, Stew Thurtell, Herb Moreton, Blake Coyle; finance, H. E. McMillan, Frank Lee, Borden Lyndon. Civic affairs, R. A. Stone, Cliff Jamieson, John Morris, Harley Douglas, R. G. Start; rural-urban relations, Gerald Pirie, J. C. Herbert, Bruce Dickout, Glen Topham, Les Feldmar; membership commit-

tec, C. V. MacLachlan, T. W. Wilson, Herb Moreton, John Warden, J. B. Osbaldeston, Nelson Wilson, program and attendance, J. W. Dean, G. B. Henry, W. R. Marshall; traffic, parking and signs, Dr. C. Kennedy, Alf Boniface, J. W. Douglas, R. D. Carr, Pete Condos; municipal affairs, G. W. Pittcock, J. D. Campbell, E. W. McKim, Maurice Raymond; special events, Robert Cope, Rev. J. D. Gordon, Robert Jewett; representative to Junior Chamber of Commerce, John McBride.

- Herman J. Sidt died Nov. 6-1964 age 82 yrs. - to I.R. Cemetery
- Mrs. Swackhammer died Nov. 9-1964 - age 79 yrs to Dunnville cemetery
- P. T. Fleischer died JAN 18-1965 aged 67 yrs - to Harris St C
- Lillian Hearn died JAN. 24-1965 aged 84 yrs. to Ing. Rural C.
- Mrs. Jas. Spaven - died JAN 25/65 aged 70 yrs - to Ing. Rural C.
- Mrs. Charlotte Wilson died JAN. 25-1965 - aged 86. to Ing. Rural
- H.S. (Pete) Bowman died Jan 31-1965 aged 74 yrs - to Ing. Rural C.

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Ingersoll Lawn Bowling Club, Limited.

The first lawn bowling in Ingersoll took place on the lawn of Col. J.C. Hegler on King St. W. in 1902. Mr. Hegler's home was the large white brick house on the south east corner of King and Albert Sts. There were four bowlers at that time: Col. Hegler, Thomas Wells, C.C.L. Wilson and Dr. J.M. Rogers. In 1903 C.C.L. Wilson constructed a bowling green on his lawn. His home was the north west corner of King and Wingham Sts. In 1909, a bowling green with three greens was established on the north side of Charles St. E. a short distance west of the present (1962) arena. Sixteen bowlers used these greens, which were in operation three years. On May 24, 1910, employees of the St. Charles Condensing Co. held a meeting and organized a bowling club. R.B. Hutt was elected president, A. Myers, vice pres. Charles Scoffin, Sec. Treas. S. Partlo, F. Seldon, W. Rowson and Alex. McDonald, committee in charge. In 1911 this club rented a lot on Ann St. and established five greens. The club at this time had 25 members. In 1914 more land was secured at the rear of the lot and nine more greens prepared for bowling. In 1916 a club house was erected. In Feb. 1929, the club now numbering over 50 members, formed a Joint Stock Company, secured a charter from the Provincial Gov't and purchased the property for \$2000. Shares were sold to finance the purchase. The charter directors were Harold Hall, Byron Jenvey, Dr. A.S. Muterer, F.H. Adams and R.B. Hutt; W.H. Sutherland was appointed secretary and H.S. Bowman, treasurer. In 1933 a Ladies Bowling club was organized with 14 members. In 1934 an addition was added to the men's club house for the ladies. In the fall of 1955 the clubs decided to build a more commodious with modern conveniences. The former club house was sold to Walter Elbery for \$200. The new club house was ~~was~~ erected during the winter of 1955-6. It is 44 x 20'. From Oct. 1st. to April 30th. a group, known as the "Ann St. Club" occupy the building for various types of games. The new club house was officially opened on June 13, 1956 by Mayor Donald Bower and President L.K. Coles. Until Oct. 1962 the heating was by oil circulator, then a change was made to gas.

The new club house was built by Beverley Anderson at a contract price of \$3275.00. Douglas Bros. of Ingersoll installed the plumbing and James Henderson, the eavetroughing. Local electricians did the wiring. Total cost of the completed building was \$4875.00

Byron G. Jenvey. Secy.



HONOR DOCTOR — Dr. C. C. Cornish, who has practised medicine in Ingersoll for 50 years, was guest of honor yesterday at a dinner in the nurses' lounge in Alexandra Hospital, attended by the hospital's medical staff and several out-of-town colleagues. Ingersoll Kiwanis Club also plans to honor the doctor at a dinner in Trinity United Church June 18. (Photo by Longfield) JUNE 3-1964

Tourney Launches 18-Hole Course

Set Aug 31-1963
A breakfast and mixed coffee cup tournament marked the unofficial opening of an additional nine-hole stretch on the Ingersoll Golf and Country Club course yesterday. The gold course now boasts 18 holes instead of nine.

Robert James and Grace Cole won the low gross event with a score of 93. In the low net division the winners were Ted Nancekivell and Dorothy Hunt with 75.

Harry Murray of Ingersoll went around the 18-hole course with a 73 score, two over par for the best low score, 71 is par for the 18 holes.

Named the most honest golfers were Don Rutherford and Clare MacDougall, with 151. Clothing and golf balls were given to the winners.

Expansion To 18-Holes Planned At Golf Course

The Ingersoll Golf and Country Club is expanding rapidly. By the end of next spring 18 holes will be available for play.

The IGCC was first formed in 1953 by a group of businessmen who acquired the old Tucker property. Through the hard work of a number of people the present nine-hole course was built. The course located in the southern edge of town is felt to be one of the best in the district, by out of town golfers and members of the club.

In the summer of 1961 a big step was taken by the executive of IGCC to purchase land on the south side of the county road, the southern boundary of the present nine-hole course.

Harold Anderson, golf pro and manager of the course, pointed out that the additional nine holes in the new section are more rolling, tougher and more challenging to the golfer than the present nine holes now being played. On the other side he

said there will be a natural water hazard. Fairway traps are being planned into the links.

At first, the manager noted the extra land was to have all nine holes on the other side of the road. But with careful planning through the winter months on the laying out of the course it was decided to use the bottom land along the east boundary of the course. This, he observed, would keep the present clubhouse situated where it stands. By making the three holes available at the east side of the clubhouse, a golfer could still play the first nine holes and return to the clubhouse. If the golfer wished to do the extra nine to make it 18 holes for the day, the clubhouse would still be close by at the end of the game.

In the spring of this year, heavy earth moving equipment was brought to the course to level and fill level the low spots. On the other side of the county road, the fairways have

been plowed and greens laid out.

The Ingersoll links will have a course equal to London and Woodstock, when completed — something the members of IGCC and other golfers can be proud of!

Ingersoll Golfers Test New Nine

INGERSOLL—Harry Murray led a field of 110 here yesterday as members of the Ingersoll Golf Club competed over their new 18-hole layout. The course now includes a new back nine holes which were opened for the first time. An official opening is planned Sept. 21, 1963.

Murray's score was 73, two over par. *Other 9 holes 812*

1960 ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL BOARD

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J. D. Duncan
B. Coyle
R. S. Foster

FINANCE COMMITTEE

J. D. Duncan
Wm. Baigent



N. L. McLeod, B. Coyle, J. D. Duncan, P. M. Dewan, J. T. Warden, Wm. Baigent, J. B. Mitchell, R. S. Foster, Miss W. L. Williams, D. MacKenzie, G. K. Newell, R. S. Start, Mrs. G. L. McCombe. Absent: Dr. G. Emery.

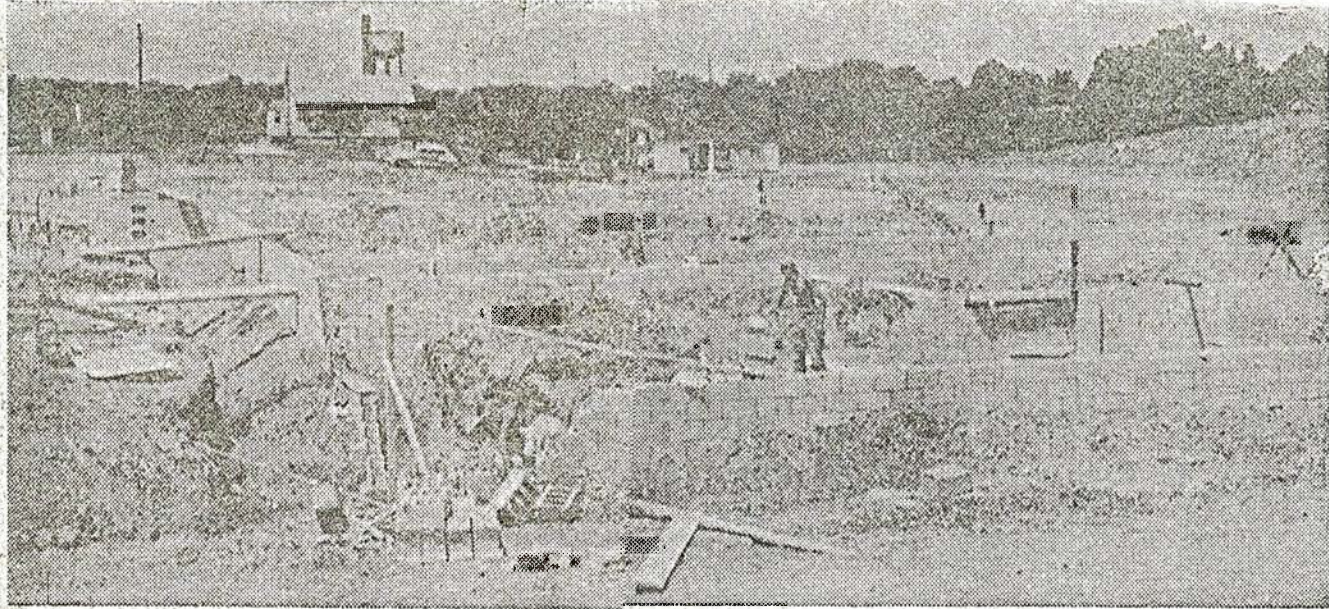
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Turkey Co-Op Plant Started

JULY 5-1962

INGERSOLL — Work has started on a new \$137,000 turkey processing plant, Sidney Henry, secretary-manager of the Ontario Turkey Growers' Co-Operative announced yesterday. *has built promised \$50,000*

Built for and by 45 grower members of an area bordered by Amherstburg, Dunnville, and Hanover, the plant will be located in Ingersoll's Westfield subdivision. *during 1962 election*

Building permit for the new plant was issued recently by G. N. Stephenson, building and plumbing inspector. Mr. Stephenson reported \$162,000 worth of permits were issued in June.

CONSTRUCTION ON the Ontario Turkey Growers Co-operative processing plant is making rapid progress. The 168 x 102 foot building is expected to be in operation by the end of August or the early part of September. The plant will have a brick front with cement block walls and will be a two storey building over the main offices. In the photo the foundations and plumbing have been installed and the photo gives a broad view of

the plant located on the corner of Chisholm Drive and Thomas streets. (Staff Photo).

TO HANDLE 1,000,000 BIRDS A YEAR

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Turkey Processing Plant Ready To Handle

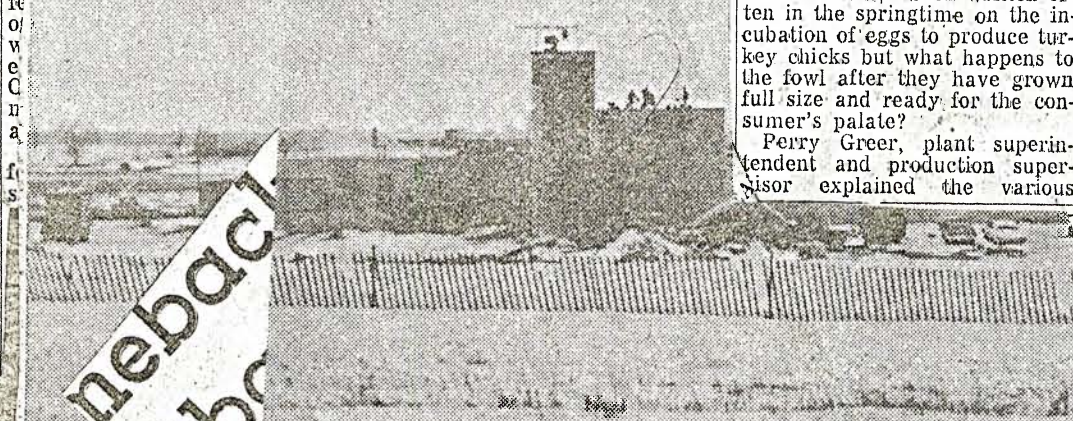
Sentinel-Review, Tues., Feb. 28, 1967

By GEORGE JANES

Optimism based on present progress pertaining to the construction of a one storey cement block building 170 by 100 feet, on part of a five acre site at the corner of Thomas street and Chisholm Drive, Westfield Sub-division, and other aspects pertaining to locating in Ingersoll, was expressed by Sidney Henry, secretary-manager of Ontario Turkey Growers Co-Operative on Friday at his temporary office in a local hotel. Mr. Henry stated that the objective is to be in production late in August or early in September.

As to the employment aspect, he said 50 persons would have work for six or seven months each year, part of whom at opening time would necessarily

have made work the interior of the building will be completed by the end of August or the early part of September. The plant will have a brick front with cement block walls and will be a two storey building over the main offices. In the photo the foundations and plumbing have been installed and the photo gives a broad view of the plant located on the corner of Chisholm Drive and Thomas streets. (Staff Photo).



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SHANTZ PROCESSING INCREASES PLANT SIZE

An expansion of the plant area to 26,000 square feet. The Ingersoll plant operates with 110 employees. More employment opportunities will develop once the plant is completed. The building program involves an extra 13,000 square feet, bringing the total between 8,000 and 10,000 turkeys are processed daily at the plant. Milo Shantz reported being completed early in the year.

Christmas Turks Getting Big Rush At Local Plant

November 30-1962

By JAMES SMITH
Ingersoll Bureau Staff

Ingersoll's newest industry is working overtime in an effort to meet the demand for Christmas turkeys for Canadian families. Over 2,500 birds are being processed daily in the Ontario Turkey Growers' processing plant in the west end of town.

Articles have been written often in the springtime on the incubation of eggs to produce turkey chicks but what happens to the fowl after they have grown full size and ready for the consumer's palate?

Perry Greer, plant superintendent and production supervisor explained the various

steps necessary to prepare the fowl for delivery to distributors in Ontario and Quebec.

Cleanliness is the key word at the processing plant, he stressed. The floors are continually washed down. The employees wear fresh white uniforms at the start of the day. All equipment in the plant is of stainless steel, including the conveyor belt that is used to transport the birds from one department to another.

Anywhere from seven to thirteen hundred turkeys are received at a time in specially designed trucks, depending whether toms or hens are being picked up at the producers' farms. These trucks have 120 cages which are used to bring the birds to the factory, from a radius of 100 miles around the surrounding district.

The turkeys are unloaded by taking each individual bird and hanging it upside down on the conveyor belt, where it is taken into the killing room. From there on, the bird goes to a hot water bath to soften the feathers. By the use of special machinery, the feathers are stripped from the fowl by two sets of revolving brushes, leaving only the pin feathers to be picked out by women employees.

The birds, after leaving the killing and picking department, move on the conveyors to the eviscerating room.

The conveyor line full of turkeys moving at a slow pace then goes to the chilling room, where the birds are placed in large containers and packed with ice for 24 hours. This, Mr. Greer explains, makes the flesh more firm and easier to work with when placing the fowl in plastic containers.

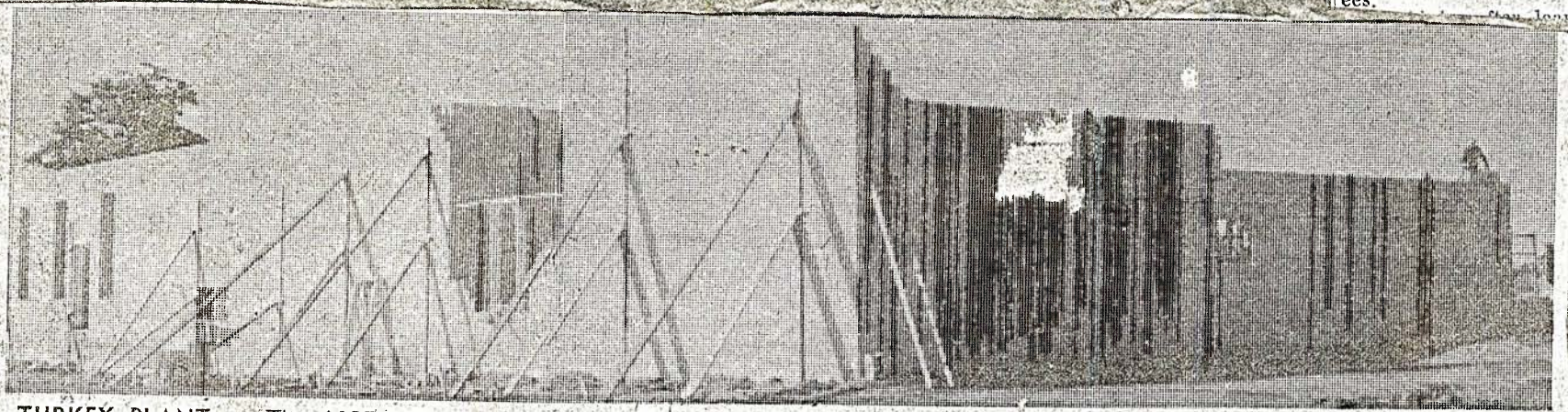
FINAL GRADING

Next step in preparing the fowl for the Canadian market is to grade each bird either "A" or "B" or "utility". In packaging each bird the giblets are placed in the interior and the fowl is sealed in a plastic bag by a vacuum machine to take all air from inside the turkey and bag. To ensure there are no leaks or tears in the plastic containers, they are given another inspection.

Following inspection, the birds are dropped into a zero-degree brine tank and are quick-frozen. Weighing and placing in a cardboard container and marking the grade of bird inside is the next step.

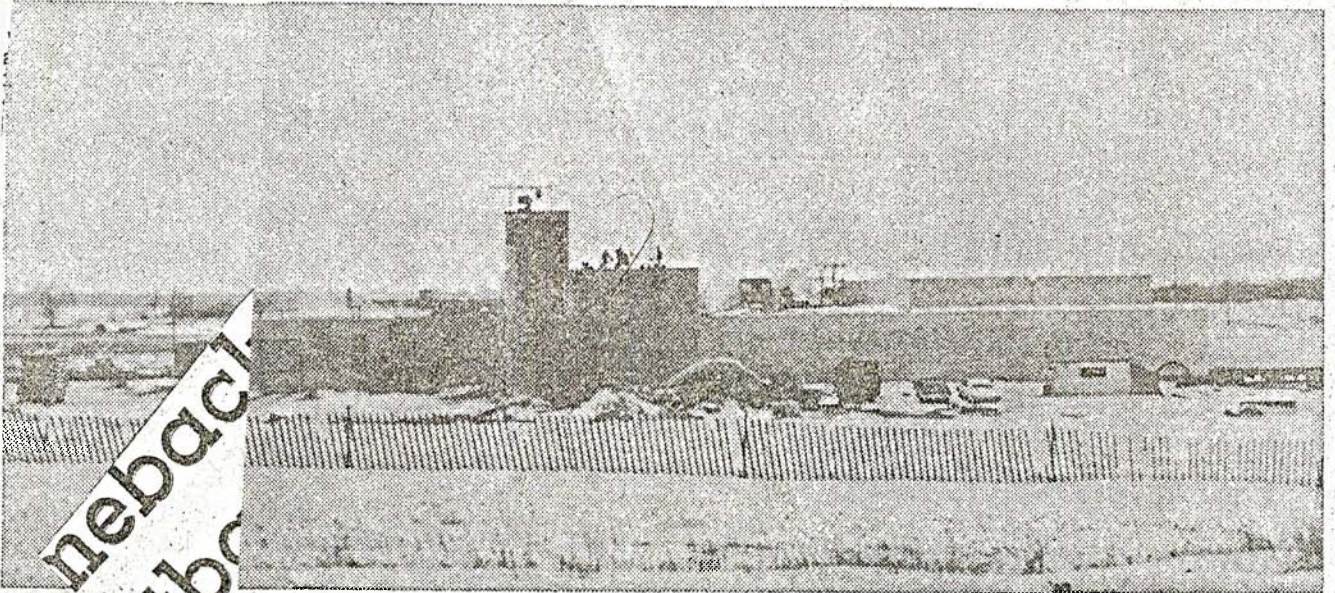
The fowl are then placed in the storage room, where the temperature is kept 10 degrees below zero, to wait shipment to the distributors and chain stores.

The final step is left to the homemaker who will prepare the turkey for the Christmas table.



TURKEY PLANT — The \$137,000 Ontario Turkey Producers Co-operative processing plant in Ingersoll is nearing completion and production is expected to begin by early September. The plant will employ about 20 persons.

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SHANTZ PROCESSING INCREASES PLANT SIZE

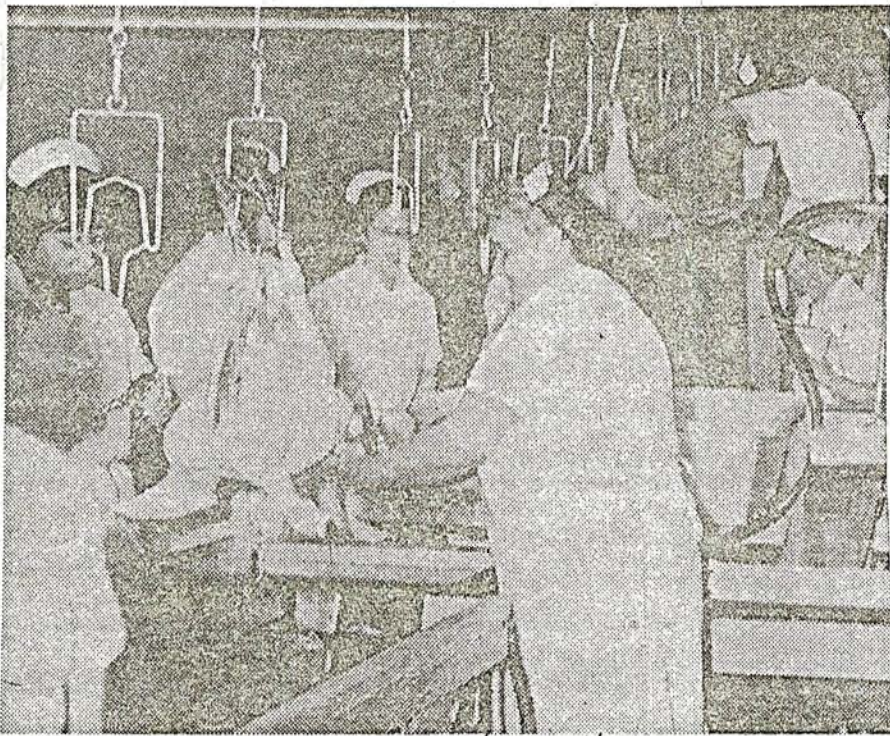
An expansion of the plant is expected to double production at Shantz Processing Ltd., Milo Shantz reported be-

between 8,000 and 10,000 turkeys are processed daily at the plant. The building program involves an extra 13,000 square feet, bringing the total

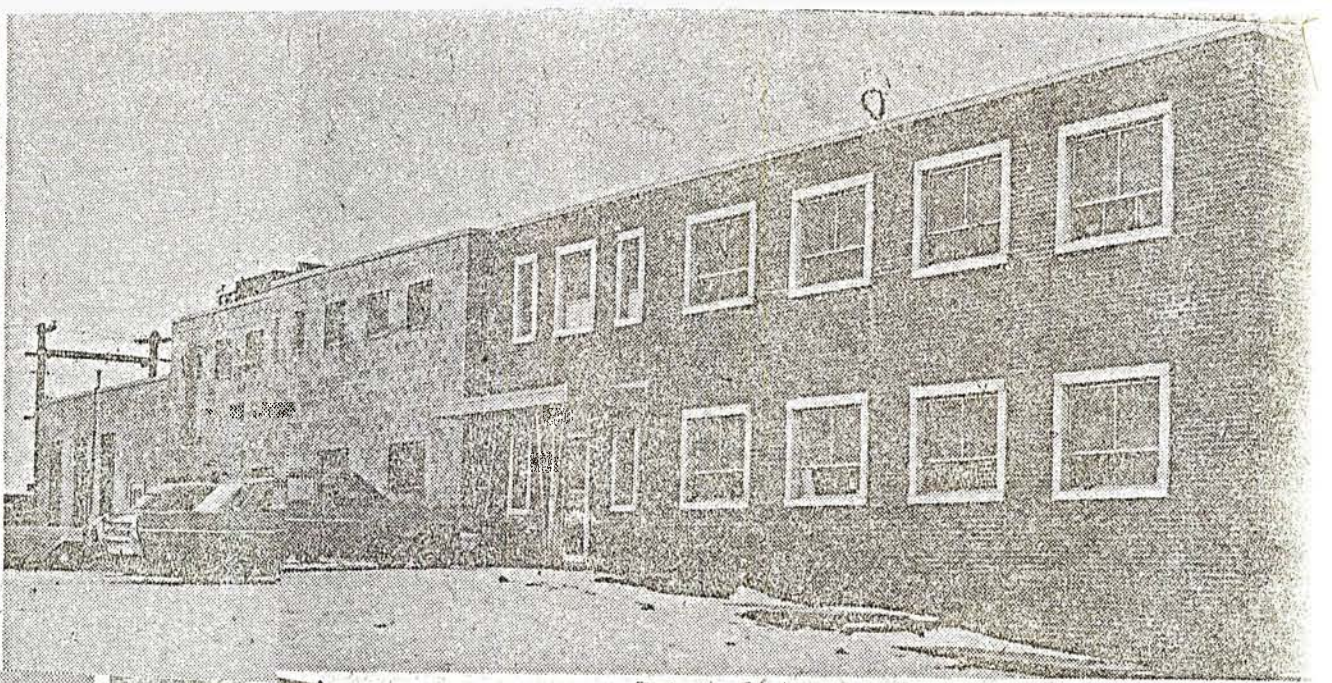
plant area to 26,000 square feet. The Ingersoll plant operates with 110 employees. More employment opportunities will develop once the plant is

completed, Mr. Shantz said. Toronto is the biggest outlet for the produce although shipments are made to all points in Ontario.

PROCESS MORE THAN 2,500 BIRDS EVERY DAY



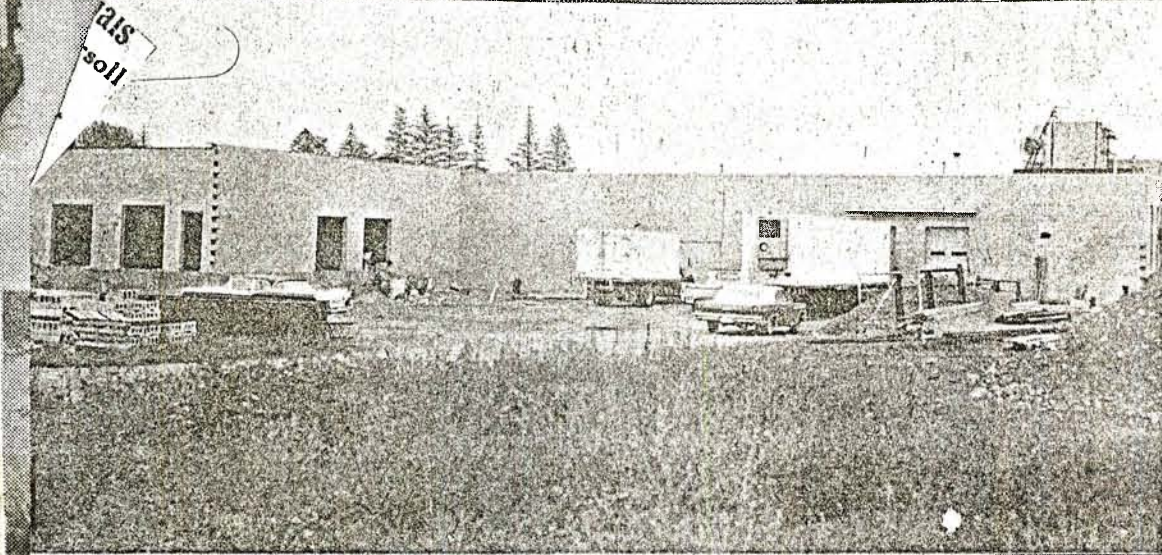
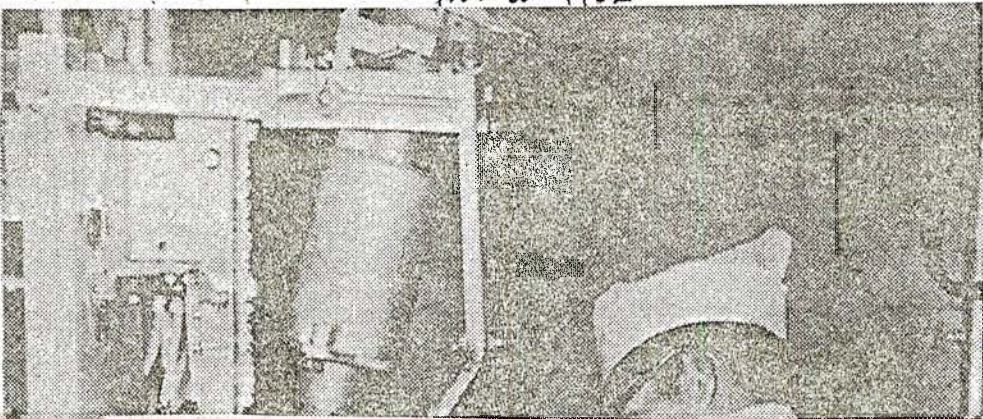
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TURKEY PLANT — This \$137,000 turkey plant for the Ontario Turkey Growers' Co-Operative was Ingersoll's largest industrial project for 1962. Located near the Westfield subdivision, the plant was completed last fall and started production prior to the Christmas season. It is completely equipped to process and package poultry.

*July 1963
The turkey plant was sold to Mills Sharkey of Schenberg.*



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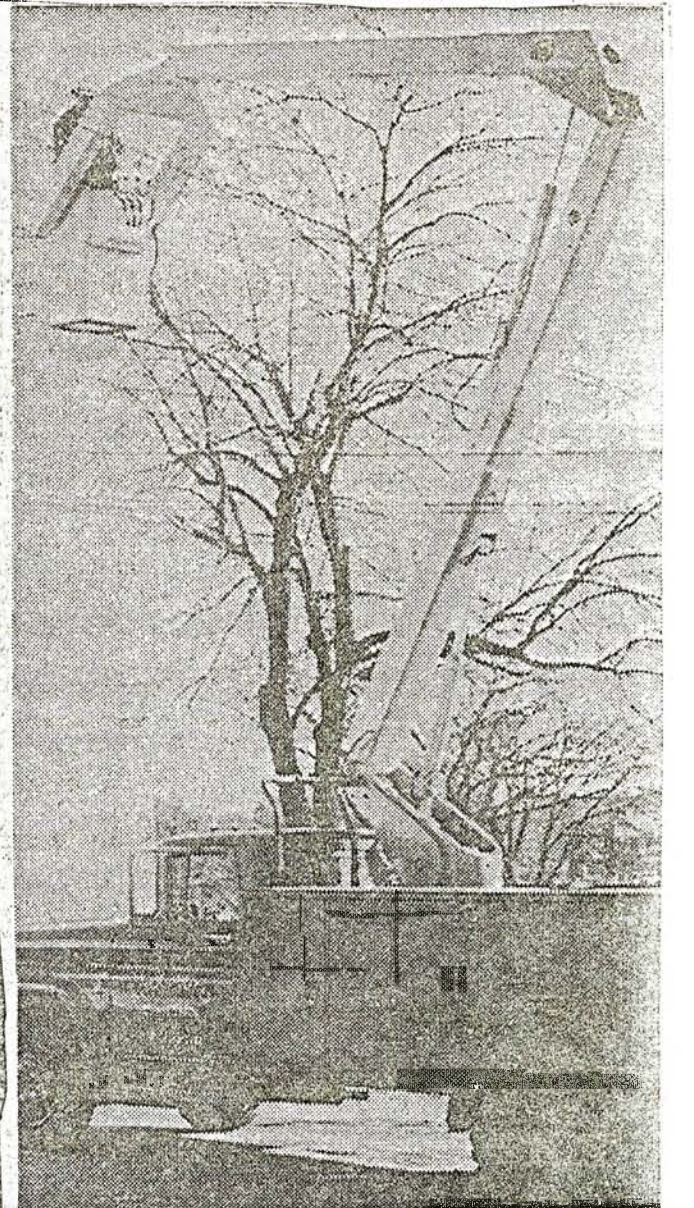
A 75,000 addition to the Shantz Processing Company will enlarge the turkey processing operation and also include a freezer unit. The addition pictured above joins the present plant at the north east corner. The plant which located here over a year ago employs close to 100 persons.

MORE THAN 2,500 turkeys are processed daily at the Ontario Turkey Growers plant in the west end of town. Seventy-eight employees of Ingersoll's newest industry are working overtime to ensure that there will be enough birds to go around at the festive

season. When the turkeys leave the eviscerating room UPPER PHOTO they are completely cleaned. As they move along the conveyor line all internal parts are removed and the birds are cleaned and washed, ready for the chilling room. The next stage of the

operation is seen in the LOWER photo, where Peter Searles using a vacuum machine, removes all air from within the bird, enclosed in a plastic bag, before it is given a quick freeze treatment in zero degree brine and placed in storage. (Staff photos).

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New Equipment For PUC Work

A hydraulic bucket truck used for street lighting, tree trimming and hot line work was added to the equipment of Ingersoll Public Utilities Commission.

The truck, of unique design, features a moveable elbow that can revolve in all directions and extend to 40 foot working height if necessary.

C. V. MacLachlan, PUC manager said the operator of the unit has complete control of the truck while in the air. He pointed out that the vehicle, parked in an inaccessible position can, by manipulation of the controls the bucket operator, move the brooms up and down so as to work on both sides of hydro wire.

The unit features a steel lower boom while the upper arm is made of fiberglass which is extra protection for the operator. Should the boom come in contact with a live wire, it would be insulated from the ground. Mr. MacLachlan said the usual procedure in handling live wires will remain the same regardless of the insulated boom. DEC. 21 - 1962.

April & May 1963. The Cold Storage building at C.P.R. Station siding demolished by Community Destruction Co. of Dorchester.

Mar. 18 - 1963. Wm Blair Walker appointed as Tax collector to succeed the late John Fleet.

Street lighting and tree trimming are only a few of the services this new PUC hydraulic bucket truck can accomplish. The unit besides revolving will extend to a working height of forty feet and is completely controlled by the operator in the vehicle's bucket high above the ground. In the photo Jack Lewis PUC foreman demonstrates the unit in working on the other side of hydro wire with the machine. (Staff Photo)