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# Reeve Gehring Says It Was A Good Year In South Norwich

OTTERVILLE - 1970 was characterized as a good year by South Norwich Reeve Stanley Gehring.

As an example, he mentioned the township's ability to lower the mill rate by two mills this past year. He warned, however, that rising education costs might prevent further reductions in the future.

Reeve Gehring also felt the decision of the Oxford County School Board's arbitration committee to re-imburse the township better than \$15,000 was a substantial financial and

moral victory in the fight against rising education costs. The arbitration committee's report was submitted at township council's last meeting of the year on December 28.

What is the main development residents of South Norwich might look for in the future?

Reeve Gehring said he intends to recommend to township council that South Norwich join the Oxford County Planning Board.

He pointed out that the department of municipal affairs is pressing for the

creation of an official plan for every municipality in the province. Rather than have an official plan forced on the township by the provincial authorities and rather than going to the expense of preparing their own plan, Mr. Gehring thinks it a good idea to apply for membership under the coverage of the Oxford County Planning Board.

Under the Oxford planning board, South Norwich would control their own building programs and if zoning were required, special petition to the planning board could be made.

"We have to have a plan one way or the other," said Reeve Gehring, "and it is my opinion that joining the county planning board is the cheapest and most reasonable way of obtaining one."

Membership in the Oxford Planning Board would cost substantially less than the approximately \$8,000 the township's own official plan would cost to prepare.

Another highlight of the year in South Norwich was the manner in which the township road schedule was completed.

The Roads Department had a busy year in 1970 undertaking an energetic improvement program.

The road between lots 10 and 14 on the 10th concession was set up,

regraded and graveled in 1969 at a cost of \$9,500. This year it was finished with a double seal coat costing \$8,000.

A double seal coat was put on the Cornell Road at a cost of \$11,800 last year and was tarred and chipped in 1970 at a cost of \$4,000.

1970 also saw the road between lots 22 and 28 on the 10th concession from Rock Mills to Five Points regraded, graveled and set up. This cost approximately \$20,000. The 12th concession in the Gore of South Norwich underwent the same treatment and cost \$9,000.

A new county bridge was built on the 6th concession between the Townships of South and North Norwich. South Norwich's share of this project was \$3,000.

Plans are now being drawn up for a new bridge north of Otterville and south of the 7th concession to be built in 1971.

The Coal Road south of Otterville was tarred and chipped this year at a cost of \$1,200.

A new tractor and mower was purchased by the township roads department this year at a cost of \$4,000. It is expected that a new truck will have to be purchased this year.

Two drains were re-constructed in the township during 1970. The Mills Drain between lots 14 and 19 on the 12th concession at a cost of \$11,432 and the Quinton Drain between lots 14 and 19 on the 7th and 8th concessions at a cost of \$9,829.

A total of \$20,923 was spent on the repair of drains. Clarence Stover is South Norwich's drainage commissioner.

South Norwich's population dropped in 1970 from 3,208 in 1969 to 3,141. The assessment, however, went up to \$5,675,178 from \$5,398,102 last year.

The tax bill was

school boards claimed a total of \$273,681. Clerk Merlin Howse pointed out that in 1969 the school board levy was \$221,993.

The South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department answered 34 alarms from November 1, 1969 to October 31, 1970. This was a decrease of nine from the years 1968 to 1969.

There were two house fires, four business fires, three barn fires, six kiln fires, nine grass fires, five car fires and a chimney fire.

There are 17 firefighters on the force and they spent a total 460 man hours fighting fires, a decrease of 103½ hours from last year.



This is South Norwich's township council for the next two years. From left: councillor, George Davis; deputy-reeve, William Martin; road superintendent, Elmer Almost; reeve, Stanley Gehring; clerk, Merlin Howse; and councillors Jack Walther and Roger Moore. (News-Record Photo)

## South Norwich To Get \$26,032 From Board

OTTERVILLE (C) — South Norwich Township will receive \$26,032 from the Oxford County Board of Education as a result of an arbitration committee's report submitted to council at their last regular meeting December 28.

Township council had requested the arbitration committee be formed because it was felt public school supporters in South Norwich should be re-imbursed for bus transportation as the previous township school board had fully paid for their buses and garage while other boards in the county supplied no bus transportation for the pupils.

to contact Clarence Stover to have him inspect and report to council on the Collver and Bauslaugh drains as requested by two taxpayers.

Council decided to petition the Department of Highways for a supplementary bylaw of \$4,000 for 1970.

A resolution was passed that a six month leave of absence be granted to Frank Finch, deputy chief of the Otterville Volunteer Fire Department, at his usual salary and previous privileges.

Council decided to give \$450 to the Springford Ball Park.

A resolution was passed that deputy returning officers at municipal elections be paid \$20 and poll clerks \$12.

# Innisfree Farm Slated To Open Doors January 16 <sup>1971</sup>

By Chris Thomas

OTTERVILLE — A rather unique piece of architecture has taken shape on the 8th Concession of South Norwich Township about three and a half miles

east of Otterville.

Set far off the road and on the crest of a hill, the angularly designed building seems slightly out of place among the unimaginative square barns and farmhouses that dot the area.

But it is not really the architecture that is unique, it is what will be going on in the building and what it represents.

Innisfree Farm has been established as a tribute to the famous Canadian teacher and scholar Harold Innis. The site of Innisfree is the home farm of the Innis family.

The new building on the Innis farm is intended to provide an environment in which the teachings and spirit of Harold Innis can be practised. It promises to be an exciting venture.

A respected academic (Innis College, the newest of six undergraduate colleges on the University of Toronto's St. George campus, was named in his honor) Professor Innis gained an international reputation through his work on Canadian history and political economy.

He undertook a "commitment to the enduring values of liberal arts, free inquiry and scholarship", and it is this commitment that Innisfree Farm will strive to meet.

The Harold Innis Foundation was formed in 1969 by friends and associates of Professor Innis to foster his interests and aims. Innisfree Farm is the foundation's greatest project.

Costing in the neighbourhood of \$80,000, the new building includes a large, informal conference room, sleeping facilities for 24 persons and kitchen and laundry facilities as well as a collection of works by and about Harold Innis.

It is the intention of the foundation and Innis College to hold at least fifteen meetings during the academic year. Students, in the quiet and informal setting of the farm, will get together with teachers and scholars. Dialogue and an exchange of ideas will be stressed.

The conference center at Innisfree will operate year round and will be available to academic, business and other groups throughout the summer and whenever it is not being used by Innis College or the foundation during the school year.

"The concept behind Innisfree Farm is open-ended to permit a variety of uses," says Barry Napier. Barry and his wife, Wendy, are both university students who are living at Innisfree. They make arrangements for the groups who will visit the Farm as

well as "making sure no one walks off with the place."

The Napiers have lived in the farmhouse adjacent to the new structure for the past year. Perhaps unintentionally, they have become an "advance guard" for the project.

Generally, they have found that people in the area are "interested" in what is going on at Innisfree.

Bob Scott, a pharmacist in Norwich and a director of the Harold Innis Foundation, has played an active role in the Innisfree Farm project. He has encouraged local people to visit the farm and see first-hand what is going on.

Innisfree will perhaps be "a nucleus for disseminating ideas", say the Napiers. They see the project as a reflection of Harold Innis' preference for the learning environment of the traditional community of scholars.

They hasten to add that Innisfree will not be totally isolated from the activities of this area. It will not be an ivory tower haunted by intellectuals, but a gathering place and forum for discussing ideas that will effect us all.

The Napiers would like the community to become

involved with the project and they hope to see public participation in programs at Innisfree that are opened to the public.

The concept behind Innisfree Farm is an engaging one. It promises to create in South Norwich Township and surrounding area an atmosphere that should prove to be educational and entertaining.

One of the major reasons for establishing Innisfree in a rural setting is to gain perspectives that may be lost in the urban university environment. It will also allow students and academics the opportunity to sound out ideas and opinions from persons living in rural Ontario.

Innisfree Farm is scheduled to open its doors on January 16 to what will hopefully prove to be a successful future.

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Definitely not to be mistaken for a new barn, the modern architecture of the Innisfree Farm, located about three miles east of Otterville, will accommodate a wide range of academic discourse. Built by the Harold Innis Foundation in conjunction with the University of Toronto's Innis College, Innisfree Farm will be used as a conference centre and retreat by students and various other groups. (News-Record Photo)

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Glen Rohrer of R.R.1, Straffordville, was best man for his brother. Ken Penner of Glen Meyer, friend of the groom, and Dave Mayos of Waterford, brother of the bride, were ushers. David Thompson of R.R.3, Langton, nephew of the groom, was ring-bearer. They wore identical, white jackets and black trousers, as did the groom.

Mother of the bride wore a mauve, street-length dress with white and mauve accessories. Mother of the groom wore a cream, street-length dress with navy accessories.

A wedding supper was served in the church parlour by the Brownsville UCW, unit 2. A dance followed at the Tillsonburg Recreation Centre for about 150 guests.

For their wedding trip, the bride changed into a white lace, long-sleeved hot pant outfit. The collar and sleeve cuff were both trimmed with little green and mauve flowers. The couple spent a few days in Niagara Falls and surrounding area. They now reside at 41B Park Ave., Delhi.



Mrs. Helen Thompson of RR 1 Norwich, who was recently elected District Deputy Rebekah President of East St. Thomas District No. 17.

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MR. AND MRS. FRANK HENRY EARL ROHRER

# Rohrer - Mayos

Marie Ilene Mayos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George William Mayos of Brownsville, recently became the bride of Frank Henry Earl Rohrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rohrer of R.R.1, Straffordville. The double-ring ceremony took place in the Brownsville United Church on June 26, 1971, with Rev. George Cardy officiating.

Miss Sally McLean of Brownsville, friend of the bride, was soloist, singing "Whither Thou Goest", "Wedding Prayer" and "Because". Mrs. Dick Burn of Brownsville was organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length, empire-waisted

gown of arnel sharkskin. The bodice, bell-shaped sleeves and train, were all in lace, trimmed with tiny pearls and sequins.

Mrs. Tom Foreman of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride, was matron of honour. Mrs. Fred Mayos of Springfield, sister-in-law of the bride, and Mrs. Howard Mudford of Langton, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids. Miss Carrie-Lynn Mayos of Tillsonburg, niece of the bride, was flower-girl. They wore identical, floor-length, empire-waisted gowns of pink peau de charme. The sleeves were bell-shaped, trimmed with Heidi lace, and matching lace also accented the bodice.

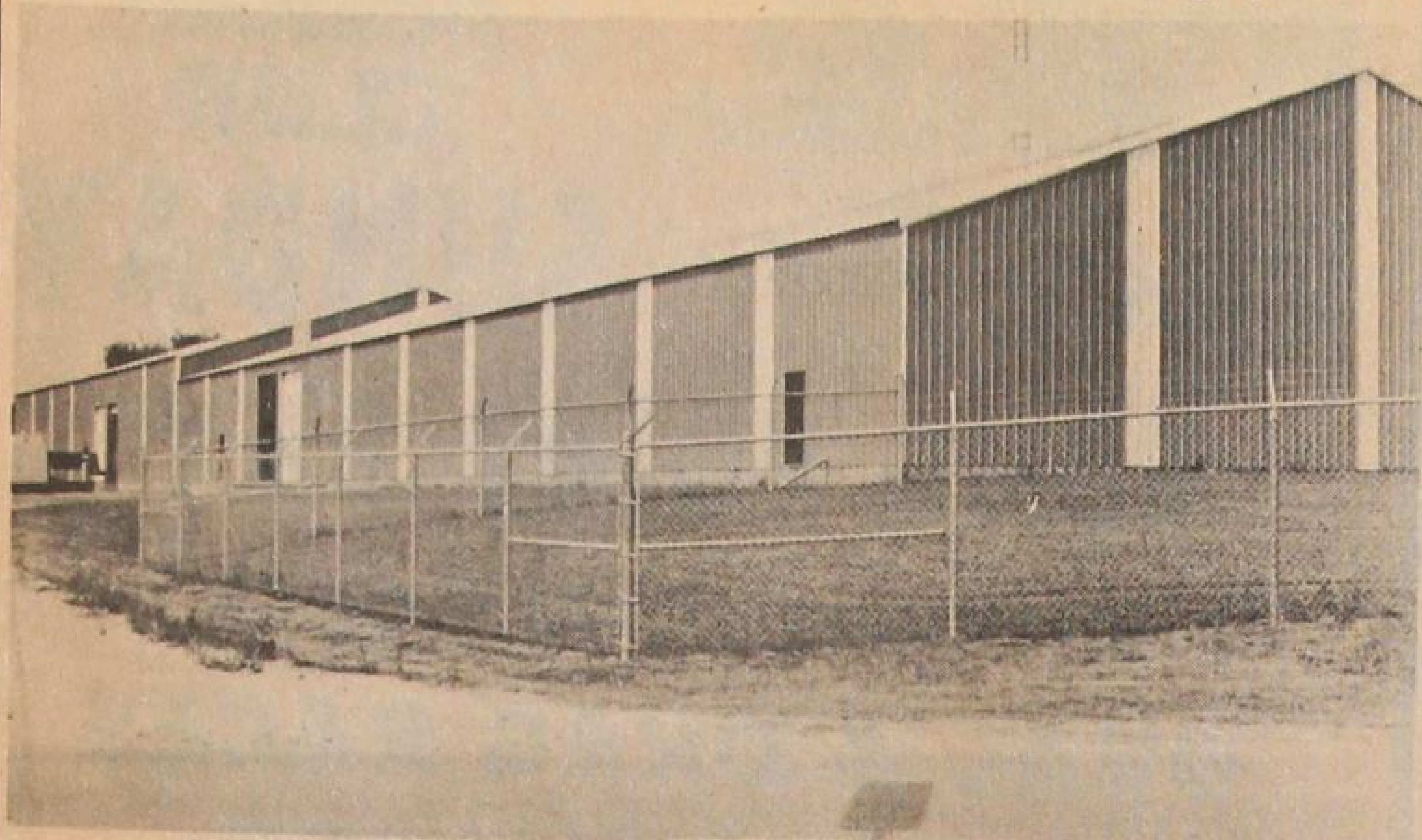


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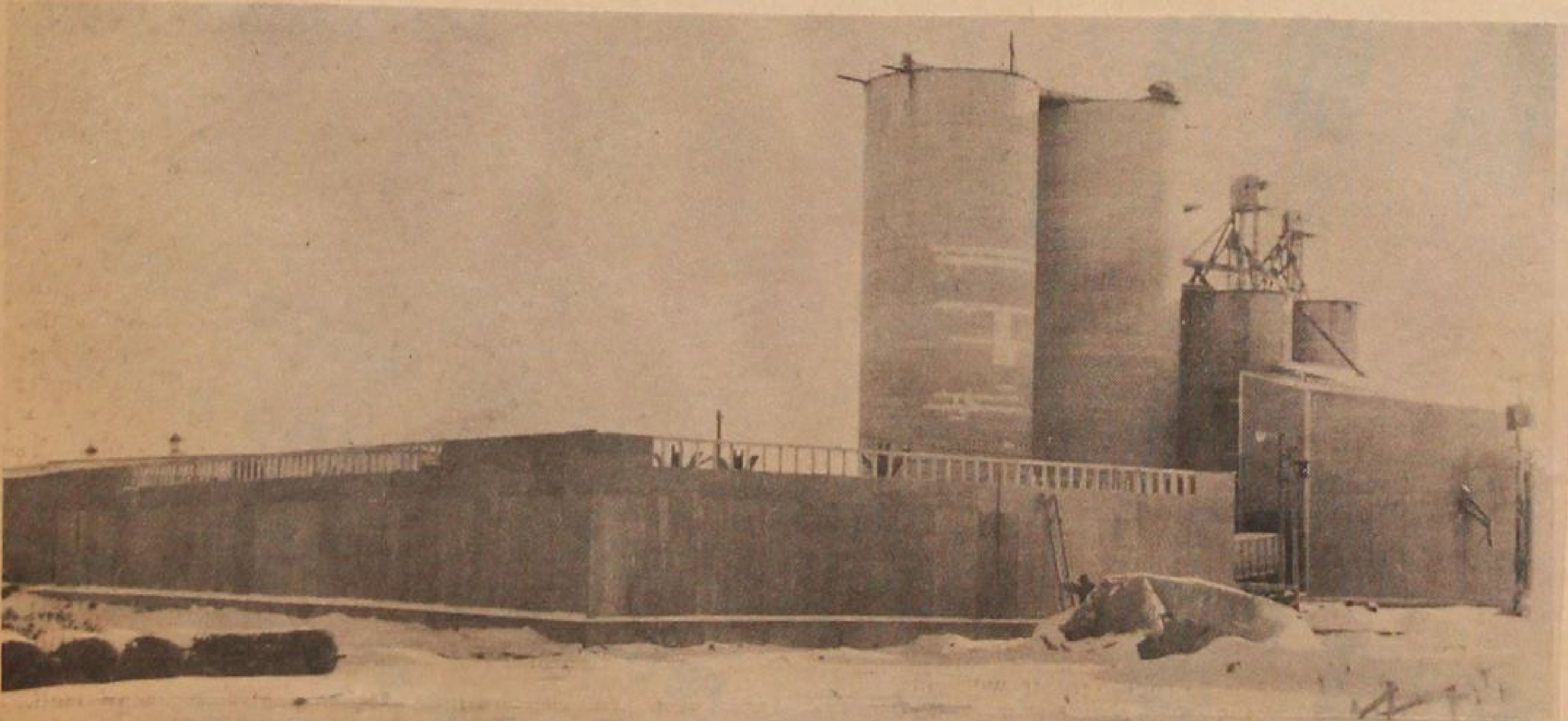
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Master Feeds of Springford built a \$60,000 warehouse this past year and are planning a further expansion program totalling \$200,000. The future developments will include a blending plant, additional storage silos and a corn-dryer converter. The new additions are designed to answer increased business demands. A.W. (Hap) Smith is manager at Master Feeds. (News-Record Photo)



## Dr. Mary Lois Batson

OTTERVILLE (C) - Dr. Mary Lois Batson, a third generation of dentists in her family, passed away at her home in Otterville on Wednesday, January 6, 1971, in her 68th year. The former Mary Lois Adams, she was an esteemed resident of the village, to which she came 43 years ago, where she practiced dentistry having graduated from Dental College in Toronto in 1926. She then practiced for one year at Rochester, N.Y., at the Eastman - Kodak Dental Clinic.

Interested and active in many organizations in the village and district, she was

a member of the Otterville United Church; Norwich Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of which she was a past Worthy Matron; Otterville Women's Institute, of which she was a past president; Norwich Curling Club; Norwich Lawn Bowling Club; and the Oxford County Art Club. She attended all these as long as her health permitted.

Confined to her home for the past several months, she had been receiving 24-hour nursing care.

Surviving, besides her husband, Dr. Harold Batson, are two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Joyce) Pettigrew of R. R. 1, Springfield, and Mrs. Joseph (Frances) Darkes of Preston; one sister, Mrs. J. R. Gill of Toronto; two brothers, Dr. Cameron Adams of Toronto and Douglas Adams of Renfrew; and 8 grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Edith Adams and Dr. Dora Hare, and two brothers, Dr. Franklin Adams and David Adams.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville. Service will be conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach on Saturday, January 9, at 2 p.m. in the Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

ember 29, 1903, he came to Harrow, Ontario in 1927. Following a year there he moved to Kitchener, where he remained for 10 years. In 1938 he moved to the Langton area where he grew tobacco, retiring to Tillsonburg in 1956. He was a son of the late John Zei and the late Margaret Muller.

He was a member of St. Mary's R. C. Church; a charter member of the Tillsonburg Knights of Columbus Council, No. 3213; and a member of Delhi District German Home.

Surviving are his wife, the former Katherine Muller; one son, Andrew Zei of R. R. 6, Tillsonburg; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Schweitzer of R. R. 6, Simcoe; eight grandchildren; his stepmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Zei in Hungary and a step sister, Mrs. Andrew (Margaret) Kremer of Hungary. A son, Peter Zei, Jr., predeceased him in July 1969.

Resting at the H. D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Langton, until Saturday morning, thence to Sacred Heart R. C. Church, Langton for High Mass at 10 a.m. sung by Rev. Fr. J. Brisson.

Knights of Columbus prayers will be said at the Funeral Home Friday evening at 7:30, led by Chaplain Rev. Fr. J. Mate, followed by public prayers at 8 o'clock.

Interment in the family plot at Sacred Heart R. C. Cemetery, Langton.

Donations to the Heart Foundation may be made at the funeral home and would be greatly appreciated by the family.

## Dr. Lois Batson

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OTTERVILLE (C) — A large number of residents of Otterville and from many places in Ontario in all walks of life gathered at United Church, Otterville, for the funeral service and to pay respects to a highly esteemed relative and friend, the late Dr. Mary Lois Adams Batson, who passed away Wednesday, January 6, 1971. The service was held Saturday, January 9.

Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of the church, of which the deceased was a loyal member, conducted the service and in his message spoke of her many genuine qualities.

During the service Mrs. Jack Walther sang a solo, "Crossing the Bar" accompanied by organist, Mrs. William A. McMullen, who also played for the hymns led by the church choir.

Flower bearers were nurses who gave constant care during her long illness, Mrs. Durwood Spicer, Mrs. George Andrews, Mrs. Ted McElhone and Mrs. Keith Jull.

Pallbearers were Dr. G. M. Downing, Dr. C. A. Richards, Dr. Carl Smith, Erle Pow, Howard Sampson and Claude Morrison.

There were many donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and to the Gideon Society, in lieu of flowers.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Nelson F. Gleason funeral home.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

## St. John's Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C) *Jan 11/71*

Annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church, was held Monday evening in the parish hall. Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. Herring.

Carl Howse was appointed vestry clerk.

The Rector gave his report. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Carl Howse, also the budget report was given stating that the full Missionary apportionment was paid for 1970. *Jan 11/71*

The Ladies Guild report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer; the St. John's Church club was read by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; president; Sunday school by Carl Howse, superintendent; Chancel Guild by Mrs. J. W. Riste; cemetery board by Mr. Carl Howse, Election of officers results as follows: Mr. Jack Freeland, Rector's Warden; Mr. Jack Riste, People's Warden; lay delegate to Synod, Mrs. Emma Strudwick; alternates, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. D. Spicer; church treasurer, Mrs. Carl Howse, also budget secretary; Rector's board of management, Arthur Picknell, Miss Edna Furlong, August DeWachter, Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. D. Spicer, Larry Howse, and Paul Wavell; people's board of management, R. Saunders, Nate McMullen, Paul Howse, Merlin Howse, Keith Howse, Jr., Mrs. L. Armstrong, Tim Moore, and Reginald Wavell; Sunday school superintendent, re-appointed Mr. Carl Howse; organists, Mrs. Nate McMullen; assistant, Mrs. Jack Freeland; Chancel Guild, Mrs. J. W. Riste and Mrs. Fred Howse; sexton, Mr. Jack Riste.

Under new business a discussion took place for some repairs to be made to the church building and other minor repairs, an estimate to be secured for same.

One minute of silence was observed for three members who had passed away during the year.

The Rector spoke briefly and Mr. Carl Howse thanked all who came and helped in any way during the year.

Meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring and a social time was enjoyed.

## Mrs. Fred Howse Heads Area Anglican Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Fred Howse was elected president of St. John's Anglican church Guild at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Officers for the year are honorary president, Mrs. H. Herring; past president, Mrs. Harold Durkee; president, Mrs. Fred Howse; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. Charles Mann; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; auditors, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong.

Mrs. Howse presided for the meeting. Roll call was in charge of the secretary. Material was handed out for sewing, and a donation was given to the family who lost their possessions and home through fire. *Jan 11/71*

Cards were signed for shut-in friends.

Miss Edna Furlong invited members to her home for the next meeting.

The hostess was assisted in serving a lovely lunch and a social time completed the afternoon.

## Earnest William Freeland

Earnest William Freeland, a highly respected resident of Mount Elgin, passed away in District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, on Thursday, January 21, 1971, in his 85th year.

Mr. Freeland was a native of England, coming to Canada in 1913 where he lived at Springford for a time later, moving to the 6th Concession where he was engaged in farming. He was a member of the St. Charles Anglican Church, Dereham Township.

Besides his widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Tom (Thelma) Williams of Dundas, a son Sidney (Jack) Freeland of Otterville, a brother, Albert, in England and two grandsons. He was predeceased by seven brothers and two sisters.

Funeral service was held on Monday, January 25 from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, and was very largely attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. Herring, rector of St. Charles Anglican Church, assisted by La. Reader Jack Riste of St. John's Anglican Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist for the service.

There were lovely floral tributes, among them being from St. Charles Church, St. John's Anglican Church. The neighbours at Mount Elgin, and many "in memoriam cards" for donations to Gideon Bibles, Canadian

Cancer, Heart Foundation and Huron Hunger Fund. *1971*

Pallbearers were Edward Monk, Fred Williams, William Cole, Harry Manning, Ralph Williams and Frank Lohuis.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

## Shirley Ann Lawson

Mrs. Douglas Lawson of Courtland passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, January 23, 1971, in her 30th year.

Born in Tillsonburg, December 2, 1941, she was a daughter of Mrs. Iva (Rutherford) Speirs of R. R. 2, Tillsonburg, and the late Ernest Speirs (1962). She was formerly employed at IGA stores in Tillsonburg and Delhi.

Surviving, besides her husband and her mother, are three sisters, Mrs. Glen (Elizabeth) Cosby of Delhi, Mrs. George (Edith) Lawson of RR 2, Tillsonburg, and Mrs. John (Margaret) Esseltine of Brownsville; and two brothers, Robert Speirs of St. Thomas and David Speirs of Courtland.

One brother, James Speirs, predeceased her in 1965.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Tuesday, January 26, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated by the family.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Shirley Lawson wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindness, flowers, cards and donations to the Canadian Cancer Society in the loss of a wife, daughter and sister. Special thanks to the first floor South Nursing Staff, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Dr. McDermid, Dr. Hevenor, Mrs. E. Stanfield, the volunteer ladies of the Oxford Branch of the Can. Cancer Society, Rev. Arthur Hencher, and the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home. — Mr. Doug Lawson, Mrs. Iva Speirs and Family. *Feb-1971*

## MRS. SHIRLEY ANN LAWSON

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Douglas Lawson of Courtland who passed away on January 23, 1971, was held at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on January 26 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church.

Pallbearers were Jack Scriver, Gene White, Donald Wolf, George Trottier, Maurice Verhoeve and Charles Keith.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

# Firm plans to market combines for tobacco

Jan 15/71

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — An Otterville firm plans to market \$12,000 tobacco harvesting combines and sales have the apparent approval of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Board.

Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., plans to sell three combines soon for use during the 1971 harvesting season. The machines are designed to eliminate the number of workers on tobacco farms now required for hand-priming.

R. W. Wilson, of South Carolina, vice-president of the Otterville firm's parent company, told tobacco growers here Thursday that combines this year will be manufactured to order. He said the combines are being used successfully in the U.S.

The tobacco board's chairman, George A. Demeyere of Tillsonburg, said Thursday night he's convinced the board will approve use of the combines in the interest of modernizing the method of harvesting.

The U.S. company Mr. Wilson said, plans to build 10 to 15 combines this year. With the combine and the company's method of bulk curing, tobacco farms can eliminate eight primers and only two kilns would be required for curing compared to the present five to eight kilns.

The combines that Mr. Wilson described move through tobacco fields at two or three m.p.h. and cover almost 6½-acres daily harvesting about 3,800 pounds of tobacco leaves.

He said the combines require a driver, transporter and kiln crew of two persons eliminating six to 11 workers. Studies conducted last year in North Carolina, said Mr. Wilson, showed that combine-primed tobacco leaves sold for 1½-cents less per pound compared to hand-primed tobacco.

The Otterville firm expects delivery of the combines by mid-February. Last August, the London firm of Eagle Machine Co. Ltd., demonstrated a mechanical harvesting machine for local tobacco farmers in fields south of London. One farmer observed then that such a machine could pay for itself in two years on a 30-

Free Press Jan 18/71  
Stop sign legal

I was charged with failing to stop at a stop sign in the hamlet of Springford last November. As I was in Woodstock the same day, I paid the fine. The next day I was in Springford and a couple of local residents told me not to pay the fine since the sign is an illegal one. People have been charged there before and beat it in court.

James E. Reeves, RR 2, Norwich.

Sorry to disappoint you but that is a legal stop sign, erected at the intersection of Oxford County Roads 13 and 19 in the village of Springford by authority of a bylaw passed by county council and in accordance with regulations of the Highway Traffic Act. Further, county engineer Donald L. Pratt has checked with Tillsonburg OPP and police can recall no instance where a court has ever held that sign to be illegal. It was not erected for the purpose of trapping unsuspecting motorists, so the village locals will have to talk about something else in 1971.

## OF FRIENDS AND SNOWMOBILES

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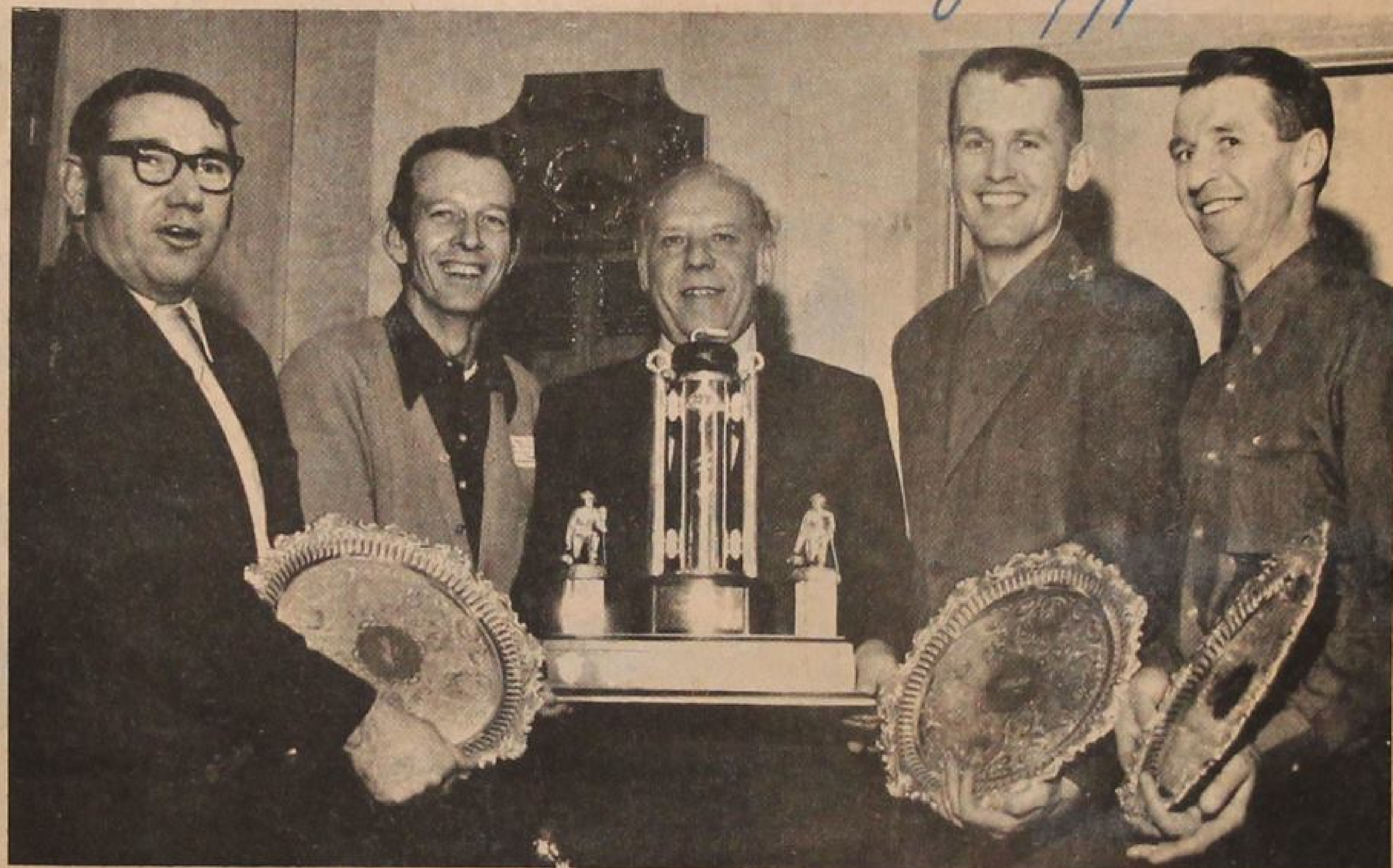
The Editor: This is a note of thanks and appreciation to a great group of fellows. The story— last Tuesday, February 26, the day of the big storm, we bought 197 feeder cattle in Toronto and brought 20 home by truck. Jack, the truck and cattle spent six long hours on the way from Toronto and ended up, tired but thankful, cattle in a beautiful empty barn at Glen Kitchen's farm, north of Curries, and Jack in a warm hospitable home.

The remaining cattle were to come by train to Springford on Wednesday. By some crazy coincidence the train became snow-stalled, almost directly behind Gary's barn. Wednesday morning, if pulled out, its orders were to return

to Brantford with our three carloads of cattle. They would have been in sad shape after so long without water and food. A trip by snowmobile to the train, a phone call, and in short order approximately 20 men and their snowmobiles were here from Otterville, Springford, even one from Woodstock! They unloaded the cattle from the train, drove them through the field and safely into the barn.

It would have been impossible to have done this without their help, and we would quite possibly have lost some of our cattle.

Our very grateful thanks to these fellows and our neighbours for their help. The Jack Walther Family R. R. 1, Otterville



Second event and the Heath Trophy in the Tobacco Belt Bonspiel went to a London entry. Roy Saxby of Heath's is shown

presenting the trophy to John Brennan, Ted Procnier, Al Keating and John Davis.

TUES. JAN 19, 1971



Fire early Tuesday destroyed the Otterville butcher store and an apartment above, causing more than

\$30,000 damage. South Norwich Township firemen kept the fire from spreading.

## Baby's wail awakens family as fire hits Otterville store

**Free Press Woodstock Bureau**  
OTTERVILLE — The discomfoting wail of eight-month old David Buchanan awoke his parents in time to flee a fire which destroyed their apartment over an Otterville butcher store early Tuesday morning.

Robert Buchanan, father of the boy, investigated a smell of smoke with Fred Pinnoy, owner of the building and op-

erator of the butcher and grocery store business.

Mr. Pinnoy said at first "you could smell smoke, but you couldn't see any."

He said Mr. Buchanan called the fire department after going around the building three times and discovering smoke pouring from the ceiling at the back of the store.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan escaped with only a partially

filled box of clothing and jewelry.

Mr. Pinnoy praised the South Norwich Fire Department for keeping the fire from spreading to the carport of an adjoining store about four feet away and a service station about 20 feet distant.

The firemen did a good job in the 10 degree below zero temperatures, the owner said.

Mr. Pinnoy said his own loss would be about \$30,000 in building and contents.

He said he enlarged the business to include groceries after purchasing the store 15½ years ago.

The Buchanans have taken up temporary residence with relatives in Tillsonburg, where Mr. Buchanan is employed with Livingston Industries Ltd.

# Meat Market Guttled Couple Left Homeless

An early Tuesday morning Otterville fire destroyed the meat market and grocery operated by Fred Pinnoy and left a young couple in the upstairs apartment homeless.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, who lived above the store, saved none of their personal possessions.

Walls of the frame building are still standing, but the interior was completely gutted. Mr. Pinnoy has operated the business there for 17 years.

Don Ostrander, proprietor of the Otterville Dairy Bar next door to the meat market, said Mrs. Buchanan had smelled smoke in the apartment at about 1:30 a.m. and

had wakened her husband, but no cause could be found.

Still nervous about the smoke odor, she took their baby to her mother's home

and returned. When the smoke became more evident, they called Mr. Pinnoy, who came down and went into the store.

No cause was immediately found for the smoke, but shortly flames broke out in the rear corner of the store  
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Interior of the gutted meat market owned by Fred Pinnoy, destroyed by fire early Tuesday at Otterville. Inset shows the exterior. Building and stock were a complete

loss, and tenants in the apartment above, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, with their infant son, escaped with only the clothing they were wearing.

## Benefit Night For Buchanans

OTTERVILLE (C)— Mr. and Mrs. Robert Buchanan, tenants in the apartment over the meat market owned by Fred Pinnoy who their house furnishings and personal belongings as a result of a fire, were reimbursed to a certain measure from a benefit night held in the community hall. The event was planned by several ladies of the village and was open to the public.

Reeve Stanley Gehring was chairman and Mrs. Norman McClintock, pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft showed films of their trip to the far east last summer.

Reeve Gehring invited all to visit the bake tables filled with home-made goodies which were donated.

The evening netted Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan almost \$100.

Members of the Happy Bluebird Club contributed to the treasury which has been added to the trust fund in the Royal Bank to be used in the purchase of an appliance.

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## Appreciations

Fred and Dorothy Pinnoy wish to thank all friends and neighbors who helped in any way at the time of their fire. Special thanks to the South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department, who worked in sub-zero temperatures and kept the fire from spreading to a nearby business, the Dairy Bar, Ernie Garnet's Service Station, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gleason, the Miller Restaurant, Mountain's Barber Shop, and all those who offered assistance by telephone or otherwise, a sincere thank-you.



Winter brings its own touch of beauty to the countryside. This scene at Otterville dam caught the eye of the Photographer Frank Rubie.

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Executive members of the Oxford Federation of Agriculture, elected at the annual meeting held in Woodstock Jan. 22. Seated, from left, Wilfred Bishop, secretary; Keith Turvey, 1st. vice-president; John King, president; Alan Hook, 2nd vice-president, and Mrs. Lillian Oatman, treasurer. Stan-

ding, Directors Howard Karn and Harley Buck, John Hart, 3rd vice-president; Directors Doug Lazenby, Harvey Beaty, Howard Cornwell, Mrs. Richard Brayley, Keith Buchner and Past President Elton Wilker.



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This plant, until recently owned and operated by Canadian Leaf Tobacco Co. Ltd., has been purchased by George P. Molnar, Tillsonburg business man. The property was bought from the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Trust, which had acquired it from the tobacco firm. The building, erected prior to World War 1, was originally a textile factory.

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Another old landmark, the CN station at Hale and Bidwell, may soon disappear. Canadian National advised council recently that they have made application to close the station and move operations to the Wabash station on Vienna Road.

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# OXFORD COUNTY

By C. N. HEATH,  
SECRETARY  
ONTARIO FLUE-CURED  
TOBACCO GROWERS'  
MARKETING BOARD

respecting the production and marketing of flue-cured tobacco grown in Oxford County and within the Province of Ontario for crop years 1968 and 1969 appear below:

Comparative statistics

	Oxford	Ontario
1. Number of Tobacco Farms		
1968	403	4,559
1969	403	4,579
1970	405	4,594
2. Total Acres of Tobacco Grown		
1968	11,383	122,083
1969	11,170	117,658
1970	-	-
3. Average Number of acres of tobacco grown per farm		
1968	28.24	26.78
1969	27.71	25.69
1970	-	-
4. Total Poundage of tobacco Produced		
1968	19,433,363	201,354,286
1969	23,146,362	226,940,181
1970	-	-

5. Average Number of Pounds Produced Per Farm		
1968	48,222	44,166
1969	57,435	49,561
1970	-	-
6. Average Number of Pounds Produced Per Acre		
1968	1,709	1,642
1969	2,072	1,923
1970	-	-
7. Total Dollars Paid for Tobacco Sold		
1968	14,024,954	142,848,306
1969	15,514,811	150,188,408
1970	-	-
8. Average Number of Dollars Paid For each Crop (per farm)		
1968	34,801	31,333
1969	38,498	32,799
1970	-	-
9. Average Dollar Return Per Acre		
1968	1,232.11	1,170.09
1969	1,388.94	1,276.48
1970	-	-
Total Basic Tobacco Acreage as of May 31, 1970		
	13,992	151,830



# Local Firm Buys Property Building To Come Down

way 3 location in December, 1969, where it has operated until the present, with 30 employees.

George Tripp, president of Tripp Foods Ltd., which operates three IGA stores in Tillsonburg, Aylmer and Delhi, has recently become associated with the firm and is active in the plans for expansion.

The progressive firm is now engaged in structural steel fabrication and erection, the design and manufacture of bulk handling systems and design and manufacture of special equipment for a wide diversity of industries. It has been actively engaged in distribution and sales of fertilizer and feed equipment for U. S. manufacturers, but

with the new plant in operation, will enter into the manufacture of these products.

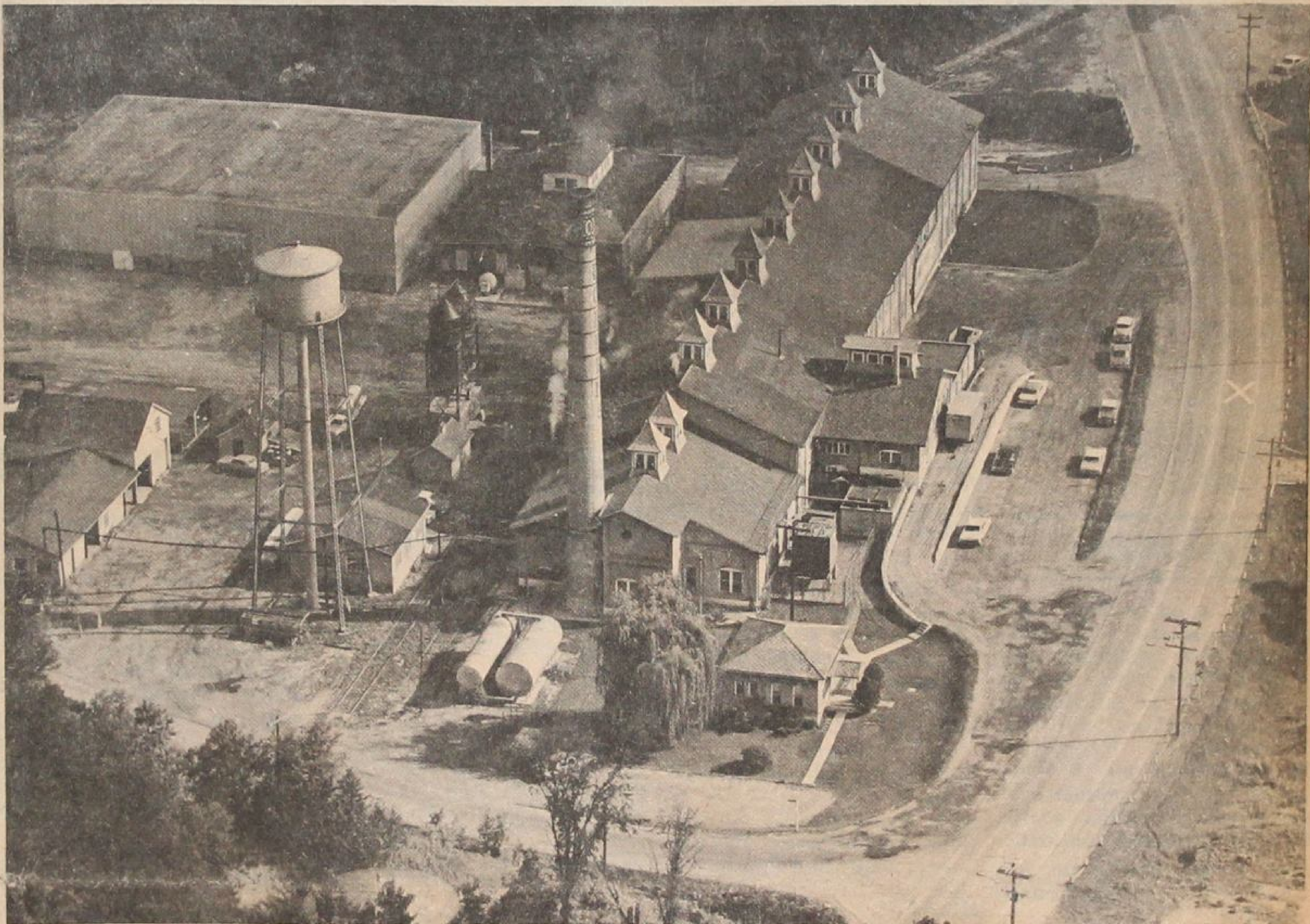
Mr. Tripp said they have also been distributing propane and anhydrous ammonia pressure vessels and will be pursuing the possibility of their manufacture.

No-Trak, a unique three-

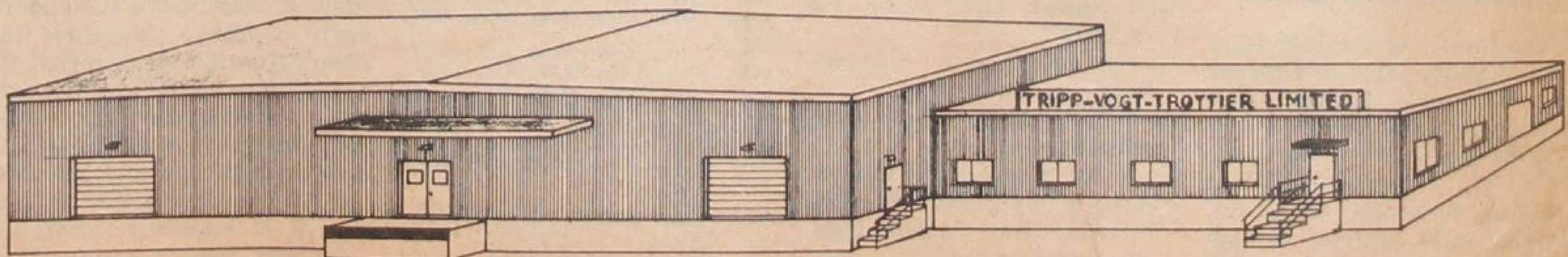
wheeled heavy-duty fertilizer spreader vehicle which travels with ease through the muddiest fields because of its outside low pressure tires, was formerly made by the FWD Company in Kitchener and distributed by Tripp-Vogt.

FWD has now discontinued its Canadian operations and (Continued on Page 2)

**Borden**



Aerial view of former Borden buildings



Sketch of plant for new operation



George Trotter, left, sponsor of the Delhi-Tillsonburg-Aylmer I.G.A. Invitational Mixed Bonspiel held at the Delhi Curling Club, Saturday, presents Ted Proconier, of Aylmer, skip of the winning rink with the I.G.A. trophy. Mr. Proconier's rink was made up of his wife, Ferol, and Evelyn and Frank Pineo. Congratulating Mr. Pineo is Paul Ruel, right, manager of the Delhi I.G.A. store. (Delhi News-Record photo)

**UPTIGROVE** — At Victoria Hospital, London. On Monday, February 8th, 1971. George Douglas Uptigrove of 2 Leslie Street, London. In his 97th year. Beloved husband of the late Cilicia (Nigh) Uptigrove. Dear father of Mrs. Hazel Doane of RR 5, Mount Brydges and Rev. Stanley V. Uptigrove of London. Dear brother of Lorne of Flint, Michigan; Addison of RR 3, London and Hedley of RR 2, Lambeth. Dear grandfather of Ronald Doane, of RR 5, Mount Brydges. Also survived by one great-grandson. Resting at the A. Millard George Funeral Home, 60 Ridout Street, South, at Carfrae, where private funeral service will be held in the chapel, on Wednesday, February 10th, at 2 p.m. with Rev. G. E. Elliott of Lambeth United Church officiating. Interment in Lambeth Cemetery, Lambeth.

**February 9, 1961**

Otterville - Effective February 6, there will be no C.N.R. train service into the village and no agent.

# Approve Radio System For Fire Department

**OTTERVILLE (C)**— At the February meeting of South Norwich council, the Reeve and clerk were authorized to sign the agreement between Oxford County Board of Education and the Township of South Norwich for transfer of tax levies for 1971 in two installments. *Feb-1971*

Council passed a resolution appointing Councillors George Davis and Jack Walther and Fire Chief William A. McMullen to purchase a radio system for the South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department from one of three tenders received.

Twenty-five dollars grant was given to Tillsonburg Minor Hockey Association. Council decided to support the proposal of Fanshawe

College to retain the Police College in Aylmer.

The drainage commissioner, Clarence Stover, was authorized to inspect and report to council on the Collver drain on the property of Leslie Varga and the Addlington drain on the property of Edward Stockman.

It was decided to give a grant of \$25. to Arc Industries, Tillsonburg.

Clerk Merlin Howse was instructed to notify the ratepayers on the Jull drain of a meeting to be held February 16, 1971, at Windham Centre regarding this drain.

Regular accounts of \$260.72 and a road voucher of \$3,708.56 were passed by Council.

Preliminary hearing was held Wednesday at Provincial Court in the case of Carmen Lawrence, of 30 Glendale Drive, charged in connection with a fire at the Borden Co. plant on John Pound Road August 20. *Feb-1971*

The charge, read by Provincial Judge R.G. Groom, stated that the "defendant did without legal justification or excuse, set fire to a building owned by the Borden Co."

Mr. Lawrence elected to be tried by a judge and jury.

D.R. Campbell, attorney for the defense, moved an order that evidence taken in

the inquiry be not published in the press or by radio. The order was granted.

Witnesses were excluded from the courtroom until called to give their evidence. Among those called were a number of volunteer firemen, onlookers and Inspector Robert Kaufman, of the Ontario Fire Marshall's office, London.

At conclusion of the hearing, Judge Groom ruled that there was insufficient evidence to warrant a trial and dismissed the action.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**

February 19, 1931

Vetal Verhaeghe has leased the west end of the T. C. Waller block and has had it fitted up for a butcher shop and bakery.

Gore Line Bayham - Mr. Frank Everett, while in the woods one day last week, found a tulip tree in full bloom.

A bread war has been on in Ingersoll, where, at one of the chain stores, the price was 6 loaves for 25 cents. ✓

**FIFTY YEARS AGO**  
February 10, 1921

Mr. R. A. Craise, the present occupant of the Arlington hotel, has purchased that valuable property from Mr. R. J. Matheson. The building will be entirely remodeled and converted into one of the best hotels to be found in any town of this size in Canada.

**FORTY YEARS AGO**

February 12, 1931

Thomas A. Edison celebrated his 84th birthday Wednesday.

### Lorne Stanley Day

Lorne Stanley Day of R.R. 4, Norwich, passed away at Norview Home, Simcoe, on Saturday, February 13, 1971.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Marguerite Emily Malcolm.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Marjorie) Lee of R.R. 4, Norwich; three grand children and three great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service will be held Tuesday, February 16, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. R. D. Duncanson.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

### Gillam Samuel Bowerman

Gillam Samuel Bowerman of Otterville, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 1971, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Sprague; two sons, Vern Bowerman of Tillsonburg and Frederick Bowerman of Norwich; two daughters, Mrs. James (Jean) White of Otterville, and Mrs. William (Sandra) Hamilton of Vanessa; one brother, Russell Bowerman of Delhi; three sisters, Mrs. Ruby Clark of Hamilton, Mrs. Pearl Bryden and Mrs. Ian Gamel both of Brantford; 16 grandchildren; and two great-children.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, February 15, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Lambert Baptist, of the North Broadway Baptist Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

### Lorne Day

OTTERVILLE (C)—  
Funeral service for the late Lorne Day, who passed away on Saturday, February 13, 1971, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon and was very largely attended.

The service was conducted by Rev. R.D. Duncanson on minister of the Presbyterian Church, Bookton. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. There were lovely floral tributes and In Memoriam cards.

The bearers were Orton Keyes, Fred Moore, Murray Hill, Wallace Kennedy, Gordon Lee and Donald Ryder.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

### Mrs. Edmonia Jones Brown

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Edmonia Jones Brown of Norwich who passed away on Saturday, February 20, 1971, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Wednesday, February 24, conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Pallbearers were Nate McMullen, George Leach, Ross Chambers, Lyle Davis, Donald Clifford and Cecil Smart.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

### Stanley Bruce Leach

OTTERVILLE (C)—

Stanley Bruce Leach of Otterville, driver of a school bus for the Oxford County Board of Education for the past twenty years, passed away suddenly at his home on Thursday, February 18, 1971, following a heart attack. He was getting the bus in readiness for the daily trip, returned to the house, and passed away.

Born in Courtland, he had lived in Otterville for the past 35 years, where he was employed at Kennedy Laboratories in the village. For a number of years he was a truck driver, and later was appointed caretaker of Otterville community park, where he served faithfully and made conditions pleasant for picnickers throughout the summer. For a time he and Mrs. Leach converted part of their home into a restaurant, but owing to ill health was forced to retire from this. At the same time Mr. Leach was a taxi driver. In all places of employment he was found congenial.

Surviving, besides his wife, the former Winnie Attlebury, are his mother, Mrs. Grace Leach of Otterville; two brothers, George Leach of Port Burwell, and Larry Leach of Otterville; and one sister, Mrs. Bernard (Iva) McKiernan of Norwich.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service will be held Saturday, February 20, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. R.H. Herring, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Interment in Vanessa Cemetery.

### Card of Thanks

I wish to thank all my good neighbours, friends, and relatives for flowers, donations to the Heart and Cancer Fund, cards, and all the kindness shown to me during the passing of my husband Stanley Leach. Special thanks to Nelson Gleason Funeral Home, Dr. Batson, and "the Students on the Bus." Your kindness will always be remembered. —  
Winifred Leach. Feb 26/71

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# Rebekahs Plan Dessert Euchre

*Feb. 15/71*

OTTERVILLE (C)— Noble Grand Sister Esther Smith presided at the regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge in the I.O.O.F. hall, Monday evening.

Sister Shirley Sitts reported Sisters on the sick list and cards will be sent to them.

Members reported visiting the Barrie-Armstrong Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, to express sympathy to District Deputy president Mrs. George LeFevre and family in the loss of her father, the late Edward Sandham.

Thank-you notes were received from Sisters. Plans were made for March 1st for the Degree team from Springfield to confer the degree on Candidates for membership in Violet Rebekah Lodge.

Further plans were made for the dessert euchre in the Lodge Rooms, March 17. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. and euchre will start at 2 p.m.

Members presented with pens for 1970 for having perfect attendance for the 20 meetings, were: Mrs. Elmer Smith, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Oliver Hill; for 19 meetings, Mrs. Stanley Ar-

thur and Mrs. Lorne Trefry: for 18 meetings. Mrs. William G. McMullen, Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Jim Stitts, Mrs. Fred Howse and Mrs. Jim Kitchen.

Remainder of the evening was spent playing Bingo. Lunch was served by Mrs. Stanley Arthur and her committee and a social time enjoyed. There were 22 members present.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. BECK

## Mr. and Mrs. John Beck Wed 50 Years on Friday

HAWTREY (C)— Mr. and Mrs. John F. Beck of Hawtreay will receive their many friends on their 50th wedding anniversary at open house in the United Church, Otterville, from 2 till 5 o'clock, on Sunday, February 28, 1971.

Mrs. Beck was formerly Jessie Atkinson, daughter of Lucy Ford of Eden and Isaac Atkinson of Walsingham, and Mr. Beck, was a son of John Beck of Hawtreay and Elizabeth Cole of Langton. They were married on February 26 at Dundas St. United Church Parsonage, London, by Rev. W.E. Trescott and lived on the Beck farm, 1 mile north of Hawtreay, for 2 years then moved to their present home in Hawtreay where they have lived for 48 years. During that time, they purchased the store of which Mrs. Beck was manager, from Mr. Harvey Boyce.

Mr. Beck was a successful man at many tasks and not afraid to venture. He was a dairy farmer, then tobacco farmer for 30 years, and also had a lumber mill and grist mill.

The couple have three daughters, Mrs. Harold Singer (Ida) RR 2, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Robert Hicks (Betty), Tillsonburg, and Mrs. William Bennett (Merna), Tillsonburg. There are also 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

In honor of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Beck, their family extends a welcome to friends and relatives to attend "Open House" on Sunday, February 28, between the hours of 2 and 5 in the afternoon, at the Otterville United Church, Otterville, Ontario. Gifts gratefully declined. *1971*

## DO YOU \_\_\_\_\_ REMEMBER?

That during the week of February 15, 1951:

In a hard fought Norfolk Hockey League fixture Windham laced Delhi 6-2. Bruce Todd and Wes Gray scored for Delhi while Windham's goals came from J. Davis, Ken Mann, Ray Cunningham, G. Davis and Broad.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Malcolm of Sweaburg, Ontario will be holding Open House on Sunday February 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., for their 50th wedding anniversary and would be pleased to have their friends, relatives and neighbours call on them. No gifts please. *1971*

# Trudeau wed to 22-year-old

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. (CP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau was married Thursday to 22-year-old Margaret Sinclair in a Roman Catholic ceremony in this Greater Vancouver city. *March 4/71.*

The thunderbolt announcement of the end of the 51-year-old prime minister's bachelorhood was made by Gordon Gibson, a special assistant in the prime minister's office.

Mr. Trudeau had left Ottawa on what was described as a "skiing vacation" at a destination that had been kept secret.

The new Mrs. Trudeau is the daughter of Privy Councillor James Sinclair, a former Senator, former cabinet minister and long a force in the Liberal party led by Mr. Trudeau.

Mr. Gibson's announcement came in the form of a "statement on behalf of James Sinclair and Mrs. Sinclair."

Miss Sinclair was born in North Vancouver, educated here and in Ottawa and is a graduate of Simon Fraser University where she studied political science and sociology.

Mr. Trudeau and Miss Sinclair met on a family holiday in Tahiti three years ago.

The announcement said:

"Pierre Elliot Trudeau married Margaret Sinclair this evening at St. Stephen's Church, North Vancouver, in a quiet ceremony attended only by members of the two families.

"... Charles Trudeau was best man for his brother and Rosalind Sinclair bridesmaid for her sister.

"After a wedding dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau leave for a short honeymoon before returning to Ottawa next week."



Margaret Sinclair, 22, shown with Prime Minister Trudeau at a skating party in Ottawa a year ago, became Mrs. Trudeau at a quiet ceremony Thursday in North Vancouver, B.C. (CP Wirephoto).

# Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Malcolm were at home to their friends and relatives on Sunday, February 21, 1971, the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The bride, the former Olive Barnard, and groom of 50 years ago were married in Woodstock by the late Rev. Gaetz of Central United Church, on February 23, 1921. The attendants were the bride's sister, Mrs. Vera MacDonald, who was present for the anniversary, and the groom's brother, Mr. Floyd Malcolm, now of Victoria, B.C., who was unable to be present.

They have one son, Russell of Tillsonburg, and three daughters, Mrs. Vern Carter

(Marion), Mrs. Archie Longworth (Anna) both of Sweaburg, Mrs. Archie Brenneman (Merle) of Tavistock; 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A plaque was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm by Gordon Innis, M.P.P. for Oxford, on behalf of the Honourable John Robarts and the Government of the Province of Ontario. Congratulations included a telegram from Premier Robarts, letters from Robert Nixon and Gordon Innes. Among the many flowers and gifts was a money tree from the family. One hundred and eighty guests signed the register.

The pretty tea table was centred by a beautiful wedding cake and yellow candles. The tall dome of the cake was piled with yellow roses and under the dome a miniature bride, in a gold dress, and groom. The tea table was presided over by several close friends of the family.

Guests were present from London, Long Point, Port Perry, Galt and surrounding district.

On Tuesday evening February 23, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm were honored guests at a family party in Curries Hall, where 58 sat down to a sumptuous supper. A program followed, presented by members of the family in costume, with Mrs. Harry Rohrer of Tillsonburg at the piano.

The life story of the bride and groom was followed by a mock wedding, readings and solos. A sing-song brought a delightful evening to a close.



MR. AND MRS. HUGH MALCOLM

*You are cordially invited  
to attend a  
Shower and Dance  
in honour of  
Michael and Darlene Ash  
on Saturday, March the sixth  
nineteen hundred and seventy-one  
at eight o'clock  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Norwich, Ontario*

**OTTERVILLE (C)**— More than 200 relatives and friends attended a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ash held in the Legion hall, Norwich. During the evening dancing was enjoyed to music by the "The Dreamers" of Ingersoll. The bride and groom thanked their relatives and friends for the many lovely gifts. The ladies served refreshments and a social time concluded the evening. *Mar/1971*

Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanParys have returned after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch in Florida. The former's siser, Mrs. Robert Spek of Norwich accompanied them.

Reeve Stanley Gehring, a retired tobacco farmer, and Mrs. Gehring, who have lived on their lovely farm home since 1932 on the outskirts south of the village, moved on Monday to their new home west of the village.

On the occasion of our Golden Wedding Anniversary, we would especially like to thank our family Helen and Fred Thompson and Shirley and Bruce Pettit and our grandchildren for a delicious dinner at Clarks Restaurant for their flowers and gifts. Also our relatives and friends and Baptist Church for their gifts and many beautiful cards. A time we will always remember.

J. R. and Agnes Graves.

### 50th Anniversary

In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Graves, 15 Main St. E., a quiet dinner was held on Saturday, March 6th at Clark's Restaurant, Ingersoll for the immediate family.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves (the former Agnes McMullen) were married on March 9th, 1921 at the Springford Baptist Parsonage with the late Rev. George N. Simmons officiating.

Following their marriage, they resided in the Teeterville area for 20 years, where they operated a farm and Mr. Graves worked as a carpenter.

In 1941 they purchased the general store at Holbrook serving the community there until 1946 when they moved to Norwich where they have since resided. After moving to Norwich Mr. Graves was employed at the former Pinkerton Hardware and was later employed at Byers and Wenn, until retiring in 1966.

When health permitted Mr. and Mrs. Graves were active members of the Norwich Baptist Church where Mrs. Graves was active in the Ladies Aid.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Helen) Thompson of Norwich and Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Pettit of Sarnia; also five grandchildren.

On Wednesday several neighbors and friends called to offer congratulations and best wishes.

### TEN YEARS AGO March 16, 1961

Otterville - Another landmark of a residence which housed the office of the Bell Telephone Co. found a new owner this past week. Mr. and Mrs. N. McMullen and family of Norwich will take possession sometime in June

### FORTY YEARS AGO March 19, 1931

J. S. Leitch & Son of Norwich have purchased the general store business in Otterville conducted for some months by Mr. McCaw. This is the store that was owned and operated by the late Lloyd Cook.

### Rebecca Frances Maloney

Rebecca Frances Maloney of Otterville, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 11, 1971, in her 80th year.

She was predeceased by her husband, Michael Maloney.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Maloney of Toronto, and Kenneth Maloney of Otterville; five granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

A Rebekah service will be held at the Funeral Home, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

### Mrs. Rebecca Maloney

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Rebecca Maloney, who passed away on Thursday, March 11, 1971, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason funeral Home on Saturday.

The service was conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the United Church.

Mrs. Maloney was born in England, and was for many years a floor lady at Tip Top Cannery, Otterville. She was a member of Otterville United Church, the U.C.W., a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, and an honorary member of the Happy Bluebird Club.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist for the service.

Memorial donations were given to Gideon Bible, Heart Fund and Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Nate McMullen, David Kennedy, George Davis, Ted Church, Arthur Moore and Bert Hill.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

## Violet Rebekahs mark anniversary

OTTERVILLE — Presentation of jewels, symbolizing years of service, highlighted the 25th anniversary celebration of Violet Rebekah Lodge, 330, Otterville.

A 45-year veteran's jewel was presented to a charter member, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, a former member of Humber View Lodge, 280, Toronto. Twenty-two other members of Violet Rebekah Lodge received 25-year jewels.

Presentations were made by Mrs. Mabel Mabee, past president of the Rebekah assembly. She was assisted by Mrs. Norm Lefevre, district deputy president, East St. Thomas district, 17.

Mrs. Helen Thompson was recommended district deputy president-elect for Lodge 17.

Ten members of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Tillsonburg, formed a guard of honor for Mrs. Mabee, who addressed the meeting.

Each past noble grand lit a candle on the 25-year birthday cake, made by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Mrs. Strudwick, who acted as noble grand for the night, was assisted in conducting the meeting by several original members. Vice-grand was Mrs. Clayton Arthur and secretary, Mrs. Carl Howse.

## Guild Holds Dessert Euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) — A successful dessert euchre sponsored by St. John's Anglican Guild, was held in the parish hall with ten tables of euchre and one table of bridge in play.

Prizes were won for ladies high, Mrs. Stanley Arthur; men's high, Jim Innis; second, Mrs. Vera Davis and Mrs. Glen Davis. Birthday nearest that day was Mrs. Joe Ash and the door prize was won by Mrs. William Mitchell. Mar 171

Draw prizes were won by Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mrs. Bilger of Delhi, Mrs. Myrtle Innis, Miss Doreen Howse, Mrs. Vera Davis, Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Gordon Campbell, Mrs. Forsythe, Mrs. Fred Jull, David McKibbon, Mrs. William G. McMullen, Mrs. Jack Furlong, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Leta Bergman.

All visitors received a prize and enjoyed the afternoon.

## Quick-change artists bring police warning

TILLSONBURG — An Ontario-wide police bulletin warns merchants to beware of two East Indians offering to buy brand new \$20 bills.

The two men Saturday struck two supermarkets here and got away with \$480 in \$20 bills with the tactics of fast-mouthing, quick-change artists.

Tillsonburg town police said the A and P store lost \$180; the IGA supermarket lost \$300. Police don't know how the men managed to get away with so much money.

The two men described as "sharp dressers" and speaking poor English, came to the

stores and said they wanted new \$20 bills to take back to India as souvenirs. They offered two \$10 bills for each \$20.

Each time a cashier produced a \$20 bill, the men refused it, saying the bill was not new enough.

As more \$20 bills are produced, there are more refusals to exchange and as the men examine the bills, some apparently get stowed away, said police.

All police can say is that some methods of quick-change artists are used with merchants bewildered on how the money got away from them.

## THE LITTLE RED SCHOOL

There's a spot in the country I will not compare,  
To all modern schools when I visited there.  
We were all one happy family  
One teacher for all.  
We walked to our school house  
In spring and in fall.  
With a pot bellied stove to keep us warm,  
We were safe and secure  
from the winter's storm,  
Our teacher was strict  
With patience galore  
If our learning was vague  
She would help us some more  
Oftimes in the evening  
When our days work was done,  
We would return to our school  
For frolic and fun.  
Our trustees were men of greatest esteem,  
The best for our school was their fondest dream.  
At Christmas a party was added at night  
To all our parents and pupils delight,  
We would sing Christmas carols right from the heart  
And still in our memory never will part.  
The school has vanished  
As if in a dream  
But still held in our hearts  
With greatest esteem.

C. Norris

## THE BANKRUPTCY ACT

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE BANKRUPTCY OF DONALD ROSS OATMAN, of the Village of Springford, in the County of Oxford, in the Province of Ontario, formerly operating OATMAN'S MUSIC ROOM, 30 Oxford Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario, and LOWRY ORGAN STUDIO, 186 King Street, London, Ontario.

NOTICE is hereby given that Donald Ross Oatman made an assignment on the 26th day of February, 1971, and that the first meeting of creditors will be held on the 17th day of March, 1971, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at the office of Mr. Donald M. Egner, the Official Receiver, at the Courthouse, 399 Ridout Street North, in the City of London, in the Province of Ontario.

DATED at the City of London, this 3rd day of March 1971.

MARVIN SHORE, B.A.,  
C.A. — Trustee

Offices:  
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## Cashiers Tricked, Police Alert Out

A province-wide alert has gone out for the apprehension of two men believed to be East Indians, who proved that the hand is quicker than the eye.

The pair approached a cashier at the A and P Store and asked for a new Canadian \$20 bill in exchange for two tens, saying they were from India and wanted one as a souvenir.

When they received their twenty they said they wanted a newer one and asked to go through the money the cashier held in her hand, which she refused. The

second man then went to another cashier who was not busy and went through the same routine.

In the confusion the two men managed to pick up \$180 in cash and left, leaving each cashier with impression that she had exchanged a twenty for two tens.

They then went to the IGA Store and went through the same stunt, leaving with \$300 in cash.

A Telex message has gone out to all police departments to be on the lookout for the con men, both believed to be

Asian Indians. Both speak poor English, are about 5'-6" to 5'-8" in height and about 30 years old.

The men were said to be well dressed in conservative clothing.



RACHAR - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, March 22, 1971, Vivian Rachar of Otterville, in his 79th year. Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service was held on Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church. Interment in Norwich Gore Cemetery.

**Vivian Rachar**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Following an illness of two weeks in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, Vivian Rachar passed away on Monday, March 22, 1971, in his 79th year.

Born in Windham Township, he had lived in Otterville for the past 43 years, where he owned a garage. He retired in 1947.

His wife, the former Mary Purdy, predeceased him 11 years ago.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Joseph (Evelyn) Jakubowski of Grayson, Sask.; three sons, Clifford Rachar, Roy Rachar and Clayton Rachar, all of Otterville; two brothers, George Rachar of Salford and Earl Rachar of Springford; one sister, Mrs. Lorne (Lorraine) Barnes of Scotland; 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, where service was held Wednesday, March 24, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of the United Church.

Interment in Norwich Gore Cemetery.

**Vivian Rachar**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Vivian Rachar was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon and was very largely attended.

Rev. Cyril Leach minister of the United Church conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist. Memorial donations were given to the Gideon Bible Foundation, Heart Fund and Canadian Cancer.

The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Nate McMullen, Edward Moore, Stanley Gehring, Joe Ash, Ted Church and John Martin.

Interment in Norwich Gore Cemetery *Mar 24/71*

**Charles Mann**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Charles Mann of Otterville, passed away at his residence on Tuesday evening, March 23, 1971, in his 76th year.

Born in England, he came to Canada 41 years ago, and had been a resident of the village for the past 33 years. A day laborer, he had lived retired for the past few years.

Mr. Mann served in World War 1, and World War II, and was a member of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 125, Delhi. He was also a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, and a member of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, I.O.O.F. for 25 years.

Besides his wife, the former Elzina Reid, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Arnold (Elsie) Spires of Detroit, and Mrs. Carl (Josephine) Howse of Otterville; four sons, Charles Mann of California, Ivor Mann of Tillsonburg, Robert Mann of London, and Kenneth Mann of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Ada Field in England; 13 grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Friday, March 26, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Herbert Herring of St. John's Anglican Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

*STEP DAUGHTER HENDERSON (STEP SON)*

**Charles Mann**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Charles Mann of Otterville who passed away at his residence on March 23, 1971, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, on Friday, March 26, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Herbert Herring of St. John's Anglican Church, assisted by lay reader, Jack Riste.

Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist, played hymns before and after the service.

Memorial donations were made to the Canadian Cancer and Heart Foundation.

The bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Fred Pinnoy, William Briggs, William Howse, Edward Moore, Grant Mountain, and Charles VanParys.

Members of the Legion of which the late Mr. Mann was a member, had charge of the graveside service.

Interment in Otter cemetery, Otterville.

**Late Charles Mann**

Charles Mann of Otterville passed away at his residence on Tuesday evening, March 23rd in his 76th year.

Born in England he came to Canada 41 years ago and had been a resident of the village for the past 33 years.

He was an employee of the Tip Top Cannery in the village for a number of years, and had lived retired for the past few years.

Mr. Mann served in World War I and World War II, and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 125, Delhi. He was also a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville and a member of Tecumseh Lodge No. 182, IOOF, for the past 25 years.

Besides his wife the former Elzina Reid he is survived by two daughter Mrs. Arnold (Elsie) Spires of Detroit, and Mrs. Carl (Josephine) Howse of Otterville; four sons, Charles Henderson of California; Ivor Mann of Tillsonburg; Robert Mann of London and Kenneth Mann of Otterville; one sister Mrs. Ada Field in England; 13 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Friday, March 26th from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home and was largely attended. Rev. H. Herring Rector of St. John's Anglican Church assisted by Lay Reader Jack Riste conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

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# South Norwich



South Norwich Township Council '71--Seated: Deputy-Reeve Bill Martin, Reeve Stanley Gehring, Clerk-Treasurer Merlin Howse. Standing: Councillor George Davis, Secretary Mrs.

Jean Dow, Road Superintendent Elmer Almost, Councillors Roger Monsere and Jack Walther.

It is not every reeve who will say, "I've got a real good council," but Reeve Stanley Gehring said that about the South Norwich township council. The council includes Deputy-Reeve William Martin and Councillors George Davis, Roger Monsere, and Jack Walther.

South Norwich is in the midst of joining the Oxford County Planning Board. By 1973, the township hopes to have its own planning board, but, in the meantime, it can adopt parts of the county plan. They have already petitioned for membership on the Planning Board. Mr. Gehring says he hopes to study the results from 14 other municipalities which have their own planning boards. He figures that by doing this, he can save approximately half the cost of drawing up the plans because he can learn by the mistakes of the others.

The township's assessment for 1971 is \$5,667,168 which is a jump of \$269,066 over 1970. There were 24 building permits issued last year. These were as follows: residential \$176,000; industrial \$30,000; sundry \$63,000.

The total taxes collected were \$472,136.75. The following amounts were paid out for education: elementary \$94,357; secondary \$152,689; separate \$26,632.

The remainder of taxes was distributed as follows: township general \$40,712.49; roads \$45,200.00; Oxford County \$95,467.74; Park Board \$10,796.20; Police \$3,432.47; Street lights \$2,855.72.

The amount the township spends always seems like a lot, but for every dollar that the township spent, the province spent \$1.18.

As for next year, Mr. Gehring figures there may be some complications over garbage as a better collection system is needed and the Department of Health has ordered the garbage site be covered over with sand more frequently, so extra equipment may have to be purchased to do this in 1971.

However, Mr. Gehring believes that South Norwich will come out of 1971 in the same fine shape that it always has in the past.

## New Radio System For Fire Dept.

*Mar 1971*

South Norwich Fire Department is getting a new radio system for its fire trucks this year at a cost of \$2,500.

The department of 17 fireman, plus Fire Chief Bill McMullen, Jr., answered 43 calls last year. Their equipment included one fire pumper and two tank trucks.

The new radio system will greatly increase the efficiency of the department as it will allow for greater and faster communication between trucks, and, a good thing if there were two fires at the same time, it will allow communication between the fire station, which is east of Otterville, and the firemen.

Roads Superintendent Elmer Almost and his three man crew operated on a budget of \$94,000 in 1970. Part of this was spent as follows: 2½ miles double surfacing on Con. 10, \$12,000; gravel and regrading Con. 10 and 12, \$32,000; tractor and mower, \$4,000.

Work was done on two drains the Mills Drain at \$11,432.46 and the Quintyn Drain at a cost of \$9,829.

In 1971, the township is tendering for a new four ton truck. A bridge might possibly be built over the Branch Creek on Con 8 at a cost of between \$40,000 and \$45,000.

A new bridge was built last year to the four acre Otterville park. The original bridge over the Otter had been there for close to 50 years. The new bridge is 10 feet wide, 185 feet long, and is about 12 feet above the water. The bridge, which has only to be painted and the entrance ramps put on, is of all steel construction and cost \$10,000.

The new county bridge over the Otter also made a great improvement to the western entrance to Otterville



Stanley Gehring, reeve of South Norwich township for the past six years.



Elmer Almost, South Norwich roads superintendent, and Merlin Howse, township clerk.

## Accept Tender For Firemen Radio System

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OTTERVILLE (C)—Tender of General Electric for a two-way radio system for the fire department was accepted at the March meeting of South Norwich township council.

Reeve Stanley Gehring presided for the meeting, with Deputy-Reeve William Martin and Councillors Roger Monsere, George Davis and Jack Walther attending.

Road accounts of \$3,379.91 and general expenses of \$1,344.65 were passed.

Application was made to the Minister of Municipal Affairs to become a member of Oxford County Planning Board.

A resolution was passed confirming road mileage maintained by the township at 72.60 miles.

Fire Chief William A. McMullen reported that four members of the fire department are taking a firemen's training course at Fanshawe College *Mar/71*

Next regular meeting will be held in the township office Monday, April 5, at 10 a.m.

# Innisfree Farm Project For Broader Education

By Linda Anderson

A new enterprise is being carried out in South Norwich on the former Samuel Innis Farm.

Sam had a brother, Harold, who was a professor at the University of Toronto. Harold Innis, who had very advanced ideas on economics and education among other things, died in the early 1950's and the value and depth of his thoughts is only now being recognized. The students and faculty at Innis College wanted to put to use some of his ideas about a broader education, so when Samuel retired he offered his farm for sale to the College.

Today students from U of T and other colleges and universities are starting to

see the value of the farm as a good place to relax and let ideas flow. So organized groups come nearly every weekend and sometimes for a week to discuss current issues. It is **not** a place to get away for a wild weekend. Rather its purpose is to broaden the academic side of education.

Eventually the students hope to use all of the 100 acres at Innisfree. Seventy acres are now rented out.

The students have built an architecturally beautiful building in which to meet. The large main room has a beautiful view of fields of corn and tobacco and many trees. Just seeing this is a marvellous experience for city students who are used to cement and pavement.

In the big old farm house, Students Barry and Wendy Napier live. They are students from the University

of Guelph and have lived on the farm for a year and a half. They have arranged their classes so that they have to be in Guelph only three days a week. Barry says he would never want to go back to living in the city again.

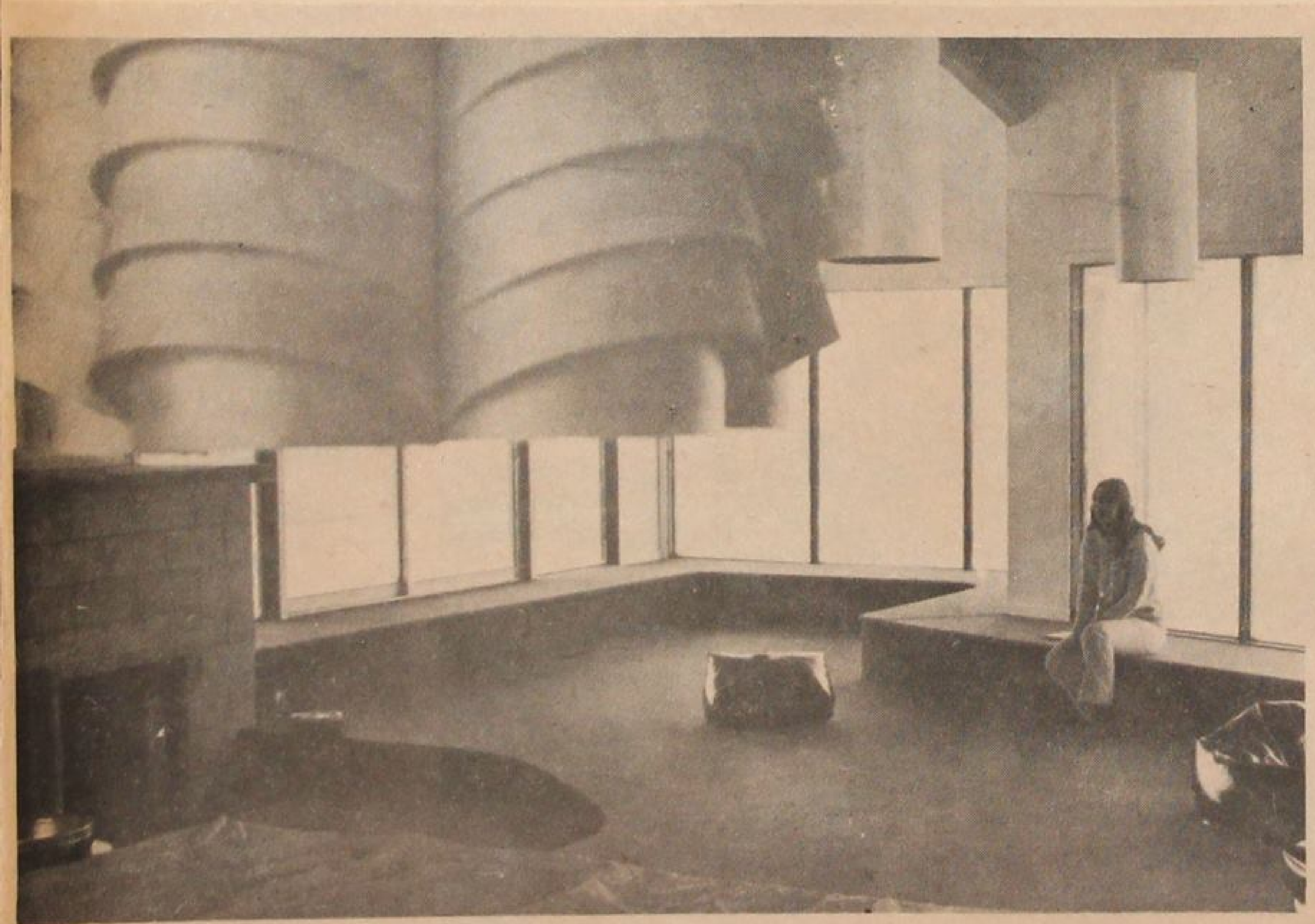
The farm is owned by the students of Innis College and the responsibility for its outcome rests on them.

In later years the students plan to sponsor research if the farm makes enough money, and an extensive reforestation program is planned.

Even local residents of South Norwich can benefit from this experiment as the new building is available for meetings at a reasonable cost, provided it is not needed by the students that evening. Some of the students are also interested in giving local kids to chance to get a glimpse of university life by showing

them around the university and by discussing the various aspects of it.

All who get involved in this project will benefit, even if it is only with increased awareness of how other people live.



Mrs. Wendy Napier in the discussion room on Innisfree farm.

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The new retreat and discussion house at Innisfree farm.

March 22, 1971



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The 35th anniversary of the Jean Brumpton Branch, Women's Institute, was observed Thursday night when members met in the Orange Hall. The evening was highlighted by a bread baking demonstration. Among those on hand at the meeting and pictured above, from left to right, are Mrs. William Dawson, curator and convener for the evening; Miss Helen Brumpton, guest. (The Institute bears the names of Miss Brumpton's mother.) Mrs. Jay Durkee, demonstrator; Institute President Mrs. S. C. Eitel, and demonstrator, Mrs. Murray Treffry.

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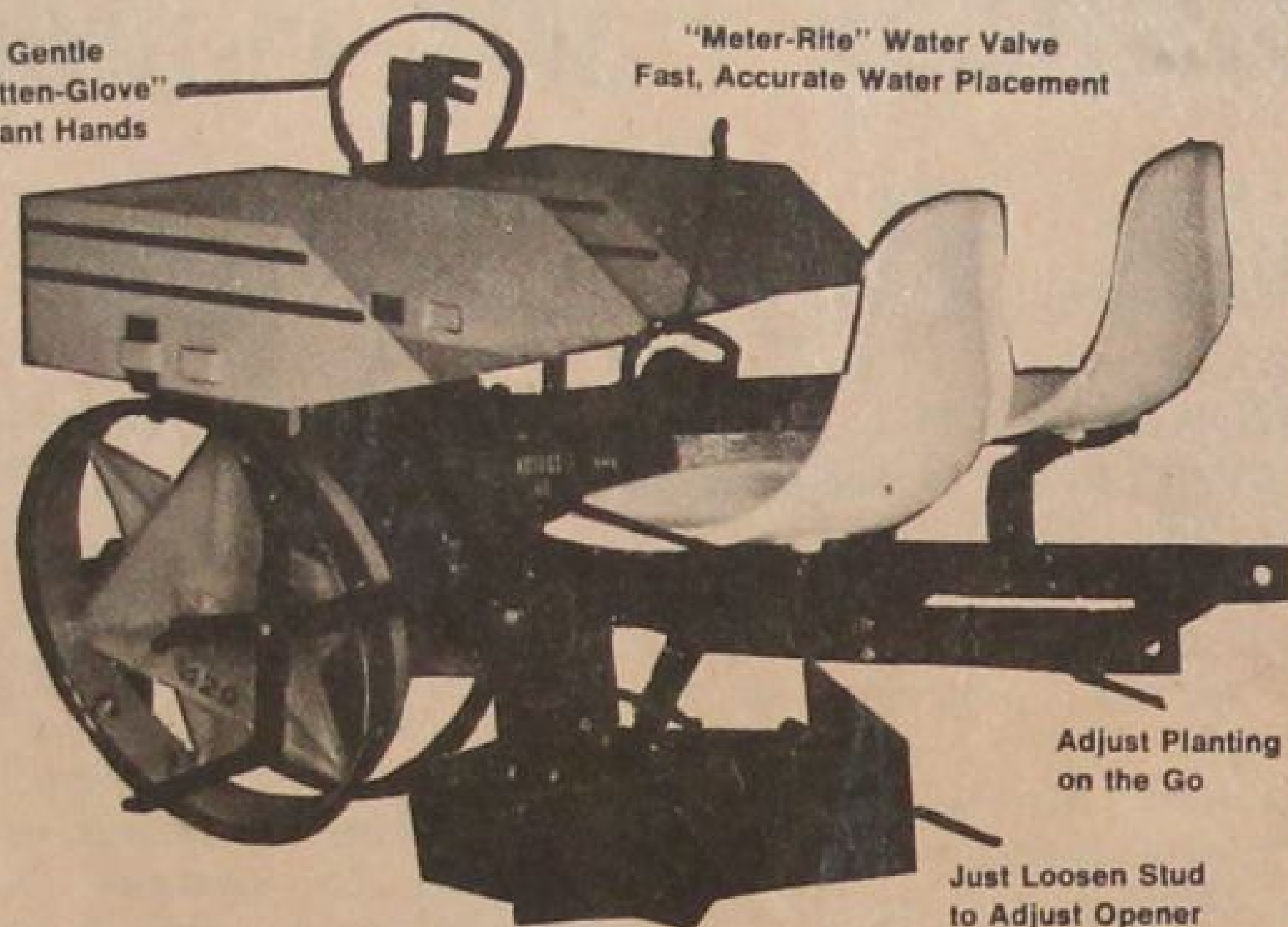
The new bridge in the Otterville Park.



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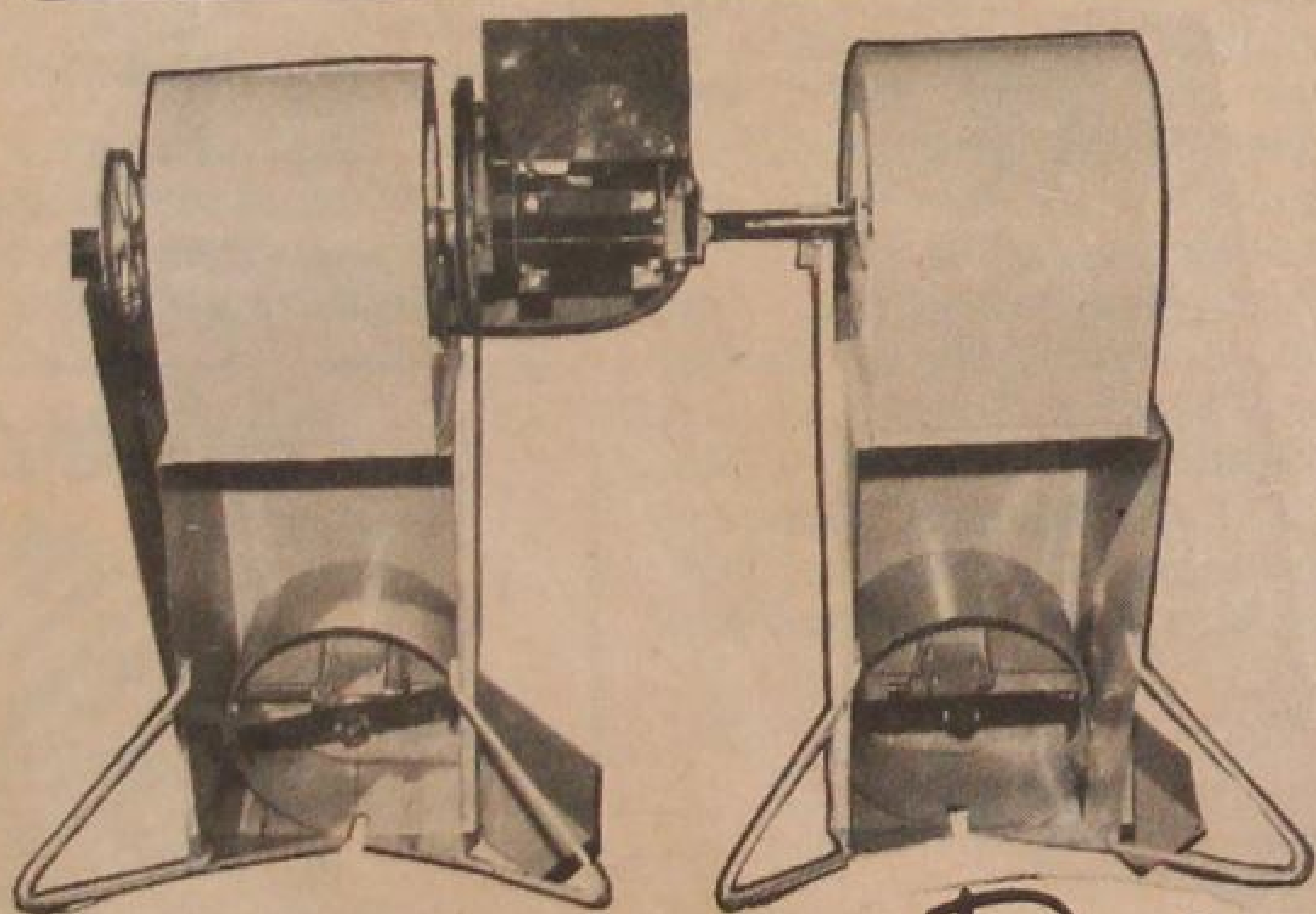
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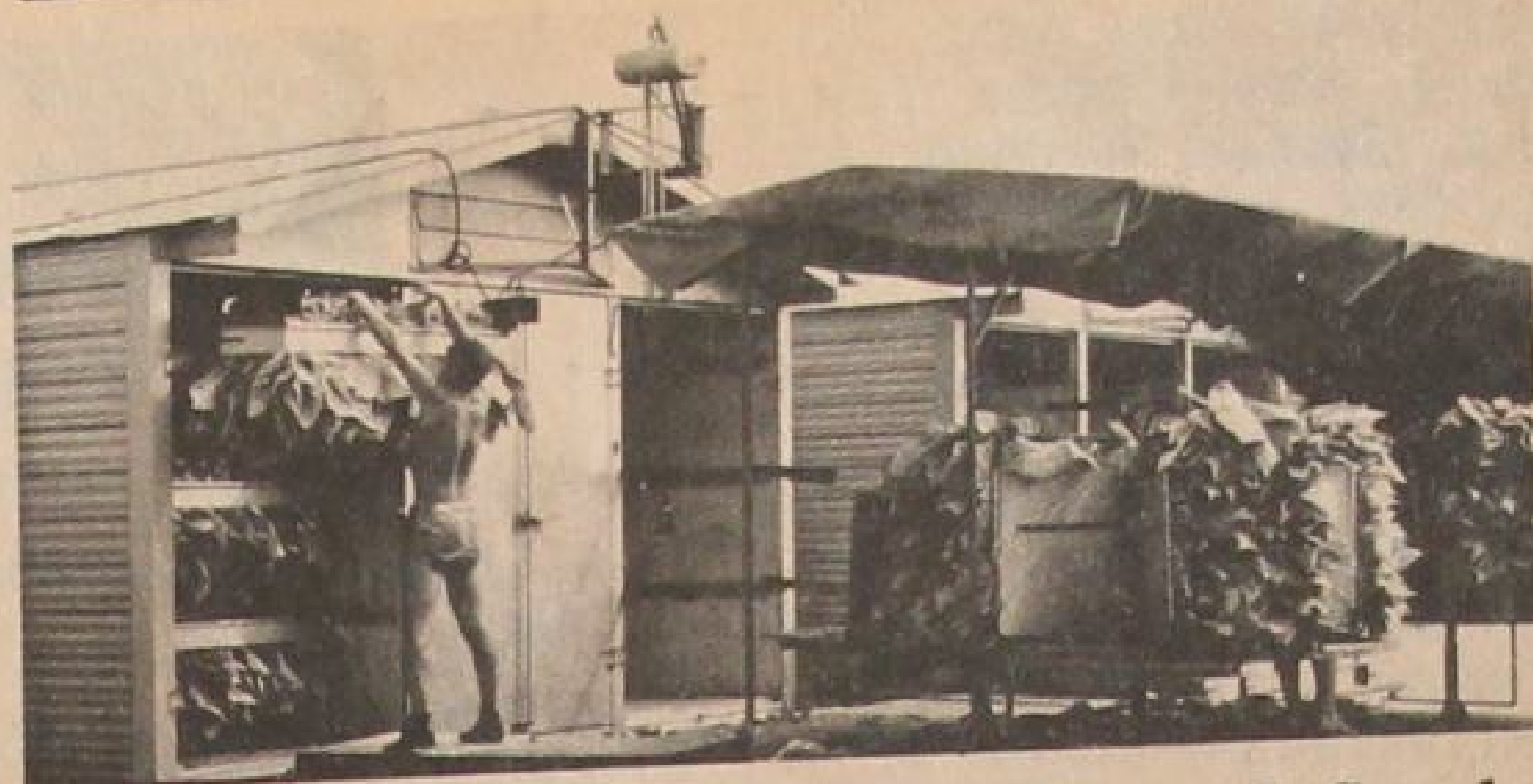
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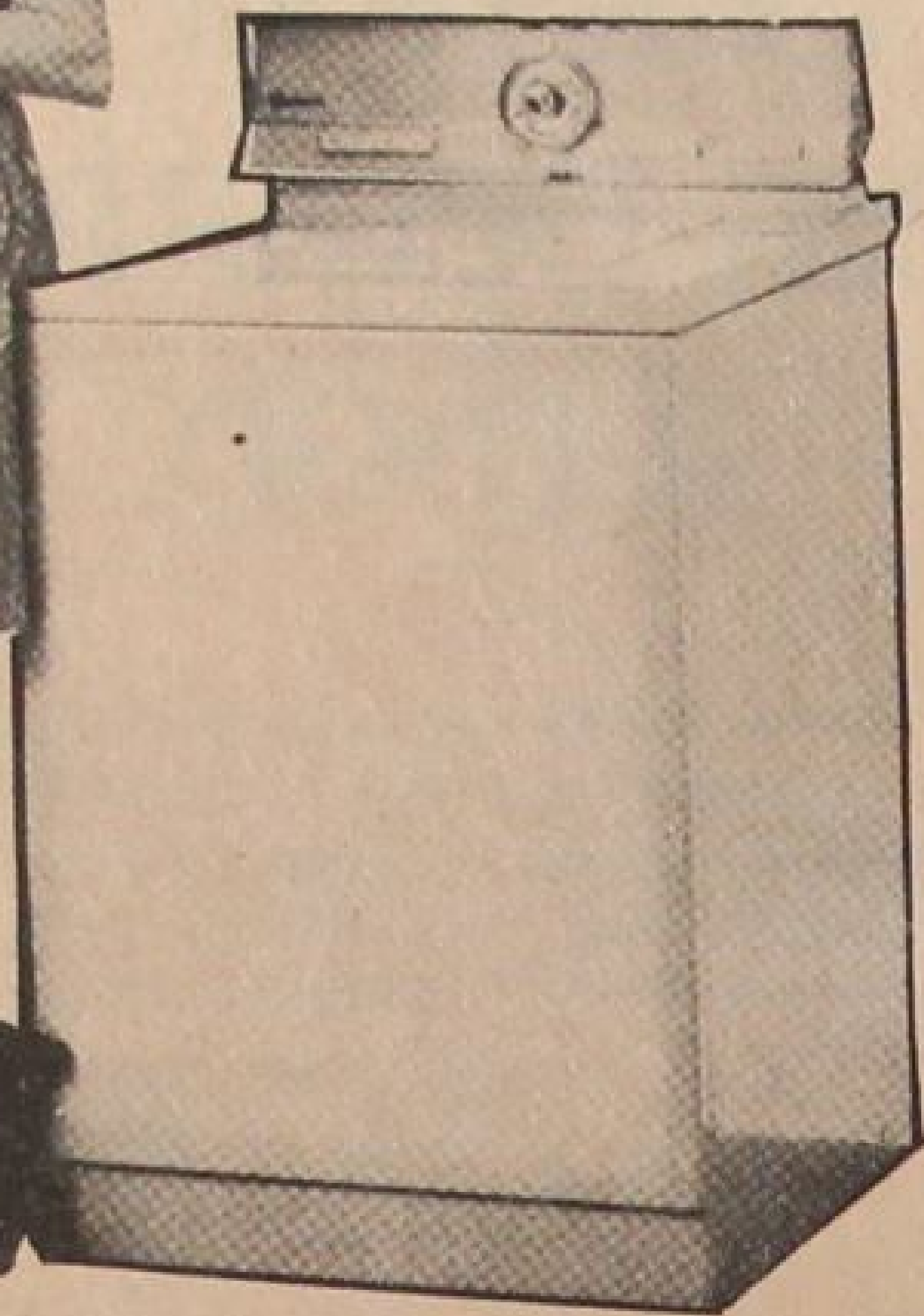
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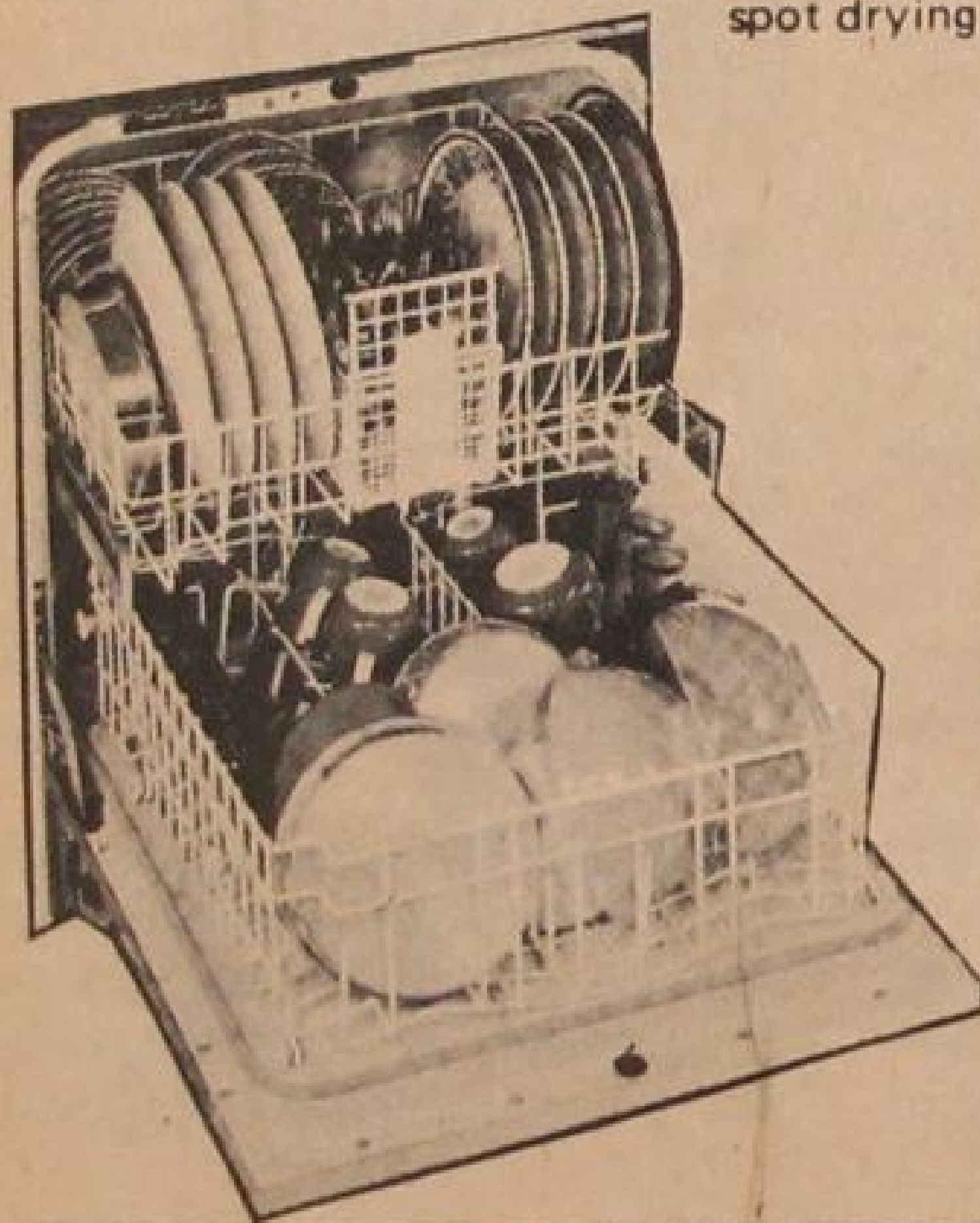
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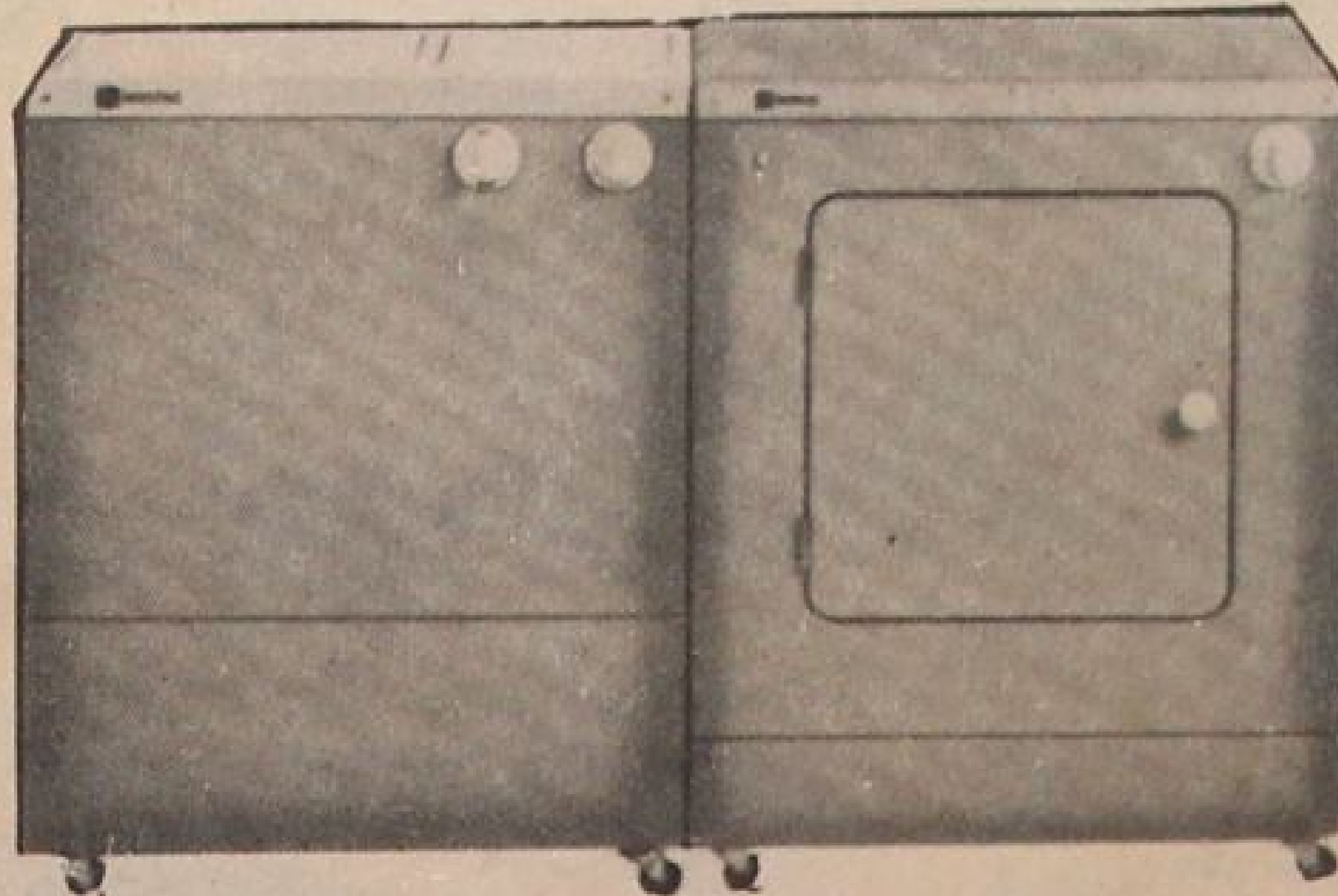
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# Discuss Fund Raising For Community Hall

CORNELL (C)— On Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marshall a progressive euchre party was held. Eight tables were in play and winners were: high score, Ted Debus and Evelyn Pearce; lucky cup draw Jack Briet and Doug Scott; travelling prizes, Bev McCurdy and Lucille Debus.

Miss Lillian Oatman gave a report on the district board meeting and announced that the district annual will be held at Foldens United Church on May 12.

Next month Institute members are asked to meet at the home of Mrs. Sam Lucas.

In anticipation of the by-law being passed regarding moving the community hall, plans were discussed of various ways of raising money. This is going to be a large project for a small community but if each shares the load it will make things much easier. We must work together.'

On Wednesday afternoon a cutie party was held at the home of Miss Lillian Oatman. Winners were: high, Mary Kent and Shirley Hicks; low, Doris Oatman and Terry Oatman; lucky draw, Sharon Bale and Lucille Debus.

Another cutie party will be held at the home of Mrs. Mac Hicks on Wednesday, April 14, at 1:30 p.m.

A short business meeting was held prior to the cutie party with Mrs. Philip Pearce presiding.

Roll call "Bring an item for the Tweedsmuir Book," was answered by 16 members and four visitors.

Mrs. Bill Marshall and Mrs. Philip Pearce reported on the short course, "Accessories for the home."

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# Recreation Committee Efficient Organization

The Springford Area Recreation Committee, SARC as it is commonly known, has shown itself to be a highly efficient organization.

The seven member committee has organized and built a park in Springford at a cost of \$16,000 and has raised money enough to pay off this debt in less than two years. The committee has also organized nine baseball teams, involving about 150 people last year.

They have built a skating rink the size of an arena, and also a track for racing minibikes and go-carts.

They have winterized a concession booth, planted trees, put up fences, rebuilt the backstop, and levelled the ball diamond.

They held several suppers to raise money for the projects as well as walkathons.

In the future, the committee hopes to raise money for a pavillion for picnics, and for playground equipment.

The committee consists of two township council

members, George Davis Jr., and Bill Martin, along with Ross Adlington, Bob Twinbull, Doug Scott, Lloyd Smmith and Doug Babbey.

It is a large accomplishment for a small community like Springford, and it has all been due, as one committee member told us to "a tremendous amount of support from the community."

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The interior of the new Master Feeds Store in Springford.

## Further Expansion For Master Feeds

Master Feeds is the go-ahead firm in Springford.

Realizing a need for a complete service to farmers in the area, the company purchased seven acres in a vacant cornfield at the edge of the village in 1965, near the railroad.

From that site has risen one of the most comprehensive and modern plants of its kind in the province, making it a complete one-stop supply depot for grain farmers.

Master Feeds, under the managership of Alvin "Hap" Smith, opened its original warehouse and store in March, 1966, and during that summer built a modern grain elevator with unloading facilities for the largest trucks and four 60'x18' storage silos. Grain and corn could be handled at the rate of 2,000 bushels per hour with a drying capacity of 500 bushels per hour.

Need for increased capacity was soon felt, and in the summer of 1967 two additional concrete silos were erected, 100' high with a 30' diameter, bringing the storage capacity up to 150,000 bushels.

Recently completed has been a \$70,000 addition to the warehouse, adding an area 60'x100' which includes a 20'x40' enlargement of the store.

And to prove that the plant is still growing, a new corn dryer conversion unit is planned for this summer which will increase capacity by 70 percent. Also due to start this summer are two more 100' silos.

With three trucks on the road now, a fourth unit will be added -- a bulk tandem feed truck with a load capacity of 14 tons.

With an already extensive line of farm needs, including fertilizer, seed grain, grass seed, feed and feed ingredients, agricultural chemicals plus tools and equipment the firm plans to add a line of side hopper boxes and wagons, and bulk-handling equipment for grain and tobacco fertilizers.

From the original staff of two, personnel has now increased to nine full-time employees with extra staff being added during the harvest.

Murray Gray is feed territory salesman.

Manager Hap Smith has some more long-range plans for the firm, too. "We're just getting nicely started," he says.

# 30 or 40 would buy stock if publisher 'goes public'

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Publisher Jack McClelland said Wednesday: "It will be several weeks before we know what we're going to do" with the publishing house of McClelland and Stewart.

He said he has had 30 or 40 letters from people offering to buy stock in the firm if it is offered — the result of an editorial page column by Free Press editor W. C. Heine suggesting Canadians show their willingness to invest in the company in order to keep it Canadian.

Mr. McClelland announced last month that the firm is for sale because of a lack of working capital, but he emphasized that only as a last resort would he let it go to a foreign buyer.

The publisher said Wednesday consideration will be given to making a public stock offer "as one alternative". A few offers from individuals are still coming in, he said, and there have also been quite a number from Canadian authors.

The largest single investment offer, however, was \$1,500. The price being asked is \$1.5 million. Mr. McClelland said he has not heard from an

Otterville man who telephoned Mr. Heine, after his column appeared, pledging an investment of \$5,000.

The publisher said he is interested in a proposal by university students to buy his publishing house. "I'm sort of interested in the idea that university student councils might take over the firm. It's an intriguing idea."

The student affairs committee of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada is considering the idea of buying the company. It has

also proposed creation of a book publishing company to serve Canadian universities.

Mr. McClelland said he at first tended to be skeptical, but last week a student at the University of British Columbia reminded him that the \$5 million campus building in which they were talking was paid for by students.

The students don't want to run the business, he said. They just want to invest in it, which would mean that he would continue to run it himself. He said he understood a

letter has gone to university student councils and faculty across the country promoting the venture.

"They're in dead earnest," Mr. McClelland said.

Larry Steinman, president of the University of Western Ontario student council and a member of the committee, said if a decision to go ahead is made on either a university publishing firm or purchasing McClelland and Stewart, funds would come from student councils and possibly an AUCC grant.



Well, a swinging wife and establishment-type husband can't be expected to get along ALL the time. Especially after he finds that she has forgotten to get the furniture for their new apartment on time. Doug Lester and Pat Pickersgill star in "Barefoot in the Park," the Tillsonburg Little Theatre production on stage at Annandale

## Pearl Rohrer

Pearl Rohrer of the Norview Nursing Home, Simcoe, formerly of Straffordville and Delhi, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Tuesday, March 30, 1971, in her 75th year.

Born in Houghton Township, February 28, 1897, she was a member of Tillsonburg Crystal Chapter No. 32; Guysboro Orange Lodge No. 116; Fidelity Rebekah Lodge No. 314, Delhi; Delhi United Church; and a past district deputy of East St. Thomas District No. 17; and a past senior Preceptress of Crystal Chapter No. 32.

Surviving are one brother, Charles Tutty of South Gate, Cal.; a half-sister, Mrs. Wilfred (Nellie) Price of Jennett's Creek; also several nieces and nephews.

Rested at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Friday, April 2, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. W. K. Hudson of Delhi United Church.

Interment in Straffordville Cemetery.

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**ROHRER** - At Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Tuesday, March 30, 1971, Pearl Rohrer, of Norview Nursing Home, Simcoe, formerly of Straffordville and Delhi, in her 75th year. Rested at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Friday, April 2, 1971, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. W. K. Hudson of Delhi United Church. Interment in Straffordville Cemetery. Rebekah Lodge service was held at the Funeral Home Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, No. 314, Delhi.

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# Old Bridge May Disappear

If discussions between railroad officials and town council develop as hoped, Broadway's much-cussed and discussed overhead bridge at the CNR near Hale Street could become a thing of the past.

Conferring with the mayor and council in an informal get-together Thursday night were Desmond Furlotte, CNR industrial development officer; George Powell superintendent, CPR, and

Roger Smith of the CPR engineering department.

Moves towards initiation of the discussions were started following a letter on Dec. 22 from CNR stating that it proposed to remove its railway station facilities on Hale St. to the Wabash station and close down the old station.

Town fathers have realized for some years that the old overhead bridge was in a bad

state of repair, and its steep approaches and high crown constituted a hazard to some transport trucks.

Engineering studies were started on replacement of the structure, but to meet present grade design and requirements of the Department of Highways would mean a much more gradual slope which would cut off entrance to Broadway for several business and

residential properties with the possible result that the municipality could be faced with extensive property damage claims.

In January, Clerk-Treasurer Ken Holland wrote the Railway Transport Committee suggesting the rail line might profitably be removed and services re-routed, and asking for a meeting with officials.

Railway men at the meeting found much merit in

the suggestion but could give no firm commitment prior to discussions with their traffic departments to assess feasibility and cost factors.

Further discussions are expected to be slated in the near future.

Closing of the line would mean removal of trackage from near Fourth St. to the Y near the Canadian Leaf plant and abandonment of the trestle over Stoney Creek.



TILLSONBURG

# Second Club Movie 'Run-Away' Success

1971

Norwich Cinema Club, the producer's of "The Great Jewel Robbery," have come up with another winner. This flick, over an hour long, is called "The Great Escape?" and again features those two lovable con men, Spats and Babyface, alias Al Munro, who also shared producing and directing duties, and Walt Gayley.

Also starring in the movie are Harold Stover, as a policeman the Keystone Cops would have been glad to have in their ranks, and Katy Cayley and Phyl Munro as two lovable, sweet, and manhungry old maids.

The movie was shot in Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville, with what one of the organizers termed "fantastic co-operation." Al Munro said that nobody turned down a request that the club made. Local merchants co-operated by providing both shooting locations, and bit players.

The best co-operation came from the area police, who let the club do just about anything they wanted for the movie, including driving an antique car down the sidewalks of Norwich.

The movie will be

presented on April 5-10, at 7:30 p.m., at Norwich District High School. As an added attraction, their original movie "The Great Jewel Robbery," will be shown on the double-feature bill.

Their first movie brought a total attendance of over 1000, and they are hoping to beat that this time. They predicted that this will be their last full-length picture. It has been suggested that any profits will go towards making some short films on safety for school kids.

The shorts will star, of course, Babyface and Spats, who by now are established film stars in the area.

The entire production is backed up by honky-tonk piano, after the style of silent films, played very well by Jean McClintock. Photography, including some pretty good trick shots, was done by Russell Smith, the mastermind behind the whole thing.

"The Great Escape?" is a very well done, very funny movie. It's well worth seeing.

## 1971 THE UNION JACK

The flag that once waved so proudly on high,  
Like a spectre has vanished from our sky.  
A few politicians with their heads in a whirl,  
With the tax-payers money a new one did unfurl.  
They forget all the boys in khaki and blue,  
Who fought for that flag so bravely and true.  
On Vimy and Verdun it was raised on high,  
A warning to those who dared to defy.  
On our ships on the ocean it flew in the breeze,  
And brought our enemy down to their knees.  
The men in our government on parliament hill,  
Are trying their best all our tradition to kill.  
The men in our government can't understand,  
But this flag kept the wars in distant land.  
For ages this flag has protected our shore,  
And kept the enemy away from our door.  
When the new flag was disigned, their thinking was slack,  
There was still a place in the corner for the Union Jack.  
C. Norris

## Otterville 1971

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch, who have spent the past several months in their home in Clearwater, Florida, returned to Otterville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison spent Saturday at Simcoe with the former's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Addison, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 1st.

Mrs. Winnie Davis celebrated her 85th birthday on Thursday, April 29. She was the recipient of many cards, several potted flowers as well as floral arrangements. Mrs. Edna Davis was her guest for the afternoon and members of her family called throughout the day.

Mr. David Addison of St. Catharines visited his grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, on Sunday.

## Otterville Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C) — Services during the Easter week were conducted by Rev. H. Herring. In the morning service on Palm Sunday Rev. Herring sang a solo "The Palms." Blessing and distribution of Palms were given to all members.

Service on Good Friday at 10 a.m. was well attended and conducted by Rev. Herb Herring, who chose for his sermon "Gethsemene." The Minister gave semonettes entitled "The Trial By Night," "Trial by Pilate," "Peter's Denial," "The Condemnation," "The Crucifixion," and concluded with "The Tomb." Sick and shut-ins were remembered in prayer.

Easter Sunday service was held in the auditorium and was well attended. The sermon, given by Rev. H. Herring, was based on the theme "Why Seek Ye Living Among The Dead?"

The choir sang "He Is Risen." Offering was presented by Tim Moore and Tom Jones. Mrs. Nate McMullen, organist presided at the console for all services, and Mr. Jack Risty lay reader, assisted the minister at all services.

Flowers and plants placed in the church in memory of loved ones by their families included the late Mr. and Mrs. William Walter, Sam Harris, Mrs. Ina Anderson, Mrs. Gertrude Huggins, Mrs. Alma Deveney, Mr. David Furlong, Mrs. Kathleen Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. William Pavely and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pickersgill.

Flowers on the altar were placed in memory of former members.

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FANSHAWE COLLEGE  
AGRICULTURE DIVISION  
OXFORD SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

GRADUATION  
BANQUET AND DANCE

IN HONOUR OF THE THIRD GRADUATING CLASS  
OF THE  
TWO YEAR AGRICULTURAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

APRIL 16, 1971

Y.M.C.A., WOODSTOCK

M E N U

Tomato Juice  
Olives - Pickles - Radishes  
Roast Turkey and Dressing  
Cranberry Sauce  
Gravy  
Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetables  
Crusty Rolls                      Butter  
Pie and Ice Cream  
Coffee              Tea              Milk

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P R O G R A M

Toastmaster                      Mr. Philip Zavitz  
Invocation                      Mr. Mark Erb  
O Canada  
Toast to the Queen              Mr. John Walther  
Dinner  
Welcome from  
Fanshawe College              Dr. J. A. Colvin  
Toast to the Ladies              Mr. Barry Raymer  
Toast to the Teachers              Mr. Steve Gingerich  
Introduction - Class  
of '71                      Mr. Terry Cowley  
Presentation of Gifts              Mr. Ross McMullen  
Introduction of Guest  
Speaker                      Mr. Keith Matheson  
Guest Speaker                      Dr. Howard Neely  
Presentation of  
Student Award                      Mr. Stanley Edwards  
Valedictory Address  
Dance



# Retreat<sup>1971</sup> officially opened

1971

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — More than 1,200 persons attended open house Sunday at the Innisfree centre built by the Harold Innis Foundation.

The retreat, completed six weeks ago at a cost of \$80,000, was designed as a conference and discussion centre for students and the public.

"This is no ivory tower where a collar and tie are essential," said Dr. Robin Harris, principal of Innis College, University of Toronto, "but a retreat where you can feel free to relax and discuss matters of mutual interests."

The Harold Innis Foundation was organized in 1969 to perpetuate the aims and ideals of the late Dr. Harold Innis who was famous for his work in history and economic science.

Dr. Innis became a lecturer at the University of Toronto in 1920 after receiving his doctorate at the University of Chicago. He graduated from McMaster University in 1916.

The retreat is located on the 8th Concession of South Norwich, approximately 1½ miles east of Highway 69, directly east of Otterville.

The centre is a concrete and glass building with a cove-like conference room built in a split-level effect.

It has a dining and kitchen area and the second floor has sleeping quarters for 24 persons. It will be available for regular bookings in the fall.

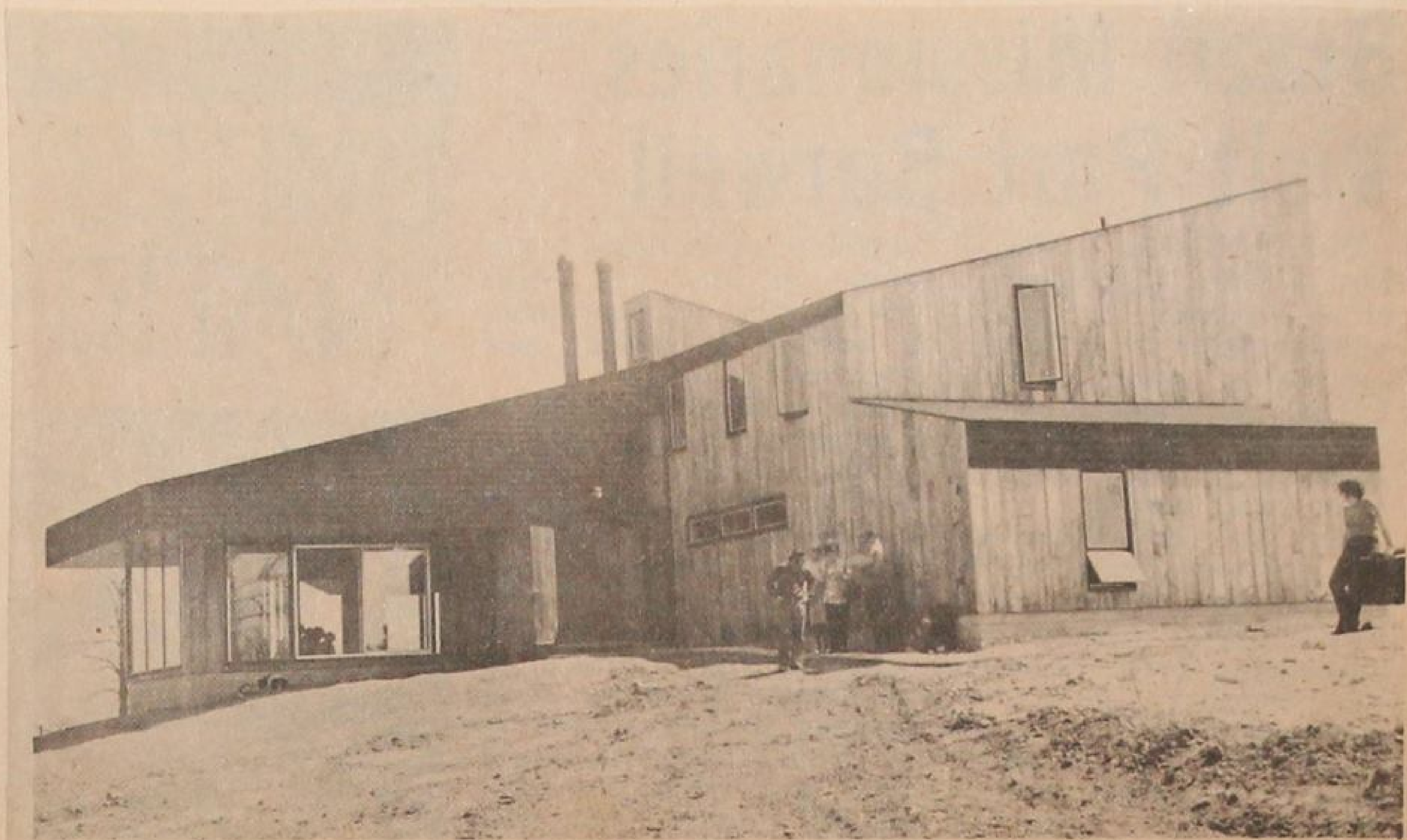
The centre was designed by George Boake, a leading architect who designed the Royal Trust building in Toronto.

The building is located on the original farm home of Harold Innis, purchased by the foundation, and is operated by Barry and Wendy Napier who attended the University of Guelph.

Dr. Harris said the centre is not intended as a retreat for persons fleeing contemporary problems but is a place where students, members of faculty, and community residents can come and learn.

Attending the opening were Prof. Vincent Bladen, Toronto, who succeeded Dr. Innis as head of the department of political science; and J. J. Stren of Toronto, president of the foundation.

In 1934, Dr. Innis was a member of the Royal commission examining economic life in Nova Scotia and he later received the Royal Society of Canada's Tyrrell Medal for his work in history and economic science.



This building is the latest addition at Innisfree Farm, just east of Otterville, designed to continue the work and processes of the late Dr. Harold Innis who was born on the site. Pictured below are three members of the Innis Foundation. Left to right, Dr. Vincent Bladen, Professor of Economics, University of Toronto; Robin S. Harris, Principal, Innis College, and Jack Stren, president of the Innis Foundation.

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# Fanshawe students pick Otterville man as first recipient of council award

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Ross McMullen of Otterville was named the first recipient of the student council best overall student award at the third graduation exercises Friday of Fanshawe College, Oxford School of Agriculture.

Graduating student Stanley Edwards, who made the presentation, said the students considered ability, sportsmanship, citizenship and leadership in the selection.

Mr. McMullen, valedictorian, described the two-year course as "the most useful years" in his school career.

He said the class of 18 students has learned to communicate with the outside world, with industry and within the farming community.

The students, he said, have learned and worked with the most modern techniques in

farming and will try to put them to use to improve farm efficiency.

Dr. Howard Neely, Ontario Agriculture College, University of Guelph, said, "the farmers willing to change, will not only survive, but will excel."

He said that while a number of farmers will not be re-

quired, good farmers will stay and are essential.

Terry Cowley, supervisor of the Oxford school, said 12 students will be working on their home farms, five on area farms and in allied agriculture industry and one will join the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

He said presentation of diplomas is planned for May 28 at the Fanshawe campus in London.

The graduating class: Brian Armstrong, Myles Cowan, David Dance, Stanley Edwards, Mark Erb, Stephen Gingerich, William Hopkins, Keith Matheson, Mr. McMullen, Bradley McNiven, Donald Mingle, Ralph O'Neil, Barry Penny, Robert Sackrider, Larry Tillotson, Tony Verkuyl, John Walther and Philip Zavitz.

# Doomed Fanshawe course to be studied by council

WOODSTOCK — Support for the farm management course of Fanshawe College, scheduled to be closed according to an announcement by Agriculture Minister William Stewart, will be considered by council tonight.

George A. Simmons, Oxford county director of education and Woodstock appointee to the board of governors of Fanshawe will speak to city council about the move.

Mr. Stewart has proposed that the first-year graduates

both at Simcoe and Woodstock attend either Centralia or Ridgetown agricultural colleges.

Nineteen first-year students at Woodstock have formed a "Fanfarm" group and have already planted barley at the 84 acre Fanshawe site at Woodstock. They also plan to plant corn and soybeans, part of their second term practical studies.

Meanwhile students of Fanshawe College satellites in Woodstock and Simcoe who

want their courses continued plan to meet with Agriculture Minister Stewart to have their demands heard.

The students also plan to meet with Oxford County councils and the township councils of students who live outside Oxford and Norfolk counties.

A date will be set to meet with the agriculture minister. Students will meet with Oxford County council May 18.

The representatives were planned Wednesday night by

20 first-year students and 12 of the 18 graduating students from the final year of the two-year course at Woodstock.

The students were among 75 who signed a petition Monday at a meeting with parents and interested persons.

The petition, objecting to the proposal to discontinue the farm management courses, has been forwarded to John White, minister of university affairs, Mr. Stewart and G. W. Innes, MPP (L-Oxford).

Thomas Barnes, RR 2, Petersberg, chairman of a first-year students' meeting, said cancellation of the course would be rough on first-year students, with the recommended course at Ridgetown only having one similar subject. Any student able to attend Ridgetown, where students live on campus, would practically have to start the course over again, he said.

Of the 20 in the first-year class at Woodstock, he said, only two indicated they would consider going to another college. He said he was one who would consider such a move, but explained it would be unlikely because of his work

Ross McMullen, of Otterville, chairman of the graduates' meeting, who was named at graduation exercises April 16 as the best student in the course, said the students are strictly behind the program and feel a cancellation would be an awful setback.

Terry Cowley, supervisor of the Oxford school, said 12 students have already registered for the 1971-72 term as first-year students and 28 have registered interest. He encouraged persons who are interested in the course to signify their intentions by applying.

Mr. Cowley said applications have been coming in earlier each year and the satellite school was prepared to accept two first-year classes of 20 students each for next term.

# Farm management courses to be continued after all

## Powell-Agri Systems awarded \$39,207

The Supreme Court of Ontario has passed a judgment awarding Powell-Agri Systems Ltd. of Otterville a total of \$39,207 for two suits it brought against Provost Manufacturing Ltd. of Lambeth two years ago.

Powell-Agri claimed, when filing suits against Provost and its chief officers in November of 1969, that the defendant had converted funds belonging to the Otterville firm to its own use. The second claim was against the president of Provost, Donald B. MacDonald as guarantor of monies owing.

In passing judgment in favor of Powell-Agri, Mr. Justice Laurence Pennell concluded that Provost did owe the plaintiff \$12,000 for business it had done while acting as Powell-Agri's agent in the sale of patented labor-saving bulk tobacco-curing units.

Mr. Justice Pennell also ruled that Powell-Agri had just claims against Provost for the amount of \$27,207 for advances they had made to Provost to aid in the construction and marketing of the units.

He said, in explaining his judgement, "I am inclined to the view that the act of the defendant, although irregular, did not amount to a fraudulent conversion." The problem centred around an anxiety-filled relationship between the two companies, he summarized, and a misunderstanding as to when the legal relationship between the companies had terminated.

Powell-Agri, a subsidiary of co-plaintiff Powell Incorp. of Bennettsville, S.C., had commissioned the more-established firm of Provost to help build and sell the tobacco-curing units for it in 1967 after it had little success in break-

ing into the Canadian market with the eproduct.

Provost had never done anything in this field before. The intention of the working arrangement between the two companies was to amalgamate the financial resources of Powell-Agri with the Canadian experience and sales organization of Provost.

The dispute between the two companies arose when Powell-Agri issued what Provost called a unilateral letter setting down terms of the working agreement after elaborate and detailed discussion got nowhere.

The letter stated that Powell-Agri would manufacture in Canada with the assistance of Provost and that Provost would be the exclusive distributor for bulk curing units in Canada for a term negotiated from an initial five-year period, eventually reduced to three years from Feb. 7, 1968.

Provost claimed it had rejected the terms entirely. Powell-Agri apparently favored a three-year working arrangement while Provost wanted a longer arrangement so that it could share the benefits of the business the other company had introduced to it for a longer period of time.

## Rifles, Money Stolen From Otterville Store

Provincial police report a breakin at the Holmes and Taylor Hardware in Otterville Wednesday night.

The thief or thieves entered through the back warehouse and forced the door into the store.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to peel the safe.

Reported missing were seven wrenches, two .22 calibre rifles, 1,000 rounds of ammunition and \$20 in cash.

Owner Rod Taylor discovered the entry when he opened the store at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Constable Roy Bruton, Tillsonburg, detachment is investigating.

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# Mrs. G.M. Downing Heads Otterville Institute

OTTERVILLE (C)— The annual April meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Moore with 20 members and one visitor present.

Mrs. Earle Petch presented the slate of officers as follows: past president, Mrs. Max Avey; president, Mrs. G. M. Downing; 1st vice president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; secretary-treasurer, Miss Vera Welsh; assistant, Mrs. William A. McMullen; social conveners, Mrs. George Goodale and Mrs. Fred Moore; park flowers, Mrs. William A. McMullen; cards and flowers, Mrs. Cecil Hooker; branch directors, Mrs. H. A. Waring and Mrs. Earle Petch.

Mrs. George Goodale and Mrs. Fred Moore are to be added to the board of directors.

Curators, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. R. M. Holmes; assistants, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Mrs. William A. McMullen and Miss Catherine McMullen; district director, Mrs. Max Avey; alternate, Mrs. G. M. Downing; delegates to district annual, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. G. M. Downing, Mrs. H. A. Waring and Miss Vera Welsh. Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. Earle Petch were named to act as alternates.

Conveners of standing committees, agriculture, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; health, Mrs. Earle Petch; public relations, Mrs. Nelson Gleason; home economics, Mrs. Jay Durkee; current events, Mrs. Bert Hill; historical research, Mrs. Jack Walther; resolutions, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; Canadian industries, Mrs. Max Avey; education, Mrs. H. A. Waring; citizenship, Mrs. Murray Treffry; delegate to area convention,

Mrs. G. M. Downing; auditors, Miss Ivy Pennington and Mrs. Fred Walther, pianist, Mrs. Jack Walther nominating committee, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Jack Walther and Mrs. Bert Hill; press, Mrs. H. A. Waring.

Mrs. Max Avey thanked the members for their cooperation during her term as president for the past two years.

The president presided for the meeting. Members responded to roll call with the paying of fees.

The convener of the rummage sale Mrs. Jack Walther asked for volunteers to help Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. The sale will be held in the community hall on April 24, 9:30 to 12:30.

Mrs. Murray Treffry spoke on the course, accessories for the home with the last meeting at the home of Mrs. Jay Durkee, Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. Summary day is to be held May 5 at the Legion hall, Woodstock.

Members were reminded of the district annual at Folden's Corners, May 12, also the food forum, May 26, at 8 p.m. in Woodstock.

It was decided to renew the subscription to the Consumers magazine.

Mrs. Murray Treffry spoke on the possibility of forming a junior Institute or have evening meetings.

Reports were given by all conveners.

Mrs. Lorne Treffry presided for the election of officers.

Mrs. Downing conducted the remainder of the meeting.

It was decided that a canvass be made to sell flower seeds for Hope for the mentally retarded.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Moore and committee for the afternoon, and a social time was enjoyed.

## Mrs. John M. Hunter

Mrs. John M. Hunter of Baldwin St., Tillsonburg, passed away on Sunday, April 4, 1971, at Vicotria Hospital, London, in her 47th year.

Born at Renton, December 9, 1925, she was the former Margaret Elizabeth (Beth) Charter, daughter of the late Tureman Charter and Margaret Kirkwood.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Kirkwood Hunter at home, and Major Arthur Hunter of Lancaster Park, Edmonton, Alberta; four sisters, Mrs. Jack (Reta) Neale of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Dan (Barbara) Watt of Hamilton, Mrs. Richard (Jean) Cline and Mrs. Murray (Margaret) Davies, both of Burlington; four brothers, Robert Charter of Dundas, James Charter of Dartmouth, N. S., Kenneth Beemer of Brantford, and Liston Beemer of Hustesford, Wisconsin; and two grandchildren.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 2 p.m. conducted Rev. William Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, followed by cremation at Woodland Crematorium, London. In lieu of flowers donations to the Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

# Norman Hern Receives 60-Year Lodge Jewel

NORWICH (C) — Hayden Lodge, I.O.O.F., held their regular meeting Monday

evening, April 12, with officers of Simcoe Lodge paying an inter-fraternal visit and filling the various offices of the Lodge. Also present was District Deputy Grand Master John High of Tillsonburg.

ever receive their 60-year jewel, however one member Brother Charles Mannell of Otterville Lodge, who was present, had received his 63-year jewel. Both Brothers Hern and Mannell were tendered a standing ovation for their enviable record.

joyed. Lunch was served by the social committee to the visitors present from Simcoe, Delhi, Otterville and Tillsonburg.

## Area Rebekahs Off To Europe

May 1971

NORWICH (C) — It's off to Europe this week for several area members of the Rebekah Lodge.

Degree team of Centennial Rebekah Lodge, Brantford, which has performed degree work in a number of places in Canada and the United States, has been invited to conduct the initiatory degree in Copenhagen, Denmark, the first time a lodge has been invited to perform such work outside of North America.

Noble Grand of the Brantford lodge is from Denmark, and her sister is head of the Copenhagen Lodge.

Members of Centennial Lodge and Harmony Lodge, IOOF, have arranged a charter flight in connection with the visit, and 150 from the area will be going Thursday. The degree will be presented Saturday evening, and the Canadians will then tour Copenhagen on Sunday and follow up with a six-day conducted tour of major places of interest in West Germany, Belgium and Holland.

Sisters Mabel Mabee, Jessie McBride, Gladys Maloney and Vera Ronson of Tillsonburg; Mrs. Harold Sweazey and Mrs. Irene Sherman of Norwich, and Mrs. Ben Strudwick of Otterville.

Noble Grand Bro. Ross Munn of Simcoe conducted the business. The visiting committee reported visiting Brothers Egerton Jull and Clarence Helsdon, and were pleased Brother Helsdon was able to be present.

Brother Tom Murphy, Past Grand of the Simcoe Lodge introduced the District Deputy Grand Master.

Noble Grand Munn requested Brothers Norman Hern and Lavern Irving of Hayden Lodge to come forward to be presented with their jewels. In presenting Br. Hern with his 60-year jewel, Bro. High stated very few members in the Order

In presenting Bro. Lavern Irving with his 25-year jewel, the D.D.G.M. congratulated him on having attained the office in the district, being District Deputy Grand Master a few years ago.

Brothers Hern and Irving expressed their appreciation for the jewels and related some of their experiences in the work of the Order when Lodges were more active then to-day.

Brother Munn invited members of Hayden to attend their church service in the First Baptist Church, Simcoe, on Sunday, May 2, at 11.

Lodge closed in regular form and euchre was en-

## E.G. (Ted) Picknell

E.G. (Ted) Picknell, 24 Kensington Street, Woodstock, died at Westminster Hospital, London, on Saturday, May 22, 1971. He was born in Sussex, England. He came to the Otterville district 45 years ago and was a resident of Woodstock for the past 20 years. Mr. Picknell served overseas in World War II with the Canadian Army. He was a member of the Canadian Legion, Branch 55, Woodstock.

Surviving are his wife the former Ilene Yates; three sons, Tony and Ian of Woodstock and Michael at home; one daughter Cheryl at home; one brother Arthur of Otterville and three grandchildren.

Friends were received at the M.D. (Mac)Smith Funeral Home where funeral service was held on Wednesday at 1.30 p.m. Rev. K. Brett of the Church of the Good Shepherd officiated. Burial was in the Anglican Cemetery.

A Canadian Legion Service was held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

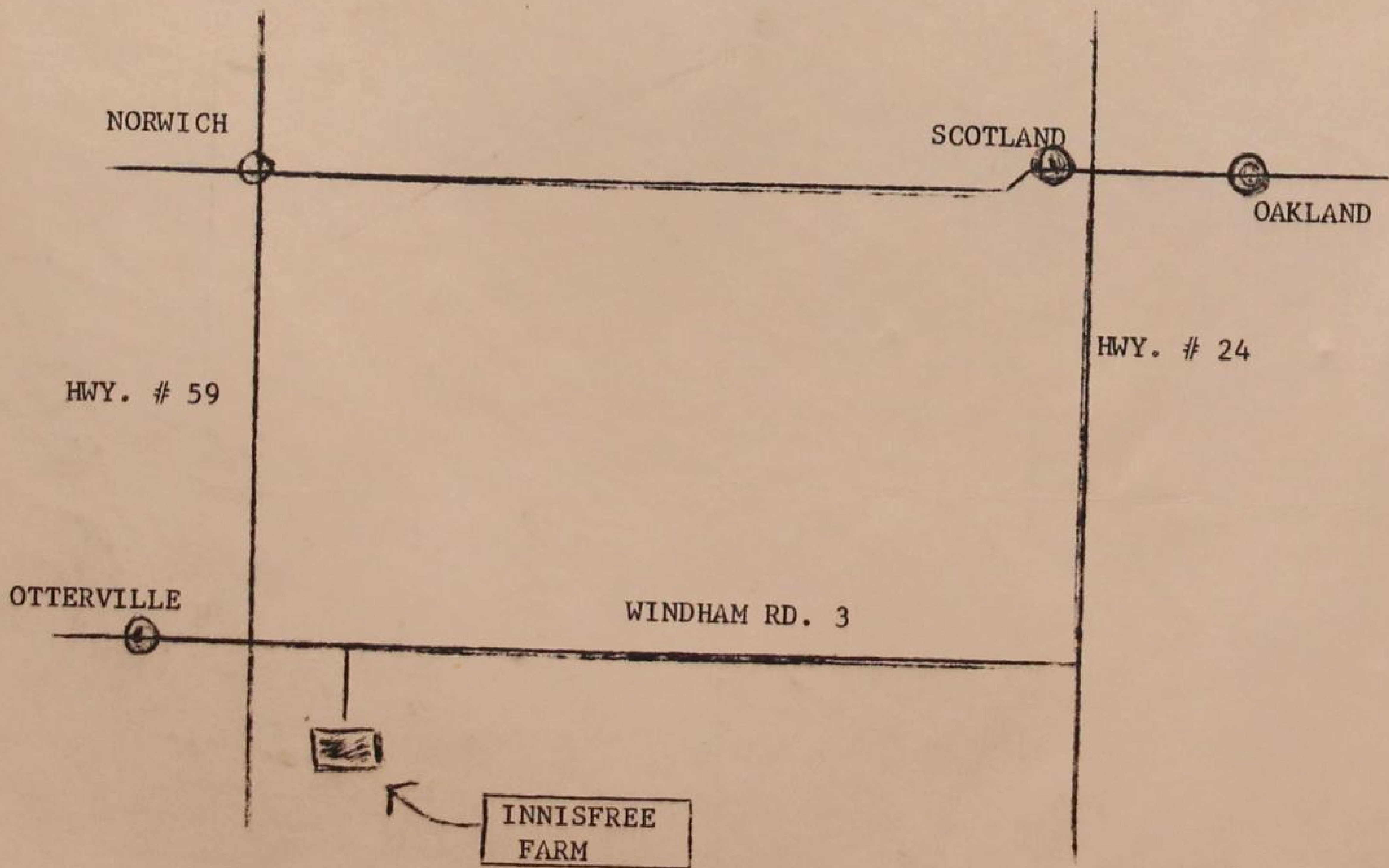
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# OPEN HOUSE

INNISFREE FARM ---- R. R. # 1, OTTERVILLE  
SUNDAY, MAY 9 --- 1:00 TO 4:00 P. M.

The Directors of the Harold Innis Foundation warmly invite their neighbours in the Norwich-Otterville area to visit Innisfree Farm on the afternoon of Sunday, May 9th -- anytime between 1:00 and 4:00.

You will be able to inspect the new building which has been built to the east of the original farmhouse and to learn something of our plans for its use.



# Innisfree Farm A Unique Centre Of Activity

As you cross Highway 59, just east of Otterville, and continue along for about one mile, looking to the south you'll see a typical early farm home and barn, but immediately to the east, on the same property, is an extremely modern building, nearly all glass. The combination Innisfree Farm.

Open house was held at the farm on Sunday with many of the directors of the Harold Innis Foundation on hand to chat with visitors and bring them up to date on the ideas behind the just recently completed structure.

Harold Innis was born on this farmsite in 1894. Inspiration gathered on the location assisted him greatly in becoming a teacher and scholar who gained an international reputation through his work on Canadian history and political economy. The fact that Harold Innis believed in change is easily realized when one sees the means for further discovery that have been established on his homesite.

In 1916, Mr. Innis graduated from McMaster University, which was then located in Toronto, and went on to join the Canadian Army where he was wounded at Vimy Ridge while serving in the Artillery.

Given a medical discharge, Mr. Innis became a popular figure in the halls of the University of Chicago with his ever present cane which he was to rely on for years as a result of his wounds. In 1920

he graduated with his doctorate at Chicago and became a lecturer at the University of Toronto the same year.

He was appointed a member of a Royal Commission to examine the economic life of Nova Scotia in 1934, and later won the Royal Society of Canada's Tyrrell Medal for his work in history and economic science.

Among many honours accorded the economist was an opportunity to head the prestigious Department of Economics at the University of Chicago. He refrained as it was 1943, and Mr. Innis continued to preach loyalty to Canadian Scholars of the future, feeling he could not desert the thousands of young men whose lives had been disrupted by war.

At the end of the war, Dr. Innis attended an international science conference in Moscow, and in 1948 delivered the Beit lecture at Oxford University, which was regarded as the highest honor that could be afforded any teacher of economics.

In 1948 he served on the Manitoba Royal Commission on adult education, and was the only Canadian of 11 educationists who submitted their answer to the Atomic age, a constitution for world government.

Sr. Innis died of cancer in 1952, the year in which he had become the only non-resident of the United States to head the American Economics Association.

The Harold Innis Foundation is a registered charitable organization which was founded in 1969 by former students, associates and friends of Professor Innis and of the Collège that bears his name at the University of Toronto. Its purposes are to foster scholarly inquiry related to the interests and aims of Harold Innis and to assist Innis College in pursuing its goals as a multi-faculty college.

The greatest project undertaken so far by the Foundation is the purchase and development of the Innis family farm. Innisfree Farm has 75 acres of fodder corn, ten acres of sense woodlot and 15 acres surrounding the farmhouse, the barn and new building, just completed, to provide overnight accommodation and space for meetings.

In conversation with Robin S. Harris, principal, Innis College. The News learned that local residents are encouraged to use the facilities when they are available, at a rental fee. The centre will serve as a site for recreation and discussion by groups up to 25 people. Groups of students can gather with staff and Foundation members. resource people, local residents, representatives of other universities, of business, of government—the combinations are unlimited.

Mr. Harris pointed out that the centre must be self-supporting and felt it could be rented when not being used by other groups for a reasonable fee. It will operate year round.

Designed by Toronto architects, Crang and Boake, the setting and the new building make the site ideal for the kind of Think Tank meetings which industry finds so productive. The building had been carefully designed for diversified use. It sleeps 24 people (the far-

mhouse holds eight more) and there are kitchen and laundry facilities and two double bedrooms. The cove-like seminar room affords space for a large single gathering, or small single groups can meet independently in its recesses. The dining area is adjacent to the seminar room, providing additional meeting space if necessary.

Renovations are being made to the original farm house on the site, where a young University of Guelph couple reside permanently. The new centre, which went under construction last September was completed about five weeks ago and affords a bright, quiet atmosphere for those wanting to concentrate and learn. The view from the front of the centre over the rolling countryside is breathtaking.

One guest at Sunday's open house was Professor Vincent Bladen, Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto and a longtime friend of the late Dr. Harold Innis. He recalled visiting the Innis farm at least 50 years ago with the then young economist Innis. He particularly remembered the train trip to Otterville. Now an internationally acclaimed economist Dr. Bladen is another prominent member of the Innis Foundation.

The Foundation is now conducting a campaign to raise funds to further the centre. It is estimated that when construction changes to the farmhouse and other work is completed at the site, it will cost in the neighbourhood of \$100,000 to

\$125,000. Foundation president is Jack Stren formerly of Brantford. About 20 members of the Foundation come from the Otterville Norwich area.

The Innisfree Farm project is a particularly appropriate tribute to Harold Innis, for it will continue his work and the

processes of education he believed in. It will be an asset both to students and to the entire community.

Harold Innis once said, "my bias is with the oral tradition...and with the necessity of recapturing something of its spirit."



# FARM SCENE

by Wilfred Bishop

Sunday, May 9, the memory of a distinguished son of South Norwich Township was honored in the holding of "Open House" at Innisfree Farm. A couple of years ago a number of friends and admirers of the late Dr. Harold Innis purchased the farm where he was born to develop a retreat for university personnel and to provide a location for the study of some of the problems with which he was concerned.

Dr. Innis was a former head of the Economics Dept. of the University of Toronto and Dean of Arts of the University. In recent years he has been acknowledged as one of the most outstanding economists Canada has ever produced, particularly in his special field of Canadian Economic History.

We very well recall unique connections with the late Dr. Innis. After graduation from the O.A.C., this writer felt a special urge to go farther in the special field of agricultural economics in order to be better qualified to give some leadership in farm economic problems. The School of Graduate Studies of the University of Toronto, which supervised all graduate studies towards high degrees, was considerate enough to allow work for a master's degree to be spread over a number of years, with a minimum amount of time being spent at the university and most of the study and essays being done at home with a liberal use of books from the University Library.

We were privileged to come under the general direction of the late Dr. Innis and the late W.M. Drummond. One of the courses prescribed was the course Dr. Innis himself taught for senior honour economics students and graduate students. We have often made the comment during the years that this was the most productive course we ever had the opportunity of taking.

Writing essays under the direction of Dr. Innis gave an opportunity to discuss agricultural problems with him and to benefit very much in the process.

A few years before there had been an abortive attempt to organize an Ontario Wheat Pool, copied after the pools operating successfully in the western provinces. Changing agricultural trends in Ontario had made the lift of this pool both short and tragic.

We asked Dr. Innis one day, "Suppose the leaders of the Ontario Pool had come to you for discussion and advice, could you not have given them information and pointed out factors that would have caused them to change their plans?"

Very modestly back came the answer: "Yes, probably I could have told them a number of things that might have changed their plans."

In those days we used to think how wise it would have been for some of the early leaders of the Federation of Agriculture and the Milk Organizations to have spent five minutes now and then to walk from their headquarters on Huron St. around to Dr. Innis office on Bloor St. to talk over current economic problems.

The establishment of "Innisfree" with its special new Conference building is a most fitting tribute to one of the great native sons of our area.

Farmers are constantly up against new problems. The other day we learned some new things about steel. Our land packer had six to be rebuilt. A new shaft was among other things required. One was obtained from a machine shop in a town to the north. In no time at all it buckled in the centre, proving it to be soft steel. This made necessary taking the machine all apart again and looking for a new shaft. The first company tried to argue that the quality was alright and that any cold rolled steel was the same.

Subsequently we were able to obtain a hardened steel shaft in Kitchener for less money than we had been charged for the original purchase.

A test showed that the old shaft which had served for nineteen years was only cold rolled steel. From our agricultural engineer we learned that there is variation in strength of cold rolled steel.

Perhaps all it shows is that a farmer must be alert on dozens and dozens of questions only remotely related to farming.





**MR. AND MRS. RONALD DAVID SMITH**  
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

## Smith - Spicer

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was the setting on Wednesday, May 12, 1971, at 1.30 o'clock, for the wedding for Wenda Ruth Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Spicer of Otterville, and Ronald David Smith of Otterville, son of Mr. John B. Smith and Mrs. Pauline Smith, of Brantford. Two baskets of white mums and peppermint carnations decorated the church for the occasion. Rev. H. Herring officiated at the double ring ceremony and Mrs. Nate McMullen, organist, played traditional wedding music. Soloist, Mrs. Jack Walther sang "The Wedding Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white crystalline silk. The empire waist, mandarin neckline and cuffs were enhanced with guipure lace with white ribbon threaded through. The A-line skirt was full at the back to form an aisle wide, cathedral length train edged in tiny daisies. Her hair band of real pink roses and mum petals held her shoulder-length veil of French, pure silk, illusion in place and she carried a cascade arrangement of white gardenias, pink roses, stephanotis and green ivy.

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Matron of honor was Mrs. Gloria Terryberry, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Janet Sherman, friend of the bride, Mrs. Pat Spicer, sister-in-law of the bride, and Miss Joan Downing, friend of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of mint green chiffon, with sheer sleeves, sheared bodice and cuffs with dainty pink roses enhancing the empire waist and round neckline. Three pink roses in a hair-band effect and nosegays of white carnations, pink roses with trailing mint green ribbons, completed their ensemble.

Flower girl, Robin Davis, friend of the bride, was gowned identically to the other attendants.

Pierre Pinnoy, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were John Smith, brother of the groom, Wayne Spicer, brother of the bride, and Keith Howse, friend of the groom. Robert Davis was ring bearer.

Reception for 340 guests was held at the Delhi Belgian Hall. Bride's table featured a four-tier wedding cake enhanced with clusters of pink roses, topped with a bride and groom. Guests' tables featured green tablecloths with vases of red carnations with fern.

Bride's mother received guests in an A-line dress of blue silk serge with matching coat, blue and pink petaled hat, white accessories, and a corsage of pink carnations. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose an A-line dress purple silk crepe with green trimming and sheer sleeve

worn with a corsage of purple carnations.

Master of ceremonies was Mr. Elwin Spicer, uncle of the bride.

Bride's gift to the groom, was a gold watch; to the bridesmaids, Blue Mountain Pottery, and to the flower girl, an engraved ring. Groom's gift to the bride was a diamond necklace; to the best man, a wallet; to the ushers, lighters; and to the ring bearer, an engraved ring.

For a wedding trip to Kentucky, the bride chose an orange-ice, crimp pantsuit, worn with brown purse and shoes and a corsage of orange delight roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are residing in Otterville.

Prior to her marriage the bride was honored by showers given by Mrs. Murray Downing, Miss Dianne Oliver and Mrs. Lyle Davis.





**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WRIGHT**  
(Photo by Harold Ryder)

Mrs. Jack Mundy and daughter, Miss Pauline Mundy of Harriston, called on Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Miss Edna Furlong on Sunday. Mrs. Violet Young, also of Harriston, accompanied them.

According to an advertisement in this issue, there was to be an Organ and Vocal Recital in St. John's Church, Otterville. The Rev. C. H. Wright was organist, Mr. Archie McCurdy was vocalist and Mrs. V. B. King, violinist. This was held in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund. *June '51*

# Wright - Namsoo

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The marriage of Judith Ann Namsoo and Robert Wright was solemnized on Saturday, May 22, 1971. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. James V. Namsoo, now of Springford, Ontario, and of the late Mr. Namsoo of Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Wright of Belleville, Ontario.

The candlelight, double-ring ceremony took place at St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg, Ontario, with the minister, the Rev. Ross McCann, and the Rev. J.C. Thompson, of London, Ontario, officiating. Mrs. J.C. Thompson presided at the organ.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Dr. Lou Rittschof, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white crepe, lace trimmed at neckline, sleeves

and cathedral train. Her shoulder-length, tulle veil was held in place by a floral head piece, and she carried a sheaf of daisies.

The bride's attendant was her sister, Joanne, who wore a gown of patterned crepe with tones of orange and yellow. She carried a basket of spring flowers and wore daisies in her hair.

The best man was Mr. Dave Cummins and the usher, Mr. Gary Robinson, both of Belleville.

Candelabra and bouquets of daisies and yellow snapdragons decorated the church.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Carroll of Tillsonburg.

The couple are making their home in London, Ontario.

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## 87th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT OTTERVILLE U. C.

A special service was held in the Otterville United Church on Sunday morning at 11.15 to mark the 87th Anniversary of the church. *June 1971*

The service was conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach and the guest speaker was Rev. Ross McCann of St. Paul's United Church in Tillsonburg.

The speaker based his message on "A Challenging Thought" in a positive trend direction and stated that the points and purpose to life history still belongs to God. The Church because of being the bearer of good news must never fail and wanted the church as a whole unending army marching through history.

Two special anthems were sung "Rejoice In The Lord" and "Surely Goodness and Mercy," with the solo part being taken by Mrs. Jack Walthier. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist.

The offering was presented by William Arthur, Michael Oliver, Gordon Arthur and Stewart Godby.

## Area Lodges Hold Annual Church Service

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual church service of Tecumseh Lodge No. 182 and Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 was held in St. John's Anglican Church Sunday evening at 7 p.m.

Rev. Herb Herring gave his listeners much food for thought stating that we should have positive thought instead of negative fearful thoughts and applied this to the Church, Lodge and daily problems.

Scripture was read by members of the Lodge, Mr. William Hulet who read of the appointment of David by Samuel, and Norma LeFevre reading the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Choir sang "God's Love Will Never Grow Old." Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist.

Members of Lodges from Port Dover, Ingersoll, Victoria, Delhi, Norwich, Otterville and Woodstock were lead by the members of the Norwich band to the IOOF hall where a social hour was spent.

# Tuesday -- Census Day

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## Innisfree Farm

Residents in the area, like all others across the Dominion will be going around in circles beginning tomorrow, but it will be in the very best of good causes.

June 1 is Census Day and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has devised a unique style of questionnaire to produce the answers they need with a minimum investment of time and effort by householders.

Most of the questions are answered by simply filling in small circles printed opposite the appropriate answers. In cases where none of the indicated answers may apply, space is provided for information to be written in.

Census questionnaires have already been delivered to all households allowing families to complete it before it is picked up by one of the nearly 450 census representatives in the region.

Robert Erhardt, one of three Census Commissioners in the surrounding electoral districts told The News that the actual pickup in this area will begin on Friday, June 4, and continue until completed.

The census is intended to include every person living in Canada on June 1, 1971. Families should answer every question for every

person living in the household on that day.

The questionnaires are generally self-explanatory. But to clear up any possible difficulties, each is accompanied by an instruction booklet, which explains the intent of each question and offers help in determining how to answer it.

## Oyster Supper Planned By St. John's Guild

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Derwood Spicer, with president, Mrs. Fred Howse, presiding. Scripture was read by Mrs. Spicer.

During business, plans

were made for the next meeting which will take the form of a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste on Wednesday, July 21, and initial plans were made for an oyster and ham supper to be held early in October.

Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer, gave the financial report of the floral tea and bake sale in June.

Meeting closed and a social time was held.

## Lions Pool Schedule Set

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OTTERVILLE (C) — The South Norwich memorial swimming pool in the community park, Otterville, will be open on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20, and also on June 26 and 27. It will be open each afternoon and evening beginning Wednesday June 30 until Labour Day.

Swimming classes will again be held each morning, beginning July 2. There will be a registration fee of \$2. per child. Children six and over,

who attend public school, may enroll. All children living outside the village should be registered at the pool on Monday afternoon, July 28, between 4 and 5:30 p.m. and all children living in Otterville between 4 and 5:30 on Tuesday, June 29. Family seasons tickets will again be available for \$15.

Norwich-Otterville Lions Club is again planning to operate swimming pool buses on the same schedule as last year. Mr. John Hansford of RR 1, Otterville, will be manager of the park and the park booth this summer, and is also in charge of all picnic reservations.

High on a ridge overlooking the rolling farm lands of South Norwich Township stands a new and ultra modern building. Near by on the old weathered barn is a sign Innisfree Farm. This is the birthplace of a brilliant man Prof. Harold Innis. Innis College at the University of Toronto bears his name in tribute.

However his friends and colleagues felt the farm an ideal location to build a place for study groups in a peaceful quiet setting.

Teachers, students and businessmen can meet together to discuss matters of common interest informally in the lounge area where the high windows afford a view of the countryside. The dining and sleeping area are spartan but sufficient. There is no telephone, TV or radio making it ideal as a change from present day noise and hustle.

The people of the surrounding area community wondered what the University of Toronto and particularly those from the Innis College were doing in the area. The Otterville Women's Institute decided to find out.

Holding a regular meeting in the lounge they learned the life history of this local farm lad and his pursuit of education. To satisfy his brilliant mind his research in the Economic field have been published and more are yet to be compiled and go to press.

And so from the local one room school house to a Professorship of Economic History Harold Innis was highly regarded by his associates and soughtout by many Universities.

It is commendable that those who knew him well regarded him so highly that they have built this tribute that others may study together informally, discuss or debate with vigor ideas and objectives of their own field of endeavour.

It was an education for the Institute members to learn about Professor Harold Innis

and it was enlightening to learn what Innisfree Farm is doing in this area.

May this tribute to a brilliant man fulfill its purpose and may those who gather there find the quiet of the country a help to their pursuit of their goals.

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## Successful Floral Tea

A most successful Floral Tea, a sale of home baking and a sale of fancy aprons was held in the Parish Hall and sponsored by the members of the St. John's Anglican Guild.

The president Mrs. Fred Howse assisted by the Rector, Rev. Herb Herring welcomed the guests for the afternoon.

Members busily engaged at the various appointments were Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong at the Apron table; Bake Table— Mrs. Reginald Wavell, Mrs. Allan Jardine and Miss Edna Furlong. The Tea Tables—Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Jack Freeland. Mrs. Percy Slaght who convened the kitchen duties was assisted by the waitresses at the tea tables.

A fruit cake made by the president Mrs. Howse was decorated by Mrs. Derwood Spicer and won by a lucky ticket held by Mrs. Paul Howse.



## NEWS PUBLISHER H.F. JOHNSTON PASSES

A newspaperman for 69 years, Harvey F. Johnston, publisher of The Tillsonburg News, died last night at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital in his 83rd year. *June 17/71*

Along with his 61 years of service to this community through the newspaper business, he had also taken a very active part in many other aspects of community life.

He was born June 24, 1888, in Oil Springs, Ont., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston.

At the age of nine he got his first taste of the newspaper business when he was taught the printer's case at the Elmvale Chronicle by his brother-in-law, Joseph Gadd. After finishing school, he started work at the Oil Springs Chronicle, and went to the Kincardine Reporter a year later. At the age of 17, Mr. Johnston returned to Oil Springs to assume management of the Chronicle and became Canada's youngest editor.

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After a stint on the Sarnia Post, Mr. Johnston came to Tillsonburg 61 years ago as foreman of the Tillsonburg Liberal. The Liberal merged with the Observer at the beginning of 1920 to form The Tillsonburg News, with F. E. Aldrich as president; John Law as secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Johnston as business manager. He assumed full control of The News Printing Co. in 1938.

Mr. Johnston was semi-retired for the past few years, but still spent much of his time in the office. The Tillsonburg News will continue to operate under the same active management as it has in recent years, building on the journalistic traditions established by its publisher.

Over the years Mr. Johnson served as a member of Tillsonburg town council; as a member of the public school board and the Tillsonburg High School Board, and later as a member and chairman of the Tillsonburg District High School Board. He was a past president of the Chamber of Commerce; past president and past treasurer and longtime member of the fair board; a charter member and past president of the Tillsonburg Lions Club.

He was a charter and life member of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association, and a past president of the Class 'A' Weeklies of Canada. He was a member and former trustee of St. Pauls United Church.

He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason; member of Mocha Temple and the Jesters of the Mystic Shrine; life member of Tillsonburg Shrine Club; past master of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, A.F. & A.M.; past district secretary of Wilson District, A.F. & A.M.; charter member of Ashlar Lodge, No. 701, A.F. & A.M.

He was a charter member of McDonald Chapter, No. 167, Order of the Eastern Star; past grand of Otter Lodge, No. 50, I.O.O.F.; past grand lodge officer of the I.O.O.F. in the Province of Ontario; member of Lisgar Encampment, No. 87, I.O.O.F.; member of Court Lisgar, No. 13, Canadian Order of Foresters, and a member of Tillsonburg Loyal Orange Lodge.

On April 6, 1915, he married the former Ruby May Williams, who survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mrs. J.C.R. (Ruby Louise) McKnight of Tillsonburg; seven grandchildren, Cameron, Carol, Ann, Ashley, Lisa, Louise and Rene McKnight; a number of nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and grand nephews.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home for service Saturday at 3:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Ross McCann of St. Pauls United Church. Masonic service will be held this evening at 8:30 o'clock at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers donations to the intensive care unit at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital or other charities would be appreciated.

# Mother Dies in Vain Attempt To Save Child

Fire took the lives of a young Otterville district mother and her two and one-half-year old daughter Thursday afternoon, when a blaze of undetermined origin gutted their old frame farm home.

Mrs. Sharon Elaine Asztalos, 24, of RR 1, Otterville, was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Dr. R.M. Hall after she had entered the burning house and attempted to save her child, Monique.

Mrs. Asztalos had been working in a field nearby

when she saw smoke coming from the building. The little girl was apparently asleep in a crib upstairs.

The child was brought to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

Albert Asztalos, the husband, entered the building and brought his wife's body out, with the assistance of firemen.

Neighbours and passersby managed to save most of the furniture and belongings located on the first floor.

The family are

sharegrowers on the farm of Walter Klempka, located on the middle town line road, a mile west and one-half mile north of Otterville.

Fire Chief Bill McMullen, of the Otterville-South Norwich fire department, said there was little trouble controlling the blaze, which apparently had started on the second floor, but the intense heat and smoke in the bedroom made it almost certain that nobody inside could survive. The fire had broken through the roof by the time firemen arrived.

Inspector Don Reeds, of the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, Guelph, was on the scene Thursday evening, investigating cause of the fire.

Mrs. Asztalos was born in Woodstock on August 8, 1944, daughter of Angelo and Jean Pozzobon.

Surviving, besides her husband and her parents, are one son, Albert Asztalos, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Calix (Caroline) Strespra and Miss Donna Pozzobon and one brother, David Pozzobon all of Woodstock.

Monique Elizabeth Asztalos

was born in Tillsonburg on October 4, 1968.

Both Mrs. Asztalos and her daughter are resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home until Monday, June 28, thence to St. George's Greek Catholic Church, Courtland, for Requiem Mass at 10 a.m. sung by Rev. Fr. Stephen Bodnar.

Interment in St. Ladislaus R.C. Cemetery, Courtland.

Prayers will be said at the Funeral Home Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.



Structure of burned house in which two died Thursday afternoon was saved by South Norwich Fire Department. Neighbours cleared most of the furnishings from the ground floor. A young mother and her small daughter were lost in the blaze, which started at about 2:30 p.m., near Otterville.

### MURRAY LEE BARNIM

Murray Lee Barnim of Otterville, passed away suddenly in Otterville, on Wednesday, June 23rd, 1971, in his 33rd year.

Born in South Norwich Township he was a resident of the village and was employed at the Pre-Con Industries in Woodstock where he had worked for the past twelve years.

Besides his wife the former Lillian Vyse, he is survived by one son Richard Barnim and two daughters, Tammy Barnim and Brenda Barnim, all at home; three brothers, Allen Barnim of Burgessville; George Barnim and Donald Barnim, both of Otterville and his mother Mrs. Blanche Barnim of Otterville. He was predeceased by a sister, June in 1954, by a brother Clifford Barnim in 1968 and by his father in 1957.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on Saturday and was very largely attended by relatives and friends.

Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of the Otterville United Church conducted the service and the pianist was Mrs. William A. McMullen.

Many floral arrangements expressed sympathy to the family and tributes were expressed in donations to the Gideon Bible, Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer.

The flower bearers, fellow-workers in the Pre-Con were William McClintic, Edwin Mudge, Stanley McKim, Mike Moore, Dell McKean, Mike O'Brian, Charles Weeks and Jack Harris.

The pall bearers were Melbourne Smith, Carlyle Nobbs, Steve Horvath, Leonard Clifford, Donald Clifford and Lee Richardson.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

### OSCAR E. PALMER

Oscar E. Palmer passed away at his home, Lot 1, Concession 3, Dereham Township on Saturday, June 26th, 1971 in his 64th year.

He was born in Tillsonburg, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer and had lived all his life in the area where he farmed. Mr. Palmer was twice married. His first wife the former Jessie Pickersgill predeceased him in 1937. His second wife, the former Mrs. Gertrude (Sherman) Nichols died in 1969. He was an adherent of the United Church.

Surviving is one son, Alex of Brownsville and Mrs. Garry Marie) Kechnie of Huron Park; two step-children, Gordon Nichols of Byron and Mrs. Stanley (Dorothy) Thompson of Beachville; three sisters, Mrs. Leita Birmingham of St. Thomas; Mrs. Emma Fewster, RR 2, Norwich and Mrs. Clara Honsberger, Tillsonburg; four grandchildren and six step-grandchildren also survive.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the funeral was held on Tuesday, June 29th at 2 p.m. with Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church officiating.

Interment in Book Cemetery.

Bearers were Howard Sherman, Fred Sherman, G. A. McMillan, Carl Fewster, John McElhone and Clayton Honsberger.

### 57th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croker, RR 1, Norwich celebrated their 57th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 20th when they were entertained at the home of their eldest grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Gail Croker and family of Waterloo.

The occasion was also the birthday of Mr Gail Croker and his son David.

Mr. and Mrs. Croker were married on June 23rd 1914 at Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Norwich with Rev. H. H. Tanchock officiating, and have resided all their married life in Norwich.

They are both members of Holy Trinity Church and Norwich Chapter of the O. E. S. Mr. Croker is on the Board of Mangers and a lay delegate at the Anglican Church, a member of the Canadian Order of For-



Mrs. Helen Thompson, RR 1, Norwich has been elected district deputy Rebekah president of East St. Thomas district

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### TEN YEARS AGO

June 22, 1961

George H. Hollier was the recipient of a 50-year veteran's jewel as a member of London Lodge of Perfection and London Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix, A. & A.S.R.

Otterville - Miss Irene Scidmore, who began teaching in 1903, two years after the death of Queen Victoria, retires this year.

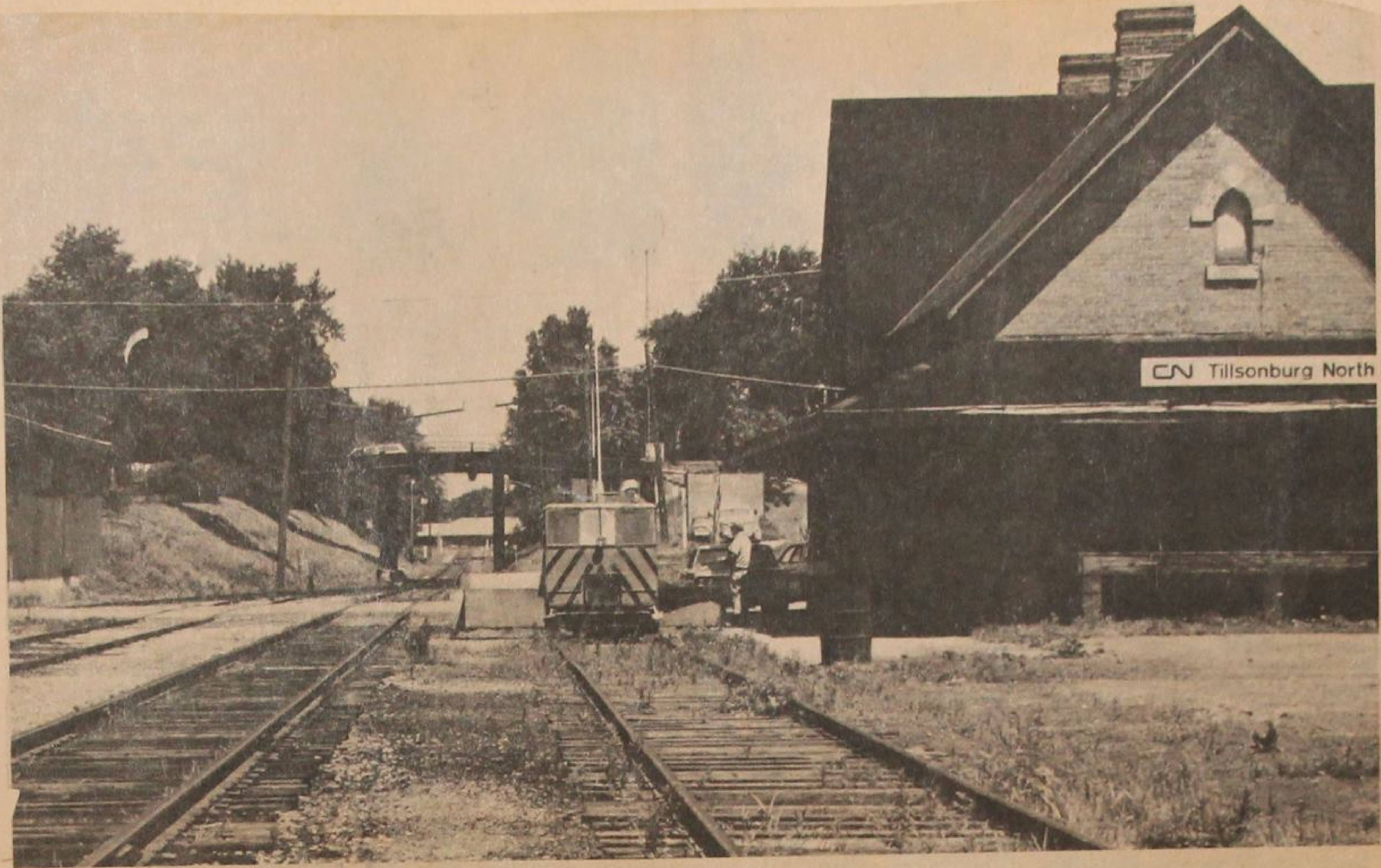
### TEN YEARS AGO

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Some local young people are getting an early taste of parental responsibilities. Tillsonburg Teen Town has adopted an eight-year-old Korean boy under the Foster Parents' Plan.

Otterville - A few months before reaching his 100th birthday, J. Wesley Fish passed away at his home here. For many years he conducted a printing shop.

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These landmarks will become past history when final OK is given for removal of the CN railroad station, trackage and the Broadway overhead bridge. Council met with officials

representing CP and CN railways last week and a final scheme is being drawn up for presentation to the Board of Railway Transport. *June 1971*

## Guild Holds *1971* Floral Tea *June*

OTTERVILLE (C) — A most successful floral tea, sale of home baking and sale of fancy aprons was sponsored by St. John's Anglican Guild in the parish hall.

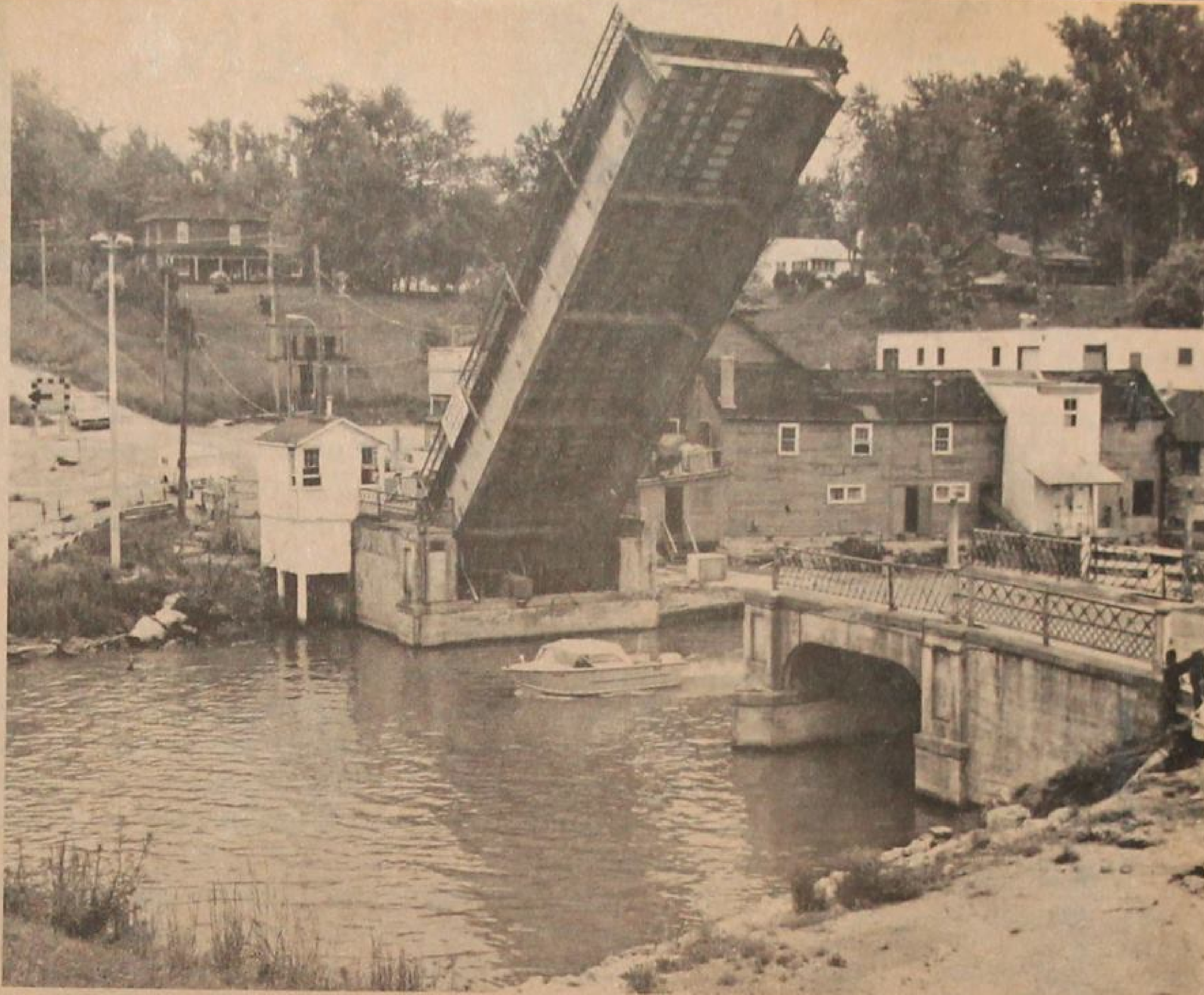
Members working at the various tables were: aprons, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; bake table, Mrs. Reginald Wavell, Mrs. Allan Jardine and Miss Edna Furlong; tea tables, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Jack Freeland; kitchen, Mrs. Percy Slaght, assisted by the tea table ladies.

Rev. Herb Herring and president, Mrs. Fred Howse welcomed the visitors at the door.

A fruit cake, made by the president and decorated by Mrs. Derwood Spicer, was disposed of by the sale of tickets, Mrs. Howse having the lucky ticket.

Next regular meeting of the Guild will be held next week.

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The Old....

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## Lift bridge cost exceeds \$1 million

TORONTO (CP) — The final cost of the ill-starred Port Dover lift bridge is \$1.06 million, Highways Minister Charles MacNaughton told the Ontario legislature Thursday.

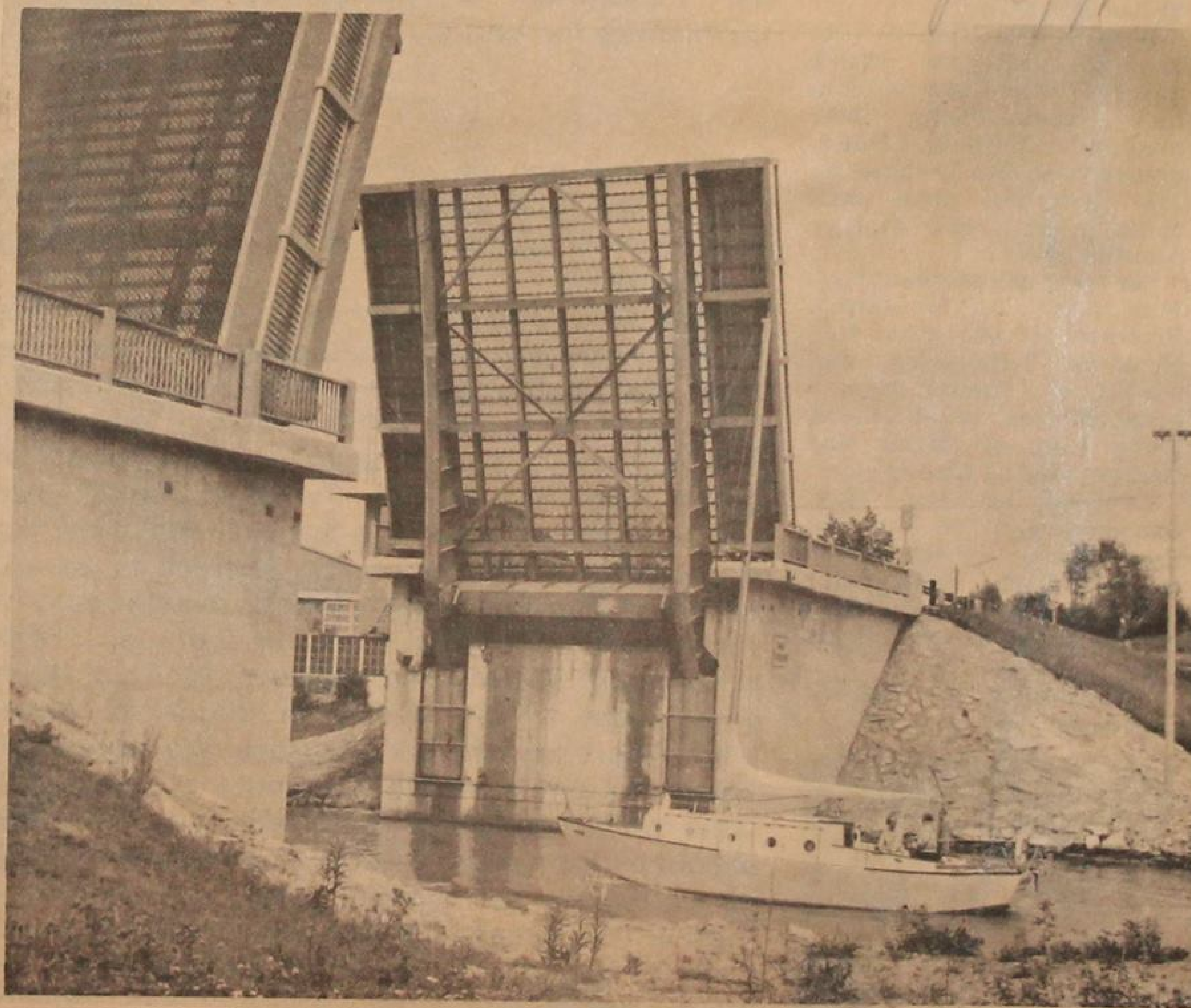
He told Murray Gaunt (L—Huron Bruce) that the bridge, which stuck in the up position nearly two years ago, now is being tested.

He could give no specific answer about when it might finally work.

The bridge, advertised as the first in North America and only the third in the world, jammed the first time its hydraulic lift was raised in July, 1969. The lift broke concrete abutments.

Consultants and engineering crews have been trying to solve the problem ever since.

The two-lane bridge was built to replace a 50-year-old lift bridge, run by an electric motor, which allows boats to pass under Highway 6.



...And the New

The much talked of lift bridge at Port Dover, which went up on its official opening day in July, 1969, and stayed - and stayed with its hydraulic mechanism damaged and concrete abutments broken, is now officially in service. Opening ceremonies were held Saturday morning. Operators say the new structure will not have to be operated half as much as the old one, as its increased height will allow many boats to pass through which required opening of the old bridge. Roads to the old bridge have been closed off, but it remains on standby until all are convinced that the new one is going to keep on working. Winner of a Kinsmen lottery on the day and minute of the opening was Earl McKenzie, of Simcoe.



### JOSEPH ROY GRAVES

Joseph Roy Graves of 15 Main St. E., passed away on Monday, July 5th at the Woodstock General Hospital, in his 74th year. 1971

Born in Teeterville, Windham Township, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Graves and farmed in that area until thirty years ago when he moved to Holbrook where he operated a general store for five years. Twenty-five years ago he moved to Norwich where he has since resided. He was an employee of the Pinkerton Hardware, the Martin Hardware and worked at the former Byers and Wenn firm as a carpenter until his retirement. He was a member of the Norwich Baptist Church and also served in the army during the First World War. Mr. and Mrs. Graves celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in March of this year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes McMullen; two daughters. Mrs. Fred (Helen) Thompson of Norwich, and Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Pettit of Sarnia; a sister Mrs. William (Violet) Cole of Norwich; a brother Ensley of Scotland and five grandchildren.

Mr. Graves is resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence where the funeral will be held on Thursday, July 8th at 2 p.m. with Rev. R. D. Duncanson of Knox Presbyterian Church officiating.

Interment will be in Norwich Cemetery.

### JOSEPH ROY GRAVES

The funeral service for the late Joseph Roy Graves of 15 Main St. E., who passed away on Monday, July 5th at Woodstock General Hospital was held on Thursday, July 8th at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich with Rev. R. D. Duncanson of Knox Church officiating.

The bearers were: Arthur Maedel, Harold Williams, Albert Byers, Elmer Hannon, Douglas McKay and Clare Huffman. 1971

Interment was in Norwich cemetery.

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. David Kennedy has returned home after a ten day stay in Tillsonburg Hospital.

Mrs. Mabel Hillier Floyd and Michael, have returned to their home in Alexandria, Virginia, after spending the past two weeks with the former's brother, Mr. Nate McMullen, Mrs. McMullen and Catherine, and also visiting other relatives in the area. July 8/71

Fred Cole is a patient in Victoria Hospital, London.

Mrs. Jack Heatley returned home to Sarnia on Monday after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and other relatives.

Rev. Roy Hirons of Toronto, who was guest speaker in the Baptist Church Sunday, called on Mrs. Winnie Davis following the morning worship.

### MRS. ALLAN HARFORD

OTTERVILLE (C) — A committal service for the late Mrs. Allan Harford, the former Gertrude Hastie, was held in Otter Cemetery, early Friday afternoon.

The late Mrs. Harford was a resident of Stratford. Due to ill health she had been a patient in the Nursing Home, St. Marys. Breaking her hip in a fall, she was taken to Stratford General Hospital, where she passed away on Thursday July 9, 1971. There are no immediate survivors.

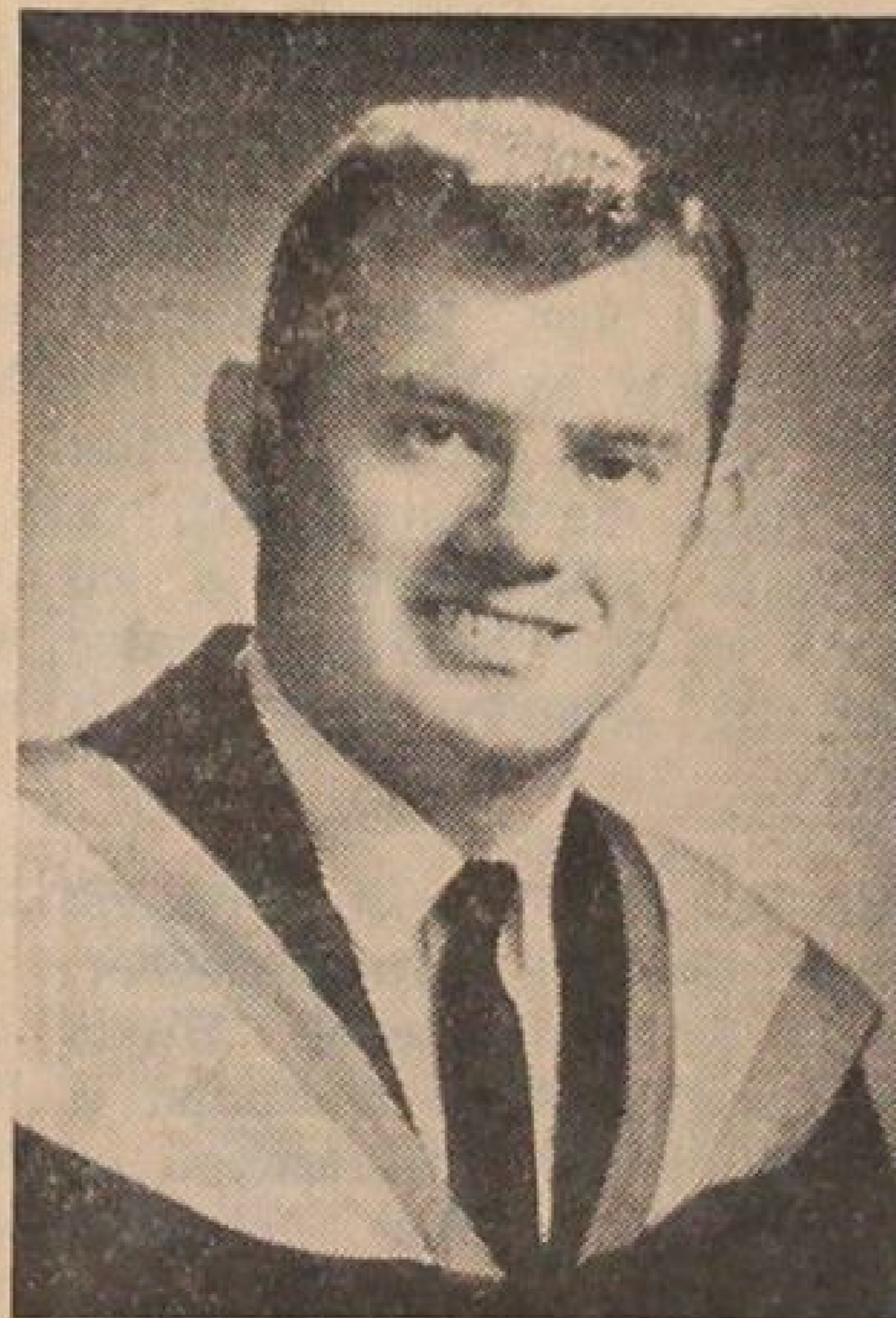
Her husband, the late Allan Harford, was born in Otterville and spent his early life here.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Mc-

Mane-Gilbart Funeral Home, Stratford.



Janet Lenhardt, the former Janet McEwen of Otterville, is a recent graduate of the University of Guelph with a B.A. in General Arts majoring in French. She attended school in Otterville, and Norwich district high school, and now resides at RR 6, Woodstock. July/71



Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hooper of Pelee Island are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Hallie to Mark Innis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Innis, 1 Dufferin St., Norwich. The wedding will take place in the



Leamington Baptist Church on Saturday, July 31st, at 4 o'clock. The bride-elect is a teacher in Bramalca, and Mark has been appointed to the Staff of the Burford High School. 1971-

## 14-Year-Old Gets Perfect Cribbage Hand

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A 14-year old boy, who only started his cribbage playing career the day before, came up with a perfect hand while playing cards with his 12-year-old friend on Wednesday.

Jim Durkee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee of Otterville held the jack of clubs, five of hearts, diamonds and spades, and cut the five of clubs, to make the perfect score. His partner was Robbie Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Davis.

# South Norwich Reeve Resigns

Member of South Norwich council for 14 years, and its reeve since 1966, Stanley R. Gehring tendered his resignation at the Monday meeting of council.



STANLEY GEHRING

July 1971  
Mr. Gehring was Oxford County warden in 1970, taking the top post by a 19-8 vote, and was the first deputy-reeve the township had, from 1963 to 1965.

Although the move came as a complete surprise to most, Mr. Gehring, in an interview Thursday, said he had given it a lot of thought before taking the action. "My reasons are partly personal and partly principle," he said, adding, "I like a good scrap on a respectable plateau, but when personalities enter into it, there comes a saturation point."

Mr. Gehring said he had had serious differences with "one councillor" since the first of the year, but named nobody. "I am leaving with nothing to hide," he said, "they (council) are the ones who must do the explaining."

The hard-hitting reeve said he had received hundreds of phone calls since the meeting, many asking him to reconsider, but he felt that he could no longer put up with what he termed as "personalities and accusations." "I feel I have put in my allotment of sacrifice to the municipality," he added.

Council had passed a resolution not to accept the resignation at the Monday meeting, "but I don't know where they get that authority," Mr. Gehring said.

Under the Municipal Act, the deputy-reeve, William Martin, may step up to the reeve's chair and the senior councillor in point of years of service may fill the deputy's seat. This leaves a vacant seat in council which must be offered to the candidate receiving the highest number of votes since the last nomination, but not elected. In this case the man would be Carl Beal, who received 213 votes in last December's contest.

Failure of any candidate to take the post would mean that council must make an appointment from the electorate. No provision is made for a by-election. Present council has a year and a half to remain in office.

## S. Norwich reeve resigns July 5/71

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

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OTTERVILLE — Stanley Gehring of Otterville has resigned as reeve of South Norwich Township, stating "personal reasons and principles" as the forces influencing his decision.

Mr. Gehring, who has been reeve since 1966, refused to elaborate. He said he did not

### STANLEY GEHRING

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want "to embarrass the council members" by making a public statement.

Mr. Gehring said he submitted his resignation and a statement to township council Monday night.

Deputy Reeve William Martin, of RR 3, Tillsonburg, told The Free Press Thursday that he did not want to discuss the situation.

Mr. Martin said council will appoint a successor at its next meeting, on Aug. 2.

## Lower Age For Drinking In Effect 1971

A telex announcement, sent Wednesday afternoon to the local OPP detachment, advises police officers that drinking by persons of 18 years is now legal in Ontario.

Change in the regulations, recently passed by provincial parliament, became effective at noon today.

The message reads: "For your information and necessary action, at 12 o'clock noon, July 28, the order proclaiming lowering of the age from 21 to 18 for persons allowed to purchase liquor at government vending stores, to frequent and consume liquor in all licensed establishments in Ontario becomes effective."

The message was sent by authority of Judge H. T. Graham, of the Ontario Police Commission.

Provincial and town police departments expect no difficulties as a result of the new regulations.

"We expect that most will realize that with new freedoms there come new responsibilities and act accordingly," one spokesman said.

Police Chief T. L. Corbett said he did not anticipate any significant increase in drinking.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Squance

## Mr. And Mrs. J. Squance Married Fifty Years *July 4/71*

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. James Squance observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday and in honour of the occasion held Open House for 225 relatives and friends during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Squance was the former Grace Harrison, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison, and Mr. Squance's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. James Squance.

They were married on July 2, 1921, at the Bookton Parsonage by Rev. William Ottowell, and following their marriage lived at the Gore where Mr. Squance was employed at the cheese factory. For the past thirty-eight years they have been highly respected residents of the village. They are members of the United Church. Mr. Squance is a member of Tecumseh Lodge 182, and Mrs. Squance is a member of the United Church Women, Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, and the Women's Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Squance have seven children, three sons and four daughters, Gordon, Brantford; Keith and Robert, British Columbia; Mrs. Ernie (Jean) Miller, Paris; Mrs. Merton (Marjorie) McClintock, Springford; Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Kitely, Sarnia; and Mrs. Leo (Sheila) Krohe, Otterville.

There are 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Guests were invited to the tea room where the table was covered with white linen cloth centred with yellow roses and gold tapers.

Pouring tea were four sisters and two sisters-in-law of the bride, and two neighbours, Mrs. Annie Fletcher, Mrs. Nellie Witts, Mrs. Jack Harrison, Mrs. Albert Brown, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. George Forsythe, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, and Mrs. George Harrison.

Assisting in serving were granddaughters Mrs. Robert Beachy, Misses Lorraine and Luanne Krohe. Joanne McClintock and Shelly Shearer.

Among the many lovely gifts were a floral arrangement of yellow roses, a gift from the neighbours, and on behalf of each Lodge Mrs. Bryce Smith and Mr. Russell Mudge made the presentation of a lovely tea service. A money tree was also given them by the family.

Later in the afternoon over 40 relatives were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Squance to a supper served in smorgasbord style.

Scores of cards and messages of congratulations were received by the happy couple.

The food and kitchen duties were in charge of the United Church Women, with Mrs. Lorne Treffry, convener.

# Extensive Changes <sup>1971</sup> In Village Business

OTTERVILLE (C) — During recent months the village of Otterville has taken on a new look with extensive changes in various centres but mostly in the business section.

This week Otterville will have a brand new meat market and self-serving groceries. The store is owned and operated by Fred and Dorothy Pinnoy.

Another place of business is the restaurant, formerly the furniture store, owned by Harvey and Barbara Miller. This is the place where businessmen and employees of the village and area meet each morning for their coffee break. Dinners and lunches are also served throughout the day.

The Dairy Bar, owned by Don and Grace Ostrander, is another place which serves light lunches.

The Holmes and Taylor Hardware is doing a rushing business as the tobacco harvest draws near. This store is open throughout the week for the convenience of the tobacco and dairy farmer who are welcomed by owners Rod and Marion Taylor, who get assistance from their family at times.

The Red and White chain store, formerly the Clover Farm, has also been a boost to the village. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Allan and their daughter and son-in-law, all work in the store, and they have additional help as well.

Frank Finch, across the street, is another businessman who is always eager to serve the community whether it be tobacco or other lines of electrical appliances.

Ernie and Thelma Garnett, owners of a groceries and gas station, are also doing a thriving business, as well as Lawrence Brown, owner of Otterville's clothing store where the working class can be readily fitted.

Other places of business are all striving to help boost the village.

Throughout the winter months the foot bridge, which has carried many visitors to the community park, was

disposed of by the McMullen brothers, who were engaged by the park board to build an all-steel foot bridge.

The community park is a favourite picnic spot and many gatherings have been held here for the past few months. Many choosing the site for next year in advance. The lovely flower beds, which are maintained by the Women's Institute, are greatly admired.

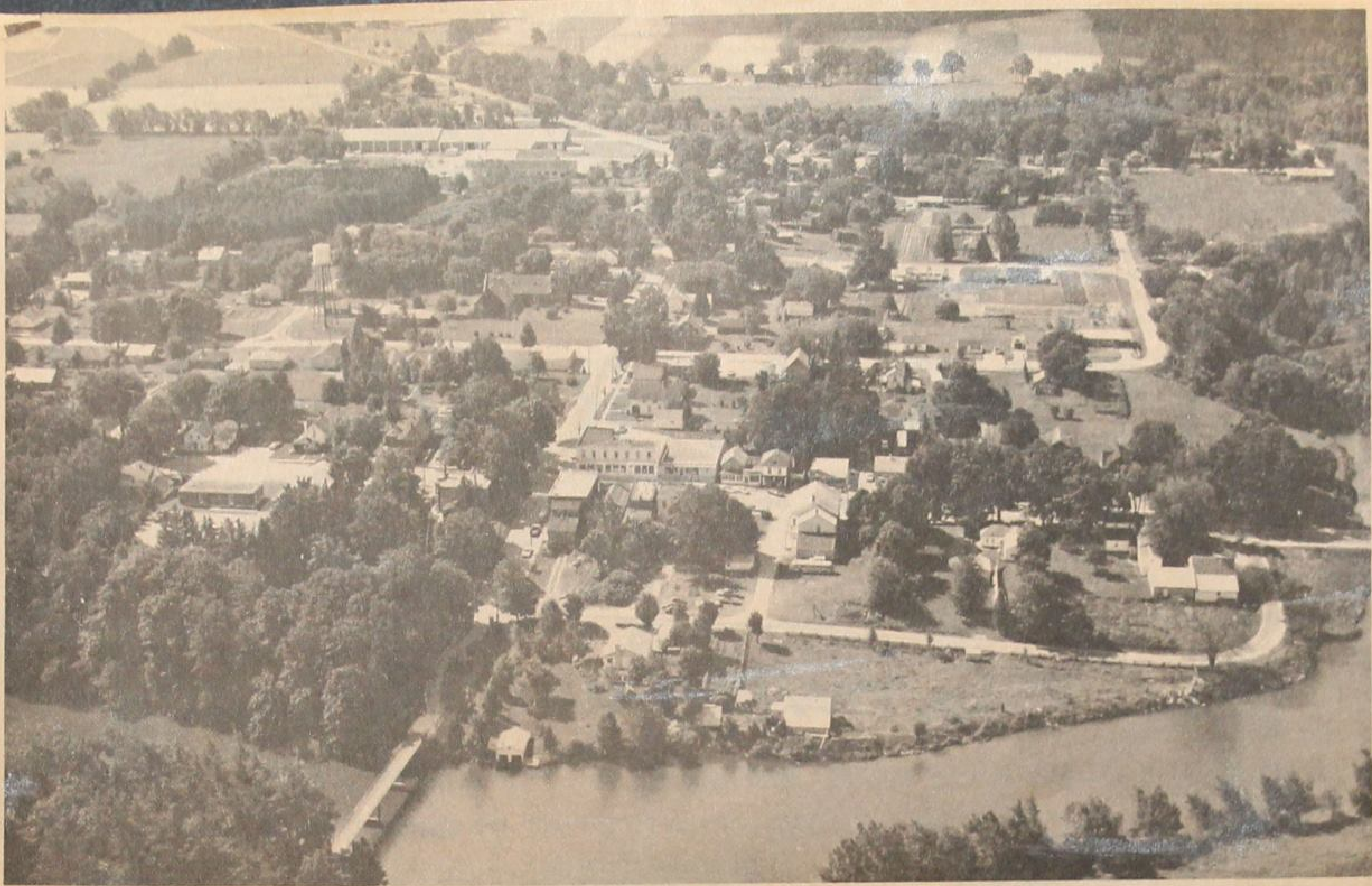
Coming into the village from the west, one is charmed with the waterfall over the dam and pleased with the newly constructed bridge built last summer.

At the south part of the village the tobacco farmer stops to see "What's New" in tobacco equipment which is manufactured at Powell's Agri.

At the east end of town a fertilizer plant is in operation. This past week-end a number of families took advantage of the summer weather taking their lunch to the park where many families were united, including the Losee, Fish and Spicer families.

## Finch Store

OTTERVILLE — C. L. Finch and Son, general merchants are a large supplier of hardware and farm supplies to both the tobacco and general farmers. The store is managed by Frank Finch with the help of co-owner Mrs. Erie Finch; son, David, and Mrs. Myrtle Riste. *July 7/71*

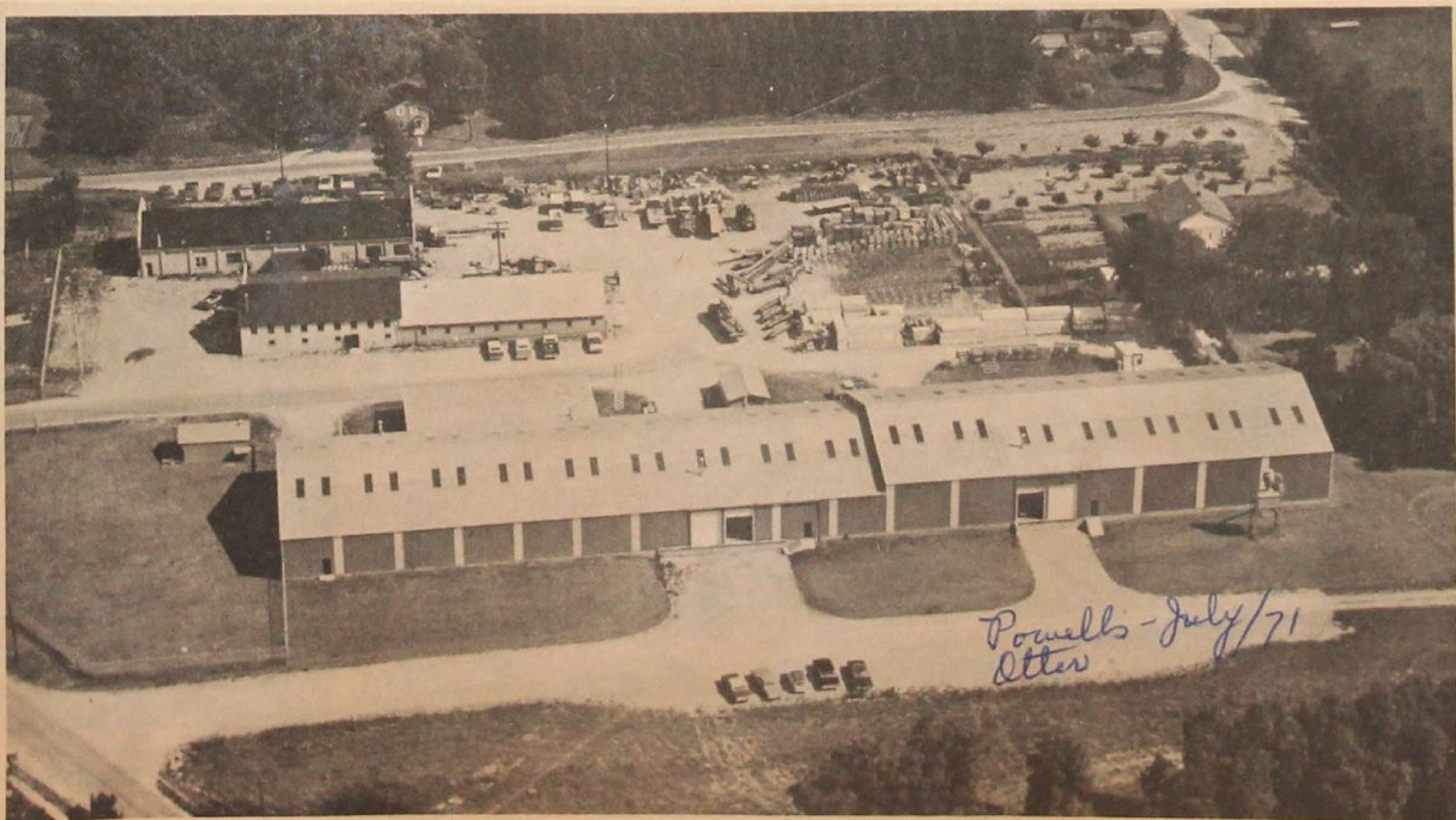


## A Look Around The District

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News Photographer Frank Rubie has again taken to the air to provide a bird's eye view of the many communities in the tri-county area. These will appear on the following pages. How are you at picking them out? Top are Brownsville and Otterville. Opposite page, left side, are Port Burwell, Vienna

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# Addison - Hanson Vows Exchanged 1971

**HAWTREY (C)** — Katherine Louise Hanson and John Charles Addison exchanged wedding vows at Otterville United Church on Saturday, July 24, 1971, at 3:30 p.m. Rev. C. Leach officiated before a setting of colourful garden flowers. Organist, Lureen McMullen, played traditional wedding music during the service and accompanied the congregation who sang "O

Perfect Love" and "O Father all Creating." The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hanson of R.R.2, Otterville, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Addison of R.R.2, Vanessa.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of peau de soie, styled with an empire bodice, rounded neck and long sleeves, trimmed with daisies. Her Juliet cap of

satin trimmed with daisies held her elbow-length, four-tiered veil in place and she carried an arm sheath of garden flowers.

Miss Lorraine VanHooen of R.R. 2, Otterville, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Ann Addison of R.R. 2, Vanessa, sister of the groom, Mrs. Barbara Godelie of Tillsonburg, sister of the bride, and Kathy Carter of St. Marys, friend of the bride. They wore identical voile pant dresses with solid green bodice and blue and green patterned pant, worn with green flowers scattered in their hair, and carried parasols trimmed with green and blue ruffles to match the dress.

Flower girls were Cindy Christo of Norwich and Heather Hanson of Otterville, both cousins of the bride. They wore floor-length gowns of green voile with empire bodice, short puffed sleeves and a green and blue patterned sash, worn with green flowers in their hair. They carried small parasols, styled the same as the bridesmaids.

Best man was Paul Standing of Blenheim, friend of the groom. Ushers were Rod Waldick of Teeterville, Frank Menich of R.R.2, Vanessa, both friends of the groom, and Brent Hanson of Otterville,

brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Jeff Hanson, brother of the bride.

Reception for 200 guests was held at the Norwich Legion, following the dinner held in the church parlour. Bride's table featured arrangements of garden flowers and a three-tiered wedding cake with green rosebud trim. Guests' tables were decorated with bud vases of garden flowers.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a navy fortrel ensemble with matching green and navy neck scarf, worn with a corsage of pink rose buds. The groom's mother chose a two-piece, turquoise ensemble of crepe trimmed with beading, worn with a corsage of garden flowers.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were the parasols carried at the wedding; groom's gifts were tie clips and cufflink cases.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a red and white coat-dress ensemble of nylon jersey, and a corsage of red and white carnations.

The young couple are residing in Owen Sound.

The bride is a graduate of London Teachers' College and teaches at Hillcrest School in Owen Sound. The groom is a graduate of the University of Guelph, O.A.C.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN CHARLES ADDISON**  
(Photo by Harold Ryder, Norwich)

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hanson of Otterville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Louise, to Mr. John Charles Addison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Addison of RR 2, Vanessa, the wedding to take place July 24 at 3:30 o'clock at Otterville United Church.

## Otterville

**OTTERVILLE (C)** — Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Downing entertained at a family reunion at their cottage in Port Dover on Sunday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Morrison of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Moles and Mrs. Dianne McLeish of Ancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Downing and Marc, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Downing and Naomi, Mr. and Mrs. David Downing of Windsor, Mrs. Ilene Cox of Ottawa, John Walther of Otterville, and Joan and Janet Downing of Otterville.

**OTTERVILLE (C)** — Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catherine have returned home after an enjoyable motor trip to Prescott and by boat on the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Thousand Islands. *July 31 - Aug 6*

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An unidentified mourner drops a rose on the coffin of jazz trumpeter Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong as thousands paid last tribute to the famed musician at 7th Regi-

ment Armory, New York City, Thursday. Armstrong died at his home in Queens on Tuesday after a series of illnesses. (AP).

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# Satchmo mourned

## Fans, colleagues stream past bier

NEW YORK (AP) — At a rate of better than 1,000 an hour Thursday, the mourners came past the bier of jazz trumpeter Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong, most of them quietly contemplative of his genius, some loud and expressive in grief over his death. A few had played the same stages with

Satchmo, and they would never forget him. "Louis and I did a number together at the Apollo in the '30s," said Erskine Hawkins, another trumpet star. "He sang, I played. That was when we met. He was a beautiful fellow inside and out. He explained a lot of things to me.

Satchmo was equally memorable to most of the mourners, though they knew him only from afar. They were his adoring audience through the years at bandstands, movies, television and the jukebox.

Armstrong came out of New Orleans early in the century. He and his golden horn travelled together throughout the world for more than half a century, as he charmed millions with his unsurpassed artistry. On Tuesday, he died at the age of 71 at his home here after a series of illnesses.

Scheduled to attend the funeral today were the mayors of New York and New Orleans, John V. Lindsay and Moon Landrieu, respectively. Musicians who said they would be there included Guy Lombardo, Gene Krupa, Lionel Hampton, Benny Goodman and Satchmo's last combo of Marty Napoleon, Tyree Glenn, Joe Muranyi and Arvell Shaw. Singers Peggy Lee, Ella Fitzgerald and Diahann Carroll were expected to be on hand for the funeral at the Corona Congregational Church.

Armstrong requested there be little music at the funeral. He did ask that The Lord's Prayer and When the Saints Go Marching In be played. His wife, Lucille, added Just a Closer Walk With Thee.

The services will be private. Satchmo's friends and admirers were invited to pay their last respects to him Thursday at an armory on Park Avenue in Manhattan.

# 'Move over, Gabriel' 1971

## Satchmo wanted neither music nor sadness, he was buried with simple measure of both

### Free Press Wire Services

NEW YORK — He had played it so many times at the funerals of so many others. So Friday they sang When the Saints Go Marchin' In for Louis (Satchmo) Armstrong. Then they buried the greatest of all jazz trumpeters.

Blind entertainer Al Hibbler sang it, and also Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen. And Peggy Lee sang the Lord's Prayer at a funeral service for Armstrong in a little church in New York's Queens district on a steaming hot day.

"In New Orleans I played as many funerals as I could get," Armstrong once recalled.

His own drew some of the great names of show business, packing the Corona Congregational Church to its 500-seat capacity. Outside an estimated 2,000 other mourners stood vigil.

New York Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller and his wife were there. So were Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York and Mayor Moon Landrieu of Satchmo's native New Orleans.

President Nixon was represented.

Honorary pallbearers present included entertainers Ella Fitzgerald, Guy Lombardo and Dizzy Gillespie, columnist Earl Wilson, television personalities David Frost and Dick Cavett, and Rockefeller and Lindsay.

Band leader Benny Goodman came. So did composer Harold Arlen and trumpeter Jonah Jones and comedienne Jackie (Moms) Mabley, who told reporters:

"He went out beautifully with a smile on his face — the king, the king."

From rooftops and windows neighbors watched celebrities converge on the church. Those in the throng outside pressed against police barricades, trying to reach out and touch funeral guests.

All this posthumous tribute centred around a short, stocky man who came out of the New Orleans tenderloin more than a half-century ago to reach the pinnacle of jazz stardom with his golden horn and his scratchy voice.

Armstrong died Tuesday at the age of 71 in the Corona home he had shared for nearly 30 years with his fourth wife, Lucille. It is four blocks from the church where the funeral was held.

In eulogy at the church, broadcaster Fred Robbins told the mourners: "Move over Gabriel, here comes Satchmo."

"He spoke to millions with his music. He used to say: 'A note's a note in most any language. If you hit it, they dig it.'"

On his 70th birthday, looking ahead to the inevitability of his own death, the ailing Armstrong said of his mourners:

"I don't know if they're going to be sad . . . I don't want no part of it. Once I cut out, forget it."

"Louis was a simple man," said his manager, Ira Mangel. "He wanted a simple church, simple everything—no music, no sadness. He said if he had one band, he would have to have all of them."

In fact, many musicians had offered to

perform, just as Armstrong predicted they would in an interview last year on his 70th birthday.

"In New Orleans I played as many funerals as I could get, and cats died like flies, so I got a lot of nice little gigs out of that," he said then. "They going to enjoy blowing over me, ain't they? Cats will be coming from California and everywhere else just to play."

On the whole, the sadness appeared tempered with warm memories of Armstrong. Besides his widow, dressed in black, accented by a string of pearls, Armstrong's second wife, Lil Hardin, also was there.

Armstrong's coffin was covered with red roses. It bore a gold nameplate, Louis Armstrong, and beneath that, his nickname Satchmo.

The church was not air-conditioned and the mourners sitting in straight-backed pews fanned themselves with programs. Two women and a little girl, apparently members of the church congregation, went up and down the aisle dispensing cups of cold water to the perspiring audience.

When the funeral was over, the organ played I Am Going Home as the coffin was placed in a hearse. Then a procession of 45 cars drove through the streets of Queens to Flushing Cemetery, where Satchmo was interred in a five-minute graveside ceremony.

On the way to the cemetery, the procession passed small clusters of spectators. Two of them held aloft a sign which read:

"We all loved you, Louie."

# Sets World Record With 210 Jumps

George Sarson set a new world parachute jumping record at the Tillsonburg airport Saturday, hitting the target 210 times in 24 hours to better former world champion Steve Sutton's 200 jumps.

Sarson set the record amid a performance of determination and perseverance not often equalled.

His record through the early hours of Saturday morning was excellent, and by 11:45 a.m. Saturday he had registered 117 jumps. He made his record breaking 201st jump about 9 p.m. Saturday, and decided to make another 24 jumps before calling it quits, however, the pace began to slow down, and with no reason to hurry anymore, George ended it all at the 210 mark, near exhaustion.

His backup crew during the long, arduous feat were next to magnificent. More than one worked the entire 24 hours without any real break and no sleep. There were para riggers packing chutes, a crew on the target zone to help him in and out of his gear, a truck crew who carried him from the target to his waiting aircraft and another crew there to fit him with a new chute and get him aboard.

At the end of the day, Sarson personally thanked them all and pointed out to everyone present the tremendous job all had done in assisting him. He had a special praise for his pilots, (there were three aircraft) and said without their excellent efforts it wouldn't have been possible to break the previous record.

A few other St. Thomas Parachute Club members jumped with George off and on during the day to lend him a bit of encouragement and moral support. Among these jumpers was his wife.

Late in the afternoon his father arrived at the airport and accompanied George up in the aircraft for a ride. He was naturally a very proud man.

Tillsonburg, Ontario, Monday, July 12, 1971

And so the world record remains in Canada. The original record of 100 jumped was set by Bill Hardman of Abbotsford, B.C., and Steve Sutton broke that record on July 1, 1967, at the St. Thomas airport with 200 jumps.

Safety Officer Bill Howarth told The News that a number of U. S. jumpers have attempted to set a new record without success. He explained that all had malfunctions with equipment, something Sarson never had. This is a tremendous tribute to his packers and inspectors. with champagne a couple of times. His statement when finished was very brief. He said he was very happy, tired and needed some rest.

The airport was a busy place throughout the day and late into Saturday night as hundreds visited off and on to watch the master at work. When he made his record breaking 201st jump there was an exceptionally large crowd on hand who gave the young parachutist a tremendous ovation.

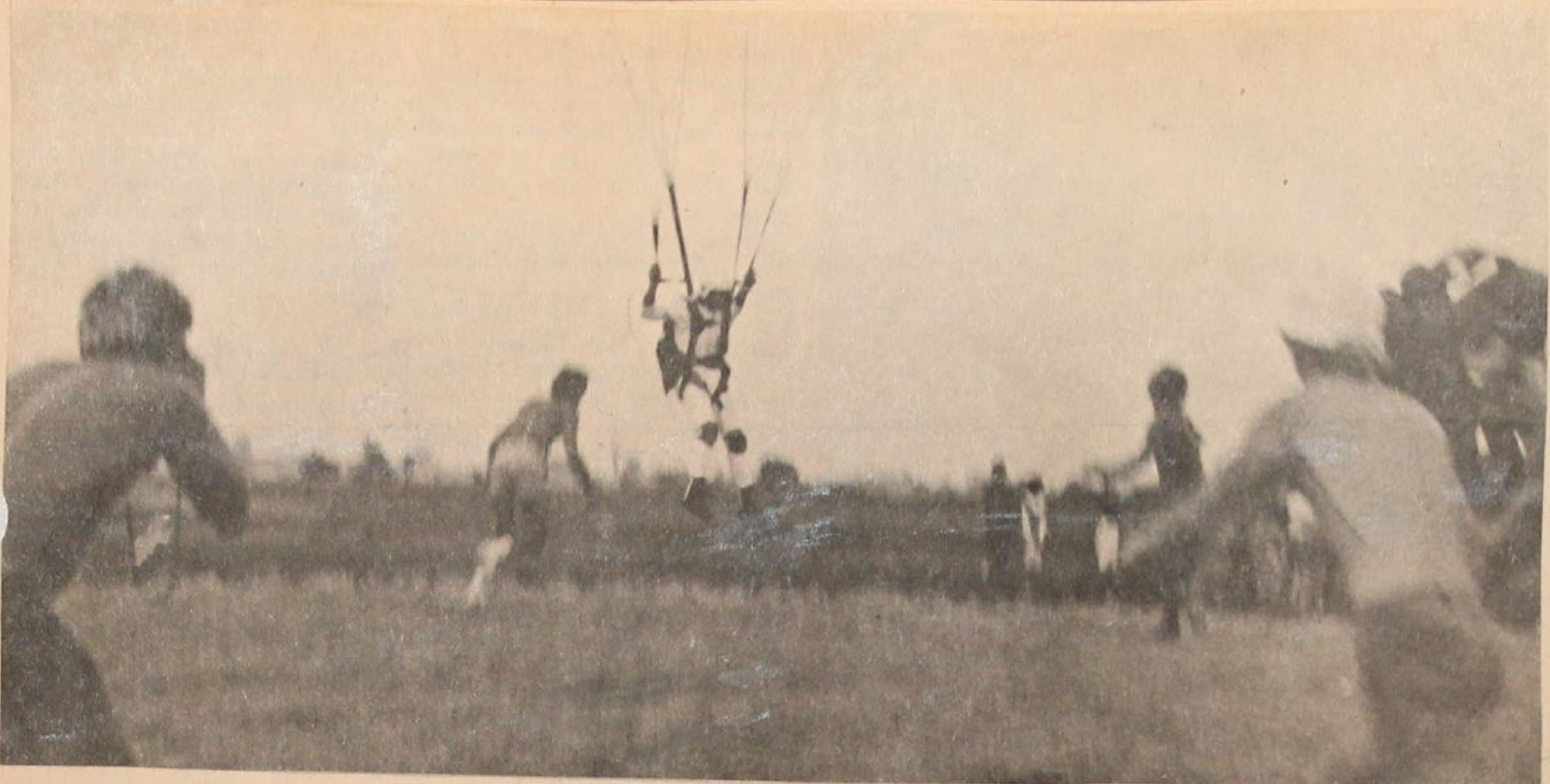
The planning that went into Sarson's record breaking performance went on for many days. Different members of the St. Thomas Para Club were responsible for different aspects of the organization under the overall direction of Bob Hill of Tillsonburg who spearheaded the planning.

It was a team effort that gave Sarson the chance to break the previous record and he provided the stamina, courage and jumping know-how.



When it was all over, after having jumped 210 times, Sarson, the new world champion, is pictured with his wife who appears as tired as he.





In the top left hand corner George Sarson is shown coming to ground on jump 201 to break the world parachute jumping record that was formerly held by Steve Sutton at 200. On the top right, para riggers are seen carrying an expended chute back to the packing area. The bottom left photo shows a half-ton truck transporting Sarson( in the white helmet) back to a waiting aircraft for another jump.



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### CLARKSON WHITE WEDDING

The home of Rev. R. D. Duncanson, 109 Main St. W. Norwich was the setting for the wedding of Mrs. Juliet Clarkson of Otterville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Gustin and Mr. Finlay White, son of Mrs. Verna M. White, of Otterville and the late Alexander White. The wedding took place on Saturday, July 31st at 2 p.m.

For the wedding the bride chose a street-length egg-shell blue tulle over lace ensemble with long full sleeves gathered at the wrist. A star and crown headpiece matching the colour of the dress held off-the-face, shoulder-length veil in place and she wore a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Matron of honour was Mrs. James (Jean) White, sister-in-law of the groom. She wore a blue lace gown matching that of the bride's.

Dorothy Brown, daughter of the bride was bridesmaid. She wore a powder blue dress of nylon with three-quarter length sleeves and a corsage of pink and white carnations.

Best man was Mr. James White of Otterville, brother of the groom. The best man wore a dark grey suit with a white carnation boutonniere. The groom chose a dark green suit with a white carnation boutonniere.

Reception for 35 guests was held at the home of the groom's mother, who chose pink lace ensemble with matching jacket for receiving guests.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Hans Solenger of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown a daughter of the bride from Merritt, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. White are living in Otterville and plan to spend the month of October in British Columbia.



Retired members of Local 2-167, International Woodworkers of America, were honored at a special meeting Wednesday night, held at Varnavair Hall. They received certificates of appreciation from the Regional Office, District 2, presented by Hank Skinner, director of research and education, and engraved plaques from the Local, presented by President Chuck McDonald. From left front row: Ron Kirkland, Jack Pryde, Charles Becker, Louis Yantho and Martin Staub. Centre row: Harry Saxon, Tony Grabstas, Sam Bunker, Louis Pentecost and William Cole. Back row: Andy Sofi, Harry Graham, Jim Swance, Ken Griffin and Earl Lambert. Eight other retirees were unable to be present.

*Jim Swance*

"You can't beat bulk units for a uniform cure," says John Martin who has used them for three years on his R.R. 1, Otterville farm. (Canadian Tobacco Grower Photo)



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## Supposed to be semi-retirement

By Dave MacLaren

For 17 years John Martin owned and operated a South Norwich Township farm which was allotted 51 acres of basic flue-cured tobacco rights. Nine years ago he sold it and purchased a small farm in the same township which has a basic allotment of 22 acres.

"It was supposed to be a semi-retirement arrangement. Then the big acreage cuts started. If I'd been able to grow 18 acres of tobacco I'd been satisfied, but you have to be able to keep a half gang going."

"So first I obtained another eight acres rights by purchasing a portion of a Rodney area farm. Then this season, I rented slightly more than four acres. This gives me an allotment of 20.80 acres for the 1971 crop," he explained.

Mr. Martin is growing Delhi 34 for the third year. He is very pleased with *The Canadian Tobacco Grower*, July, 1971

this variety, except for the suckers it produces.

His yields have always been good, so he is sticking with the 42 inch row and 24 inch plant spacing. About five tons of manure per acre are applied each year, and the crop is rotated with small rye.

A nematode fumigant was broadcast until two years ago. Since then a row treatment has been used. Next year, he doesn't plan to use a fumigant, as he feels the nematodes should be pretty well licked by now.

The crop is usually irrigated twice. Guns have been used for the last two years. Waterings are done in a half-circle pattern. The first watering consists of 1:15 hours to a set. A larger ring is used in the guns for the second watering, which lasts for one hour to a set.

Mr. Martin likes the guns, and observed that they reduce leaf

breakage and manual work. However, they are not as effective as sprinklers if there is a wind, he added.

Half the 1970 crop was treated with oil and the balance had a sucker control chemical sprayed on it after topping. He said he felt the oil gave better control, but noted that his neighbours who sprayed prior to topping obtained better results than he did. So this year the whole crop will be sprayed prior to topping.

"I'm usually the last one to start harvesting in the area. I like to have my tobacco ripe and then keep going steadily, so actually we finish harvesting about the same time as the rest," Mr. Martin said.

Four bulk curing units were erected for the 1968 crop and two more were added the following year. "A lot of guys knock them, but you can't beat them for a uniform cure," he observed.

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## NOTICE

It is with sincere regret that we must announce that we have found it impossible to complete our plans for a new and better Pharmacy. As of August 2nd we shall be providing service on a part time basis only, relocated on Stover St. North.

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### JOSEPH McELHONE

Joseph Clarence McElhone died at this home in Springford on Tuesday, August 3rd in his 82nd year.

Born in Dereham Township, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frances McElhone. As a dairy farmer he lived on the 7th Concession of South Norwich Township until retiring four years ago when he moved into Springford.

Besides his wife the former Mary Irene Kenschuler, one daughter Mrs. Harry (Theresa) Sinden of R.R. 4 Ingersoll, one son Gerald, Springford; three sisters, Mrs. Winnifred Cunningham, London; Mrs. James Lynette, Hanover; Mrs. Dora Manary, Tillsonburg; one brother Frank McElhone, Ohio; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Funeral Mass for the late Joseph McElhone who passed away at his home in Springford on Tuesday, August 3rd was held from the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Tillsonburg on Thursday at 11 a.m. and were conducted by Rev. Fr. J. K. Nelligan.

Prayer service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Wednesday evening and were conducted by Rev. Fr. J. E. Brisson.

Among the floral tributes were donations to the Heart Foundation and the Canadian Cancer.

The bearers were Bryce Smita, John Kungl, Jack Walther, Dan Moynaham, Vincent Kloepfer and James Cunningham.

Interment was made in the St. Mary's Parish Cemetery.

### Charles Mannell

OTTERVILLE (C) — A highly esteemed resident of the village, Charles Mannell passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, August 8, in his 84th year. The late Mr. Mannell had been in failing health for the past several weeks.

Born at Hollen, Wellington County, he came to this area in 1917, in the employ of the Canadian Milk Products, at Belmont. After coming to Otterville in 1927, he purchased a grocery store from the late J. W. Fish where he and Mrs. Mannell carried on a successful business. Following 31 years as a merchant, he sold the store to C. L. Finch & Son and retired in 1958.

Mr. Mannell was an active member of the Otterville United Church and held office as secretary of the board of stewards for a number of years. He was interested in I.O.O.F. lodge work, and three years ago received his 60-year jewel from Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, Otterville. He was also a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, Otterville.

His wife, the former Daisy Sanderson, predeceased him two years ago, August 13, 1969. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Laura) Wenn and Mrs. Lorne (Irene) Parker, both of Norwich; one son, Dr. Arnold Mannell of Ottawa; one brother, Harold Mannell of St. Catharines; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Edward and Harry, and one sister, Mrs. Annie Armstrong, predeceased him.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Cyril Leach in charge. Donations for the Canadian Cancer Society will be accepted at the funeral home.

An I.O.O.F. service will be conducted by Tecumseh Lodge at the funeral home Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

### Charles Mannell / 971

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Charles Mannell who passed away on Sunday, August 8, 1971, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Tuesday, August 10, at 2 p.m. and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The service was conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church, who paid fitting tribute to the late Mr. Mannell. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist for the service. Among the many floral tributes were donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Gideon Bibles and the Heart Foundation.

The casket bearers were David Wenn, Jack Parker, Harold Burrill, Richard Mannell, Robert Mannell, and Eric Mannell.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

On Monday evening a large number of members of the I.O.O.F. gathered at the Funeral Home where an interment service was held.

All the lodges in the district except one was represented at the service for Mr. Mannell who had been a Past Deputy Grand Master of Otter District No. 17.

### CARD OF THANKS

Our deepest appreciation to all friends, neighbours and relatives for flowers, donations, cards and all other acts of kindness extended to us in our bereavement. — Arnold and Jeanne Mannell, Irene and Lorne Parker, Laura and Harold Wenn. A18-P

The family of the late Kathleen Grace (McPhee) wishes to extend thanks and appreciation to our friends, relatives and neighbours for their floral tributes, memorial donations, expressions of sympathy and their many acts of kindness. Special thanks to Dr. Downing, Rev. A. Hencher, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason, the Otterville United Church Women and the many others that helped at the time of our loss. — Duncan McMurchy and family.

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### Kathleen Grace McMurchy

Mrs. Duncan McMurchy of Otterville passed away on Friday, August 13, 1971, at Victoria Hospital, London, in her 53rd year.

She was the former Kathleen Grace McPhee.

Surviving, besides her husband, are three sons, Kenneth McMurchy of Tillsonburg, John McMurchy of Burgessville and James McMurchy of Otterville; three daughters, Mrs. David (Marie) Henderson of London, Mrs. James (Karen) Benninger of Waterford, and Mrs. Robert (Jane) Buchanan of Tillsonburg; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McPhee of Dutton; three brothers, Morley McPhee of Simcoe, Wilfred McPhee of Florida and Mansen McPhee of St. Thomas; four sisters, Mrs. Gladys Grey of Morpeth, Mrs. Eddie (Leola) Thorpe of Thunder Bay, Mrs. John (Velma) Hoddler of Newmarket, and Mrs. Albert (Hazel) Rodgers of Campbellville; and 12 grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Monday, August 16, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. A. Hencher of Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

### Mrs. Duncan McMurchy

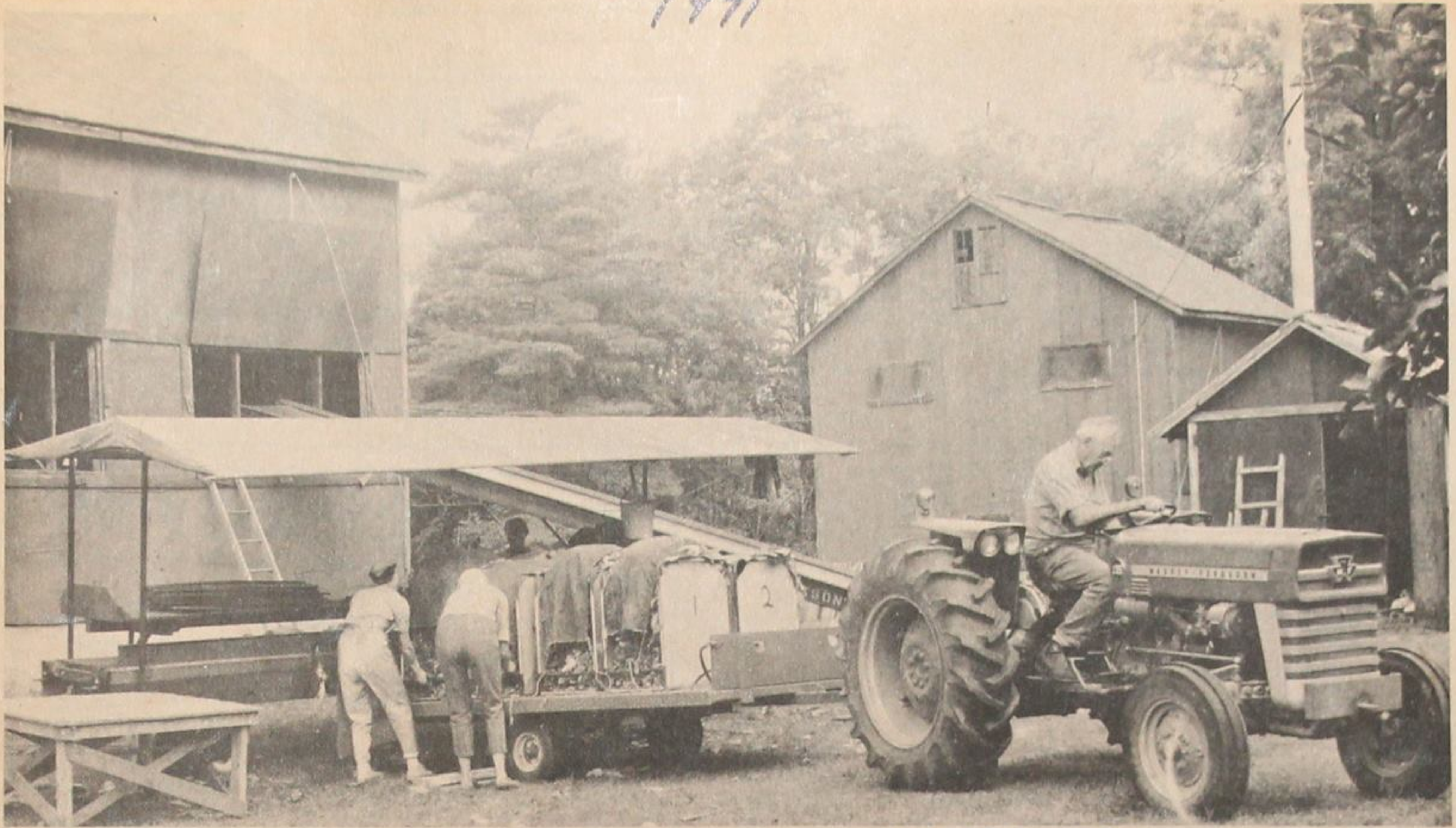
OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mrs. Duncan McMurchy, who died on Friday, August 13, 1971 was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Monday and was very largely attended.

Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church, Tillsonburg, conducted the service. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Among the memorial tributes were donations to the Canadian Cancer and Heart Foundation.

Pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were George Daiken, Frank Finch, Arthur Moore, Donald Pettigrew, Ted Church, and George Berdan.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

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Harvesting of the 1971 tobacco is underway at a number of area farms. This crew began harvesting on the farm of Fred

Sherman, <sup>SHARE GROWER</sup> just east of Otterville on Highway 59, Tuesday morning.

NATE McMULLEN

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## Vandals Strip Tobacco Plants

OTTERVILLE (C) —

Vandalism of a different sort was practised at the farm of Mrs. Henry Ash on Highway 59, two mile north east of Otterville, over the week-end. When primers went to the fields they came upon stalks of tobacco almost stripped of leaves. The Ontario Provincial Police were notified by Mrs. Ash's son-in-law Ross Chambers, who is the grower on the farm.

Further vandalism was done over the week-end when Mr. William Stapleton of the village parked his car in front of a local barber shop. When he returned to the car, he discovered two tires had been punctured and totally ruined.

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Mrs. George Goodale, Mrs. Oliver Clifford, Mrs. Nelson Gleason and daughter Mary Ellen have returned to their homes after a three weeks' holiday on an all-star bus trip from Simcoe to the Western Coast. On their return they visited at Yellowstone Park returning by the States. Mr. Nelson Gleason joined Mr. Gleason and daughter part way on the trip.

Fred Cole who has spent the past several weeks in the Victoria Hospital, London where he underwent surgery returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey spent the holiday weekend at Huntsville. They were accompanied by their son Howard and Mrs. Avey and daughter Lana Mae of Springford.

Mrs. Ernie Garnett is a patient in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg.

### WILLIAM CLIFFORD

William Middleton Clifford, 81 years, of Mill St., Otterville, passed away on Thursday, August 26, 1971, at Westminster Hospital, London.

Born in Merlin, he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Clifford. He has been a resident of the Norwich area since 1919 when he returned from Western Canada where he resided for seven years. While in the West he joined the 175th Infantry of Calgary and went overseas, and it was upon his discharge he returned to the Norwich area.

Mr. Clifford has been a resident of Otterville since 1964. He was a member of Court Norwich No. 285 C.O.F.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. William (Bernice) Williams of Aylmer; Mrs. Lloyd (Agnes) Casler of R.R. 2

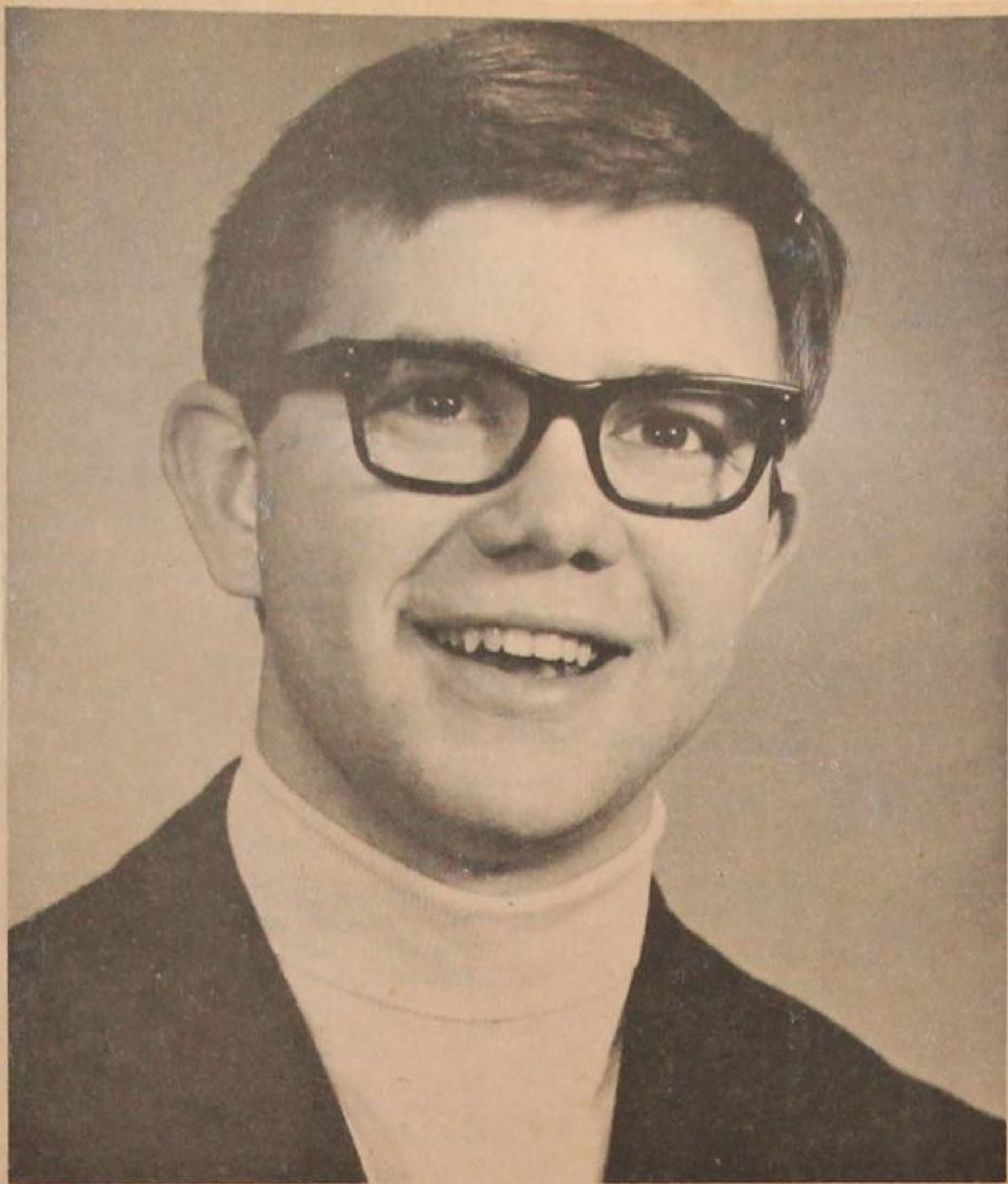
Burgessville; Mrs. Henry (Betty) Durkensen of Aylmer; four sons, Russell and Joseph, R.R. 2, Norwich; Harry, R.R. 7, Woodstock and Louis, R.R. 1, Woodstock; one sister, Mrs. George (Mary) Schmidt of Detroit; 25 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren also survive.

He was predeceased by his wife the former Florence Louise Turner in 1965.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence Norwich on Monday, August 30 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Alex Gray of Burgessville Baptist Church officiating.

Interment was in Burgessville Cemetery.

The bearers were: Fred McKay, Fred Moore, Harold Broad, Ross Hughes, Fred Pollard and Harry Fenn.



Larry Baguley

## Otterville Organist To Travel Canada

OTTERVILLE (C) — Larry Baguley of Otterville has recently joined the Conn Organ Corporation, a division of Tri-Tel Associates of Toronto. He has been appointed staff organist for the Conn Organ Co., of Canada.

Mr. Baguley will travel extensively throughout Canada as a concert and demonstrating organist, and will perform at home shows, provincial and state fairs and exhibitions as the Canadian representative for the corporation. He has completed his final year at the University of Guelph where he has majored in French and German.

Mr. Baguley assumed his position on August 16 and will be at the Ottawa Exhibition; thence to the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver. Subsequent concerts will be performed at Halifax, St. John's, Montreal, Quebec City, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley of Otterville. Mr. Baguley will take up residence in Thornhill, Ontario.

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1½ storey 4 bedroom home, with living room, dining room, kitchen and bath, nice large lot with frame barn at rear which could be used as garage and shop. Give us a call on this Karl Kul farm, Delmer. M.L.S.

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Construction has begun on the Branch Creek Bridge on the road between lots 11 and 12, Concession 8, South Norwich. Facca Construction Company, Windsor, is building the reinforced concrete structure, which will be 35 feet by 16.95 feet by 24 feet. The tender price is \$28,400 and the total cost is estimated at \$37,551.90. The old bridge was beginning to weaken at the northern end. The new bridge is being built along side the old.



This 200 foot long, ten foot wide steel bridge is the only public access to the Otterville Lions Park. The bridge was completed in May by the Otterville Machine Shop. It was built for  
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South Norwich Township at a cost of \$11,000 on a time and materials basis. The structure supports the weight of a half ton truck. August '71.



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Miss Janet Taylor, a student of Norwich District High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor, Otterville accompanied by her school chum Miss Janice Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Palmer of Norwich had the good fortune and pleasure of joining with a group of Annandale High School students of Tillsonburg who were travelling to Europe. The trip included 37 days, 7 cities and 6 countries.

The students left July 8th and

landed at Catwick airport about 30 miles from London. They spent a week in London and highlights were changing of the Guards, Picadilly Circus, the theatre, Westminster Abbey. From there they travelled to Ostende and Brussels - highlights - Palace Square and Manneken Pis also a bus trip to Brugge and Gent. Then to Paris, Janet's favourite but not everyone's the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, trip to Versailles, Notre Dame.

On to Berlin for a couple of hours, then got a plane for Leningrad, U.S.S.R., a city that has European trends rather than Russian. Moscow is just the opposite — a real Russian city — the onion shaped spires sort of Oriental architecture.

Leningrad been called Venice of the North — very true — canals, boats everywhere, beautiful parks.

Then to Moscow — very exciting — both cities seemed 30 years behind the times — points of interest here were Red Square, The Gum Store, Lenin's Tomb, The Kremlin; the Kremlin Wall (Cosmonauts in wall), University of Moscow etc. (I liked Moscow), then to Berlin — beautiful modern city — had a trip into East Berlin through check points Charlie signs of the war very evident. Next day tour of West Berlin — the Wall, the Olympic Stadium, then on the way to Amsterdam (last city) (also one of the students favourites) the people very friendly.

The highlights were trip to the Hague, visit to a diamond polishing factory, cheese making farm, Zuider Zee project, windmills, everything was fantastic. Then back to England for one night, flew home the 6th of August.

Canada looked the best of anything we had seen.



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First prize winners in the third annual fishing derby held on Saturday at the Norwich Conservation Dam and sponsored by the Norwich and District Chamber of Commerce, the Lions and Optimist Clubs and the Long Point Region Conservation Authority included: Front row, Karen McKay, Wendy Jane Hayes, Laurie Lynn Clark, Steve Just and Jamie Damm; second row, Kenneth Van Torre, Mark Fish, Bruce Riffel, David Thomas, Merrick McCaul; back row, Bill Batson, Jeff Nugent, Tim Pollard, Chris Haggith, Christine McMullen, Kim Howard and Clayton Tokarz.

## WARREN SPENCER ROCK

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A highly respected life long resident of Rock's Mills, R.R. 2, Tillsonburg the place of his birth, Warren Spencer Rock, 82 passed away in the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for the past week.

Mr. Rock was the son of John Rock and Phoebe Spencer and was a well known Miller operating the John Rock and Son Ltd. Feed Mill, continuing this business following the death of his father.

About thirty years ago Mr. Rock built grain elevators at Springford and this was of great benefit to the farmers and of the area.

He was a devoted member of the New Road United Church and was ever ready to assist with projects in the community.

A member of Tecumseh Lodge 182 Otterville he had received his 60 year jewel and a continuous member for 61 years.

A member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and was appointed Deputy District Governor and had been president of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Rock also represented Tillsonburg on the High School Board.

Besides his wife the former Jessie Cuthbertson he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Margaret) Nickerson of Sterling Heights, Michigan; and Mrs. John (Merle) Parish of Sarnia, a sister Mrs. Ida Cattell, R.R. 2, Tillsonburg also survived by five grandchildren and one great grandson. One daughter, Marion, Mrs. Fred Kniffen predeceased him three years ago and one sister Florence and one brother, Dr. John Rock several years ago.

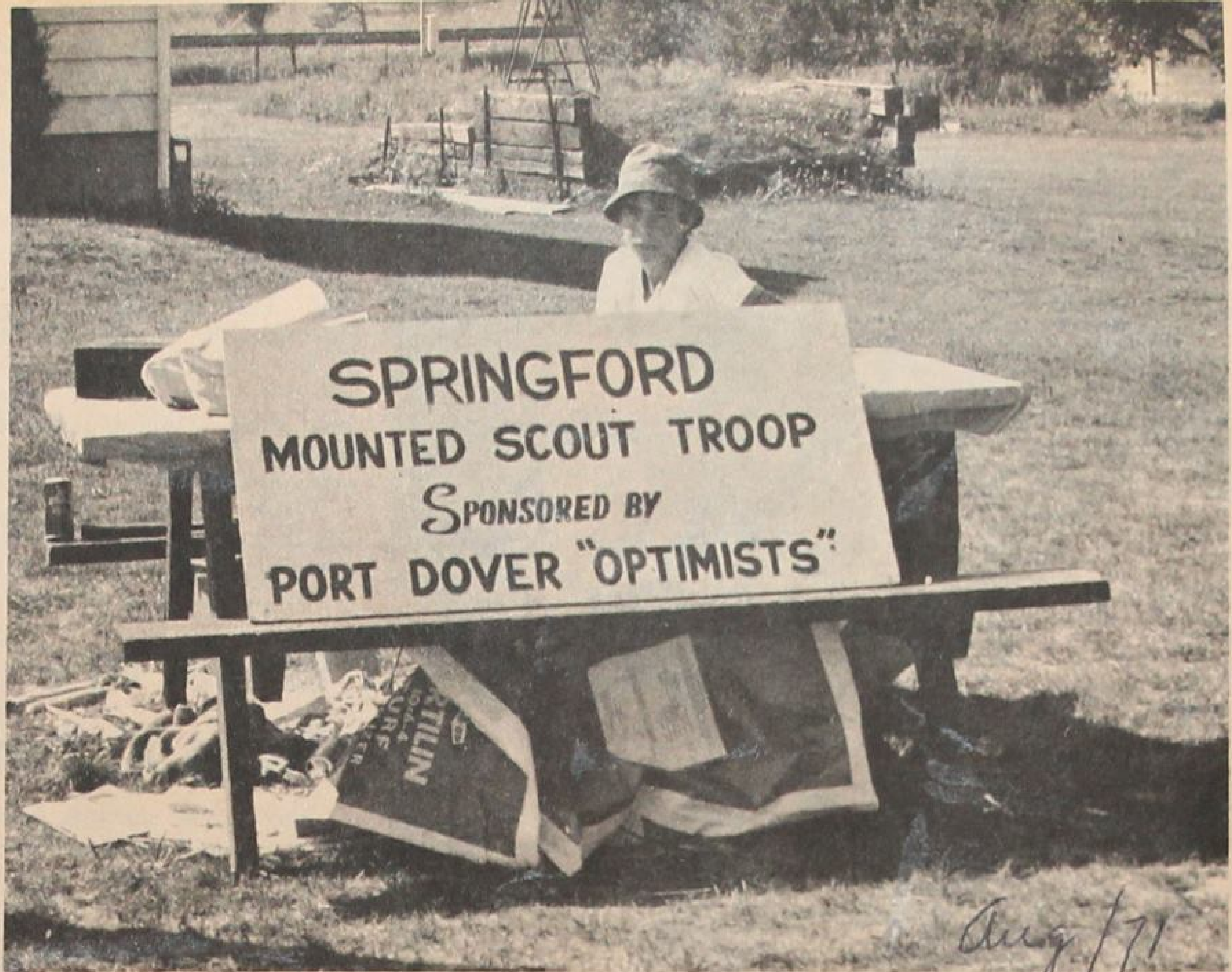
The funeral was held from The Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

## Warren Spencer Rock

NEW ROAD (C) — Funeral service for the late Mr. Warren Spencer Rock of Rock's Mills, who passed away on August 22, 1971, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on August 24, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of New Road United Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen played hymns before and after the service.

Pallbearers were Max Avey, Arnold Stover, Donald Silverthorn, Charles Pettit, Jack Pettit and Garfield Pettit.



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To finance the Springford Mounted Scout Troop, a member of the group committee, Edward Monk, planted four rows of sweet corn around one field. The boys have a booth set up in

the front yard of Glen Ellis, another group committee member, near Five Points. The boys take turns managing the booth where they sell corn for 50c a baker's dozen. They have

been selling for two weeks and expect their supplies to last at least one more week. This is the troop's only means of raising money to finance their activities through the rest of the year.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

August 27, 1931

The new fence which has been under construction at the Tillsonburg Cemetery for some time, is now completed. The fence is of the steel angle variety, and massive stone pillars are at the gateways and each side of the grounds. It is about 1000 feet in length.

The announcement of the appointment of Rev. W. H. Dunbar, rector of St. John's church, to St. George's church, Owen Sound, was received with a feeling of profound regret. He will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning.

The Gazette, Aug. 31st, 1899 —

The upper rooms in the J. A. Searls block, were being prepared for Lodge purposes. Now

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# Loss Near \$500,000 As Warwick Lumber Levelled By Flames

A mass of charred wreckage is all that remains of the property of H. A. Warwick Lumber Ltd., following a disastrous fire that wiped out the complete holdings of the modern yard on Tillson Ave., early Tuesday.

Loss could run to \$500,000, owner Harold Warwick said, including buildings, stock and equipment. New stocks of lumber had recently arrived and the yard and storage sheds were filled.

The fire was first spotted shortly after midnight by police officers Sgt. Marquette and Const. Dalby as they travelled along Tillson Ave., in their cruiser. The officers radio'd a fire call to headquarters, and with a

bar, broke locks on the gates to open up the yard. The call was received at 12:07 a.m.

Firemen were on the scene

within minutes, but even as they laid hose, the fierce flames leapt from one building to another.

Mr. Warwick said he had checked the yard Monday night, leaving the premises at  
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Alone with his thoughts, Harold A. Warwick, owner of the destroyed lumber yard which he brought to success, surveys the devastated area which a few hours before was a thriving business, and one of the most modern and complete yards in this part of Ontario.

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All that remains of the H. A. Warwick Lumber Co. yards is a skeleton of the office and showroom building, seen here being gutted by flames. Fire, which was first noticed shortly after

12 a.m., Tuesday, raced through the tinder-dry buildings and lumber piles, causing complete destruction. Loss has been placed at between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

## Retired Farmer Returns From Alaskan Trip

OTTERVILLE (C) — Harry Lee, a retired farmer, returned recently from a trip to Alaska, along with a group of 71 with farm-oriented backgrounds headed by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jewell.

Starting in Toronto, the group flew to Calgary, then by bus to Alaska, back to Edmonton by air, and back to Toronto.

Three days were spent in the Peace River district where they visited many of the farms, along the Alaska Highway to White Horse, the Dawson Trail to Dawson City, by ferry across the Yukon River over the roof of the world, back to the Alaska Highway, on to Fairbanks, and by train to Anchorage.

After a one-day stop at MacKenzie Park, they took a ferry to Prince Rupert, then by bus to Edmonton. Stopovers were made at Kitimat and Jasper.

Mr. Lee was impressed with the honey production in the central Peace River district, stating a farmer gets

two pounds of bees every summer and these are gassed in the fall with a new crop received each year from the central western states. The honey is sent to Japan to combat the flu.

The tour lasted 23 days and the group travelled in two busses.

### Anglican Church of Canada

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Fifteenth Sunday  
After Trinity

ST. CHARLES, DEREHAM  
Miss Marsha Ecker, Organist  
Church Service withdrawn.

ST. JOHN'S, OTTERVILLE  
Mrs. Nate McMullen, Organist  
11:00 a.m. .... Harvest

Thanksgiving Service  
Rev. Ridley Parson, of Woodstock, guest Minister, *Sept 19/71*

HOLY TRINITY, NORWICH  
Mrs. C. Fidler, Organist  
11:15 a.m. .... Sunday School  
Church Service withdrawn.

### St. John's Anglican

OTTERVILLE (C) —The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, Sunday, September 19 at 11 a.m. Special speaker will be Rev. W. Ridley Parson of Woodstock, who was a native of Otterville.



The United Church of Springford is getting a new front step, but the old one isn't giving up without a struggle. Although grass was growing through the old sidewalk, workmen discovered to their chagrin that it is two feet thick! Savili Construction, Otterville, is doing the work which will be completed this week.

## Name Award Winners At Otter Lions Pool

OTTERVILLE (C) — Another season of accident-free swimming classes came to a close Monday at the memorial swimming pool, sponsored by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

Two-hundred and seventy-two children enrolled for classes and were taught by Arlene Fidlin, Gayle Kowalchuk, Josephine Mountain, Louise Chisholm and Rejean Blanchette. Of these classes 200 were beginners and 25 adults enrolled for adult swimming lessons two evenings a week. They were taught by Louise Chisholm.

Children passing the beginner A and Beginner B tests are given Achievement Certificates from the Lions Club. After passing this stage they are examined by official Red Cross examiners in classes of junior, intermediate and senior swimmers.

The following advanced swimming courses were taught by chief life guard, Rejean Blanchette, and all

participants passed the Red Cross and Royal Life Saving examination.

Bronze Medallion - Josephine Mountain, Gayle Kowalchuk and Arlene Fidlin; Senior Resuscitation - Josephine Mountain, Shelley Shearer, Julie White, Glenn Neale, Brent VanParys, Arlene Fidlin, Gayle Kowalchuck, Lois Lamont and Barbara Holodinsky.

Chief life guard was Rejean Blanchette, and assistants, Gayle Kowalchuck and Arlene Fidlin.

Bronze Cross - Gayle Kowalchuk; Bronze Cross Bar - Maurice DeWachter; Award of Merit, Maurice DeWachter; Leader Award - Arlene Fidlin, Gayle Kowalchuck, Barbara Holodinsky, Lois Lamont and Josephine Mountain.

With swimming over for another year, Monday night closed with a penny scramble in the pool for the younger swimmers, using a jar full of pennies, donated by Mrs. John Davis.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO September 15, 1921

Mr. R. A. Craise has completed his new heating system in the Arlington, which is one of the best in Western Ontario. A radiator has been installed in every room, making 73 in the hotel. Mr. Craise expects to put hot and cold water in each room next year. TILKINSBURG

## Shower Honors Mrs. D. Downing

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Roy Rachar entertained forty neighbours at a miscellaneous shower honoring Mrs. David Downing. Assisting the guest of honor with the gifts were Misses Joan and Janet Downing, Mary Agnes Webb and Mrs. K. Downing.

The ladies enjoyed a social evening while the hostess served refreshments. She was assisted by the younger group present, after which Mrs. Downing expressed her appreciation to the ladies for the lovely assortment of gifts and their good wishes.

## OTTERVILLE NEWS

Mrs Alex White has returned to her home after spending the past three weeks with relatives and friends in the British Isles. While there she visited at the home of Mrs. Ivy Squance at Bromley in England. Mrs. Squance was a former resident of Otterville. Mrs. White also had the pleasure of speaking over the telephone with Mrs. Marion B. McFee, another former resident of Otterville.

Mrs. McFee lives with her niece, Miss Christine Bolton at 99 Rosslyn Ave., Rutherglen, Scotland. Mrs. McFee wished to be remembered to all her friends in and around Otterville. Mrs. White was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Fred Stover of Thorndale, Ont. who attended many musical evenings while there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring returned home on Friday after having spent a wonderful two-weeks vacation with the former's brother, Mr. Donald E. Waring and Mrs. Waring in Le-Mars, Iowa, U.S.A. They also visited relatives in Hinto, Orange City and Pulline, Iowa and were pleased to visit with their niece, Mrs. Thomas Kelly and Mr. Kelly of California, who were also visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Waring. Their tours encountered the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota and Nebraska. They also toured one of the largest stockyards in the states. A days sport of fishing was much enjoyed by Mrs. Waring which rounded out a well-spent holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Waring are most appreciative of the good wishes for a happy holiday which accompanied them from their relatives and friends and also to those who did so many acts of kindness during their absence.

# SMALL GARDEN OF EDEN FOUND

By Ross Andrews

When Mae Barham was a little girl, four years old, her father, John Barham, gave her some nasturtium seeds to plant. He chose them because they are large and easy for a child to handle. Mr. Barham's love of gardening was passed to his daughter, who has never ceased to plant flowers.

Today she is Mrs. Mae Leonard and her yard on Mill Street, Otterville, is a small Garden of Eden. In it you may see dozens of flowering annuals, and if you are quiet you may see many different kinds of insects, birds, and a few animals. Under a shade tree goldfish are swimming in a pool.

The ruby throated hummingbirds work in the flowers from spring to fall, starting with the foxgloves, then the delphiniums, and at this time the gladioli.

Sunflowers are planted especially for the squirrels and the jays. Mrs. Leonard says that the jays already

have their territory marked out and the squirrels will have to contend for their share. To ease the situation the garden has been extended to a small plot on the opposite side of the street.

In addition to the annuals, Mrs. Leonard has an extensive rose garden with many varieties represented.

She raises all her plants from seed in flats and in a small greenhouse in the garden. Some experimental cross breeding of gladioli has been abandoned. Mrs. Leonard said that of 800 seeds sown, two might have beautiful blooms, but the plants may not be of a disease resistant nature.

She has developed a double rudebeckia with broad petals. She has others that were grown from boughten seed but their petals are much narrower. These flowers resemble ox eye daisies, but are much larger.

Mrs. Leonard introduces one new bulb and one new annual to her collection each

spring to see how they adjust to the soil conditions.

She plans her garden entirely on paper before ordering seeds. In the spring the first flowers are the snowdrops, the roses and chrysanthemums last in the fall. Seeds of many varieties are saved for making winter bouquets.

The birds and insects are encouraged to live in the garden. Mrs. Leonard uses insecticides only as a last resort to control such pests as cutworms. She gathers preying mantis cases in the fall and places them in the garden to hatch in the spring. Ichneumon flies also help control pests.

She has noted an unusual new wasp-like insect that has been busily collecting grasshoppers this summer. The newcomer is almost two inches long.

A house wren that shuns the house, preferring to nest in the hedge, also helps with insect control. The bird has nested in the garden for several years.

Many bumblebees work in the flowers. They seem to know that Mrs. Leonard is a friend, even coming to rest on her arm without stinging. Unfortunately they do not treat Mr. Leonard with the same goodwill in spite of the fact that he has a keen interest in vegetable gardening on the same lot.

Horticulture is Mrs. Leonard's hobby. She teaches art in the Norwich Elementary School.

# AT OTTERVILLE HOME

## Couple Wed Fifty Years <sup>1971</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Jack Freeland and her sister, Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia, have returned to Otterville to the former's home after attending the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAlpine of Maynooth, Ontario.

The couple were married in St. Michael's R.C. Church in Toronto, September 28, 1921.

The bride was the former Isabelle McLean, daughter of the late George McLean and the late Nellie Moore, and the groom was the son of Jack McAlpine of Maynooth.

Mrs. McAlpine's father was a former hardware merchant in Otterville in the same location as the Holmes and Taylor store now stands.

Following their marriage they farmed in Monteagle Township and for the past forty years Mr. McAlpine has served the township as the Clerk with his wife assisting him.

Besides the many cards and letters of congratulations, they received greetings from Governor Genral Roland Michener, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, a plaque from the provincial government, letters from Premier William Davis, also the Bishop of Pembroke, J.R. Windle.

At 6 p.m. the family along with Fr. Castenella, Mrs. Freeland and Mrs. Heatley, attended a dinner in the Oasis Restaurant at Bancroft.

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This datura is one of many plants grown in Mrs. Mae Leonard's garden.

### Florence Jane Lawrence

OTTERVILLE (C) — Florence Jane Lawrence of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, September 22, 1971, in her 82nd year.

Born in Flint, Mich., December 27, 1889, she was a daughter of the late George Haley and Mary Burtch. She was a member of Otterville Baptist Church, Norwich Chapter 175, O.E.S., and of Violet Rebekah Lodge 330, Otterville.

Surviving are her husband, Albert Lawrence of Otterville; three sons, Carman Lawrence of Tillsonburg, Murray Lawrence of Galt, and Stanley Lawrence of Montreal; two daughters, Mrs. Frank (Alta) Irwin of Torrance and Mrs. Charles (Marjorie) Hopkins of Hamilton; 15 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, for service on Saturday, September 25, at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. E.A. Pinkerton of Paris, and Rev. David Blayney of Otterville.

Interment in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Memorial services by Violet Rebekah Lodge 330 Friday evening at 8 o'clock and by Norwich Chapter O.E.S. 175, Friday evening at 8:30, at the Funeral Home.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Lawrence was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Saturday and was largely attended.

Rev. E. A. Pinkerton of Galt conducted the service and was assisted by Rev. David Blayney of the Otterville Baptist Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

The pallbearers were Charter Davis, Fred Hill, Kenneth Griffin, Fred Moore, Jack Riste and Donald Chisholm.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

# GRAND OPENING SALE

## Otterville Butcher and Grocer

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### SALE STARTING SEPT. 9-10-11

Pork Shoulder Roast - 35c lb.  
 Pork Butt Roast - - 47c lb.  
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**BURNS BOLOGNA**  
 3 Lbs. \$1.00

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AYLMER PEAS 14 OZ .....	2 FOR 35c
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AYLMER PORK & BEANS 19 OZ .....	2 FOR 45c
CARLTON CLUB SOFT DRINK .....	24 - 10 OZ - \$1.99
HOSTESS POTATO CHIPS REG. 49c .....	89c
RED ROSE INST. COFFEE 10 OZ .....	\$1.59
COKE MIXED ASSORTMENT .....	3 FOR 89c
SUGAR 50 LB BAG .....	\$5.49
LETTUCE .....	19c HEAD
BANANAS .....	3 LB 29c
POTATOES .....	10 LB BAGS 39c

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*Oct.*  
**St. John's Anglican Church Holds Its Thanksgiving Service**

St. John's Anglican Church held its Harvest Thanksgiving Service at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. Ridley Parson of Woodstock conducted the morning service and gave a very inspiring sermon, he emphasized the great need in the world today and days to come, is still the Church. Not a new dispensation but the church of our forefathers worked and lived for. The church Christ gave to His disciples and all peoples, all nations and those yet unborn, the speaker also spoke on our heritage as Canadians. God gave us this land with all its wealth and a storehouse of plenty, but the greatest heritage we as Christians have, is that heritage handed down from generation to generation since the time of Christ and even back to the time of Moses. We should praise God and give Him thanks for all the benefits He has given us, not only on Sunday, but every day of our lives.

During the service under the capable leadership of Mrs. Nate McMullen at the organ, the choir sang an anthem, God's Love will never grow old, a solo by Mr. Jack Riste, How Great Thou Art. The church was decorated with fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Wardens and Congregation extend their appreciation to our organist and choir for the music in the singing of the hymns and chants.

A social hour was held in the Parish Hall at which time a goodly number from all these churches, St. Charles, Holy Trinity and St. John's and friends from the village met and talked with the Rev. Ridley Parson about old times. He having lived here as a boy met quite a number of his boyhood friends. Lunch was provided by the Ladies' Guild which was enjoyed and appreciated.

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Carl Howse, who has been employed with Reward Shoe Store, Tillsonburg, for the past 15 years, received the appointment from head office as manageress of the Reward Shoe Store in Ingersoll and started her duties there October 1st. *1971*



**MR. AND MRS. TOM GORDON POWELL**  
 (Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe) *L. Krohe*

### LLOYD L. TUBBS

The death occurred suddenly at Victoria Hospital, London on Sunday, Oct. 10th, 1971 of Lloyd L. Tubbs of 10264 of 109 Avenue North, Largo, Florida.

Mr. Tubbs had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hill of 389 Boler Rd., London. He was a former resident of East Oxford and Burgessville.

Surviving are his wife Hazel (Mason) Tubbs, a daughter, Mrs. Arnold (Jean) Bates of Mississauga and one grandson, David Bates.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, Oct. 12th at the Needham Memorial Chapel, 520 Dundas St., London, with Rev. Clifford G. Pack officiating.

Interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Krohe of Otterville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Sheila to Mr. Thomas Gordon Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Powell. The wedding to take place on Saturday, October 9, 1971 at Our Lady of La Salette Church, La Salette, Ont. *S1-C*

### Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank friends, neighbours, and relatives for cards of sympathy and acts of kindness during our recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. McDermid and nurses on 2nd floor North of Tillsonburg Hospital, Brownsville U.C.W. Unit 2 for the lovely lunch. Also to the pallbearers, Rev. William Hockin and Ostranderson Funeral Home. -- Mrs. Ilene Mayos and Family.

*1971* MAYOS - At Victoria Hospital, London, on Friday, October 29, 1971, George W. Mayos of Brownsville, in his 64th year.

Rested at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Monday, November 1, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Hockin of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden. Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

## Deaths

### George W. Mayos

George W. Mayos of Brownsville passed away at Victoria Hospital, London, on Friday, October 29, 1971, in his 64th year.

Born in England, November 24, 1907, he was a son of the late George W. Mayos and the former Enid Thompson. He came to Canada in 1926.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ilene Teller; one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Marie) Rohrer of Delhi; six sons, George Mayos and Harry Mayos, both of Tillsonburg, Fred Mayos of Springfield, Jack Mayos and Reginald Mayos, both of London, and David Mayos of Waterford; nine grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Peggy Rowley and Mrs. Dorothy Harley, both in England; and five brothers, Fred Mayos of Oakville, and Bert Mayos, Archie Mayos, Reg Mayos and Jack Mayos, all in England.

Rested at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Monday, November 1, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Hockin of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden.

Pallbearers were Dick Burn, Tom Rule, Ken McLean, Don Mulholland, Wilson Mitchell and Joe Sharpe.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

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# Plan Potluck Lunch for *Oct 5/71* Installation

Regular meeting of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge was held Tuesday evening with Noble Grand Mrs. Climie presiding and a good attendance. One visitor was welcomed from Centennial Lodge, Brantford.

Accounts for washing dishes and Tillsonburg News printing were approved by the finance committee.

The visiting committee reported sending cards and calling on Mrs. Pryde in hospital, Mrs. Ileta Ostrander, a patient in Victoria Hospital, London, and Mrs. Annie Mills, now residing at Sacred Heart Villa, Courtland. Mr. Stanley Weeks has returned from hospital in Hamilton where he has been taking treatments following a stroke.

The report of the property committee was given by Warden Mrs. Sundy and a semi-annual auditors report by financial secretary Mrs. Garnham.

Reminder was made of the degree rally in Stratford on November 20.

A letter of thanks was sent the manager of the IGA store for the loan of a coffee maker and donation of coffee.

Otterville Lodge is chartering a bus to attend the installation of officers in St. Thomas on October 12 and to Shedden on October 19. Anyone wanting to go contact district deputy president Mrs. Helen Thompson of Violet Lodge, Otterville.

The Noble Grand thanked Mrs. Olive McKoy and assistants for the work of the September social committee and appointed Sisters Florence Weeks, Constance Dean, Eva Kennedy and Marie Tait for October. A potluck lunch is planned for the installation night on October 26.

✓ Sister Mabel Avey contributed to the birthday box.

Winners at cards following lodge were Sisters Markham, Oldridge and MacLennan.

# Install Mrs. S. Sitts N.G. Violet Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Sharalee Sitts was installed as Noble Grand of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 in ceremonies conducted by Mrs. Arthur Carder, D.D.P. and staff of Shedden.

The meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. hall, Otterville, on Monday evening and was well attended. Mrs. Carder was invited by Mrs. Helen Thompson, D.D.P. of East St. Thomas No. 17.

Officers are: Past Noble Grand, Mrs. Esther Smith; Noble Grand, Mrs. Sharalee

Sitts; Vice Grand, Mrs. Vida Lees; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Strudwick; financial secretary, Mrs. Anna Treffry; treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Arthur; warden, Mrs. Mararet Kitchen; conductor, Mrs. Ruth Collver. Other officers include Mrs. Violet Howse, Mrs. Carrie Moore, Mrs. Greta Smith, Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Madaline McClung, Mrs. Olive Pickersgill, Mrs. Ila Nant, Mrs. Esther Smith, Mrs. Jean McClintock and Mrs. Edith Avey.

At a recent meeting of the Lodge in the I.O.O.F. hall the charter was draped in loving memory of two members Bro. Charles Mannell and Sister Mrs. Florence Lawrence. Both were valued members of the organization.

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October 20,



Oxford Liberal candidate Gordon "Sparky" Innes poses with his family, Marnie Lee, Julie Marie, Mary Anna, David, and wife, Vera. *Defeated by Do Parrett*

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

NORWICH PARISH..ONT.

CONFIRMATION OF CANDIDATES. OCT. 12th 1971.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~~538~~ 352

Presentation of Candidates.

Scripture Readings....P.B..p 557

Renewal of Vows

Hymn 480 (kneeling)

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Hymn ~~412~~ 411

SERMON...Bishop H.G.Appleyard...Georgian Bay.

Presentation of Certificates to Candidates.

Hymn 549.

PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATES.....

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| Richard Mark Harrison      | Mary Lynn Furlong           |
| James Walter Durkee        | Julie Marie Davis           |
| Jeffery Norman Pickersgill | Catherine Lynn Louise Davis |
| Larry Douglas Hughes       | Brenda Lee Theresa Berrigan |
| Thomas Michael Furlong     | Janice Maureen Ecker        |
| Walter Leroy Squires       | Janet Marie Squires         |
|                            | Kimberley Ella-Mae Romanick |
|                            | Diana Lynn Hughes           |
|                            | Joan Rebecca Tokars         |
|                            | Donna Elaine Day.           |

*Rev. Lodge away*

Lunch and Fellowship in the Parish Hall after the Service.  
*Mrs. Boyer, played organ = installing that rite*  
..H.D.Herring....

St. John's Anglican

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Confirmation service was held in St. John's Anglican Church with Bishop Appleyard of Georgian Bay officiating and preaching the sermon. Certificates and St. John's Gospels were presented to the candidates.

Following the service a lunch and fellowship hour was held in the parish hall. The service was well attended by parents, Godparents and friends of the confirmed candidates.

The Class, presented to the Bishop by their Minister, Rev. Herb. Herring, were: Richard Mark Harrison, James Walter Durkee, Jeffery Norman Pickersgill, Larry Douglas Hughes, Thomas Michael Furlong, Walther Leroy Squires, Mary Lynn Furlong, Julie Marie Davis, Brenda Lee, Theresa Berrigan, Janice Maureen Ecker, Janet Marie Squires, Kimberley Ellamae Romanick, Diana Lynn Hughes, Joan Rebecca Tokars and Donna Elaine Day.

SHELLEY - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 19, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shelley of Port Burwell, a son.

THOMPSON - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, October 21, 1971, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson of Brownsville, a daughter, Leigh Ann Nicole.



Mrs. Irene McDonough was installed as Noble Grand of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177 Tuesday night in ceremonies conducted by Mrs. Helen Thompson, district deputy president, of St. Thomas and her installing staff of Otterville. New officers shown in photo are front, from left: Mrs. Selma Tomlinson, LSVG; Mrs. Violet House, RSVG; Mrs. Mary Oldridge, vice-grand; Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. Mabel Mabee, RSNG; Mrs. Hazel Hughes, LSNG; Mrs.

Marie Climie, JPNG. Back row: Mrs. Kathleen Boughner, color bearer; Mrs. Olive McKoy, musician; Mrs. Mabel Avey inside guardian; Mrs. Constance Dean, outside guardian; Mrs. Eva Daniel, chaplain; Mrs. Nina Sinden, conductor; Mrs. Martha Sundry, warden; Mrs. Betty Garnham, financial secretary; Mrs. Mary Pryde, secretary, and Mrs. Gladys Maloney, treasurer. *Oct. 1971*

## Install Mrs. McDonough Rebekah Noble Grand

Installation of officers in Myrtle Rebekah Lodge was held Tuesday evening with N.G. Sister Climie presiding and 100 visitors and members present. Visitors were welcomed from Otterville, Aylmer, Delhi and Springfield.

Sister Helen Thompson, D.D.P., Mabel Mabee, Assembly P.P., and Bessie Davis, Assembly Marshall, were introduced by Sisters Garnham, Walker. A corsage was presented to Mrs. Thompson from the Lodge by N.G. Mrs. Climie.

Annual report of the visiting committee was given by Sister McDonough, and thank-you notes were read and business dealt with.

The installation ceremony

was conducted by Mrs. Helen Thompson, D.D.P., and staff of Violet Lodge, Otterville.

Executive officers for 1971-72 are: noble grand, Mrs. I. McDonough; vice-grand, Mrs. M. Oldridge; rec. secretary, Mrs. M. Pryde; fin. secretary, Mrs. B. Garnham; treasurer, Mrs. G. Maloney.

Appointed officers are: warden, Mrs. M. Sundry; conductor, Mrs. N. Sinden; chaplain, Mrs. E. Daniel; musician, Mrs. O. McKoy; color bearer, Mrs. K. Boughner; R.S.N.G. Mrs. M. Mabee; L.S.N.G., Mrs. H. Hughes; R.S.V.G., Mrs. V. House; L.S.V.G., Mrs. T. Tomlinson; I.G., Mrs. M. Avey; O.G., Mrs. C. Dean; press reporter, Mrs. E.

Wallace, assistant Miss M. Priddle.

Members to serve on the various committees were appointed by the Noble Grand, Mrs. McDonough.

Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Davis spoke briefly extending best wishes to the officers and members of the Lodge. P.N.G. Sister Climie presented a gift to Sister Thompson on behalf of Myrtle Lodge. A 30-year veteran jewel from the Lodge was

presented to Mrs. Climie by her sister, Mrs. V. French.

Two beautiful arrangements of carnations and red roses were presented to Sister McDonough, gifts from her family and a friend.

Mrs. Alta Tomlinson of Delhi was winner in the draw for a linen luncheon set.

A delicious lunch was served by the October social committee and assistants, and courtesy remarks were made by Mrs. Thompson. ✓

# Davis - Collver

OTTERVILLE (C) — Wedding vows were exchanged by Helen Irene Collver and John William Alexander Davis at the Otterville United Church on Saturday, October 23, 1971, at 3 p.m. Rev. Cyril Leach performed the ceremony amid a setting of white candelabra with orange tapers and baskets of white mums and orange carnations. Organist, Mrs. Lorene McMullen, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Betty Walther, who sang Wedding Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, and during the candle lighting ceremony by the bridal couple, sang One Hand, One Heart.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Collver of Otterville, and the late Ronald Collver. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. McKay Davis of RR 1, Otterville.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Douglas Collver, the bride chose a white, floor-length gown of crystal sheer over white bridal satin, styled on princess lines, trimmed with chantilly lace, and featuring bishop sleeves and a cathedral-train cascading from the shoulders. Her fingertip veil of silk illusion was held by a headdress of white artificial flowers and seed pearls, and she carried a cascade arrangement of white carnations, orange delight roses, stephanotis, baby's breath, fern and ivy.

Miss Andrena Collver of Otterville, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Beth Collver of Otterville, sister of the bride, Mrs. Sharon Balcom of Woodstock, sister of the groom, and Miss Germaine MacNeil of Otterville, friend of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns styled similar to that of the bride, with a bodice of polyester crepe in multi-coloured autumn shades and a skirt of dark brown silk velvet. Orange delight rosebuds were scattered in their hair and they carried cascades of orange carnations, orange delight rosebuds, ivy and baby's breath.

Mr. Jerry Balcomb of Woodstock, brother-in-law of

the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. John Hanson of Flint, Mich., cousin of the groom, Mr. Ron Smith of Otterville and Mr. Ed Deconinck of Delhi, both friends of the groom. Master Robbie Hewitt, nephew of the bride, and Master Jay Balcom, nephew of the groom, were ring bearers.

Reception for 130 guests was held in the United Church parlor. The tables were decorated in autumn colors with bronze, gold and orange chrysanthemums. Waitresses were Mrs. Marlene Hopkins, Miss Michaela Maloney, Miss Cheryl White, Miss Janet Taylor, Miss Deborah Church, Miss Brenda Pickersgill, Miss Joanne McSkimming, Miss Laura Chisolm, Miss Dianne Oliver and Miss Lynn Taylor.

Bride's mother received guests in a street length, coat ensemble of moss green polyester peau de soie, trimmed with mylar lace, worn with matching head-dress and a corsage of green cymbidium orchids. Groom's mother chose a burnt orange, peau de soie, coat ensemble trimmed with bugle beads and lace, worn with orange rosebuds in her hair and a corsage of bronze cymbidium orchids.

Evening reception was held at the Norwich Legion for 250 guests.

Bride's gift to the groom was a travelling case; to the bridesmaids, sterling silver earrings; and to the ring bearers, gold signet rings. Groom's gift to the bride was diamond studded earrings; to the best man and ushers, butane lighters and cufflinks.

For a wedding trip to the southern United States, the bride chose a two-piece, purple, street-length dress, worn with black patent leather accessories and a mauve orchid corsage.

Guests were present from Goderich, Simcoe, Tillsonburg, Norwich, St. Marys, London, Woodstock, Delhi, Aylmer, Kingsville, Port Dover, Tavistock, Northville, Mich., St. Thomas, Flint, Mich., and Castleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are residing at RR 1, Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN WILLIAM ALEXANDER DAVIS



I.O.D.E. Chapters, held at the Ora  
Mrs. Ivor Mann, regent,

# Arthur - Courtman

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**HAWTREY (C)** — Baskets of mauve and white roses, daisies and pink carnations, decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, October 30, 1971, at 3:30 p.m., for the wedding of Christen Mary Courtman (Chris), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Courtman of 35 Edith Ave., Hamilton, and John Brian Arthur, of 170 King St. W. Dundas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Arthur of RR 2, Otterville. Rev. C. Leach officiated. Mrs. William McMullen, organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Joan Moses of Woodstock, cousin of the groom, who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "Hymn of Joy" during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length, white, satin gown with appliques on the neckline, long cuff, down the front and back of the gown, and on the train, which fell from the waist at back. The long-sleeved gown was enhanced with mauve ribbon at the

neck and waist. Her shoulder-length, three-tiered veil was held by a cluster of white roses and she carried a cascade of pink sweetheart roses, white carnations and stephanotis with purple ribbon.

Miss Dianne Bamford of Hamilton, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lorraine McBride of Hamilton, and Mrs. Shirley Pendlebury of Freelon, both friends of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns, made by themselves, of purple polyester crepe, with long, puffy sleeves, scoop necklines and high waist, worn with purple and pink velvet chokers. Small pink carnations were placed in the hair, and they carried cascades of pink carnations and pink ribbon.

Mr. William Arthur of Norwich, cousin of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. Anthony Johnson of Dundas and Mr. William Pendlebury of Freelon, both friends of the groom.

Eighty guests were present for the wedding supper at 5 p.m., at the Otterville church hall, and 120 attended the evening reception at the Delhi Golf and Country Club. Vases of mauve and white daisies decorated the tables. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake with mauve roses on each layer, silver candelabra with three mauve candles in each, and the bridal bouquets. A miniature bride and groom topped the cake. The U.C.W. of the church catered.

Guests were received by the bride's mother, who chose a street-length dress and coat ensemble of turquoise, appliqued down the front of the dress and coat, worn with black accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses with turquoise ribbon. Groom's mother chose a street-length dress of light green wool brocade with matching coat, worn with matching light green accessories and a corsage of yellow roses with gold ribbon.

Master of ceremonies was Barry Courtman, brother of the bride.

Bride's gift to her attendants was jewellery. Groom's gift was glassware.

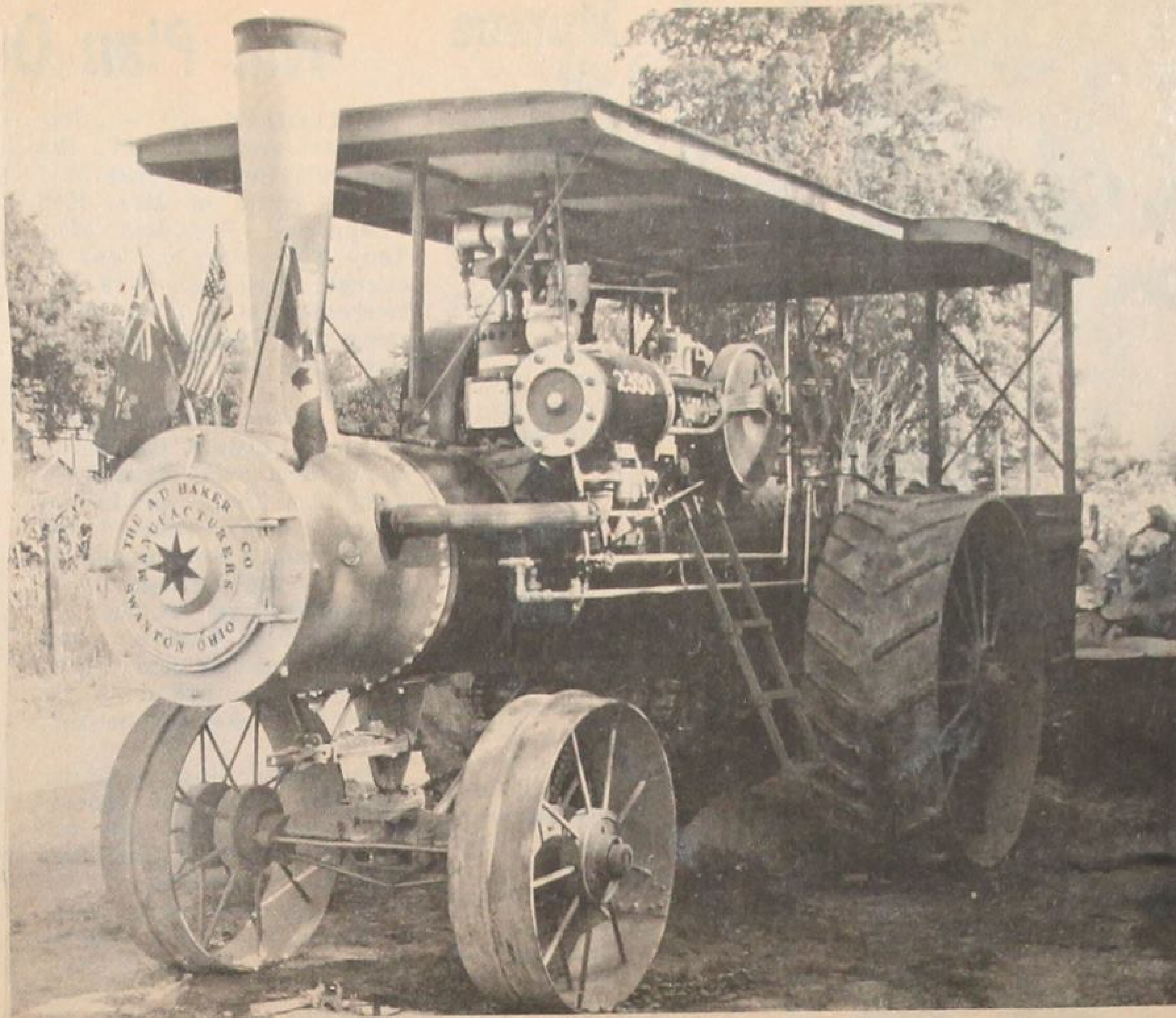
For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and New York City, the bride wore a brown and beige wool midi dress, with brown lace-up boots, crushed leather purse to match a brown leather coat, and a corsage of yellow rust trimmed roses and ribbon.

Guests were present from Michigan, London, Mt. Hope, Mt. Hamilton, Hamilton, Dundas, Freelon, Burlington, Aylmer, Delhi, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Vanessa and Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are residing at 178 King st. W., Dundas.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN BRIAN ARTHUR**



Dell's Steam Tractor

## Preserving The Age Of Steam

By Ross Andrews

So you think being a steam buff is easy? Can you jockey 14 tons of steel to line up a belt with a grain separator? Can you tell a coal burner from a wood burner? Can you tell a wheel designed to pull plows? Maybe you should drop over to Milldale for a chat with Clark and Myrtle Dell, who own and love some half dozen boilers, two with complete traction engines.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell are the proud owners of Canada's only Baker Special, a machine made by A. D. Baker Manufactures, Swanton, Ohio. The big coal-burning machine is a youth among steamers, being built in 1927, one of the last ever built. Its wide drive wheels, with a double row of lugs on the inside half of each rim, identify it as a plough puller.

The number on the cylinder is 23-90 which is horsepower, not a serial. It means that the machine develops 23 horsepower at the drawbar and 90 horsepower on the belt. As steamers go, that is a lot of horsepower.

If you are thinking of restoring that old engine out behind the barn, where do you start? One place is with the Ontario Department of Labour. Their trained inspectors will advise you how to repair the boiler to comply with safety regulations.

No, no. Put down that paint brush. You must do some careful research to determine the original colours and then pay \$5.60 a quart for the exact shade of fine automobile enamel to get that original condition. Even the stripes must be just so.

Now, about that roof. It makes a difference whether it goes straight back on each side or has extensions as this Baker Special has. Back to the research.

When you have your steamer all refurbished you can take it to shows, as the Dells did, showing their Special at the Golden Horseshoe March of Times at Caledonia on July 31, August 1 and 2. They teamed up with Bill McMullen of Otterville to give a demonstration of steam threshing.

Driving the Special through a crowd of spectators has its hazards for the spectators. Mr. Dell has to have lookouts to help him steer through the crowds because the gears of the engine hide the front wheels from the driver's view. People in crowds do not seem to have a sense of danger, according to Mr. Dell.

Mr. Dell says you can recognize people who know something about steamers at a show. Those who know little are very ready with advice when you are trying to line up a belt or perform some other tricky manoeuvre. The one to listen to is the quiet man who begins, "I don't want to tell you how to do this, but if you don't mind a word of advice..."

About the other machines in the Dell collection, Mrs. Dell operates one to steam greenhouses in the spring and another to steam kilns in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell are presently restoring a 1916 Waterloo which will weigh in at about nine tons. It took two months of steady work with a lot of help from some dedicated friends to put the Baker in shape.

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# DEATHS and FUNERALS

## Mrs. Velma Holmes

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Velma Holmes of Otterville passed away at her residence, on Sunday, November 28, 1971, in her 86th year.

She was the former Velma Johnson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Murray Holmes.

Surviving are two daughter, Mrs. G.C. (Ella) Johnson of Toronto and Mrs. R.O. (Marion) Taylor of Otterville; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Kelly of Burgessville and Miss Pauline Johnson of Simcoe; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Tuesday, November 30, at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

## Mrs. Velma Holmes



OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Velma Holmes, beloved wife of the late Murray Holmes, passed away at her residence in Otterville on Sunday, November 28, 1971, in her 86th year.

Born in Springford, Ontario, she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.R.

Johnson. Her mother was the former Ella Anstice, the Anstice family dating back to William the Conqueror of France.

A devoted worker in the Sunday School, she taught a Sunday School class for 25 years. She was a member of the Woman's Association, of the Women's Missionary Society and was a life member of the United Church Women.

Mrs. Holmes took an active part in the community. She was president of the Canadian Red Cross and during World War II she did a lot of knitting for the Armed Forces and pieced many quilts for the nursery in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

A valued life member of the Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute, Mrs. Holmes compiled three Tweedsmuir scrapbooks and also completed a most interesting series of the growth of the community, at the time of the Sesqui-Centennial in 1957. She was convener of the historical research and current events for the London convention W.I. in 1952-54 and district branch convener for many years as well as director on the museum board.

A graduate of Alma College, St. Thomas, Mrs. Holmes was an accomplished elocutionist and in this regard was generous with her ability as a reader for all organizations.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G.C. (Ella) Johnson of Toronto and Mrs. R.O. (Marion) Taylor of Otterville; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Kelly of Burgessville and Miss Pauline Johnson of Simcoe; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of Otterville United Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Memorial donations were to the Gideon Bible, Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Brian Taylor, Murray Johnson, Gordon Kramer, Nate McMullen, John Foris and Edward Moore.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

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## Festive Bazaar Held By Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — The parish hall, decorated in keeping the annual Christmas bazaar, was a busy place

Friday afternoon for the ladies to shop for Christmas and also enjoy a cup of tea.

The event was sponsored by St. John's Anglican Guild who, though small in membership, have worked steadily through the year and each table showed the fruits of the spirit.

The visitors were met at the door by Rev. Herb Herring and welcomed by president, Mrs. Fred Howse.

The tea tables were prettily decorated and were well patronized. Waitresses were Misses Edna Furlong and Sharon Rachar.

Mrs. Herring had charge of the "touch and take" table, and Mrs. Derwood Spicer, the sale of tickets on the prettily decorated Christmas cake which was won by Mrs. Robert Pettigrew; the fine display of fancy work was in charge of Mrs. Lottie Armstrong and Mrs. Edna Pearce, while Mrs. Jack Riste served on the table of lovely aprons; Christmas cards and novelties were in charge of Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Emma Strudwick; clerks at the bake table were Mrs. Jack Furlong, Mrs. Jack Freeland

and Mrs. Winnie Leach; kitchen assistants were Mrs. Percy Slaght, Mrs. Peter Gilchrist and Mrs. Jack Heatley.

The day proved most successful and added much to the treasury.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR HELD FRIDAY, NOV. 5 IN PARISH HALL, OTTERVILLE

Final plans were made at the regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild for the annual Christmas Bazaar sponsored by the members of the St. John's Anglican Guild which will be held on Friday afternoon, November 5th from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Otterville.

Tables for a cup of tea, knitting, fancy work, baking, touch and take with many other suggestions for Christmas gifts will be displayed at this event. A Christmas cake will be owned that day who has the lucky ticket on a draw.

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. Nate McMullen and the president, Mr. Fred Howse presided for the business. Mrs. Jack Riste read the scripture lesson.

Following the meeting the hostess was assisted in serving refreshments for a social time.

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# Dry township gets liquor vote

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — A Jan. 12, 1972 liquor vote has been set for South Norwich Township, M. M. Howse, clerk-treasurer, said Wednesday.

Mr. Howse said the date was

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proposed by the Liquor Control Board of Ontario and approved by the township council.

The vote, he said, will be conducted between 8 a.m. at 7 p.m. at six polls throughout the township.

He said the provincial voters list used in the provincial election, which named approximately 2,000 voters, will be used.

The township requested the vote on receipt of a petition signed by about 500 persons, meeting the requirement of 25 per cent of the township electorate. The request was presented to council Nov. 1 by Harvey Miller, an Otterville restaurant owner.

Three separate questions have been planned, asking township residents to vote "yes" or "no" on the sale of beer in licensed public houses open to women; the sale of liquor with meals in dining lounges, and the sale of liquor in ordinary lounges.

Township ratepayers voted "dry" in the last liquor plebiscite in 1947.

The township is not scheduled to hold a municipal election until December, 1972, with elected representatives completing their first of two year terms this year.

## Ask Liquor Plebiscite For South Norwich

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OTTERVILLE (C) — South Norwich Municipal Council decided to ask the Liquor Control Board of Ontario to set a date for a liquor plebiscite in South Norwich Township, at the regular November Council meeting. A petition signed by 474 persons was presented to council seeking the vote.

The vote will likely be held early in 1972. Township voted "dry" the last time such a plebiscite was held in 1947.

The petition requests three separate ballots, asking

township residents to vote "yes" or "no" on the sale of beer in licensed public houses, open to women; the sale of liquor with meals in dining lounges; the sale of liquor in ordinary lounges.

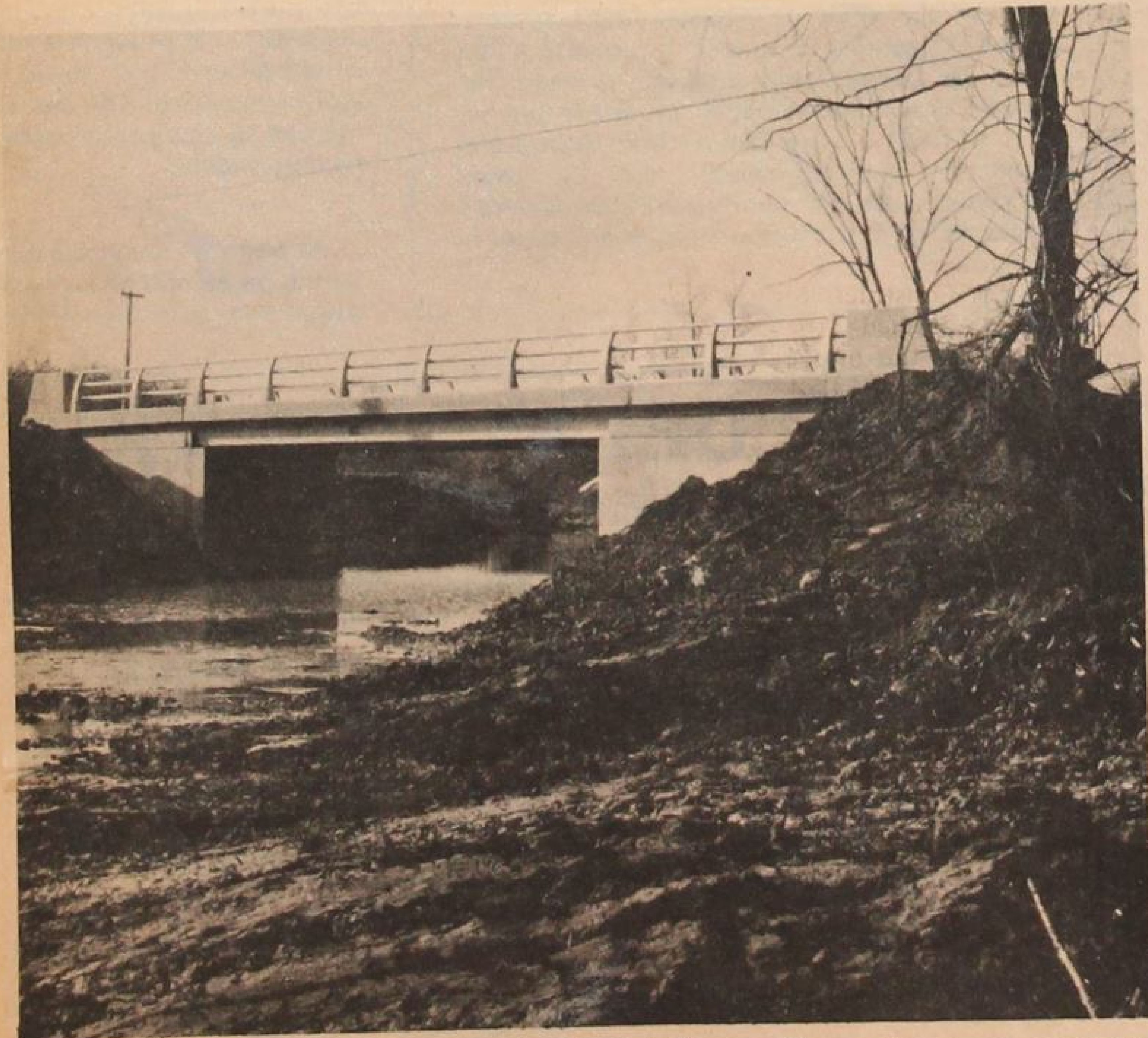
A by-law was passed whereby the township of South Norwich will provide administration of the Rosanna Cemetery. Council appointed a Cemetery Board for Rosanna Cemetery as follows; Harry Armstrong and Elmer Almost, for five years each; Ted Cooper and

Mrs. Mervin Hurley, three years; and councillor Roger Monsere for the remainder of 1971 and until the end of 1972.

Court of revision was held on the Jull drain. By-law 1222 received third reading providing for drainage work on the Jull drain.

Regular accounts of \$1,015 and a road voucher of \$14,425.69 were passed by Council.

The regular December Council meeting will be held December 6, 10 a.m.



South Norwich road crews are putting the finishing touches on the approaches to this \$36,000 bridge over Branch Creek about half a mile north of Otterville. The bridge should be ready for traffic this week. (News-Record Photo) Nov 1971

### The Gazette, Nov. 23rd, 1916—

The Big One-Cent Rexall Sale was on in full swing at the Macwhirter Drug Store.

A pipe organ was being installed in the new Anglican Church, in Otterville.

Canadian war casualties were announced as 60,000, of 12,934 were dead and 3,272 missing, the wounded making up the balance.

Owing to high prices incident to the war, the Canadian dollar had depreciated in value to 67 cents.



A picturesque late, late fall scene caught by Delhi News-Record staffer Rob Brady, depicting the popular, natural beauty surrounding the dam on the Otter River, village of Otterville.

**INTERESTING WORK  
VIEWED BY 250 PERSONS**

The home residence of Mrs. Evelyn Grimmett, Concession 10, Dereham Township was the chosen spot for more than 250 persons who were all deeply interested in the work of Art and viewed many beautiful paintings.

The Exhibition was held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings.

The event featured the work of four local artists, Mrs. Evelyn Grimmett, Rheta Fields, Donna Wickham and Audrey Stilwell, all members of the Ingersoll Sketch Club. The pictures on display were done in water colours of scenes in the Tri-County and Bruce Peninsula.

A picture in professional style won great admiration, this being the Historic St. Charles Anglican Church of Dereham and one of the highlights in the familiar paintings. This particular painting was drawn for on Sunday evening and Mrs. Gordon Leonard of Otterville was the proud owner. The draw was made by Grant C. Brown of Tillsonburg.

Other winners were William Cole of Norwich, winning a scene at Long Point; and Mrs. Evelyn Cridland was the winner of a painting done at Port Stanley.

Tea was served both days by the members of the A.C.W. of St. Charles Anglican Church. The tea tables were centred with pink carnations while red and white carnations took many compliments throughout the exhibition in the living room.

The artists were all completely surprised in the interest

*Pr 15,000<sup>00</sup> in 1973*  
**Otterville woman hurt  
in truck-car collision**

OTTERVILLE — Mrs. Harry Pickersgill of Otterville suffered a broken arm and bruises Sunday when a half-ton truck driven by her husband collided with a car driven by Maurice DeWachter, 18, of Waterford.

The collision occurred at the intersection of John Street and Oxford County Road 19. Both drivers escaped injury.

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**WORLD WAR I**  
1914 - 1918

Major T.D. Sneath, M.C  
Lieut. J. F. Dickson  
Lieut. P. Johnson  
Lieut. A. Rowe  
Sgt. G.W. Beattie  
Cpl. H. Coles  
L. Cpl. A. Strode  
Pte. R. Cattel  
Pte. J. Stewart  
Pte. E. Kelly  
Pte. H. Priddle  
Pte. R. Newton  
Pte. W.A. Hughes  
Pte. Fred Croxford  
Pte. E. A. Crabbe  
Pte. P.L. Hainer  
Pte. H. J. Sackrider  
Pte. A. Messecar  
Pte. Fred Bleakley  
Pte. H. Barnes  
Pte. B. Edwards  
Pte. E. Scanlon  
Pte. H. Sackrider  
Pte. G. E. Dennis  
Pte. R. Buck  
Pte. H. Pearson  
Pte. G. McGregor  
Pte. C. Beattie  
Pte. S. Shellington  
Pte. B. Poole  
Pte. J. McNaughton  
Pte. W. Lossing  
Pte. H. Money  
Pte. J. Harris  
Pte. W.B. Edmonds

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**WORLD WAR II**  
1939 - 1945

Pte. Ray L. Frain  
Pte. John Kennerley  
Flt. Sgt. John Yule  
F. Lt. Geoffry Coward  
Cpl. Bev. Newton  
Flt. Sgt. Robert Reid  
FO. Arthur Stienstra  
Pte. L. Boyce  
PO. Roger Burrill  
Pte. Theo. McCready  
PO. Robert Rice  
PO. LeClare Walker  
Sgt. Harvey Hayes  
Sgt. Jeffrey Chalk  
Pte. Robert Roloson  
Sgt. Norman Andrews  
Pte. Harry Dair  
FO. Alex Daiken  
L. Corp. Raymond Hooper  
Flt. Sgt. Russell Avey  
PO. Howard Lossing  
SL. Robert Alexander  
AS. Jack Bowman  
F. Lt. Brock Robertson  
Lieut Norman Meldrum  
FO. William Kennedy  
Gnr. Matthew Potts  
Cpl. Donald Lees  
Pte. Arthur Smith  
Cpl. Reg. Cole  
F. Lt. Jack B. Kennedy

**COURAGE**

To smile when your soul  
Knows the pangs of defeat;  
When life has been robbed  
Of all that seemed sweet.

To sing when you're sad-  
dest,  
When all you hold dear  
Has vanished - and  
Loneliness only is near.

To say when you're beaten:  
"I'll never given in,  
But battle the harder -  
Some day I'll win!"

To trust and have faith  
Tho' trials may press;  
To feel God so close  
In times of distress.

To give of your best  
Tho' the worst return to  
you;  
To be loyal to friends  
Who have proven untrue.

To be loving to those  
Whom to you have seemed  
cold -  
These precepts bring  
comfort  
And courage - untold!

-Doris G. Innis  
1 Dufferin,  
Norwich

**MY ANSWER TO DORIS**

I read your poem and quite  
agreed  
Your friend was very sweet,  
indeed  
In fact you likely would have  
cried  
To hear the truth, had she not  
lied.

No matter what our age may be  
A trace of youth may others  
see.  
I loved your bit of homespun  
truth  
That took me back to days of  
youth.

But when one's hair has turned  
to gray  
We are more careful what we  
say,  
Your friend was gracious to the  
core;  
Her hidden thoughts she did  
ignore.  
She chose to make you happy,  
friend;  
Her kindness wished she to  
extend,  
The truth is awfully hard to  
take,  
Of this, I say, make no mistake.

'Tis sweet to hear the lovely  
thing  
And just forget the bitter sting.  
And as for men — what they  
demand  
Is love, my dear, you under-  
stand.

A table filled with luscious food  
Is sure to bring a happy mood.  
The man whose wife can wear  
a smile  
No other gal can e'er beguile.

—Phyllis Patterson

# Rebekah Assembly Head Visits Local Lodge

Arkess Rebekah Lodge, Springfield, joined with Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, November 30, to entertain the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Sister Betty Robinson of Dorchester. Sister Irene McDonough presided and there were 59 visitors and 44 members present.

Sister Robinson was honored as well as Sister Helen Bowman, past president of the Rebekah Assembly, from Keystone Lodge, Ingersoll; Sister Mable Mabee, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, from Myrtle Lodge; Sister Bessie Davis, warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, also from Myrtle Lodge; and Sister Helen Thompson, district deputy

president of East St. Thomas district No. 17. There were also visitors from Ingersoll, Springfield, Aylmer, St. Thomas, Delhi, Dorchester, Otterville and Princeton Rebekah Lodges.

The visiting committee reported Sister Marie Climie still in hospital, Sister Hilda Hicks in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, and Sister Ryan home and improving. Several cards were sent.

Sister Ann Rogers gave the auditor's report for the CP & T, which showed a good balance on hand.

Initiation was put on by Arkess Lodge, Springfield, and was very interesting. Two candidates from Edna Lodge, St. Thomas, Clayton Sanguin and Shirley Sanguin, and one from Keystone Lodge, Ingersoll, Helen Wallace, were initiated. The president reminded members of friendship and of our duties as members. Her project is to help with the research work for a cure of blindness among children.

Sister Thompson spoke briefly.

Members were also reminded of the Odd Fellows Christmas party on December 6, and the Lodge Christmas Party, December 7, with an exchange of gifts and a potluck lunch following the meeting.

At the close of the meeting a delicious potluck lunch was served by the committees of the two lodges.



Do you like mincemeat? Well, if you do you should attend the bazaar, being sponsored this Saturday by the St. John's Ladies Guild. Many other useful and interesting items will be offered for sale at the affair which will be staged from 1-5 p.m., in the St. John's Church Hall. These ladies were busy Thursday bottling some of the estimated 500 pounds of mincemeat which will be sold.

*Doris Young*

*Nov/71  
Mabel Avey*

## OXFORD LIFE ASSOCIATION HONORED AT DINNER

Fred C. Thompson, of Dufferin St., Norwich was one of fourteen members of the Oxford Life Underwriters Association honored, during a public relations dinner of the Association held in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Woodstock, when they received the National Quality Award.

The National Quality Award, commonly referred to as a "NOA," is conferred by three major Life Insurance companies on life insurance sales representatives, who place consistent emphasis on quality service to their clients.

Permanence of life insurance "in force" is the basic of the award, not sales volume. To qualify, life underwriters must achieve a minimum of 90 percent, in the maintaining their business, "in force." They must be members and subscribe to the principles and ethics of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada. *Nov/71*

The presentations were made by Glenn Baugley, CLU, of Oxford Association, who stated these men live as good citizens

in our community, they bring honor and prestige not only to themselves, but to their fellow life underwriters and the company and the award is given as a tangible recognition to those who have contributed their best to their company. *Send back*

# President Hosts Church Guild

Dec 9/71

OTTERVILLE (C) — Christmas meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Fred Howse, who provided and catered to a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Harold Durkee. Miss Edna Furlong had charge of the roll call and cards were signed for shut-in members.

Mrs. Gilchrist invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

A nominating committee was named. Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong will present the new slate of officers for 1972.

Mrs. Nate McMullen presented the treasurer's report. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herb Herring.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CONGREGATIONAL SUPPER HELD AT ST. JOHN'S

Dec 12/71

The Christmas Sunday School and Congregational supper was held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church and was attended by 50 persons.

Following the supper a short program was enjoyed with the singing of Christmas carols, with Jack Riste in charge.

The superintendent of the Sunday School, Carl Howse was assisted by several of the boys in distributing the gifts from the tree.

Chuck Howse who had attended Sunday School the most Sundays in the year received a special prize.

# Mary Elsa Furlong

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mary Elsa Kinzie, beloved wife of the late Fred Furlong, who died in Parkwood Hospital on Friday, December 24, 1971, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Monday at 2 p.m.

Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of Otterville United Church, conducted the service and Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

The casket bearers were Robert Furlong, Tom Furlong, William Furlong, Max Hart, Ted Church and Gregg Jones, all nephews of the deceased.

Burial was made in the family plot in Otter Cemetery.

The late Mrs. Furlong was born at Crediton, Ontario. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. H. H. (Pat) Allen; three sisters, Mrs. Ada Kuhn of Kitchener; Mrs. Reta Taylor of Alberta; and Mrs. Clara Braun of Detroit; a brother, Bruce Kinzie of Baden; and five grandchildren.

The late Mrs. Furlong was a former resident of Otterville later moving to Greensville, Ontario.

# Eva Marion Snell

OTTERVILLE (C) — Eva Marion Snell, aged 66, died Thursday, December 16, 1971, at West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Grimsby.

Daughter of the late Fred and Laura Snell, she was born at Newark and had also lived in Norwich.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Clyde (Jean) Bull of Beamsville.

Funeral service will be held at the Arn and Son Funeral Home, Norwich, on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.

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The Gazette, Dec 17th, 1936 —

More than 400 applications for the permission to grow tobacco in 1937 filed with J. K. Perrett, secretary of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Association.

A local hockey league, comprised four teams: Burgessville, Broom Factory, Tuxis Boys and Business Men.

Deaths recorded: James T. Kilgour, Hamilton, a former teacher in Norwich Public School; James H. McKee of Norwich.

Mr. Snyder, proprietor of the Norwich Pharmacy disposed of the business to Mr. W. A. Adams of Toronto.

The South Norwich Community Park Board, met to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Otterville Park.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Helsdon

# Otterville Rebekahs Lodge Holds Yule Meeting

Dec 1/71

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 enjoyed their annual Christmas get-together in the I.O.O.F. hall on Monday evening.

In the absence of Noble grand Mrs. Sharalee Sitts, 1st Vice Grand Mrs. Vida Kees, presided.

A potluck supper was followed with a brief business period after which there was the exchange of Christmas gifts.

A lovely ceramic Christmas tree, made by three members, was drawn for and won by Mrs. Reginald Crane of Scotland.

Evening closed in usual form.

# Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Mabel Hiller and son, Floyd, of Alexandria, Virginia, returned to their home after spending 10 days with the former's brother, Mr. Nate McMullen, Mrs. McMullen and Catherine and also visiting other relatives in the area.

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# Ed Moore Saw An Opportunity

December 21, 1971

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By Rob Brady

OTTERVILLE

Thirty-two years ago Ed Moore of Otterville saw the need for a private producer of tobacco seed for the growing tobacco industry in the southern Ontario tobacco belt.

Mr. Moore was working at the Canada Department of Agriculture Research Station at Harrow then and observed a growing demand for tobacco seed in the region.

At that time, there were no producers of tobacco seed in the area except for the government research stations. To fill the demand the stations sold seed to the tobacco farmers.

As the industry grew however, they found that seed production was eating into their annual expropriation, leaving insufficient time or money for research.

The government wanted out of the seed business and Mr. Moore saw the opportunity to get into a growing business with little competition.

He left the research station and returned to the family farm at the western edge of Otterville where he started to produce tobacco seed.

Over the years he has operated the seed business using equipment he designed and built himself. According to Mr. Moore there were no machines available which would efficiently separate and sort the seed, so he built his own and they are still in use.

When he started, an ounce of seed would only cover about 1,200 square feet of greenhouse. It is a reflection of the vast improvements made in the industry and in the quality of seed that today one ounce will seed up to 2,400 sq. ft.



With a tobacco seed business, 200 beef cattle in his feedlot and about 250 acres of corn harvested, Ed Moore of Otterville is kept busy. Above he tries to catch up on a mound of paperwork. (News-Record Photo)

"The seed business today is a smaller and smaller pie being cut into smaller and smaller pieces," said Mr. Moore. He pointed out that the market has become a limited one which is very inflexible and highly competitive.

The average tobacco farm only requires about two ounces of seed he said.

Mr. Moore is now growing only two varieties of seed although he continues to stock all varieties used in the area.

He grows Virginia 115 and Delhi 34 in his seed plots. The plots, which are checked closely by the authorities, cannot be primed.

As the production of seed is a very unpredictable venture, and the 85-90%

by consumers is hard to achieve, he usually plants about two to three times as much as he thinks will be required.

This practice will give a year's supply to be kept on hand in the event of a poor year and also allow the discarding of old seed which tends to lose its ability to germinate.

Besides the two varieties he grows, Mr. Moore still stocks seed of the Delcrest 66, Hicks Broadleaf, White Gold, yellow Gold and Bell 15 varieties.

Until this year, Mr. Moore has also grown tobacco for commercial use.

This year however he leased his 32 acres of rights and used the land for corn production.

Mr. Moore grew between

this year. Some was sold as a cash crop and the remainder will be used as feed for steers.

He expects to have about 200 calves in his feedlot this season which will be finished and sold next fall.

He gets his calves from the West, usually from Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Over the years Mr. Moore has been engaged in many agricultural ventures including asparagus, apples, berries, and milk but has since abandoned these areas.

He finds that the cattle, corn and seed keep him occupied and said, "It's beginning to take less to keep me busy."

"Besides," he added, "the way agriculture is these days, it's difficult to keep interested in something

# 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.  
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
 While visions of sugarplums danced through their heads;  
 And mama in her kerchief and I in my cap  
 Had just settled our brains for a long Winter nap,  
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter,  
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon, on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
 Gave a lustre of midday to objects below;  
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
 But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,  
 With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his courses they came,  
 And he whistled, and shouted and called them by name,  
 "Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!  
 On, Comet on, Cupid! on Donner and Blitzen!"  
 To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!  
 Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all;  
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,  
 So up to the housetop the coursers they flew,  
 With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.  
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,  
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
 He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,  
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;  
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,  
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes how they twinkled; his dimples how merry!  
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry,  
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,  
 And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.  
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
 And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face, and round little belly  
 That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.  
 He was chubby and plump — a right jolly old elf —  
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head  
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk  
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,  
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.  
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle.  
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;  
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
 "Happy Christmas To All,  
 And To All  
 A Good night!"

(From "A Visit From St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore.)

# McCallum - Collver <sup>1971</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville United Church was decorated with candelabra, Christmas trees and arrangements on December 29, 1971, for the pretty evening wedding of Andrena Ruth Collver and Joseph W. McCallum, Jr.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth Collver of Otterville and the late Ronald Collver, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. J.W. McCallum, Sr., of Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. Cyril Leach officiated for the double-ring ceremony. Organist was Mr. Carl Hilliker of Tillsonburg, playing "Lohengrin's Wedding March", "Bells of St. Marys", and "How Great Thou Art."

Given in marriage by her brother, Douglas Collver of Woodstock, the bride wore a floor-length coat ensemble of polyester double knit featuring satin-lined hood. The sleeveless dress on princess lines was complimented by an heirloom gold pendent watch. She carried a cascade of red roses, white carnations and lily of the valley on a white Bible.

Matron of honor for her sister was Mrs. Robert Hewitt of Woodstock. She wore a wineberry ensemble, styled identical to that of the bride.

Junior bridesmaid was Laurie Hilliker, dressed identical to that of the matron

of honor. They both carried white muffs ornamented with red roses, lily of the valley and white carnations.

Best man was Robert Hewitt of Woodstock. Guests were ushered into the church by John Davis of Otterville and John McCallum of Michigan.

Reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hewitt, decorated with Christmas and wedding decorations. Bride's mother received guests wearing a street-length coat ensemble of moss green polyester peau de soie, matching headdress and brown accessories. She wore a corsage of orange sprayed feathered mums.

For travelling the bride wore a street-length, champagne, double-knit dress on princess lines, brown leather coat, and accessories. She wore a corsage of orange cymbidium orchids.

On their return Mr. and Mrs. McCallum will reside at Northville, Mich.

Guests were present from Northville Petrolia, London, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Woodstock, Norwich and St. Marys.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. Geraldine A. Finch of R.R. 1, Burgessville, Ont., wishes to announce the forthcoming marriage of her daughter Barbara Ann to Mr. Charles Alfred Hulet, son of Mrs. Mary Hulet and the late Charles P. Hulet of R.R. 3, Norwich, Ont. on Saturday, December 18, 1971 at 3.00 p.m. at Otterville United Church, Otterville, Ont. O27-C



## TIME

There comes a time when age  
begins  
To bring grey hair and double  
chins;  
When wrinkles take the  
dimple's place,  
And fortune leaves the lady's  
face.  
She can't wear her cute "this  
or that"  
The Christmas goodies made  
her fat.  
She stands beneath the  
mistletoe,  
But does she get a kiss? Oh, no!  
Her mirror sadly tells the  
truth —  
Time steals the glamor glow of  
youth.

But youth lives on in the heart  
of gold,  
There is loveliness to have to  
hold;  
For beauty grows deeper than  
face or skin,  
It glows from the spirit and  
soul within.  
Kindness moves with a gentle  
grace,  
And time the loving smile  
cannot efface.  
Sympathy, sweetness and  
courage endure,  
The mind is young when  
thoughts are pure;  
And dearest dreams may still  
come true  
In Nineteen Hundred and  
Seventy-two!

—Doris Innis  
1 Dufferin

*Jan 6<sup>th</sup>/72*  
**Polls announced  
for liquor vote**  
*1972*

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE— Six polling locations have been planned for the Jan. 12 South Norwich Township liquor vote, clerk-treasurer Merlin M. Howse, who is also returning officer, said Wednesday.

Mr. Howse said polling stations will be open between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the residence of John Beck, Hawtrey; Harold Arthur, Lot 8, Con. 10; the Otterville Anglican Church for voters on the south side of Main Street in the village, and the Otterville Community Hall for those on the north side; Springfield Institute Hall, and the home of Aletha Stover, Lot 22, Con. 11.

An advance poll will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the South Norwich Township offices here.

Mr. Howse said five persons have been added to the list of 1,875 eligible voters already this week and more are possible today or Friday.

He said the ballots will be counted Jan. 13 although the advance vote will be tallied Jan. 12 at 7 p.m.

The plebiscite calls for a decision on whether beer is to be sold on premises to which both men and women may be admitted; whether liquor is to be sold under a dining lounge licence, or the latter under a lounge licence.

Mr. Howse said the plebiscite was called by South Norwich council after a petition was received by about 2,000 voters. It was presented to council Nov. 1 by Harvey Miller, an Otterville restaurant owner.

*Jan 7/72*  
**474 in S. Norwich signed  
petition for liquor vote**

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE—A total of 474 South Norwich Township voters petitioned for an upcoming liquor vote set for Jan. 12, Merlin M. Howse, returning officer, said Thursday.

Mr. Howse said the number was well in excess of the required 25 per cent to have the vote.

A Wednesday story erroneously reported about 2,000 voters had signed the petition.

Mr. Howse said five persons have been added to the list of 1,875 eligible voters to date this week, with more possibly to be added today.

Polls have been planned for six locations on the Wednesday, with voting to take place between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

YOU VOTE AT - The Anglican Church

Wednesday January 12th, 1972.

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. UNTIL 7 P.M.

VOTE YES for the modern services that will bring new tax revenue to South Norwich Township and give our citizens equal privileges with neighboring communities.

**Liquor Votes  
Carried In** *Jan 12/72*  
**South Norwich**

About 56 per cent of South Norwich voters went to the polls Wednesday on a three-way liquor plebiscite, and by a narrow margin, approved all three questions, turning the long-time 'dry' township wet.

It was the first liquor vote since 1947, when two questions were rejected by a vote of 1286 to 822.

A 60 per cent affirmative vote is required to change the restrictions regarding the sale of liquor.

On the first question: "Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption on a licensed premises" the vote was 702 to 342, giving an average of 65.98 per cent affirmative and 32.14 per cent "no" votes. There were 20 spoiled ballots.

The second question: "Are you in favor of the sale of beer only under a public house

licence for consumption of licensed premises to which both men and women may be admitted whether singly or escorted" brought a 'yes' vote of 677, or 63.63 per cent and a 'no' count of 367, or 34.49 per cent. There were 20 spoiled ballots.

On the third question: "Are you in favor of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption on licensed premises with food available," the wets also carried, with 715 voting yes for a percentage of 67.2, and no votes totalling 328, or 30.83 per cent. Rejected ballots were 21, or 1.97 per cent on this issue.

Clerk-Treasurer Merlin Howse said he was not sure when the new liquor regulations would go into effect. This, he said, would be a decision for the returning officer after the results had been forwarded to him.

SOUTH NORWICH TOWNSHIP

Voters Information Committee

January 7, 1971

Dear Neighbor:

Next Wednesday, January 12th, you will be voting on three separate ballots - one to permit the serving of liquor, beer and wine with meals in first class restaurants and hotel dining rooms - a second for these same beverages in cocktail lounges and a third for beverage rooms to which men and women are admitted either escorted or alone.

These services, as you know, are now available throughout almost all of Ontario. South Norwich township, in fact, is practically surrounded by towns and villages where residents can meet in pleasant surroundings and enjoy a drink with their friends. Don't you agree that you too should be given these same privileges ?

Whether or not you personally enjoy a drink or a glass of wine with a meal, or for that matter a social drink with friends, we think you will agree that the modern facilities now in operation throughout Ontario represent the safest and most civilised method of dispensing alcoholic beverages.

A card is enclosed showing the location of your polling place. Please keep this for reference and be sure to vote on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

South Norwich Township  
Voters Information Committee

The three ballots are illustrated below. Please mark them as shown to permit the services each represents.

(the buff ballot  
dining lounges)

Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a dining lounge licence for consumption with meals on licensed premises?	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

(the purple ballot  
cocktail lounges)

Are you in favour of the sale of liquor under a lounge licence for consumption on licensed premises?	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

(The orange ballot  
beverage rooms)

Are you in favour of the sale of beer only under a public house licence for consumption on licensed premises to which both men & women may be admitted whether singly or escorted?	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>



To drink or not to drink? That question is being answered by South Norwich voters today in a liquor plebiscite. Enumerators were busy last Thursday revising the lists for today's voting. Clerk Merlin Howse, left, gives last minute instructions to enumerators Maxwell Avey and Dorothy Wardell, both of Otterville. (News-Record Photo)

## Liquor Vote Today In S. Norwich

OTTERVILLE — The battle lines are drawn in South Norwich Township.

One side is singing "Away, Away With Rum, By Gum" and the other is striking up "Roll Out The Barrel".

The polls are open in the Oxford County Township today for a liquor plebiscite, the first in the municipality since 1947.

Six polling locations are open in the township today. They will remain open until 7 p.m. according to clerk-treasurer Merlin Howse, who is also the chief returning officer.

The polls are located at the residences of John Beck,

Hawtrej; Harold Arthur, Lot 8, Concession 10; The Otterville Anglican Church for voters on the South side of Main Street in the village; the Otterville Community Hall for those on the North side; the Springford Institute Hall; and the home of Aletha Stover, Lot 22, Concession 11. An advance poll was held Saturday at the township offices in Otterville.

Fourteen persons voted at an advance poll according to Township officials.

Mr. Howse said that 1,874 were on the rolls for the election but this was subject to revision.

Enumerators were out last week revising the lists.

The date for the plebiscite was set by the Liquor Control Board but all other details were worked out by the Chief Elections Officer according to Mr. Howse.

The advance poll will be tallied tonight following the closing of the polls. The rest of the ballots will be counted tomorrow at noon.

The plebiscite calls for a decision on whether beer is to be sold on premises to which both men and women may be admitted; whether liquor is to be sold under a dining lounge licence; and

whether liquor is to be sold under a lounge licence.

Mr. Howse said the plebiscite was called after a petition signed by 474 voters was presented to council on November 1 by an Otterville restaurant owner, Harvey Miller. The petition contained well in excess of the 25 per cent of registered voters in the last municipal election required to have the vote.

Mr. Miller said Thursday that if the township goes wet, he will apply for licences as soon as he can make the necessary alterations to his establishment.

# South Norwich Voting Wednesday On Liquor

*Jan 12/72*

About 1875 voters have now been named eligible for the South Norwich Township liquor plebiscite, to be voted on on Wednesday, January 12. Advance polling was held on Saturday, with 14 casting votes. These ballots will be counted on the 12th.

The plebiscite came about because of a petition signed by 474 South Norwich voters, and received by township council on November 4 of last year.

The vote will determine several things: 1. Whether beer is to be sold on premises to which both men and women may be admitted; 2. Whether liquor is to be sold under a dining lounge license, or 3. liquor sold under a lounge license.

Polls have been set up in six locations: at the residence of John Beck, Hawtrey; at the residence of Harold Arthur, Lot 8, concession 10; the Otterville Anglican Church

for voters on the south side of Main Street in Otterville; the Otterville Community Hall for those on the north side; Springford Institute Hall; and the residence of Aletha

Stover, Lot 22, Concession 11. South Norwich clerk-treasurer Merlin Howse told The News that polling is to be held on Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## South Norwich Vote By Polling Divisions

OTTERVILLE (C) — The following are the results of the liquor vote held by the Township of South Norwich, January 12 at the five polling booths in the township. *1972*

### For Beer

	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
Advanced Poll	7	7	14	--
Hawtrey	68	10	78	6
Summerville	136	28	164	--
Anglican Parish Hall, Otterville	135	99	234	2
Community Hall Otterville	80	71	151	7
Springford	109	99	208	2
Rocks Mills	142	53	195	3
TOTALS	677	367	1044	20

Beer was approved by 63.63 per cent.

For liquor served with meals:

	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
Advanced Poll	9	5	14	--
Hawtrey	75	6	81	3
Summerville	134	27	161	3
Anglican Parish Hall, Otterville	142	90	232	4
Community Hall, Otterville	86	65	151	7
Springford	121	86	207	3
Rock Mills	148	49	197	1
TOTALS	715	328	1043	21

Liquor with meals was approved by 67.2 per cent.

For Liquor Lounges.

	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
Advanced Poll	7	7	14	--
Hawtrey	73	6	162	2
Summerville	134	28	162	2
Anglican Parish Hall, Otterville	135	97	232	4
Community Hall, Otterville	81	70	151	7
Springford	122	87	209	1
Rocks Mills	150	47	197	1
TOTALS	702	342	1044	20

1064 voters exercised their franchise. Liquor lounges approved by 65.98 per cent.

## Mary Quayle Innis

HAWTREY (C) — A funeral service was held for Mary Quayle Innis, 71, wife of the late Harold Adams Innis formerly of Otterville. She was the former dean of women at University College and author of many books. Mrs. Innis died Monday, January 10, 1972, at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Mrs. Innis was dean of women for nine years, until her retirement in 1964. As a former Y.W.C.A. worker and the mother of four children she was no stranger to the problems of youth when she came to the post. The changing values of society once impelled her to tell the University Women's Club, "If we lose the concern for literature, art, history and philosophy, our civilization has suffered the ultimate defeat, and can be called a civilization no longer."

A native of the United States, she came to Canada shortly after graduating from the University of Chicago in 1919. She and her husband travelled many thousands of miles gathering material for books. Her husband, the late Harold Adams Innis, once head of the department of Political Economy and dean of the School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto, died in 1952.

Mrs. Innis was the author of numerous books, short stories and articles. Her novel "Stand on a Rainbow," written in 1943, was followed by a history of the YWCA in Canada. She was editor of the YWCA Quarterly for 10 years.

Other books written by Mrs. Innis include "Changing Canada," "Living in Canada," "An Economic History of Canada" and "Travellers West."

Recent books by Mrs. Innis include "The Clear Spirit", about 20 Canadian women and their times, published in 1966, and "Nursing Education in a Changing Society," of which she was editor, published in 1970.

Several of her books became school and university texts.

Shortly after her appointment as dean of women, Mrs. Innis, in a public address, reviewed the contribution of women toward developing a better world since the days of their emancipation. She said: "In spite of accomplishments of women working together, the real hope for improvement of our very improvable world lies in the individual."

She leaves two sons, Donald and Hugh, and two daughters, Mary and Anne.

The late Mary Quayle Innis and Dr. Harold Adams Innis were well-known in this district.

GAZETTE January 12th, 1972

### INNISFREE FARM IN OPERATION AS CENTRE

Innisfree Farm has just started its first full season of operation as a conference centre. The new building is located on a 100 acre site and was finished last March.

It has facilities for sleeping 22, fully furnished kitchen and contains a large central room, which has already proven itself adaptable to groups both large and small. The farm is located two miles east of Otterville in Oxford County.

Innisfree is owned and operated by the Harold Innis Foundation, which was established

to aid Innis College at the University of Toronto and to encourage further research into the work and ideas of the late Harold Innis.

Harold Innis, an internationally recognized economist and the originator of many of the modern theories on communications was born and raised on the farm, at one time taught in the local school at Otterville.

The new conference centre has already been used by a number of groups from the academic and public sectors, including C.U.S.O. personnel, the advisory Bureau from the University of Toronto and community organizers for Project Sole. (Summer of learning experience) which is provincially founded project for children.

Other groups include student groups from Victoria College and Innis College (both part of the University of Toronto) the department of Psychology at the University of Guelph and quite recently the annual meetings for the Ontario Archeological society.

One of the goals of the Harold Innis Foundation is the encouragement of research into the work and contribution of Harold Innis. Harold Innis' insights and pains — taking scholarship into the effect of communication on society have opened up for the scholars and thinkers throughout the world a whole new range of ideas about historical change.

The farm is to become not only a conference centre but

eventually also a library and research centre containing a working collection of material related to the scholarship of Harold Innis. As a first step the Foundation is holding a major conference on the thought and trends of Innis' later work to be held next spring, May 5-7.

This will involve professional contributions, primarily in the area of communications, theory and hopefully a monograph to be published under the auspices of the Foundation. It will be open to all Foundation members. Presently a complete collection of all publications of Harold Innis is being gathered at Innisfree and it is hoped that this will be the kernel of a much more extensive library to be expanded in the future.

In as much as Oxford County where Innisfree is located in the centre of the tobacco industry of Canada, it would be appropriate to present a forum on the present and future of the tobacco industry. Such a forum is now being planned in close consultation with the tobacco industry, marketing boards, research farms and growers. It will concern questions about the short and long-term effects of government policies on tobacco advertising, the affect of smoking, research on the tobacco industry and how tobacco as a cash crop comes into the Canadian economy.

Further information about the plans and scheduling of this forum will be available.

Hopefully, Innisfree will also become a resource for the academic and professional communities in Southern Ontario. Certainly the experience to date indicates that it has this potential.

Inasmuch as Innisfree is just getting started the foundation is extremely gratified not only by the number of groups who have expressed interest in the farm but also by the variety and breadth of the interests they represent. This is initial

proof that there is a definite need for this kind of an operation and the Foundation has intended from the outset that this facility should be made available to educational agencies throughout Southern Ontario and not become a preserve of the University of Toronto or Innis College alone. The response to this project has been very encouraging.

The Innisfree concept, however includes more than simply providing services for conferences and interest groups. Innisfree should be a resource for the Harold Innis Foundation and its membership and the local area of Oxford County as well. With this in mind, a variety of activities are being planned.

One such program relates to what is called "Concern for the Land," as land owners, the Foundation feels an obligation to the property, it holds. Under a 15 year agreement with the Department of Lands and Forests, there is now underway a major reforestation project, which also includes drastic action in the wood lot to the rear of the property. One extremely beneficial side-effect of this agreement has been an explosion of interest among Innis College students who wish to participate in such a project, with a healthy supply of labour, several weekends have been devoted to cutting and thinning the woodlot, preparing for a major planting of trees and in general making a start, redressing the ecological imbalance. These are called "Woodlot Weekends" and out of these has developed an interest in land management as an academic course.

The farm continues to be very successful, for example it was almost entirely booked over

the Christmas holidays. The Innis College which contains an equal number of students and faculty was held there December 18-20.

Mr. William Smith, Norwich, reserved the farm over the Christmas weekend for his family's reunion. A local United Church group from Teeterville reserved the farm for December 28-29 and the building was reserved for Innis College students over the New Year's weekend. January weekends are completely booked and there is a waiting list established.

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This should be an interesting addition to Oxford County and another important item is the creation of the Innisfree Community Committee which was established by the Board of Directors to aid the Foundation in the administration of Innisfree, and to provide a base operation for community activity. The members elected are all from Otterville and Norwich. They are Dr. Steven Burns, Mrs. Lorraine Downing, Mr. Grant Mountain and Mr. Robert Scott.

#### DIED IN DETROIT

Mr. Clarence Wingrove, a native of South Norwich Township passed away in Detroit, in his 78th year. He is survived by his wife and two sons in Detroit, a sister Mrs. Max (Ada) Addison of Leamington.

Three brothers and one sister, George, Oscar and Ernest and Mrs. Roy (Mary) Smith predeceased him. *Jan 1972*

Interment was made in Detroit.

#### PRIZE WINNER

Shelley Oliver, Grade 8 student of Otterville Public School was a first prize winner in a public speaking contest at Otterville then again at Burgessville and will compete this Saturday in Woodstock.

Shelley chose for her subject "Friendship." Shelley represented Otterville at Burgessville with students from North and South Norwich and Norwich Village, competing. *Jan 1972*

Shelley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville.

## Annual Vestry Meeting Held By Area Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — Annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall, January 10th. Rector Rev. H.E. Herring presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Carl Howse was re-elected as verstry clerk.

The rector's report showed that he had conducted 54 Sunday Services, 13 Holy Communion Services, 6

Baptismal services, 6 Confirmation, 1 marriage and 3 funerals.

Financial reports given by the various secretaries showed a marked increase.

The election of officers resulted as follows- rector's warden, Mr. Jack Freeland appointed by the rector; people's warden, Mr. Jack Riste (re-elected); treasurer, budget secretary, Mrs. Ronald Smith, appointed by

the rector; people's board of management, Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist, Mr. Nate McMullen. Mr. Richard Saunders and Mrs. Lila Freeland.

Rector's board of management, Mr. Art Picknell, Miss Edna Furlong, Mrs. Georgina Spicer, Mr. Merlin Howse, Mrs. Myrtle Riste; lay delegate to Synod, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, (re-elected) and Mrs. Dorothy Durkee or Mrs. Georgina Spicer (alternate); Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Carl Howse; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; assistant, Mrs. Jack Freeland; grounds committee, Mr. Jack Riste, Mr. Gilchrist, Mr. Burns, and Mr. Reginald Wavell. *Jan 1972*

It was noted, with appreciation, the organist Mrs. Nate McMullen has served the church as organist for over 50 years, as well as a worker in other centres of the church.

Mr. Jack Riste moved a

hearty vote of thanks to the rector, Church and Sunday school officers for their efforts in making the past year such a success.

Meeting closed at 9:45 with prayer by the rector, followed with a social hour in the kitchen which was enjoyed by all.

#### Club Euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Town and Country Club sponsored a progressive euchre in the community hall with four tables in play. *Jan 1972*

Prizes for the ladies were won by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Miss Eva Deveney, and for the men by Miss Dora Venner and Mrs. William G. McMullen, both playing a man's card.

Door prize was won by Mr. Harry Lee.

Announcement was made of another evening of euchre to be held February 10, in the basement of the community hall at 8. There will be a social time following the games, and good prizes will be given the winners.

Michael Mountain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mountain of Otterville, has been named to the Dean's List at State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Canton, N.Y. *Jan 1972*

## Anglican Guild Elects Officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Peter Gilchrist, Dover St., Otterville, opened her home for the regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild.

President, Mrs. Fred Howse, presided.

Mrs. Harold Durkee, convener of the nominating

committee, presented the slate of officers and Rev. Herb Herring conducted the installation ceremony.

Officers for the next term are president, Mrs. Fred Howse; Ist vice-president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee.

Mrs. Durkee invited members to her home for the next meeting

Announcement was made of the luncheon euchre to be held in the parish hall, February 14, with the lun-

cheon at 12 and the euchre at 1.30.

Meeting closed and a social time completed the pleasant afternoon.

## Pancake Supper Plans Made

OTTERVILLE (C) — Miss Dorothy Wardell, president of the Sunshine Club, was hostess to the regular meeting in her home on Thursday evening with 10 members present. Meeting took the form of "Come as you are" and members arrived in their everyday costume.

Roll call was responded to by giving an example of an exercise.

Miss Wardell presided for business, when plans got underway for the pancake supper to be held in the parish hall, Otterville, on February 15.

Mrs. Ross Dow invited members to her home for the next meeting, February 10.

Mrs. Donald Neale assisted the hostess in the social hour and Mrs. Bert Hill gave courtesy remarks.

The meeting had been planned at the home of Mrs. Jim Auger, but owing to the death of Mr. Auger's mother, the place was changed.

## Lodge Holds Lucky Luncheon

OTTERVILLE (C) — A lucky luncheon was held in the schoolroom of the United Church, sponsored by members of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

Miss McLean of Oakville, dietician, was in charge of the kitchen, and was assisted by members in serving plates.

Mrs. Helen Thompson, district deputy president of the Lodge, welcomed the guests and assisted Miss McI ean in the distribution of prizes won by those having lucky tickets.

Approximately 125 persons attended.

## Springford

Springford's esteemed nonagenarian, Mr. Adam Malcolm, having sold his home, has taken up residence in Tillsonburg at Maple Manor. We hope he will be blessed with happiness and good health in the future.

## Rena Winnifred Davis

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mrs. Rena Winnifred Davis, who passed away in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg, on Thursday, January 13, 1972, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Saturday, January 15, at 2 p.m.

Pastor David Blayney of the Otterville Baptist Church conducted the service and read scripture from the 23rd Psalm.

Pastor Blayney paid high tribute to Mrs. Davis as a devout Christian, her never-failing interest in her church and of her loyal friendship. Mrs. Davis always had great respect for Missionaries whom the local church assisted and these were the ones, who, among others, found a gracious welcome at their home.

Mrs. Jack Walther was pianist for the service. Many Memorial donations were made to the Gideon Bible Society, Heart Fund, Canadian Cancer and CNIB, as well as memorial floral arrangements.

The casket bearers were Robert Butler, Dwight Davis, John Davis, George Davis, Fred Hill and Delbert Wrigglesworth.

Interment was made in the family plot in Springford Cemetery.

Relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Butler following the service.

## Now Costs 8 Cents For Letter, Postcard

Hold that letter, momma. It takes an eight-cent stamp now!

Domestic rate for a first class letter or postcard went up to eight cents January 1.

This is the second step of a two-stage rate increase for first class mail approved by Parliament last summer.

The new eight-cent rate applies to all mail weighing up to one ounce, travelling to destinations in Canada.

## Alex Murray

Alex Murray of 57 Talbot Rd., Delhi, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Sunday, January 30, 1972, in his 67th year.

Born in Scotland, he came to Canada at the age of 2, to Toronto, where he resided until 1946, when he moved to Delhi. He was office manager at Otter Lumber Co., Otterville. He served as Flight Sergeant in the R.C.A.F. during the Second World War for 5 years, and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 125; of Fredrick Lodge No.

217, A.F. & A.M.; of Ezra Chapter No. 23, Royal Arch Masons, Simcoe; of Odo De St. Amand Preceptory No. 17, Knights Templar, Brantford; of the Mocha Temple Shrine, London; and was a past president of Norfolk Shrine Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Adams; one son, Douglas Murray of Georgetown; and a granddaughter, Susan Murray.

Resting at the Dalton Shine Funeral Home, Delhi, where service will be held Wednesday, February 2, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Hudson, assisted by Rev. Clarence Roberts.

Interment in Evergreen Cemetery, Lynedoch.

A Masonic service will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and a Royal Canadian Legion graveside service will be held conducted by Branch 125.

(January 3rd, 1952)

Catcher Bob Swift, 35-year-old veteran of 12 seasons in the American League signed his 1952 baseball contract with Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

For 65 years J. Wesley Fish of Otterville, has printed the voters' list for South Norwich Township and this is believed to be a record for the Province. Mr. Fish, who just celebrated his 90th birthday, still is busy as a printer.

The Gazette, Jan. 18th, 1917 —

The annual gathering of the Jull cousins with Mr. Howard Jull as president, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fiddin, at Little Lake.

South Norwich Council for 1917 — Reeve R. R. Hussey; Councillors, Joseph McElhone, H. C. Treffry, Arthur Pearce and James Johnston. Police Trustees for Otterville, J. B. Addison, G. A. Bean and Wm. Steinoff.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 21, 1932

Straffordville - It is reported that C.R. Marlatt and some Toronto parties have bought the shoe factory at Otterville and intend to manufacture cigars, cigarettes, etc. Earl Godby and family intend to move there to work in the factory.



# Otterville United Names New Officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual congregational meeting of the United Church was held in the Sunday schoolroom of the church Sunday evening, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. preceded by a Potluck supper.

1972  
Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of the Pastoral charge, chaired the meeting.

One minute of silence in memory of members who had passed away in the past year. was observed followed by prayer.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Harold Ryder, and Rev. Leach gave a report of information of the Pastoral charge including Springford and New Road in which he had conducted 12 funeral services, 12 weddings, 12 baptisms, 150 hospital calls, 141 preaching services, 12 communions, 50 shut-in calls, attended nine Presbyterian meetings, and eight fellowship meetings.

The financial report revealed that the church was not in a healthy financial position.

The nominating report was as follows-session, Rev. Cyril Leach, Dr. H.H. Batson, Max Avey, Stanley Arthur, Melville Beecroft, Sam McSpadden, Harold Arthur, Stewart Godby Harold Ryder, Mrs. Gertrude Walther, Donald Chisholm, and Lorne Treffry.

Stewards, 1 year, Donald Arthur, Max Avey, Adam Oliver and Irvin Gehring; 2 year, Miss Vera Welsh, Sam McSpadden and Darwin Sherman; 3 year, Edward Arthur and Robert Pettigrew. Manse committee, Lorne

Treffry, Edward Arthur, Max Avey, and Mrs. Edward Arthur; trustees, Melville Beecroft, Stanley Arthur and Edward Arthur. Choir leader, Mrs. Lorne Treffry will carry on as choir leader.

Organist, Mrs. William A. McMullen; press reporter, Mrs. H.A. Waring; alternate, Melville Beecroft.

The annual meeting will be held the third Sunday evening in January 1973 in the Sunday School room at 8.

An education committee was set up and Max Avey was appointed as the M & S treasurer of the church.

Rev. Leach closed the meeting with prayer.

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## RENA WINNIFRED DAVIS

A highly respected resident of Otterville, Rena Winnifred Davis, beloved wife of the late Stanley Davis, the former Winnifred Smith passed away early Thursday morning, January 13th in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 86th year.

Born in South Norwich Township, where she lived her entire life, she lived on a farm west of the Village, where her son Charter Davis now lives. For the past 28 years she has been a resident of the village.

Interested in her home, she always had time for her housework and all kinds of fancy work and many of her pieces of handwork were given to her family and friends as remembrances.

She was a lifelong member of Otterville Baptist Church, four years ago when due to failing health she retired from church activities. She was a member of the Women's Missionary Fellowship, treasurer of the church for 25 years. taught Sunday School class for many years and for five years was secretary of the Otterville Women's Institute.

Surviving is one son, Charter Davis of R.R. 1, Otterville; one daughter, Mrs. William (Wilma) Butler of Otterville; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The funeral service for the late Mrs. Davis was held from the Nelson F Gleason Funeral

Home at Otterville on Saturday, January 15th at 2 p.m., conducted by Pastor David Blayney read the scripture reading from the 23rd Psalm; and paid high tribute to Mrs. Davis as a devout Christian, her never-failing interest in her church and of her loyal friendship.

Mrs. Davis always had great respect for missionaries whom the local church assisted to support and these were the ones who among others found a gracious welcome at her home.

Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist for the service and played favourite hymns before and after the service. Many memorial donations were made to the Gideon Bible Society, The Heart Fund, Canadian Cancer and the C.N.I.B. as well as memorial floral arrangements.

The bearers were Robert Butler, Dwight Davis, Fred Hill, George Davis, Delbert Wrigglesworth and John Davis.

Interment was made in the Springford Cemetery. Relatives and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Butler following the service.

# Huffman Elected Warden

By Staff Reporter

SIMCOE — A. Clare Huffman, R.R. 3, Vanessa, was elected warden of Norfolk County by acclamation here yesterday. Deputy-Reeve of Windham Township, Mr. Huffman has been a member of Windham Township Council since 1965.

He was sworn in by Judge J.E. Brown. It was the first time in the history of Norfolk that a deputy-reeve was elected warden.

Mr. Huffman has appointed Jack Maytham, reeve of Port Dover, chairman of the committee of the whole.

# Oxford Planning Area

The Delhi News-Record, Wednesday, January 12, 1972

## South Norwich Joins

By Rob Brady

**OTTERVILLE** — Perhaps the most significant action taken by the South Norwich Township Council in the past year, has been the decision to join the Oxford County Planning area, according to Clerk Merlin M. Howse.

Mr. Howse explained that the township used to handle all land severances within the municipality itself but the it joined a Committee set up by the county which now handles all land severance applications.

The council of the township felt it was a

natural step from this arrangement to membership in the planning area board.

The township has never had an official plan so the Council felt that membership in the area board would be the most logical and most economical step. The plan for the township would then

develop as part of the County plan and be accomplished by the County's planner at a considerable saving to the municipality.

Mr. Howse also pointed out that in cases where an individual municipality goes ahead with its own planning it is almost inevitable that the plan will conflict with the ideas of next level of government. By having its planning done at the county level, South Norwich hopes to avoid at least one round of conflicts.

Many people also feel that the larger planning area (i.e. the county rather than thy township) will allow for easier integration into regional government

schemes, should they be introduced by the province for the area.

Continuing with his review of the past year in South Norwich, Mr. Howse said that the council was very pleased that, in spite of expenditures amounting to \$434,527.76, no money had to be borrowed by the township, even for interim periods.

The expenditures break down to \$97,500 for the county levy, \$229,900 paid to three school boards, \$11,000 for the South Norwich Parks Board and the general fund for the township of \$88,700. This last figure includes the township share of a \$114,200 roads budget.

The major projects of the roads department included: a \$37,500 bridge over branch creek, just north of Otterville; regrading and gravelling part of the town line road at lot 28, concessions nine and ten at an estimated cost of \$10,000; the purchase of a new cab, chassis and dump box at a cost of \$7,700; and the resurfacing of Church St. in Otterville, the cost of which was \$1,600. The remainder of the budget was used for upkeep of the 72.6 miles of roads in the township including grading and snow removal.

Mr. Howse reported that assessment was up only \$64,426, and while he wasn't pointing any fingers,

"it's the lowest increase in many years." The rolls were up to \$5,462,528 from \$5,398,102. About 31 building permits were issued in 1971 for a total estimated value of approximately \$116,000.

The population of the township has remained stable, showing a net loss of two since 1970.

"We expect that this may change however, because there have been several housing starts in construction this year," said Mr. Howse. "It is hoped that these will be reflected in additional population."

In other activity over the year, the township purchased 2.17 acres of land adjacent to the disposal site to be used for future expansion of the facility. It is one of the few sites in the area which has met with provincial approval under the stringent new regulations.

The township has also assumed control of the Rosanna Cemetery, located in part of lot 18, concession 11. The cemetery was under the control of a board of trustees who requested that the township assume control. With the aid of the Department of Financial and Commercial Affairs, a new board was appointed to administer the cemetery for the township.

A new board was also appointed to administer a Community Centre in Cornell. The facility was created when an existing building was moved and expanded to become a community hall.

Mr. Howse said that although no major projects are in the works for 1972 as yet, the township of South Norwich is looking forward to another successful year.

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## Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of Oshawa and Mrs. J.P. Heatley of Sarnia have returned to their homes after spending part of the holiday week at the home of their sister, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland and also with their mother, Mrs. Ernest Jull.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy and sons spent the weekend with the former's sister,

Mrs. Frank Neville, Mr. Neville and sons at Port Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ryder have returned to their home after spending the past week with their son, Mr. William Ryder and Mrs. Ryder in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor and family were holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Johnson in Willowdale.

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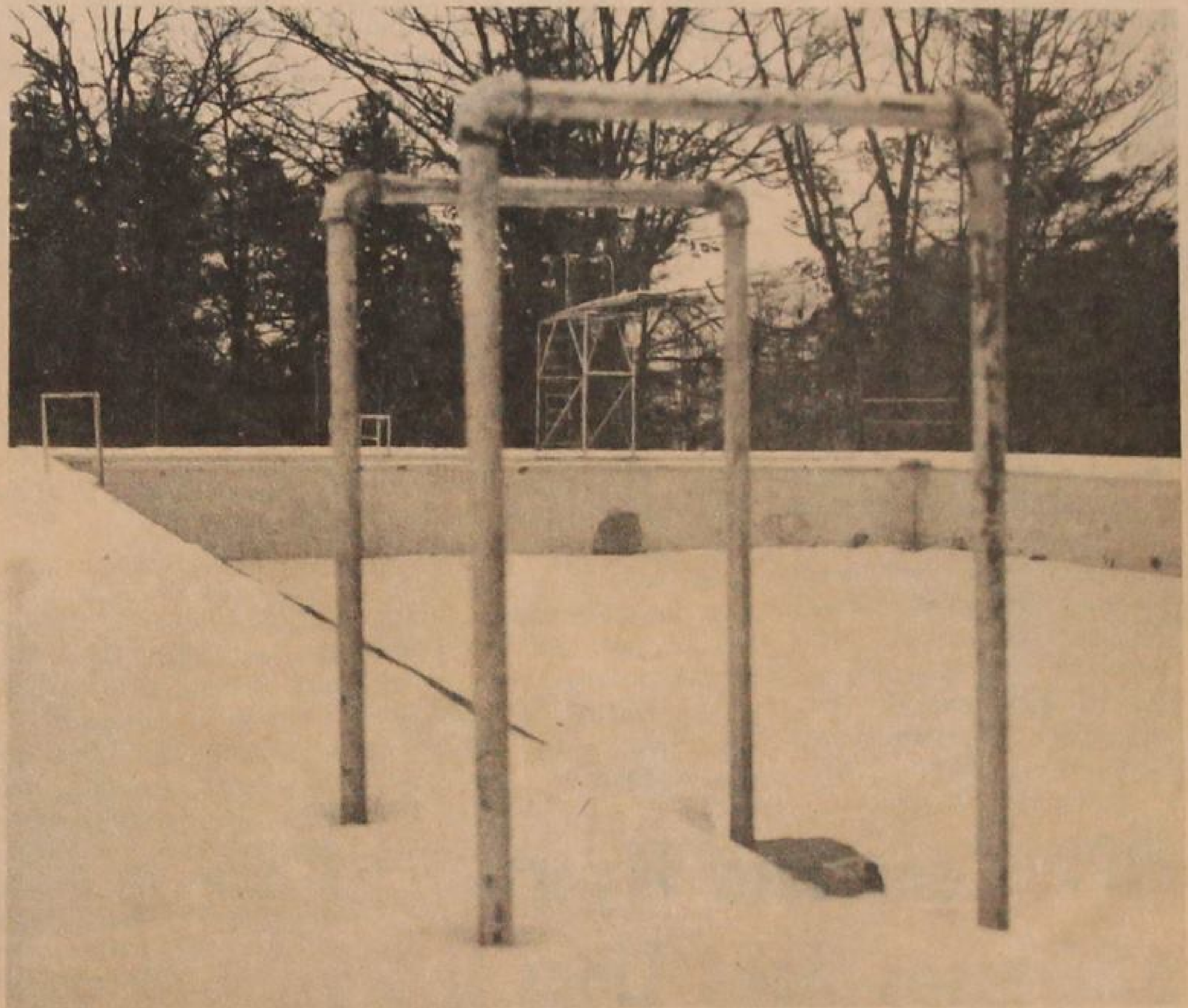
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Mr. George Trottier,  
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Dear Sir:

RE: Denis & Richard Enterprises  
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Please be advised that we have prepared all Minutes, by-laws, etc. in connection with the incorporation of the above Company and await the execution of the various documents by Denis Trottier and Catherine McMullen, the two Directors thereof.

We are enclosing our Account for services rendered to date which we trust you will find satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

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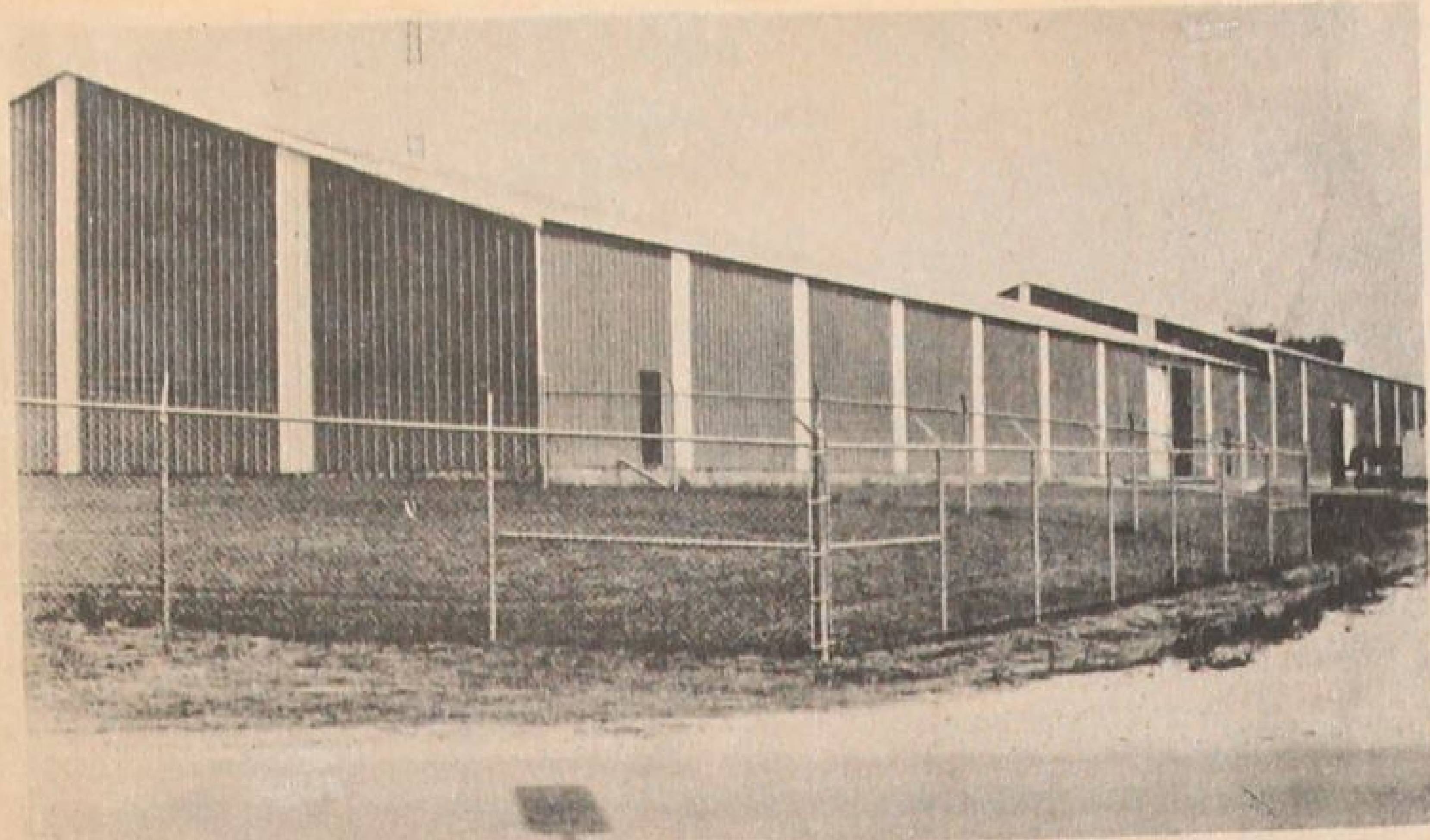
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## Powell Appoints Three New Officers

OTTERVILLE — Robert W. Wilson, President, Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., has announced the appointment of new officers.

Howard H. Avey and G.E. "Ted" McElhone have been appointed as vice-presidents of the Otterville firm. J. Gerald Lynch has been appointed treasurer and assistant secretary.

Powell Agri-Systems specializes in producing tobacco equipment for Canadian farmers. In 1965, Powell introduced bulk curing equipment into Canada and built a 34,000 square foot modern manufacturing plant in Otterville. Powell also produces furnace-humidifiers, transplanters, other tobacco equipment, and high clearance tractors, sprayers and corn detasseling equipment in its Otterville plant.

Powell's sister company in Bennettsville, S.C., produces most of the same equipment plus the original tobacco combine for mechanically removing the tobacco leaf from the stalk. Howard Avey has been in

sales for the last 27 years in the tobacco area of Ontario and is well known to most all the people engaged in tobacco production. He is sales manager for Powell.

Mr. Avey was born and raised in Otterville. He now lives in Tillsonburg with wife Hilda and daughter Lana. His son, Dale, attends the University of Guelph.

Mr. McElhone was born in Otterville and still resides here. He served as clerk of South Norwich Township before coming with Powell. Ted holds the position of Works Manager at Powell.

Gerald Lynch is formerly from Woodstock and now lives in Otterville. He has had 12 years experience in various accounting functions after receiving a Business Administration degree from Ryerson. Gerald has been office manager of Powell for the last 3½ years.

These three new officers are well known in the tobacco community. They will give Powell's total tobacco mechanization program very strong local representation and leadership.

## Appointments Made

*JAN/72*

OTTERVILLE (C) Members of the 1972 South Norwich Township Council took the oath of office at the inaugural meeting here Monday.

Members of council are: William Martin, reeve; George Davis, deputy-reeve; Roger Monsere, Jack Walther and Carl Beal, councillors.

Council approved the following:

- \$500 grant to Norwich Arena
- \$40 grant to Salvation Army
- \$25 grant to St. John Ambulance
- \$200 grant to Tillsonburg Community Centre Fund.

Jack Walther was appointed to the Oxford

Farm Safety Council. Carl Beal and George Davis were appointed to represent South Norwich on the Erie Economic Council for 1972.

Reeve Martin, George Davis, William G. McMullen, Lorne Treffry, Adam Oliver, Carman Scott and Roy Rachar were appointed to the parks board.

Council will meet the first Monday in each month. Starting times will be: January to May, 10 a.m.; June to September, 7 p.m.; October to December, 10 a.m.

Officials appointed for the year include: Merlin Howse, clerk-treasurer; assistant clerk, Mrs. Ross Bow; roads superintendent,

Elmer Almost; tax collector, Merlin Howse; by-law enforcement officer, Allan Jardin; custodian, Mrs. Harold Waring; drainage commissioner, Clarence Stover; trench inspector, William Martin; cemetery commissioner, George Davis; disposal area commissioner, Jack Walther; livestock evaluator, Irwin Gehring; building inspectors, Allan Jardin and Merlin Howse; dog catcher, Simcoe Small Animal control; auditors, Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh; solicitors, Treleaven and Graham; fence viewers Dave Arthur, Irwin Gehring, Alex Hanson, Earl Haley, Donald Pettigrew and Clarence Stover.

# Community Involvement Is Aim Of Innisfree

OTTERVILLE (C) The Innisfree Farm has just begun its first full season of operation. The conference centre, finished last March, is located on a 100 acre site in South Norwich Township about two miles east of Otterville.

Owned and operated by the Harold Innis Foundation, the new conference centre has already been used by a number of groups including CUSO personnel, the Advisory Bureau from the University of Toronto, and community organizers for project SOLE (Summer of Learning Experience), a provincially funded project for children.

The farm is to become not only a conference centre, but eventually a library and research centre containing a collection of material related to the scholarship of Harold Innis.

As a first step, the Foundation is holding a major conference on the thought and trends of Innis' later work, planned for May 5-7. The weekend will involve professional contributions, primarily in the field of communications theory and hopefully a monograph, to be published by the Foundation.

A complete collection of the works of Harold Innis is being gathered at Innisfree

and it is hoped that this will form the nucleus of a much more extensive library in the future.

Since Innisfree is located near the heart of the tobacco growing industry in Canada it is appropriate to present a forum on the present and future of the industry.

Such a forum is now being planned in close consultation with the tobacco industry, marketing board, research farms and growers.

It will concern questions about the short and long term effects of government policies on tobacco advertising, the effect of smoking research on the industry and how tobacco as a cash crop fits into the Canadian Economy.

Planning is still in progress and more information on the proposed forum should be available shortly.

Experience to date indicates that the farm will also become a valuable resource for the academic and professional communities of Southwestern Ontario. The Foundation is impressed not only by the number of groups who have expressed interest in the farm but also by the variety and scope of the interests they represent.

It has been intended from the start that the facilities would be made available to the community

and not become a preserve of the University of Toronto or Innis College.

The Innisfree concept, however, includes more than simply providing services for conferences and interest groups. With this in mind, a variety of other activities are planned.

One such program relates to what has been called "concern for the land". Under a 15 year agreement with the Department of Lands and Forests, a major reforestation project is underway, including action in the woodlot at the rear of the farm.

"Woodlot Weekends" attract students of Innis College to the farm where they work thinning the woodlot in preparation for a major reforestation planting, and in general, making a start toward redressing the ecological imbalance.

The farm is proving to be very successful as it was solidly booked over the holiday season by groups from within the community and from Innis College in Toronto. All January weekends have been booked and a waiting list has been established for those wishing to use the facility.

An important step in integrating the farm into the community came with the formation of the Innisfree Community Committee. It was established by the Board of Directors to aid the Foundation in the

administration of the farm and to provide a base of

operations for activity within the community.

The elected members of the committee, which also forms an important liaison between the farm and the community, are all from Otterville and Norwich. They are Dr. Steven Burns, Mrs. Lorraine Downing, Grant Mountain and Robert Scott.

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Bob Rachar, of Otterville, presents a trophy to Winger Gilbert Janssens which represents the runner-up title for scoring at the hockey tourney held recently at Simcoe. Gilbert scored six goals and got two assists. Gilbert is also one of the best checkers on the team. (News-Record Photo)



Otterville's Bob Rachar has been one of the most successful coaches in the Delhi Minor Hockey Association in recent years. Delhi German Home Novices, coached by Rachar, last year won the zone championship for Novice in OMHA playdowns, and the Southern Counties title. A 4-3 win at Aylmer Friday night kept the local team in first place. Rachar is tightening the skates of Brian Walters, leading scorer with this year's team. He has scored 41 goals. (News-Record Photo)

## POLAR TREK TO AID COMMUNITY CENTRE

# Plan 1,200-Mile Snowmobile

Two South Norwich tobacco farmers set out next week on a 1,200-mile snowmobile safari through Ontario's northland.

And if Charles Mahu of RR 3, Tillsonburg, and Tony DeMeester of RR 1, Springford, make it all the way, a healthy boost to Tillsonburg's community centre fund could result.

They expect the trip to take them 14 days or more.

Plans call for them to truck their snowmobiles to Cochrane to begin the northern adventure. By snowmobile, the route will be along the Abitibi and Moose Rivers to Moosenee; over the ice of James Bay northward to Fort Albany and Kashechewan, at the mouth of the Albany River; again over James Bay ice to At-tawapiskat, and on to Polar Bear Provincial Park and Cape Henrietta Maria; then westerly along Hudson Bay to Winisk and on to Fort Severn.

They then plan a cross-country route back to Kashechewan, and to retrace the route to Cochrane. Total trip is about 1,200 to 1,400 miles.

What kind of weather will they be facing?

"Well, last report we got on December 17, was that there was six feet of snow, and temperatures of 30 to 40 below," said Charlie.

Charlie has been planning the trip since last summer when he and his wife flew up to Kashechewan, where his cousin, Shirley Mahu, is a teacher with the Department of Indian Affairs.

While it is not definite, some Kashechewan residents may be making the trip with them.

They will be doing their own navigating through the wilds, and are well-equipped with maps and charts of the area. It is hoped to have aircraft making checks on their progress. They will be

reporting home to Mrs. Mahu whenever they have access to a radiophone.

The two adventurers will be driving their own snowmobiles, Scorpion Stinger Mark III's. Master Feeds of Springford will be donating spare parts to take along, and H.L. Turner of Chatham is donating freight sleds to haul their gear.

They'll be taking along plenty of dehydrated food, the sleds that are convertible into "sort of sleeper affairs" --oh yes--heaters and lots of warm clothing. They expect to be able to do some hunting and fishing along the way.

Charlie said they expected to burn 180 to 200 gallons of gas per machine, but checks showed that gas is now available at posts along the route.

They haven't come up with anything quite suitable in the way of communications equipment.... "We'd certainly

welcome any ideas on this," said Tony. Other safety equipment will be carried.

The trip will have a double touch of Tillsonburg centennial flavor.

Charlie and Tony will be taking along a supply of centennial medallions which they will present to native leaders in the posts and settlements they visit along the way.

And the South Norwich Fish and Game Protective Association Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club, of which both are members, will be seeking sponsors for what they are calling the "Community Centre Polar Run," with money raised going to the Tillsonburg Community Centre project.

(I'm going to be using that swimming pool next winter," said Charlie.)

The club will be operating the polar run like a walkathon, seeking sponsors

to pledge so much per mile covered by the snowmobilers.

Heading the project are Joe Koteles, club president, along with board members Joe Sharp and James Medai. Sponsor books are now being printed.

There seems to be a tacit understanding that folks will have to trust the mileage as recorded by the odometers on the snowmobiles, since they don't expect too many volunteers to man check-points during the trip.

As a kick-off a family fun day is being planned at the club's grounds on Sunday, weather permitting.

The public is invited to bring along their snowmobiles and join in, starting at 1 p.m. The club house is located on South Norwich Con. 9, a mile west of the Springford road, or a mile north and a mile east of Five Points.



## SNOWMOBILERS REACH FIRST LEG OF TRIP

Two South Norwich snowmobilers have completed the first leg of their "Polar Run."

Charles Mahu and Tony DeMeester left last week to make the 1,200 to 1,400 mile trek from Cochrane up to Moosonee, along James Bay to Fort Albany and Kashatchewan, then on along James Bay and Hudson Bay to

Fort Severn. From here they planned to travel cross-country from native settlement to native settlement back to Kashatchewan, then retrace their route to Cochrane.

They phoned last Wednesday to report reaching Moosonee at 7.30 a.m. that day, and were preparing to leave for Kashatchewan. *Feb 1972*

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Charles Mahu and Tony DeMeester

## Snowmobiling Duo On Homeward Run

South Norwich's snowmobilers, Tony DeMeester and Charlie Mahu are on the homeward run.

A mixup in a parts order and delay of aircraft flights kept them in Kashatchewan, at the mouth of the Albany River entering James Bay, until last night.

Hap Smith told The News that more parts were shipped by Air Canada from London on Wednesday from Master Feeds, arriving in Timmins Friday. However there was no Austin Airways flight into Kashatchewan until Tuesday, and they got the parts yesterday noon.

A radiophone call from Tony last night brought news that parts had been installed and other minor repairs made, and the pair planned to leave about midnight last night for Moosonee, expecting to arrive about 6 p.m. today.

Temperature was 40 below.

A run up to Attawapiskat had to be cancelled due to lack of time.

South Norwich Fish and Game Protective Association Trail Trotters Snowmobile Club is taking pledges on the miles travelled, with funds raised going to the community centre.

### DEAREST VALENTINE

I often stop and wonder why  
You fell in love with me;  
I only know that constantly  
I feel your love surrounding me.  
Upon life's long and winding  
way  
Your love grows sweeter every  
day.  
Any place, or anywhere,  
Is Home Sweet Home if you are  
there.  
Your voice, your smile, your  
warm caress,  
Fill my world with happiness.  
When I am weak, you make me  
strong,  
And give me courage to go on.  
Whatever comes, I know you  
care,  
Like an answer to a prayer.  
When I am glad, you're happy  
too,  
The skies above are sunshine  
blue;  
A miracle has made you mine—  
God Bless You, Dearest  
Valentine! *Feb 1972*

—Doris Innis,  
1 Dufferin

## Gladys Maloney Receives Jewel

Highlight of the regular meeting of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge was the presentation, by Sister Jessie McBride, of a veteran's jewel to Sister Gladys Maloney. The jewel had particular significance in that it had formerly been awarded to the late Sister R. Maloney, while she was a member of Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville.

There was only a small attendance at the meeting, due to the cold night.

At the euchre following the previous meeting, 15 tables were in play and \$47 was realized.

The coming 55th birthday party of the Lodge was discussed.

Cards were enjoyed at the close of the meeting.

## Floral Tea Bake Sale Date Set

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Church women was held at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste on Thursday afternoon.

President, Mrs. Fred Howse, presided, and Scripture was read by Mrs. Jack Riste. Members were reminded of the World's Day of Prayer being held in the parish hall Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Cards were signed for shut-ins. The date was set for the annual floral tea and bake sale which will be held in the parish hall on June 8.

A social time completed the afternoon. *Feb 1972*

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**MRS. ALEX THURLBY**

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Alex Thurlby, who died in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, Friday, February 25, 1972.

The service was conducted by the Rev. James Gillam of Sarnia. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist, Mrs. Phylis Hutson of Ingersoll was the soloist.

Memorial donations were given to the Gideon Bible, Heart and Cancer. The casket bearers were Roy Rachar, William G. McMullen, Fred Pinnoy, Frank Finch, N. Hardy and N. G. Stevenson. Interment was made in the Springfield Cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander Thurlby was the former Pearl Jane Mitts, passed away in the St. Joseph's Hospital, London on Friday, February 25th in her 72nd year, where she had been a patient for the past week. Mrs. Thurlby was born at Corinth and had been a resident of Otterville for the past forty years. In her

earlier years she was an employee of the Tip Top Cannery, Otterville.

The late Mrs. Thurlby is survived by her husband, two sons Vernon of Ohio and Basil of Ingersoll; two daughters, Mrs. Velma Kocher of London and Mrs. Aileen Warren of St. Thomas; three brothers, Mallon of Houghton; Bert of Straffordville; Russell, Corinth; a sister, Mrs. Flossie Chilcott of Corinth; fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Shown cutting the ribbon at the official opening of the renovated Cornell community hall on Friday, February 18, are Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Cornell's eldest resident, and Reeve Bill Martin.

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# Mrs. Zuella Hicks Cuts Ribbon At Hall

CORNELL (C) — The official opening of the Cornell community centre was held Friday, February 18, with about two hundred guests attending the event.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Larry Hicks, president of the hall board.

Mr. Joe Ash, carpenter in the renovating of the hall, presented the keys to the hall board Mr. Larry Hicks, Mrs. Ross Adlington, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mr. Philip Pearce and Mr. Ted Debus.

On behalf of the church, regards were expressed by Rev. L.E. Mason, stating that as a newcomer to Cornell it was a pleasure to live in a community where the people

were so friendly, and wished every success in the new hall.

The official ribbon cutting was performed by Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Cornell's oldest resident, who has lived in the community for 51 years. She is a charter member of the Women's Institute and very active in all work and committees. She was assisted by Reeve Bill Martin.

Following the ceremony all were invited to tour the building, also to go upstairs where pictures were to be shown.

Mrs. Clarence Stover presided at the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adlington were introduced, and very interesting and picturesque slides and movies were shown. These

pictures were taken on their tour to Africa where they visited their daughter, Mrs. John Armstrong, and husband, who are now residing in Africa.

Door prizes were donated by local businessmen and friends, and winners were as follows: from Springford recreation centre, won by Ron Rice; gift certificate, Bill Mowatt's General Store, Springford, Rev. Mason; potted mum plant, Fernlea Fowers, Tillsonburg, Don Rice; pottery, Lloyd Smith Trailers, Max Holbrook; a floral arrangement.

Mr. Joe Ash, Terry Oatman; a gift, Holmes and Taylor Hardware, Otterville,

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# Mrs. Zuella Hicks

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Ruth Hulme; gift, Colonial Beauty Salon, Otterville, Bob Turnbull; an electric drill, Master Feeds, Springford Ruby Smith.

Two lovely floral arrangements from Almost Flower Shop were won by Bill Martin and Marty Hutchinson.

At the conclusion of the evening there was a very good response to the bake sale, and a social half four was enjoyed by all.

Thanks is expressed to all those who have helped with the hall in any way, large or small, for materials donated, for hours spent in voluntary labour as well as financial donations, to the businessmen, to Mr. Harold Pearce for making it possible to purchase new land, to Mr. Ed Bowly for the agreement signed regarding water. All these efforts together have been quite a success, and the community has indeed a hall to be proud of. As a small community it has been hard work for all and indeed a harder task lies in the future but there is a goal to work for now. The hall is available for rental. Contact any hall board member.

Facilities are available for catering to a larger crowd for weddings and banquets.

An oyster, smorgasbord will be held in the hall on Tuesday, February 29, and all are welcome

**NORWICH COUPLE MARRIED 63 YEARS REMINISCE  
OVER OLD DAYS GONE BY**



*for Edward Lester Feb 72*

*1972*

For nearly a century William and Violet Cole have watched the world progress, and sixty-three of those years have been spent together.

Residents of Norwich for the past eight years, Mr. Cole, 91, and Mrs. Cole, who turned 89 on Feb. 5, spent most of their life in Windham Township, where they were both born.

A farmer for most of his life, Mr. Cole recalled the days when he used to thrash grain by horse power. "There were no tractors in those days," he said, "and all the milking was done by hand."

"I never cared for tractors or cars," he remarked, "I liked the horses."

When Mrs. Cole started out working washing clothes on a board, she was making the fantastic salary of \$1.25 a week.

From there she went on to dressmaking. "Dresses are a lot different now than they were when I was a young woman," Mrs. Cole remarked, "we wore them one inch from the floor."

Referring to the weather both Mr. and Mrs. Cole agreed that the winters are quite a bit milder than they were a few years ago.

"It doesn't snow as much now as it did when we were young," Mrs. Cole stated, "We used to have to break roads through fields to get around."

Mr. and Mrs. Cole miss the hospitality of the old days when an invitation was not needed to hitch up the horses and go out visiting for the day.

Mr. Cole, who comes from a family of 14, and Mrs. Cole, from a family of seven, have five children of their own. They

also have fourteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

When asked if she looked forward to Christmas with so many to buy for Mrs. Cole said, "I try to remember them all, we were never much for giving large presents, but just small remembrances."

Never having been in hospital for any reason, Mr. and Mrs. Cole have always enjoyed good health. Mrs. Cole remarked that she hasn't been seriously ill since 1918 when she had a bad case of the flu and Mr. Cole since 1920 when he contacted smallpox.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole noted that their life together has been quite memorable and when asked what they attribute their longevity to Mr. Cole remarked "Hard work never hurt any one."

Appearing in court Wednesday, Aubrey Babcock of Otterville was found guilty of failing to stop following an accident at the curve leading from North St. to Tillson Ave.

Norbert VanHooren, driver of the other car, testified he was southbound on Tillson Ave. on Dec. 8 at about 6.55 p.m. and was rounding the curve when his car was sideswiped by a northbound car which did not stop. He said there was about \$800 damage to the side of his car.

A crown witness, Robert LeTourneau, who was walking near the scene, said he saw a green Chevrolet collide with the VanHooren car. He said the northbound car had gone over the railway crossing just south of the collision scene as the crossing gates were descending.

Constable Paul Dore, of the town police department, who investigated the accident, said that at 8.20 p.m. he was called to the OPP detachment where he was introduced to Babcock. As a result of information he had conversation with Babcock and later examined his vehicle, which was damaged on the side from front to rear.

Mr. Babcock, questioned by his attorney, A.M. Graham, said he had been going home and as he rounded the curve, felt a bump. Looking back, he said he could see no other car, and assumed the other driver had continued on, and that their bumpers had just touched. After arriving home, he examined his car, then decided that he should report the matter, and went back to the OPP detachment. *1972*

He was fined \$100. No order was made regarding his driving privileges. *Feb*

James R. McMurchey, Otterville, was convicted on four counts of failing to file an income tax return. He was fined \$25 on each of the charges. *Feb-1972*

## Aged couple stands between Hawtrey and the end

By JOE McCLELLAND of The Free Press

For half a century John F. Beck has been Hawtrey, and today at four-score years he's all that's left, of the once-thriving community you wouldn't even notice now, as you hurry along an Oxford County road running north from Delhi near Otterville.

You might, with the corner of your eye, fleetingly glimpse an old country store with a house nearby and rambling frame buildings slumbering behind them.

That would be Hawtrey, where John Beck and his wife still live, and where at one time about 150 people lived among a dozen commercial enterprises.

John Beck has lived there for 79 years. He came to an 80-acre farm hard by the old general store with his parents from a farm near Delhi when he was two years old.

In the years following he owned a 450-acre farm, the store, a sawmill, ran the Grand Trunk railway station, and was into the feed, coal and lumber businesses.

He remembers when there were two railroad stations — the Grand Trunk and the New York Central — and two hotels and two stores. These are all gone now, though the old NYC line still runs through without even a whistle stop.

Just 20 years before John Beck's time, says local historian Mrs. Stan Gehring, the community supported three livery stables, two blacksmiths, a doctor, a cobbler, church, hotel, post office, grist mill, drug store, and three grocery-drygoods stores.

John Beck didn't surrender easily to time and the economic centralization of the automobile age. He let the farm go only three years ago, when it had "the best machinery of any farm in the country I know of," he says proudly.

There's still one of his fleet of trucks around, stored in the picturesquely falling-down sawmill across the road. The saws and the machinery are still there, too, but you wouldn't notice it in your rushing-by unless you looked carefully into the thicket of new-growth timber that shelters it in a nostalgic island of the past.

It lies alongside the old Grand Trunk right-of-way. The rails are gone and so is most of the roadbed.

But a few yards back from the road, behind the sawmill, is the sturdy old railroad station where he was the agent, typical and traditional in the style of the railroading era. And a few more yards beyond that stand the remains of the livestock shipping pens and loading chutes.

The past stops at the fence where, beyond the tangle of new growth, rises one of those now-familiar complexes of tobacco kilns. It's the same across the road, behind John Beck's house.

He went into tobacco, too, when it first came to Southwestern Ontario about 1930, and built kilns and greenhouses that are now in disrepair. But he stayed in the general farming business too, kept dairy and beef **cattle**.

Today he sits and watches color television, glancing occasionally to the bird-feeder outside the window, and chuckles a reminiscence about the long, full days of only a few years ago.

Jessie, his wife, whose devotion to John marks everything she says and does, would rise at 5 a.m., to get the cows, then prepare breakfast while he was milking them. By 7 or 8 a.m. — whenever the first customers dropped by — she would open the store, and would mind it until the last customers left around 9 or 10 p.m.

The store has been closed up since Jessie had a heart attack two years ago, but it is still full of stock ranging from canned goods to fan belts to straw hats.

"If anybody wants anything we go over there and get it," says Jessie. They keep a stock of groceries and variety goods in the sun porch of their home now for the neighbors who still drop in for purchases.

But don't go to Hawtrey looking for antiques in that old store. There are none. Aside from the fact the Becks only started running it in 1921 — and 50 years doesn't produce genuine antiques — anything remotely in that category "was picked up long ago — and it all went for practically nothing," says John.

"We don't want anybody looking for antiques," emphatically declares Mrs. Beck. "It's just a lot of bother." The old store got some publicity a few years ago in a local newspaper feature, she remembers, and affluent-looking women from afar descended on them like the proverbial plague of locusts.

They were pushy and they demanded and they pawed through things, "and I had all I could do to keep my temper, but I did." The store's stock always moved, she adds, and it was always up to date.

A prowl through the old store reveals she is right. There's nothing there that's not in contemporary use. But the atmosphere inside is something else. There's the spindle of string on the ceiling, with the string dangling down to the massive old wooden counters which run along both sides of the place.

There are boots, pickles, shoes, auto accessories, towels, soft drinks, hats, breakfast cereals, farm work clothes — and amid the clutter on the counter a butcher's weigh scale, and in the middle of the floor an old wood-stove, long in disuse. A forced-air furnace in the basement keeps the frost out now.

Mrs. Beck who, simply because her husband indicated he wished it, has opened up the store for a couple of visitors. She apologizes for its disorder inside, but then, after all, it's been shut up for two years.

Outside there are two gasoline pumps, and one is still kept operational for the occasional neighbor who wants to gas up his car. Mrs. Beck has been running this store since 1921, but it's at least as old as she is.

It's solid brick, with shingled second storey and gabled windows, and on the walls outside hang faded signs advertising Blue Ribbon Tea and Red Rose Tea, Buckingham Fine Cut, Ogden's Fine Cut Tobacco, Winchester Cigarettes.

For years it was the social centre for miles around, a later version of the old cracker-barrel forum, and when chores were over in the evening the yard outside would be packed with cars as farmers came visiting one another nearly every night. Sometimes somebody played a mouth organ.

In its isolation, the store often enough was broken into. The Becks got tired of replacing the big display windows finally and boarded them up. And in later years they had trouble occasionally with transient tobacco workers who would enter in groups, keep Mrs. Beck preoccupied while their friends shoplifted.

When it was closed up there was an estimated \$12,000 worth of stock in it, Mr. Beck says, but now "there's likely only half that." He bought it about 1918, rented it for three years to the United Farmers of Ontario, along with the rambling cottage that went with it.

Then he turned it over to Jessie, who had clerked in stores before their marriage and also was bookkeeper at Forest City Laundry in London at one time. John was busy with his massive farm, his sawmill, and "a tre-

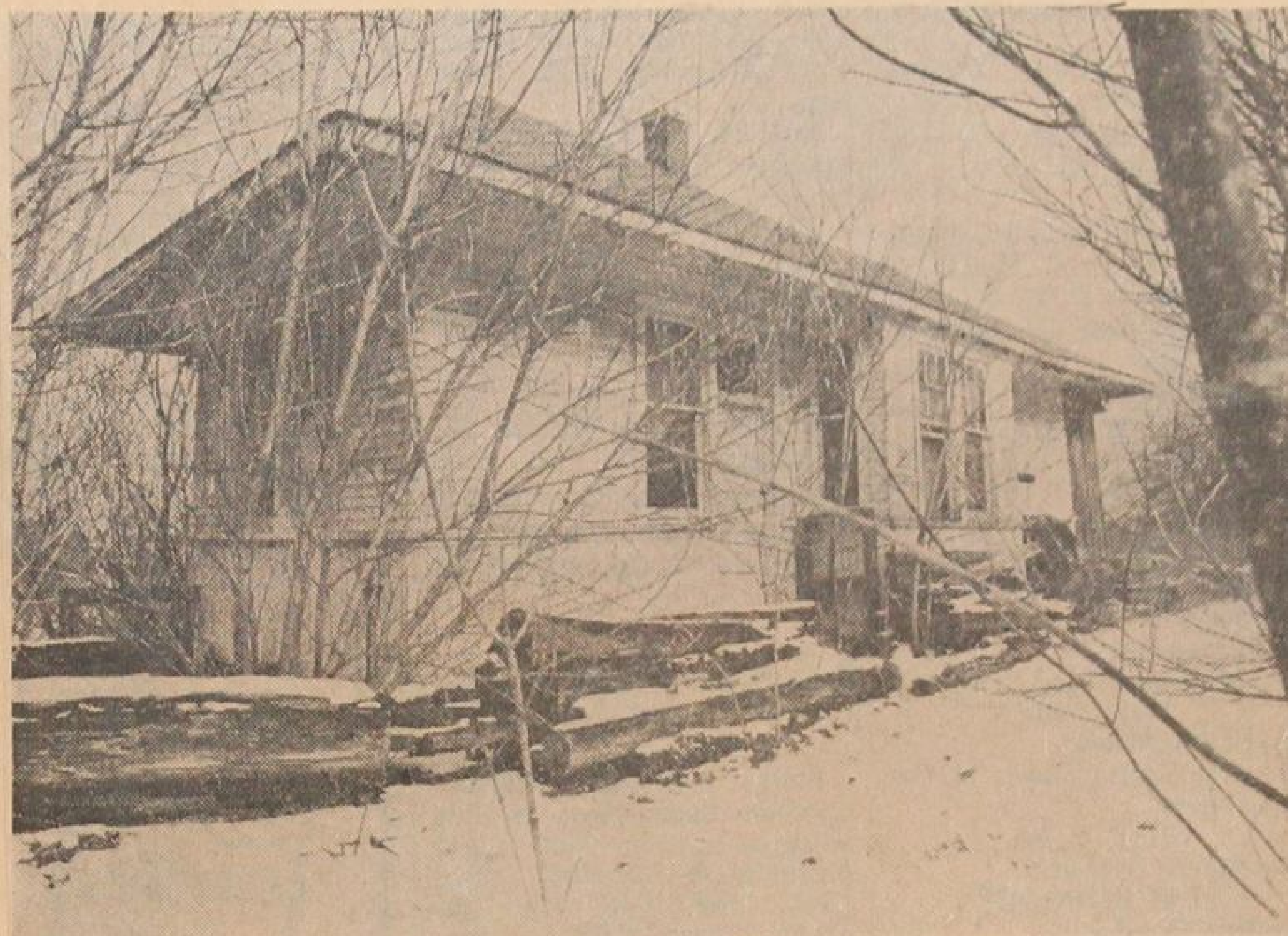
mendous feed business, for the size of the place — a lot of coal too."

Mr. Beck, who slipped off the back steps and hurt his back in December, built a comfortable new house about 20 years ago with materials prepared in his own mill. Back of it is a cluster of old frame structures, all used for storing lumber and other articles — a small barn, the verandahed cottage with its two-storey frame addition, sheds, a wooden water tower, a solid brick schoolhouse he has converted to a home which is rented out, and a weathered frame building with a sign

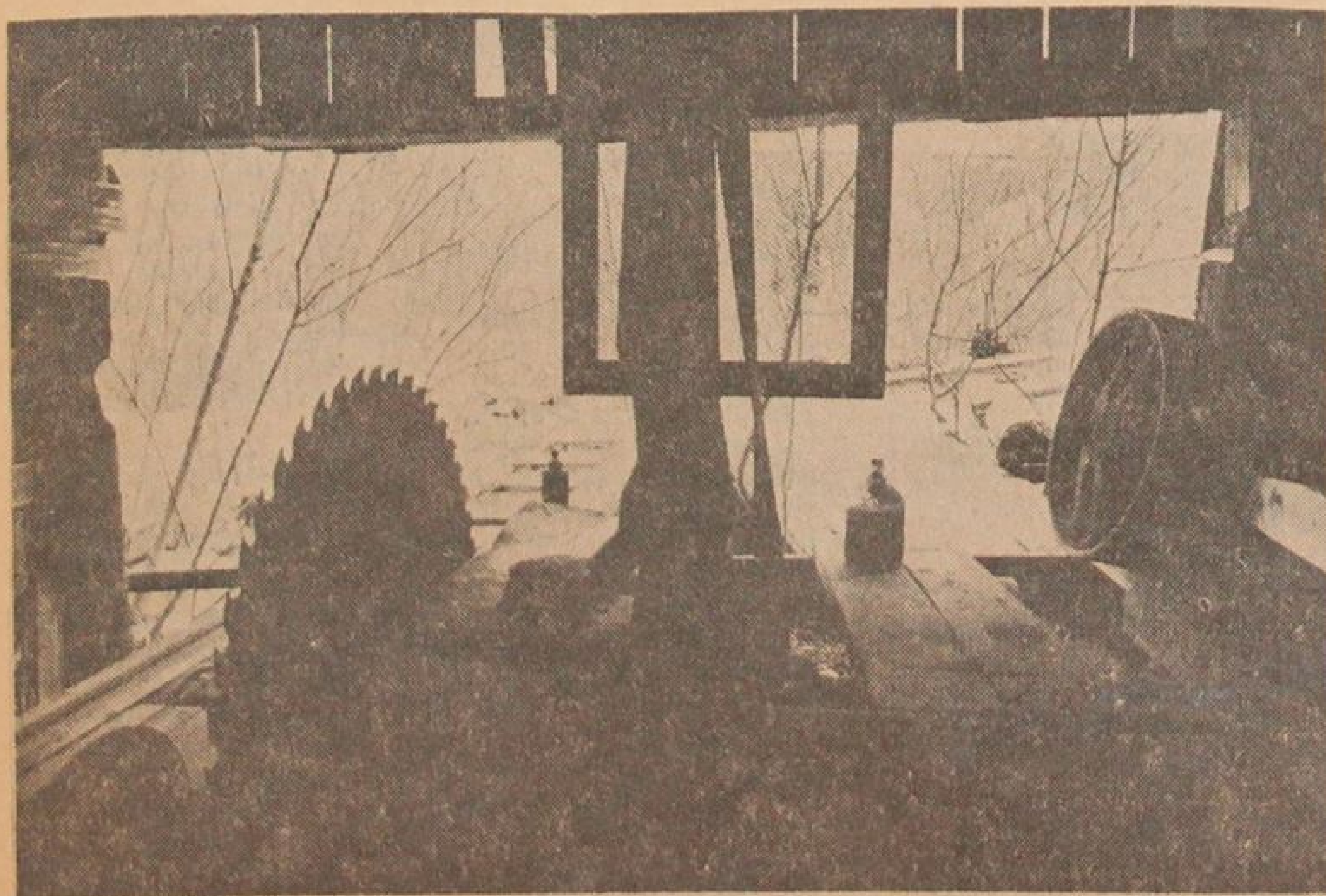
over the door still clearly reading "Gospel Hall."

Mr. and Mrs. Beck have three married daughters in the Tillsonburg area, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. But they cling steadfastly to the Hawtreys lifestyle they've known and maintained all their lives, living links with an era that lives otherwise today only in nostalgic old memory.

As long as they are there, Hawtreys is not quite obliterated.



Old timbers rot in piles while the former Hawtreys Grand Trunk station slumbers in the seclusion of new growth.



The giant circular blade of John Beck's sawmill whines no more — steeped now in the tranquility of decay rooted in the once-flourishing rural community.



John Beck has lived for four-score years in Hawtrey, and until two years ago he kept it alive with his store, his ranch-size farm, his sawmill and other enterprises.

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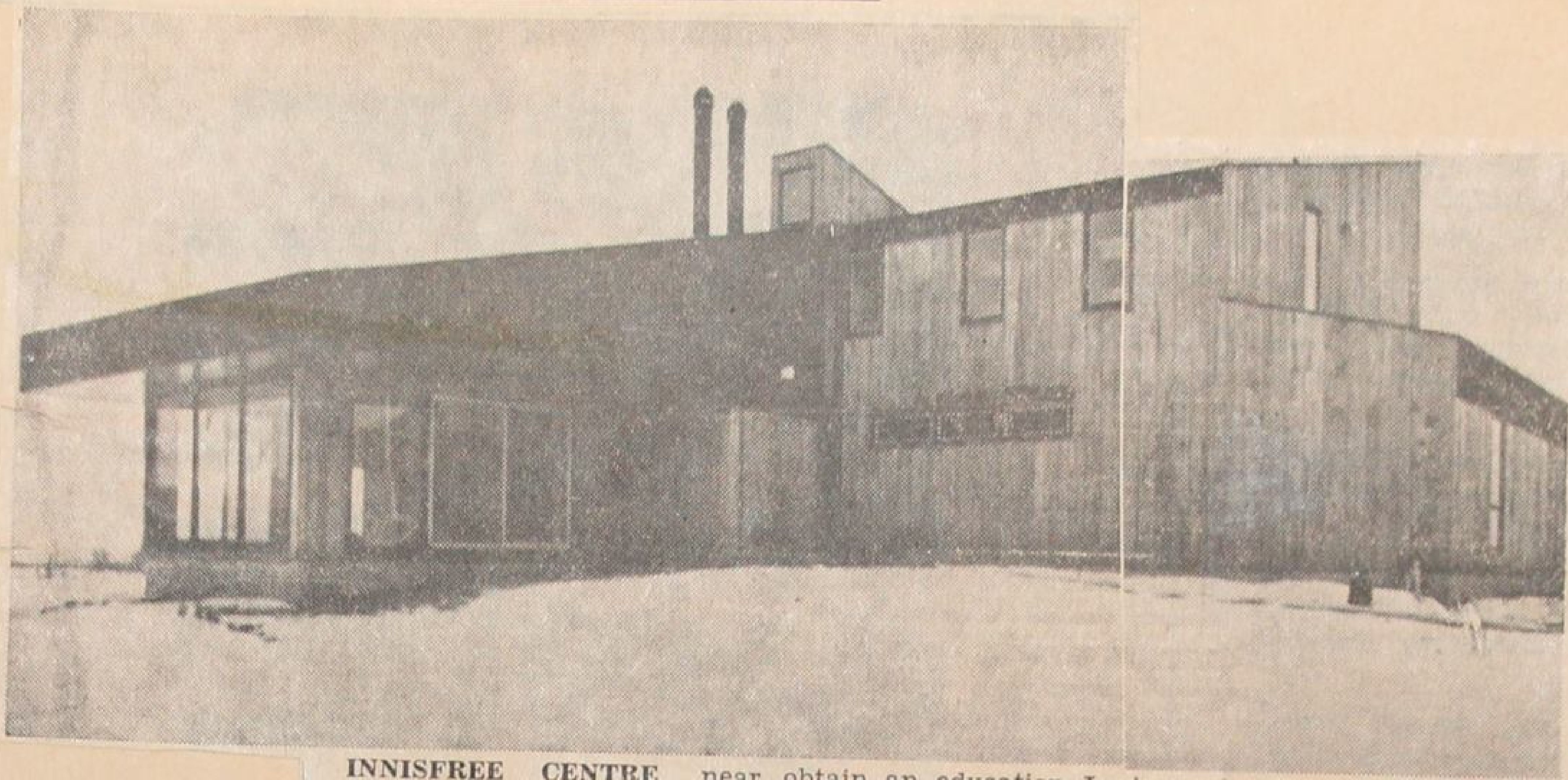
Harvey F. Johnston, President and Editor of The News Printing Company of Tillsonburg Ltd., was given a surprise complimentary banquet by his employees, in honor of his 50th anniversary in the printing and publishing trade.

King George VI died Wednesday after 15 years on the throne. Princess Elizabeth, his 25-year-old daughter, automatically succeeded him, the first ruling Queen in more than half a century.

Since 1928 Mr. C. W. Moore and his son E. S. Moore of R.R. 1, Otterville, have been planting trees. During this period over 24,000 trees have been planted on their farm on Concession 9 of South Norwich.

Norwich lost 4-2 to Otterville in the first game of the best-two out of three series in Norwich District Hockey play-offs. Scoring for Otterville were Tom Furlong with two, Don Broad and Charlie Stopka each scoring one. Gord Slaght and Don Sweazey were the Norwich marksmen. In the second contest, Brownsville evened up their series with Burgessville winning 6-5.

Used for lumber storage today, the Gospel Hall still bears the weathered sign proclaiming its original purpose.



**INNISFREE CENTRE** near Otterville, stands atop a hill overlooking a farmhouse where the late well-known scholar, Harold Innis was born. Although Innis' work is held in great esteem throughout the world, he is little known by many Canadians. In order to obtain an education Innis used to make the 40-mile return trip to Woodstock Collegiate Institute daily. Later he taught in Otterville before continuing his education. Innisfree is sponsored by the Harold Innis Foundation in conjunction with Harold Innis College at the University of Toronto.

## INNISFREE FARM HAS NEW MANAGER

The Harold Innis Foundation is very pleased to announce the appointment of Campbell and Grace Laker of Toronto as the resident managers of Innisfree Farm in Otterville. Mr. and Mrs. Laker took over the position on February 1, 1972 from Barry and Wendy Napier, the former managers who now reside in Guelph.

The Lakers who will live full time in the farm house on the property will be responsible for operating the activities of the Foundation in the Otterville area.

The farm is used mainly as a conference centre for educational groups and the Foundation has just recently complet-

ed a wholly new modern conference building on the property. The facilities are available for rent to educational agencies throughout Southern Ontario.

Lakers immigrated to Canada from Great Britain in 1964. Campbell Laker did his undergraduate work at Victoria College, University of Toronto in English and Psychology, he is presently a Ph.D. candidate at the Ontario Institute for studies in education. Grace Laker is a registered nurse and formerly a Research Technician with the Banting Institute in Toronto. They have two children Bruce, 5 and Claire 2.



### NEW MANAGER AND FAMILY AT INNISFREE CENTRE



Campbell and Grace Laker relax with two and one-half-year-old daughter Claire inside Innisfree Centre near Otterville. The Lakers also have a son, Bruce, five. The centre is used for many purposes includ-

ing symposiums, get-togethers and serves as a retreat for University of Toronto students and faculty. The Lakers hope the neighboring communities will also take full advantage of its facilities. The Lakers are en-

thusiastic about the progress of the centre as well as the influence country living will have upon their children whose previous homes were Toronto apartments.

### REV. H. W. HERRING CONDUCTS SERVICE

Rev. H. W. Herring conducted a special Mothering Sunday service in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday, March 12th.

Children of the Sunday School took part in an ancient tradition of refreshment to Mother's Sunday.

The half-way mark to the Lenten Dicipline, the sermon subject was the deadly sins and each sin was described with the children holding Place Cards naming it Pride, Anger, Envy, Laziness, Greed, Unchastity and Anziety. *MAR-1972*

Each was followed with a prayer of forgiveness following the sermon. Special prayers were offered and each child lit a candle.

The prayers were gathered into "The Lord's Prayer."

### SALAD EUCHRE HELD *Mar* IN THE I.O.O.F. HALL *1972*

A most successful Salad Euchre was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Otterville sponsored by the members of the Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330.

There were 20 tables of progressive euchre in play. Prizes were won by Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Merle Payne, Mrs. Wilma Routly, Fred Young and Aileen Locker.

Mrs. George Childs received the prize which was given to be one having a birthday to the nearest of that day.

There were a number of door prizes given.

The event was convened by Mrs. William G. McMullen and committee of Mrs. Ruth Collver, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. George Childs assisted.

# Good-bye, guests! check out

## Last of 4 million visitors

BY NEIL MORRIS  
of the Free Press

I swiped a towel from Hotel London Monday night.

Mind you, it wasn't the first ever gaffed from the place. But chances are pretty darn good it was probably the last, although I can't speak for the 45 other guests who spent the night there, the last for guests before the hotel closes.

Thievery — something to be proud of — not really? But then, you can't blame a guy for being tempted when he realizes he's among the last few who'll get the chance. And in its 45 years of operation more than 4 million registered guests have had the chance.

Oh, there were those fabulous days of the inter-collegiate football games, when visiting clubs would roll into town and make the most of the weekend.

"They'd have towels in their bags and the maid would spot them sticking out while the boys were off playing their game," recalls Marge Evans, the hotel's executive housekeeper.

Toronto Varsity visits were among the most memorable as far as hotel antics were concerned, but before the boys got back from the game with Western the maid would simply tug the towels out of the bags and the whole matter would be left at that.

The funniest thing about it all, remembers Mrs. Evans, was that "the cleanest people were the best to tip." You could walk into a room that barely showed signs of hav-

who spoke French, was a cook and later "chef de cuisine" before him.

But at 2 p.m. Tuesday it was all over for the Hotel London as far as room guests are concerned. It was checkout time and that included one elderly lady who's been living there since she checked in for a tentative two-week stay at 2:34 p.m., May 24, 1968.

The hotel's bar will keep pouring and the music will keep resounding from them until Sunday morning at 1 a.m.

Then fittingly, the people who did all the catering to others for so many years will be guests of Joe McManus Sr., the hotel owner, at a dinner and dance Sunday evening. Even the two groups playing the hotel this week will hang on for the night.

CJOE up on the third floor of the 262-room hotel goes out on St. Patrick's Day.

A public auction of hotel contents runs March 13 and 14.

"It's terrible to see a hotel die," reflected the manager, who for his short year on the job described his boss as one of "the best people I've ever worked for . . . a straightforward man who wants a yes or no answer whether it's good or bad . . ."

ing been used and find a tip left for the maid.

But then there was the other extreme too, and Angelo "Angie" Marakos, the hotel's banquet maitre d' who started out as a bus boy, vividly recalls one.

Two couples from the U.S. checked in one evening and ordered up everything from cocktails to the best of wines to wash down the ultimate on the hotel menu up in their room.

The bill came to \$145 and they were gone before morning, but not far enough to escape the bill that a court case settled.

But people by and large are "basically good", echo some of the more than 120 full-time employees of the hotel—almost all of whom will be out of a job come Saturday.

Few people registered even knew it was the last night anyone could stay at the hotel, but a group of friends of a London couple did. So they chose it to throw a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Frank Hill, whose father was the city assessment commissioner for many years and herself has an ardent interest in older buildings.

The hotel, for years the site of conventions, fancy dress balls and all that goes with being the city's biggest hotel, was an exciting place to work, say the staff — especially when it was busy.

"You saw people from every walk of life," says Bell Captain Ken Tuffield, who's been with the hotel 33 years. And Hotel London had its share of celebrities over those years — Gracie Fields, famed humorist Sir Harry

And the answer to the wrecker's hammer was yes. And it will strike its first blow March 27, to make way for a multi-million dollar redevelopment scheme.

"I'm sorry to see it go too," Mr. McManus said Tuesday.

"But then bigger and better things are coming in its place . . . and that's progress."

Lauder, George Formby, Nat King Cole . . . yes and Don Messer.

Ann Landers phoned back for a couple of buttons she'd lost from a jacket. Sorry, Ann, they never could find them. Then there were those other articles some people didn't seek out — girdles, panties . . .

Tuesday was Ken's last full day at his post, although he'll be around for the next few days to clean things up.

"It's a shame to see a hotel like this go," he said, pointing to the majestic pillars reflecting in the wall of mirrors that front the elevator shafts.

"It's built like the rock of Gibraltar and in pretty good shape."

"It feels like being kicked out of your own home," he says, describing his feelings as he prepares to leave his post in the almost majestic main floor lobby of the hotel, with its heavy, graceful burgundy drapes.

Down in the men's tavern, T. J. "Joe" Dammaren at 63 has been pulling draft for a good part of his 35 years with the hotel. He takes pride in his job, even though today the hotel has an automatic draft-pouring regulator that draws off a seven-ounce glass and keeps its own count.

What kind of money does it take to satisfy the appetites of a hotel full of guests?

"About \$15,000 a month," says the hotel's head of food purchasing, Phil Michel. That includes everything from a single order of 150 pounds of shrimp for one party, to 180 dozen eggs for a week. Phil's been keeping the larder stocked for some years. He's been there 30 years and his "cockney"-accented father,

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**BURT AND MARION BROAD**

# Burt and Marion Broad 50th Wedding Anniversary

*March 1972*

The family of Burt and Marion Broad, (Vern and Audrey Broad of Hamilton; Joyce and Bill Bell of Springford; Don and Marge Broad of Otterville; Marie and Alex Bradburn of Tillsonburg; Mildred and Dick Addison of Bermuda; Carol and Gerald Clark of Ingersoll) and their 26 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren hosted on afternoon tea at Springford United Church to commemorate this happy occasion.

From a lovely tea table decorated with a floral arrangement and two gold candles and holders, tea was poured by Valeria Brough (sister-in-law); Lilian Broad (sister-in-law); Ethel Brough (cousin); Cecil Palmer, Ester Mabee, Lillie Rachar, and Evelyn Wilson (friends of many years back).

Pat Hill, Wendy Balkwill, Linda Bradburn, Marian Addison, Connie Dean, Beth Broad, and Eleanor Cowan served sandwiches and cookies to the guests.

Masters Jeffery Broad and Peter Bradburn (grandsons) were in charge of the guest book signatures. Guests were greeted at the door by their two sons, Vern and Don.

Wedding cake, made and decorated by Valeria Brough, was passed by Misses Kathy, Brenda, Sandy, Kelly and Cheryl Clark and Janet Broad (granddaughters).

Marion chose a crackling crystal jade green dress and wore a gold cymbidium orchid and bronze mum corsage. Burt wore a green suit and a bronze mum boutonniere.

The Church basement was decorated with yellow gold roses and bronze mums. Guests were present from Bermuda, Sault Ste. Marie, Port Huron, Niagara Falls,

Detroit, Mississauga, Toronto, Montreal, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Hatchley, Simcoe, St. Thomas, Otterville and Chatham.

Following the tea, a smorgasbord supper was served at Burt and Marion's home for 60 relatives and close friends of many years.

Burt and Marion were married on March 2, 1922, in Springford by Rev. H.D. Moore at a very early hour of the day. Their parents and Estella Moore (sister of the bride) were present for the wedding ceremony. Following a wedding breakfast, the bride and groom left on the 7:15 a.m. train from Springford and travelled to Toronto for their honeymoon, where they visited their Uncle Melford and Aunt Nellie Broad.

**BROAD**-The family of Burt and Marion Broad wish to invite friends, neighbours, and relatives to an Open House Sunday, March 5th, 1972 from 2 until 5 at the Springford United Church on the occasion of Burt and Marion's 50th Wedding Anniversary. No Gifts Please!

## Lodge Observes 26th Birthday

*Mar/72*  
**OTTERVILLE (C)** — Violet Rebekah Lodge is 26 years old, and to honour this occasion members sponsored a birthday party, in the I.O.O.F. hall, Otterville. Fifty-six were in attendance from Tillsonburg, Norwich, Springfield, Delhi, Ingersoll, and Harrietsville, as well as the local group.

Sister Mabel Mabee of Tillsonburg, Sister Helen Bowman of Ingersoll, Past President of Rebekah Assembly, Sister Bessie Davis of Tillsonburg, Assembly Marshall, and

Sister Helen Thompson, District Deputy President of East St. Thomas district No. 17 were present and each spoke briefly throughout the evening. Regular Lodge meeting was held in usual form.

A draw was made on a lovely pair of pillow cases, donated by Jr. Past Noble Grand Sister Esther Smith of Springford, and won by Sister Ruth Collver, Past Noble Grand.

Sister Helen Bowman gave courtesy remarks.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chisholm of Otterville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Louise to John son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Stekli of RR 2, Glen Meyer. The wedding will take place March 18th 1972 at St. Ladislaus Church Courland Ontario.

## MRS. ERNEST JULL

*March 7<sup>th</sup> 1972*  
The death occurred in Otterville at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Freeland of Mrs. Ernest Jull, the former Annie May King and widow of the late Ernest Jull (1956) in her 93rd year. She was also predeceased by her only sister, Mrs. Alfred E. Moore in 1946.

Born in Milldale May 4th, 1879 she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wendlin King. She attended Milldale School and was the last surviving pupil of the late William Diefenbaker, father of the former Prime Minister, the Right Hon. John Diefenbaker. She was a member of the Friends Church where she was the treasurer of the Sunday School.

Following their marriage, June 22, 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Jull moved to the 5th Concession of North Norwich where they farmed on the well known Maple Lodge Farm for 50 years.

A member of Newark United Church Mrs. Jull sang in the choir, was president of the Ladies' Aid also of the Pleasant Valley Women's Institute; a Director of the North Norwich Agricultural Society and a member of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Jull had a keen ear for music and in her earlier years her talent added much to Church groups and social events where she contributed mouth organ selections accompanying herself on the auto harp. Her contributions of elocution were also much enjoyed.

The late Mrs. Jull will always be remembered as a loving mother, a neighbour ready to give a helping hand and her home was the centre of hospitality and good times. She will be sadly mourned by her many friends and her family of four daughters and two sons.

Mrs. Robert (Helen) English, Oshawa; Mrs. Harold (Evelyn) Waring, Otterville; Mrs. J. P. (Marion) Heatley, Sarnia; Mrs. Jack (Lila) Freeland, Otterville; Archie Jull, R.R. 1, Norwich; Fred Jull, R.R. 1, Mount Elgin. Five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Ernest Jull who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jack Freeland on Tuesday, March 7th, 1972 was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Thursday, March 9th and was largely attended.

Rev. W. H. Herring, Minister of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville conducted the service of memory and his message was taken from the text Mark: 14, 8. She hath done what she could, the text was chosen by her family.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist. The many Memorial floral tributes included donations to The Canadian Cancer, Gideon Bible Society, Heart Foundation, Multiple Sclerosis and Intensive Care.

The casket bearers were three grandsons, Russell Jull, Murray Jull, Michael O'Neil, Alex Doan, Jack McMillen and Gordon Moulton.

Interment was made in the Bookton Cemetery.

Relatives and friends were present from Detroit, Toronto, Sarnia, Chatham, Burlington and surrounding area.



ELMER ALMOST

## Road Super In 25th Year

*Mar 1972*  
Elmer Almost, South Norwich road superintendent, passed his 25th anniversary in that post last fall. Mr. Almost started with the South Norwich Township roads department in 1942, and took over the job of road superintendent in the fall of 1946.

He says that "there's been quite a change in the township since then." When he started, the total extent of the township's equipment was one grader and one truck. Now, the township operates three dump trucks, a grader, two tractors and mowers, two plows, a four-wheel loader,

and assorted smaller pieces of equipment.

He was the only full-time man, along with the superintendent in 1942. They hired a part-time summer grader operator. Now, along with Superintendent Almost, there are four full-time men with the department.

He told of records in 1938 that say the township bought a plow for \$3,000, a fraction of what would be paid today.

In 1942, there were no paved roads in the township. Currently, about 12 miles are paved, but another 12 miles or so that once were paved by the township have been taken over by the County of Oxford.

A total of 72.10 miles of roads fall under the responsibility of the township of South Norwich.

The superintendent is proud of his department, and spoke especially of the new four-loft roads department building, erected in 1968.

# World Day Of Prayer Held At Otterville

*March '72*

OTTERVILLE (C) — World Day of Prayer was held in the Parish hall of St. John's Anglican Church with 50 women attending.

most inspiring message on the theme "All Joy Be Yours." Mrs. Burns stated that joy can be experienced alone but usually it is shared with others, and is often intermingled with pain and sorrow. For example, Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection and in our daily life, birth,

marriage and death. Joy can be found in the beauty of nature, as the poet William Wordsworth expressed in "The Daffodils" and quoting from "Leisure" "What is this life if full of care, We have no time to stand and stare." The joy Mr. and Mrs. Burns experienced on visiting the Canterbury Cathedral on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the death of Sir Thomas Beckett, gave to them "The peace that passeth all understanding." She wished all present might have such joy.

A quartette of girls Christine McMullen, Karen Van Parys, Wanda Arthur and Karen Arthur, sang a number accompanied by Sixteen girls each lit a candle and Janice Mountain offered a prayer for each.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Fred Howse, president of St. John's Guild, who gave much of her time with the girls in preparation of the service, and to Mrs. Freeland the organist, and others who helped in the service.

On Friday, March 3rd, a Youth Service will be held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church. This service will follow the World Day of Prayer service which will be held at 3 p.m. *1972*

Those wishing to participate in the service are asked to call Mrs. Adam Oliver or Mrs. Fred Howse.

Mrs. Jack Riste of St. John's Anglican, Otterville, presided for the service. Others assisting in the program were Mrs. Adam Oliver of the United Church, and Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Bruce Stover of the Baptist Church.

A youth service followed the Day of Prayer service conducted by adult members of the churches.

Presiding for the service were Cherie Rachar and Dorie Walther. Scripture reading was presented by Cathy Lynn Davis, and Dianne Oliver.

## Mabel A. Porter

Mrs. Mabel A. Porter of 20 King St., Tillsonburg, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 1972, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 85th year.

Born in Rosanna, May 8, 1887, she was a daughter of the late Jack Cooper and Abigail Parks. Her husband, Frederick Porter, predeceased her October 22, 1970.

She was a member of First Baptist Church; a member of the Ladies Flower Bowling League; of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177, Tillsonburg, and a Past Noble Grand and Past District Deputy of the Rebekahs.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Mac (Loys) Watson of Tillsonburg; five grandchildren; and six great grandsons; two sisters, Mrs. Zeulla Hicks of RR 3, Tillsonburg and Mrs. Thomas (Nellie) Ponting of Ingersoll; two brothers, George Cooper of Ingersoll and Bruce Cooper of Port Rowan.

She was also predeceased by a son, Stanley Porter in 1967; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Moyer, and a brother, John Cooper.

Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Wednesday, March 15, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. James Taylor of First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Rebekah Lodge Service will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home, under the auspices of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177.



The Delhi warehouse captured the O.F.C.T. Auction Exchange hockey title for this year to win the Labatt's trophy. Members of the team were, back row, left to right, Ed Bouw (manager), Ken Mann, Archie VanDeVelde, William Van Dyk, Keith Bouw, Brett Drinkwater, Glen Maes, Michael Murray (coach), front row, Mike Damman, Claude Coudurier, Pete Killey (Labatts), Pete Bouw (captain), Roger Condie, John Stier and Louis Szobota. Absent were Dave Roney and Joe Graish. (News-Record Photo)

*MARCH 1972*

# NORWICH WOMAN DIES IN CRASH ON HIGHWAY 59

A Norwich district woman died early Sunday in a two-car collision near the south edge of Norwich, opposite the airport, on Highway 59.

Mrs. Dorothy Pite, 47, of R.R. 1, Norwich, was pronounced dead at the scene after the car in which she was riding was struck from the rear by one driven by John McMullen, 21, of Otterville.

Provincial Police said the first car, driven by Stanley Pite, husband of the deceased, was southbound and started a left turn into his driveway, when it was hit by the McMullen car, also southbound.

Both cars were extensively damaged.

McMullen was admitted to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital and is reported in serious condition. He was under treatment in the intensive care unit for internal injuries and severe head injuries.

Mr. Pite was also admitted to hospital for unstated injuries. His condition was listed as satisfactory.

The accident occurred at about 1.25 a.m. and was investigated by OPP Constable James Mutton.

Mrs. Pite was the former Dorothy Jean Utter.

Surviving besides her hus-

band, are two sons, Donald Pite of R.R. 3, Scotland; Brian Pite of Woodstock; one daughter, Wendy Pite at home; her mother, Mrs. Roy (Elizabeth) Utter of R.R. 1, Norwich; two sisters, Mrs. Orval (Evelyn) Hyndman of R.R. 1, Norwich, and Mrs. Frank (Laura) Anguish of Hamilton; four brothers, Clifford Utter of Bayfield; Howard Utter and Lloyd Utter, both of R.R. 3, Scotland and Percy Utter of R.R. 1, Norwich; and one grandson.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church.

A Foresters service was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Pite are owners of the Glide-Inn Restaurant.

## MRS. STANLEY PITE

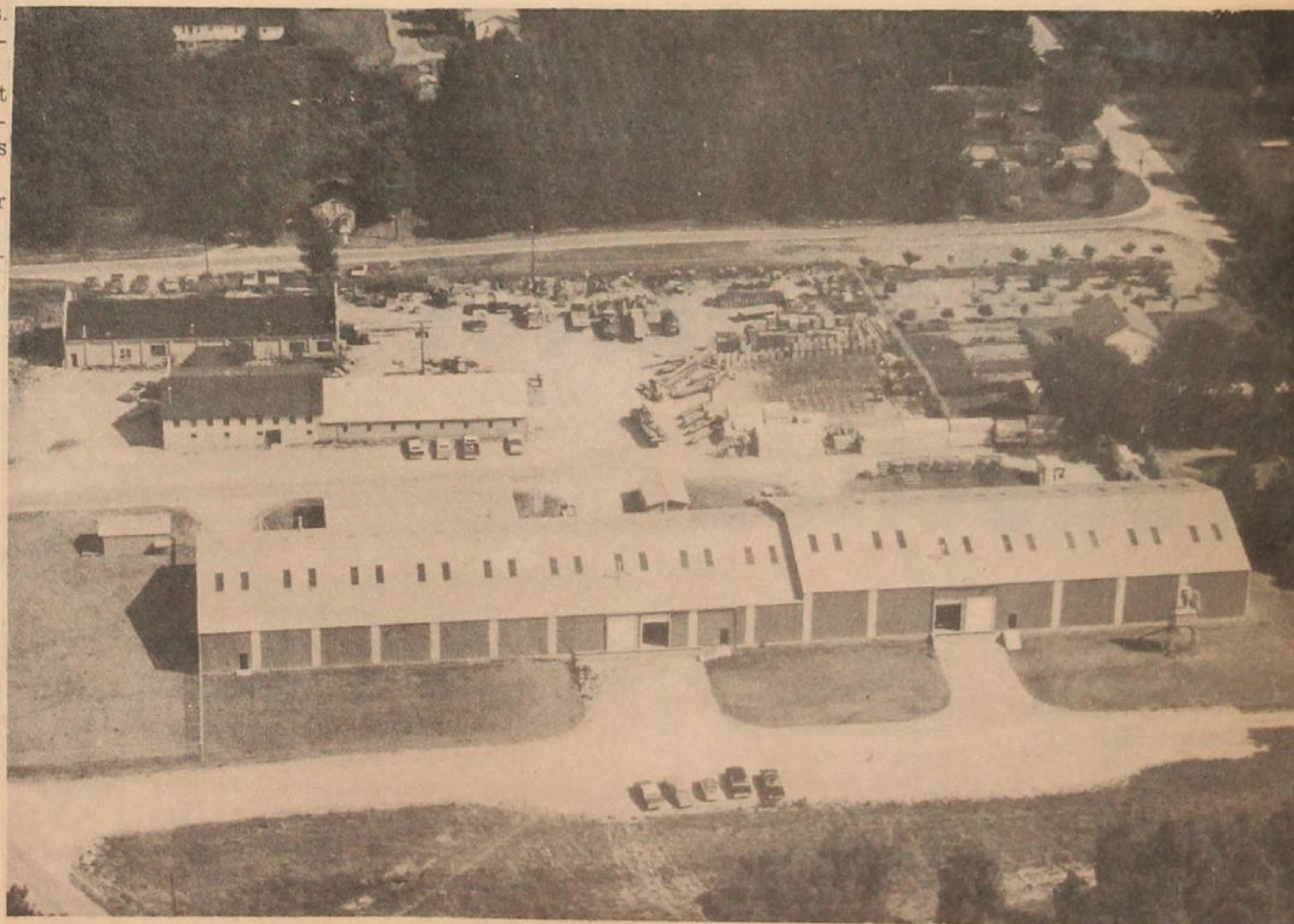
The funeral of the late Mrs. Stanley Pite, the former Dorothy Utter who died suddenly on Sunday morning, March 18, was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence on Wednesday, March 22nd at 2 p.m. with Rev. Elgin Rintoul of Norwich United Church officiating. 1972

The bearers were: Clare Huffman, Fred Thompson, Reginald Crane, Erland Dymont, Tom Hanson and Ross McRae.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

## WILFRED T. MINERS

The death occurred suddenly at his residence, 33 Stover St. N., on Thursday, March 23rd of Wilfred T. (Pat) Miners in his 73rd year. 1972



This is the site of Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., Otterville, where the three-day Mechanization Show will be held March 23, 24 and 25. Large crowds are expected. 1972

# MacDonald - Kozuck

OTTERVILLE (C) — Candles and lilies decorated St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg, on Thursday, March 30, 1972 at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Christina Marie Kozuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kozuck of North St., Otterville, and Gary Douglas MacDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacDonald of 53 Goshen St., Tillsonburg. Rev. Ross McCann officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white, lace crimpknit with high, fitted bodice and sleeves extending into a long train effect. Her headdress was a white fitted cap and she carried white roses with blue baby's breath enhanced with a long, blue sash tied in a lover's knot.

Catharine Morris of Scarborough, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor-length, printed, floral gown in yellow, with yellow sweetheart roses scattered throughout her hair, and carried pink roses

with white baby's breath with long white ribbon, similar to the bride's bouquet.

Robert Morris of Scarborough, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man.

Reception for 250 guests was held at the Lions Community Centre in Tillsonburg, decorated for the occasion with baskets of flowers.

Bride's mother received guests in a mauve ensemble worn with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations tinted mauve. She was assisted by the mother of the groom, who chose a blue ensemble with silver accessories, worn with a corsage of white carnations tinted blue.

Bride's gift to her attendant was a pearl teardrop pendant. Groom's gift was a wallet.

Guests were present from Otterville, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Dorchester, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Scarborough, Ottawa, Thorndale and Watford.

Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald are residing at 558 Durham Cres. Apt. 106, Woodstock.



MR. AND MRS. GARY DOUGLAS MACDONALD

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kozuch of Otterville are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their youngest daughter, Christina Marie to Mr. Gary Douglas MacDonald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacDonald of 53 Goshen Street Tillsonburg. The wedding will take place on Thursday, March 30th, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

# They Crossed The Northland On Snowmobiles and Want To Do It Again

By Paul Knowles

Two South Norwich men, as most area people know, spent most of the month of February making a 1,008 mile trek on snowmobiles, from Cochrane to Kashachewan. Dubbed the Tillsonburg Community Centre Polar Run, the trip was sponsored by the mile, much as walkathons are, and the

proceeds will go to the new Community Centre Complex.

But after talking to the two men, Charlie Mahu and Tony DeMeester, for a while, it becomes obvious that the C.C.C. was not first in their minds when they planned the trip. They just wanted to prove...well, just to prove.

The total round trip for them was 2,200 miles, of which 1,008 was on snow

machines. The weather was very cold, with the average temperature around the 38 degrees below zero mark.

They were out one evening when the temperature was 58 below, and the chill factor dropped to 114 below zero.

They snowmobiled over James Bay during the winter that local residents had termed the worst since 1934 for snow conditions or rough ice on James Bay.

They had planned to go farther than they did. But the "Polar Runners" seem happy enough over the distance that they covered. They seemed to have proven whatever it was they set out to prove.

Their travelling on the machines, both Scorpion Super Stinger III 440 Para-Rail Suspension snowmobiles, was done either along railway tracks or over James Bay ice.

When they headed out of Cochrane, the two men had their machines, along with a fully-loaded sleeper sled each. One sled became badly damaged because of the rough ice, and it was abandoned on James Bay. This was later picked up by the Fort Albany caterpillar train, and carried to Moosonee.

They said that one of their toughest experiences was after they had dropped that first sled. They were making very poor time on the ice, and began to get worried. They judged themselves to be close to Fort Albany, which was only 20 miles from their final destination.

They decided to drop their remaining sled, load the snowmobiles with gas, and make a run for Fort Albany.

After an hour of hard riding, and after they had used over a quarter of the gas they were carrying, they met the mission caterpillar train. They were invited into the cabin for a cup of coffee, and then learned the surprising news that they were still 80 miles from Fort Albany.

They hitched a ride back to their machines on the train, because with their gas supplies they would never have made it to the settlement.

They got back to their sled at 4 a.m., left with the sled about half an hour later, and, 11 hours after that, pulled into Fort Albany.

Although they did not run into any trouble, both of the men would rather not think of the consequences if they had not met the train when they did.

They report that they had no serious problems on the trip. Charlie suffered some

frostbit, especially on his nose. The weather was good through-out the trip, they say.

They travelled both day and night, and they say that the moon and "magnificent" northern lights provided all the illumination anybody could want.

The biggest problem was waiting eight days for a \$2 part that had to be sent from home. All of the spare parts were donated by Master

Feeds in Springford.

A brief geographical outline of the trip is from Cochrane to Moosonee by railway tracks, to Fort Albany via James Bay, to Kashachewan by crossing to 20-mile-wide Albany River. And then back again. 1,008 miles.

Would they do it again. Charlie's wife says "I hope not." But both of the men

immediately start talking, beginning their sentences with "If."

"If we ever try it again, we'd try to get three or four more fellows, on identical machines."

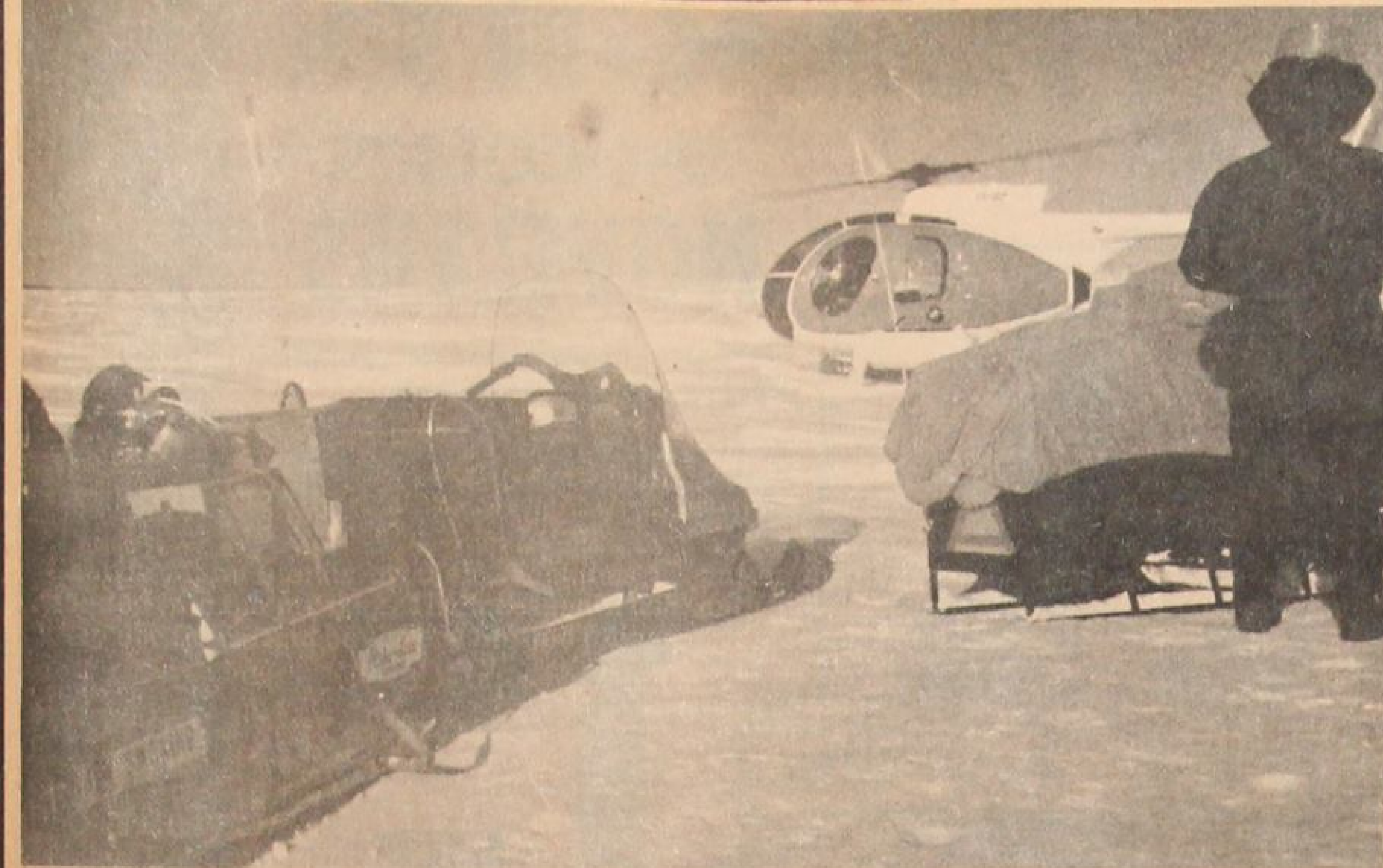
"If we were sponsored totally, I wouldn't mind."

The North country probably has not seen the last of Charlie Mahu and Tony DeMeester.

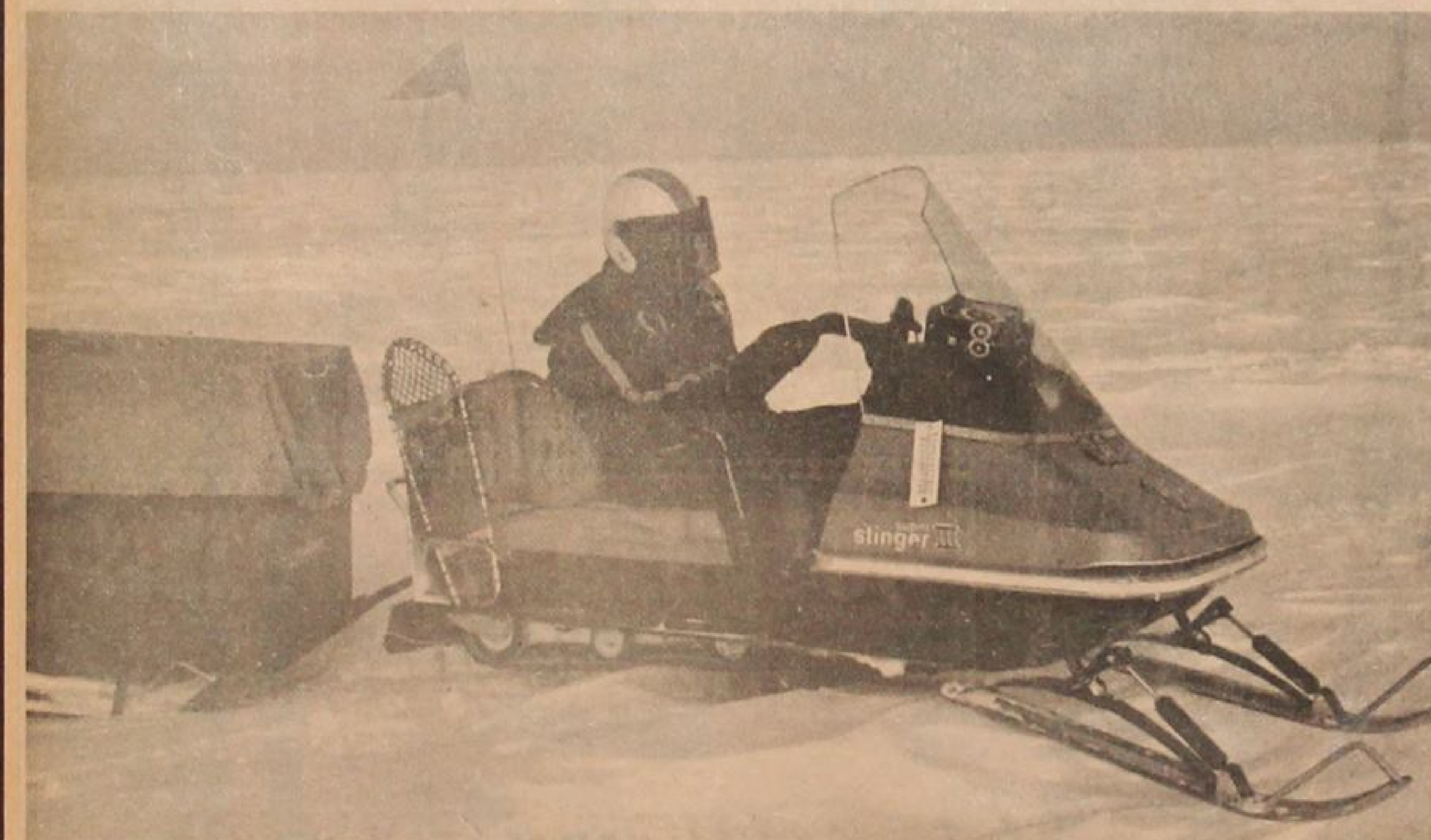


Tony DeMeester loads one of the two snowmobiles onto the trailer - the easy way. This shot was taken in Sudbury. (Mahu





The helicopter shown is a scout for a hydro caterpillar train. They, like the two snowmobilers, had trouble finding ice smooth enough to travel on. (Mahu photo)



With the James Bay ice rippling off into the distance behind them, Tony DeMeester travels in full gear. The thermometer shown on the side of the machine dropped as low as -58 degrees at times. (Mahu photo)



Charlie Mahu stands by their machines just after they have left the James Bay ice and headed into the muskeg. The trees, or brush, in the background never grow any bigger than they are there, and have very limited foliage. (DeMeester photo).

# Snowmobilers <sup>MARCH</sup> <sup>1972</sup> Helped by Locals

Charlie Mahu and Tony DeMeester, who crossed 1,008 miles of North country between Cochrane and Kashatchewan in February, say that they would have been lost without the help of local people.

"If it hadn't been for the friendliness of the people in the north, our trip would have been almost impossible," they say.

They want to thank various people that went out of their way to help the travellers from the south:

Thanks to Andre Noel, the Scorpion dealer in Cochrane; to Cec Fletcher, Crest Hardware dealer in that city; to Bert Hutchison, Chief Ranger for the Department of Lands and Forests "for his valuable advice"; to Red Pinell, of Fraserdale; to Lily and Barry Bradley, of the Polar Bear Lodge, Moosonee.

They thank the O.P.P. in Cochrane and Moosonee; special thanks to Father

J. Baril, O.M.I., the head pastor of the Christ the King Church and Mission in Moosonee; to Gerald Bald, the head driver of the Albany Mission Train; to Father Pepin, pastor of the Fort Albany Roman Catholic Church.

Thanks to Ken Allen of Kashatchewan, principal of the school there, and to all of the teachers, especially Charlie's cousin, Shirley; to Chief Willy Wesley of Albany.

The men especially are grateful to the telephone operators of the Ontario Northland Radio- "without their assistance in relaying messages our communications would have been impossible"; to the manager and assistant at the Bay Store in Kashatchewan.

On the home front, Mr. Mahu and Mr. DeMeester thank Scorpion Manufacturers in Crosby, Minnesota; H.L. Turner Distributors, in Blenheim; and Master Feeds in Springford.

1872 TILLSONBURG 1972

100th Birthday  
Celebrations

*Thursday, March 2, 1972*  
2:00 p.m.

COMMEMORATING THE INCORPORATION  
OF THE TOWN OF TILLSONBURG  
MARCH 2, 1872



## Centennial Songs

### TILLSONBURG TOWN

#### BY SALLY SEGHERS

Tillsonburg, they call it Tillsonburg,  
You've never lived till you've been there.  
Tillsonburg, heart of tobaccoland,  
It's our centennial this year.  
Sing it out, come on and shout it out,  
We're proud to live in this great town.  
It's been really great, the future's even brighter,  
Let's stand up and cheer.

#### BY SISTER M. ROSARY

1. There is joy in our hearts as we gather around  
In praise of our brave pioneers,  
Tillson, VanNorman are names we'll revere  
In this, our centennial year.  
Chorus: Tillsonburg town, we are proud to belong,  
And call this our own home town.  
May blessings descend and remain to the end  
In this our centennial year.
2. There are neat, tidy homes, many prosperous stores.  
Our main street's the talk of the town.  
Old friends and new friends, come sing and rejoice,  
In this, our centennial year.
3. Many lessons we learn from our early pioneers.  
Through hardships they toiled without fear.  
May we with courage advance projects here,  
And make this a wonderful year.

#### BY MERNA BENNETT

Tillsonburg, with the wide main street,  
Centennial, hear the marching feet.  
Come from near and come from far,  
By train, by bus or plane or car.  
Come live it up in Tillsonburg.  
Shake hands with friends on old Broadway,  
Where folks are happy to work and love and play.  
Tillsonburg, the welcome's out.  
Tillsonburg, sing, dance and shout.  
Come ye all to tobacco town;  
Come celebrate, don't wear a frown.  
It's Tillsonburg's centennial year.  
Tillsonburg, with the wide main street;  
Tillsonburg, hear the marching feet;  
Tillsonburg just can't be beat.

## 100th Birthday Program

O CANADA

OPENING PRAYER--Rev. Wm. Hockin,  
Tillsonburg Ministerial Association

OPENING REMARKS--Mr. Jim Jones, Chairman,  
Centennial Committee

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS--Mayor Andy Balazs

REMARKS--Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP, Oxford  
Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, MP, Oxford

CENTENNIAL SONG--St. Mary's School Choir

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES-- Centennial Competitions

Bumper Stickers: 1. Robin Albright  
2. Mary Elizabeth Stephenson 3. Sharon Hutchison

Crest: 1. Bill Sergeant 2. Allan Chalk 3. Jean D'Arcy

Songs: 1. Sally Seghers and Sister M. Rosary 3. Merna Bennett

CENTENNIAL SONG--Rolph Street School Choir

PROCLAMATION (1872)--Read by Hon. Dalton Bales,  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Ontario.

CENTENNIAL SONG--Glendale High School Band under Terry Hanyk

PRAYER--Father J. E. Brisson

CAKE CUTTING AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY

100-Gun Salute and Lighting of Centennial Sign

Scouts and Guides handing out cake.

Release of helium filled balloons by children.

All are invited to have birthday cake and coffee.

## Special Guests:

William Allen, Mayor, Woodstock;  
Clair G. Minler, Warden, Oxford  
Forest Moore, Mayor, Aylmer  
Lou Barrett, Reeve, Dereham  
Paul DePlancke, Reeve, Middleton  
J. L. Dennis, Reeve, Bayham

W. J. Martin, Reeve, South Norwich  
Arn Sayeau, Mayor, Delhi  
G. B. Henry, Mayor, Ingersoll  
Miss Brenda Soper, Centennial Queen  
Victor Tillson  
Ted Tillson

## And Former Tillsonburg Mayors:

Roger Hawkins, 1953-1954-1955  
E. S. Vance, 1960-1961-1962  
B. R. P. Jones, 1967-1968-1969  
Laverne Currie, 1948-1949

Lawrence Smith, 1956-1957-1958-1959  
Clare Esseltine, 1963-1964-1965-1966  
J. C. Eichenberg, 1945-1946  
G. H. Hollier, 1925-1926

## Your Town 1972

MAYOR, Andrew Balazs  
REEVE, K. W. Webster  
DEPUTY-REEVE, J. S. Wilkinson

COUNCILLORS, J. Armstrong, R. Ravin, Mrs. S. E. Sergeant, F. Rubie, M. Alabastine, W. Bennett. Town Clerk and Treasurer, Kenneth E. Holland; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Clair L. Rush; Chief Constable, T. L. Corbett; Industrial Commissioner, G. W. Layne; Building Inspector, Jules Covey; Tax Collector, Clair L. Rush; Fire Chief, W. E. Tully; Superintendent of Works, J. E. Hornsby; Foreman of Works, Mansell Schweyer; Director of Recreation, John Hunter.

## Your Town 1872

Mayor, E. D. Tillson  
Reeve, T. B. Bain

Councillors, L. C. Sinclair, John Thompson, W. C. Darrow, G. B. Tillson, Elias Burgess, J. Waterhouse, George Younie, Charles Hill, John H. Snyder.

Clerk, John Secord  
Treasurer, John Garnett  
Assessor, W. S. Law  
Collector, S. B. W. Carpenter  
Licence Inspector, Richard Williams  
Poundkeeper, P. Falle

Overseer of highways and street inspector, R. T. Patrick  
Fence viewers, Jacob Amberger, Arch. McLaren, Amos Weeks  
Librarian, George Taylor  
Chief Constable, Hy Boughner

School Board, John Thompson, chairman; Wm. McDonald, T. B. Bain, T. T. Brown, John Dewar, R. H. Armstrong.



Tillsonburg Mayor Andy Balazs makes a slice in the giant birthday cake commemorating Tillsonburg's 100th

birthday. The cake was divided and given to hundreds of residents on hand at the town hall to join the celebrations.

Songs, balloons galore

# Tillsonburg centennial begins

By GENE FLORCYK  
of The Free Press

TILLSONBURG — Part of the lyrics to an original centennial song went:

"Tillsonburg, they call it Tillsonburg,  
You've never lived till you've been there.  
Sing it out, come on and shout it out,  
We're proud to live in this great town."

And sing it out and shout it out residents of this town in the middle of the tobacco belt did Thursday, braving a 15-degree temperature and a biting wind."

The occasion was the town's 100th birthday, and just about the whole town turned

out at the town hall to share a huge cake and to join in receiving the well-wishes of municipal, provincial and federal dignitaries.

For the children the 100th anniversary of the town's incorporation held an added benefit — a day off from school.

The day launched a schedule of events through the remainder of the year, which includes an old-home period during the summer.

The zest with which town residents expressed their pride was evident from the opening remarks by centennial committee chairman Jim Jones, and the introduction of guest by Mayor Andy Balazs.

Bringing greetings from Premier William Davis and Prime Minister Trudeau were Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP (PC—Oxford), provincial Agriculture Minister William Stewart substituted for Justice Minister Dalton Bales and read the original proclamation of incorporation, decreed in 1872.

And to top it off, the townfolk made sure everyone along the north shore of Lake Erie to the west — and possibly across the lake — knew that it was Tillsonburg's birthday.

Hundreds of helium-filled centennial balloons were released from a truck and were lofted quickly by the brisk northeast wind.



This landmark will disappear next month to make way for a modern bank building to be occupied by The Bank of Nova Scotia. Included in the plans will be a new store for Boys Electirc, who have occupied the corner for 23 years. The Boys firm will temporarily move to the Charters building, located at the north end of Broadway. *Mar 172*



Broadway - West Side

## Tillsonburg Centennial

1872 — 1972

### DATES OF DESTINY

- 1782 — Founder Born  
Enfield Massachusetts
- 1825 — Site Named Dereham Forge
- 1837 — Name Changed to Tillsonburg
- 1872 — INCORPORATION
- 1972 — CENTENNIAL



Emergency Hospital,  
Tillsonburg, Ont.

## Centennial Nut Pack

FRESH ROASTED BY  
COYLE'S PRODUCTS LIMITED

Tillsonburg's Oldest Incorporated  
Manufacturing Company

1924 - 1972

PACK INGREDIENTS - Nuts, Roasted in Pure Peanut  
Oil and Salted.

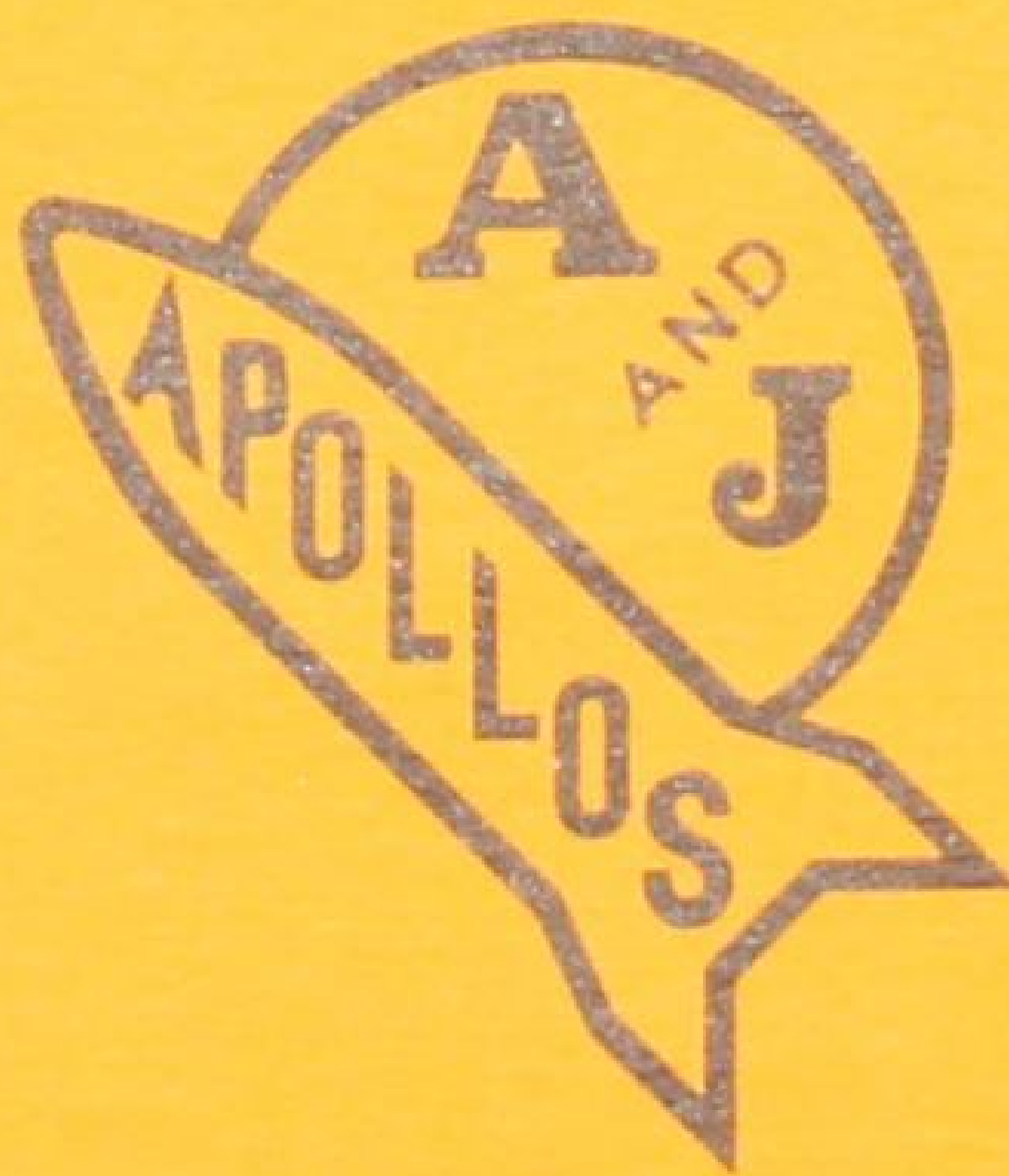
Net Weight 15 oz.



# Intermediate Hockey

## 1972

### CENTENNIAL PROGRAM



25¢



A special promotion by the Tillsonburg IGA store in January gave customers an opportunity to participate in a donation to the Community Centre fund. A percentage of the amount of cash register tapes placed in boxes at the checkout stations was given, and the total amount received was \$1,575. At left is Charles Sangster, store manager, presenting the money to Ken Holland. Two of the many hundreds of customers who deposited tapes are Mrs. Murray Ross and Mrs. Richard Leadsom, centre.

## OTTERVILLE NEWS

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Downing entertained all members of their family to dinner on Sunday and guests present were Miss Joan Downing of Ottawa; Mr. and Mrs. David Downing and daughter Sarah of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Downing and son Marc of London; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downing and daughter Naomi of London and Miss Janet Downing of Otterville. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Moles of Ancaster were also present. Mrs. Moles is a sister of Dr. G. M. Downing.



The Oxford South District of the Women's Institute celebrated their 75th anniversary recently. A highlight of the day was a cake-cutting ceremony. Shown, left to right, are Mrs. William Dawson; Tillsonburg, Mrs. Mervin Hicks, RR 7 Tillsonburg president; Mrs. Joseph Cattell, of New Road, a past district president; and Mrs. William Addison of Otterville, past district secretary. *April 1972*

## Rev. C. Leach Retires From U.C. Ministry *April 1972*

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. Cyril Leach, minister of the Otterville pastoral charge, resigned his position from the ministry of that charge due to ill health, at an official meeting of the charge in the United Church on Monday evening.

Rev. and Mrs. Leach have been co-workers on the three-point charge for the past three years in July. Due to illness, Rev. Leach has been a patient in Woodstock hospital, and has been advised by his doctor to retire.

## Friendship Meeting Held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Fred Osborne of Delhi was guest speaker at a friendship meeting in St. John's Anglican Church, and gave an interesting and timely message on "Faith, Love and Truth." *April 19/72*

The speaker was introduced and thanked by president Mrs. Fred Howse of the Guild who were hosts to the ladies of village churches and area, St. Charles, Norwich, Delhi and Tillsonburg.

Mrs. Howse presided for the worship service. Members taking part were Mrs. Howse, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Miss Edna Furlong, Mrs. Jack Riste, and Mrs. Emma Strudwick.

Three members of the choir Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Jack Freeland, sang a trio number with Mrs. Nate McMullen, as accompanist. Offering was presented by Mrs. William

Howse and Miss Doreen Howse.

Mrs. Derwood Spicer and Mrs. Ronald Smith had charge of the guest register at the door and presented each lady with her name decorated with a dainty corsage.

Service closed with prayer and a hymn and guests were invited to the parish hall where Mrs. Jack Freeland played selections on the electric organ. They were met at the door by Mrs. Fred Howse.

Mrs. Elmer Almost, owner of Almost's Flowers and Gift Shop, was guest speaker for this part of the program. She arranged several pieces of flowers and also gave the ladies many ideas in flower care. Several arrangements were won at the close of the evening.

At the close of the evening, Guild members served a dainty lunch.

### GRENVILLE HOOKER

Grenville Hooker, a native of Otterville died at his home in Craik, Sask. He was 80 years. He is survived by one son Allan of Davis, California.

He was the last member of his immediate family. He was predeceased by his wife and four brothers. Funeral services were held at Craig, Sask. *April 1972*

Mrs. John Ryder, Stover St. South reminded us last week, when we were complaining about the weather. This is not the first year to have cold and snow in April. You just don't remember from year to year. In April 9th, 1948 her father, the late Mr. Yates was resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence and at 10 p.m. there were just a few snow flurries, but by 10 a.m. April 10th, the day of Mr. Yate's funeral the roads were blocked, even the Highway from Otterville to Norwich and relatives were unable to attend. However by April 13, the snow had pretty much melted and farmers were preparing for Spring seeding, so we may all take hope. *April 1972*

## Accidents

Thomas R. Allen, of Otterville was pronounced in satisfactory condition Thursday following a two-car collision in North Norwich Wednesday. He is under treatment for head injuries at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. *April 72*

Driver of the other car was Mrs. Norma Aileen Hill, of 494 Topping Lane, London. She was brought to TDMH and later taken to St Joseph's Hospital in London with a leg cut.

Provincial police said the accident occurred at the junction of County Road 18 and the Middle Town Line in North Norwich.



Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177 marked their 55th anniversary on Tuesday evening, April 25, with a banquet at Avondale United Church. Among those who attended the event were, bottom, left to right, Helen Bowman, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Irene McDonough, noble grand of Myrtle Lodge, and Mabel Mabee, past president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario. Back row, left to right, Helen Thompson, district deputy president of east Elgin district No. 17; Bessie Davis, Assembly marshal of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Theresa Rouse, charter member of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge; and Mayme Oldridge, vice-grand of Myrtle Lodge.

Regular meeting of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge No. 177 was held Tuesday evening with Noble Grand Irene McDonough presiding and 31 visitors and 51 members present. All officers were present.

Sister Mary Pryde reminded members of the rummage sale on Friday, April 14, at the Orange Hall. Door will open at 1 p.m.

A report of the CP&T meeting was read by Mayme Oldridge, vice-grand.

Aylmer will celebrate their 51st birthday on May 18 and Myrtle Rebekah Lodge birthday party is Tuesday, April 25.

Mayme Oldridge, for the visiting committee, reported a thinking-of-you to be sent to Sister Irene Roberts of Ingersoll, who has been very ill; get well card to Sister Alice Arthur in hospital; flowers to Sister Faye Service and Brother Albert Markham, in hospital; and sympathy flowers to Sister Rene Osborne. It was reported that Sister Edna Hilliker had slipped and hurt her knee. Happy Birthday was sung

to Sister Irene Jackson and Jean Krafft.

The evening marked the official visit of Sister Helen Thompson, district deputy president of East St. Thomas district No. 17. She was introduced by noble grand McDonough and reminded members of the president's project, the educational fund. She also stressed that Lodges should visit more among themselves, and thanked Myrtle Lodge for their support during the year. She closed with poems "The Ten Commandments to Happiness" and "Are you an active member."

The evening was also a special night for Sister Bessie Davis, Marshall of the Assembly of Ontario, who was surprised as Mabel Mabee, past president of the Assembly, read "This is Your Life" which was much enjoyed by all. Irene McDonough presented her with a beautiful gift, for which she expressed her gratitude.

A delicious potluck lunch was enjoyed.

## Turkey Supper Wednesday Night

OTTERVILLE (C) — Final plans were made at a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste for the annual turkey supper sponsored by St. John's Church Club for the past several years with members of St. John's Guild assisting. The event will be held Wednesday April 5, with serving at 5, 6 and 7 p.m.

### MRS. HERBERT WARDLE

Mrs. Herbert Wardle of Otterville the former Ruby Irvine passed away in the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday where she had been a patient for the past three months. *April 1972*

Mrs. Wardle was born in South Norwich Township. She was an adherent of the Otterville Baptist Church and attended as long as health permitted.

Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Wally (Marie) Lawrence Kerwood; Mrs. Erin (Eva) Pittman, Mexico; Mrs. James (Betty) Armstrong, Brantford.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville with Rev. David Blayney, Pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church in charge.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist. Among the floral arrangements were memorial tributes to Gideon Bible and Heart Foundation.

The casket bearers were Fred Pinnoy, Jack Walters, Roy Bee-mer and Norman Riches.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

(April 10th, 1952)

Surrounded by scores of gifts, flowers and congratulatory messages from a host of friends, Mrs. William Steinhoff, Otterville, celebrated her 90th birthday Friday.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO April 17, 1952

Tillsonburg Livingstons won the Canadian Senior Basketball Championship on Friday night. They will play either the Mustangs or the Golden Bear in the Olympic trials.

Otterville - Howard Petch, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch, has been awarded another scholarship of \$1,200 by the National Research Council. This is the fourth scholarship Mr. Petch has been awarded since 1949, the first one being for \$750.

Otterville - A new drinking fountain will soon be installed on Main St., near the Royal Bank.

# Happy Bluebirds Mark Twenty-Fourth Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Happy Bluebird Club is 24 years old and through the years has made favourable progress. To commemorate this event a party was held in the newly re-conditioned hall at Cornell on Tuesday, April 18, attended by 55 members and friends. 1972

President, Mrs. Harold Pearce, and secretary, Mrs. Harold Waring, opened the meeting.

The first president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided for the Program. "The Bluebird Song," by Mrs. Sam Worrall of Norwich, was sung.

Each president was introduced and welcomed, Mrs. Daisy Ash, Mrs. John Pritchard, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Mrs. Fred Pearce, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Elmer Almost, Mrs. Britstol Roswell, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency, and Mrs. Harold Pearce. Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Roswell and Mrs. Almost were absent. Each one present told of some incident which had happened during their term of office.

Sandra Wilson gave a number of selections on the piano accordion, and readings were given by Mrs. George Lowe, Mrs. Douglas Carroll and Mrs. Harold Pearce. Mrs. Ruth Collver, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Norman McClintock, sang several numbers and the Adlington sisters sang a number accompanied at the piano by their mother, Mrs. Ross Adlington.

Mrs. Ash spoke briefly and told of the first meeting and the organization of the club at which time Mrs. George Hurley of Tillsonburg was present. Mrs. Hurley was also present at the party.

Mrs. Harry Lee gave several selections on the mouth organ and Mrs. Harold Waring gave whistling numbers. Both were accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jack Freeland.

A skit, presented by Mrs. Daisy Ash and Mrs. Harry Lee, was most entertaining and brought hearty applause.

Two contests, conducted by Mrs. Harold Waring, were enjoyed. The first one was

making the most number of words from "The Happy Bluebirds," and the second, "A Pie Contest." All enjoyed making and modelling a hat from newspapers and were treated to candy.

By request, many were dressed in centennial costume.

Following the program, guests were invited to the basement where tables of goodies awaited them, centred with birthday cakes and floral arrangements.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency for the nearest date to her wedding anniversary; birthday, Mrs. Donald Morris; and lucky cup, Mrs. Jack Freeland.

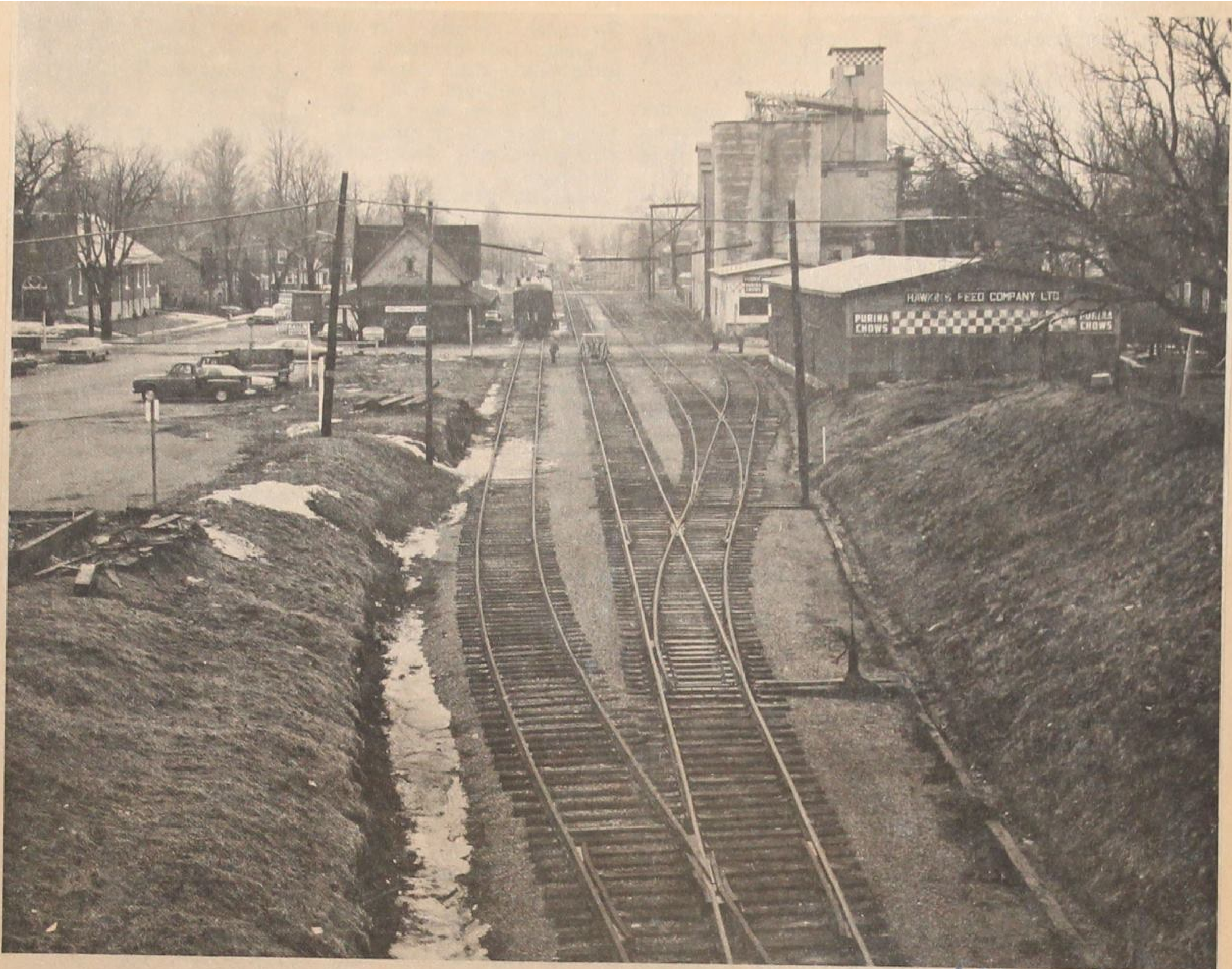
Evening was much enjoyed by everyone and many compliments were given the Cornell group on their lovely, new hall.



Waiting for prices to be announced- But the waiting will be over at the conclusion of today's market, as the last of the 1971 crop will be sold. The final average price will be considerably lower than has been hoped throughout the market, probably very close to 65 cents a pound, and likely .1 or .15 cents lower than the final price last year. LYLE + BETTY JEAN DAVIS

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If you are historically minded, you might put this one in your scrapbook, as the scene here will change in the not too distant future. Trackage of the CNR, together with the railway

station and the overhead bridge from which the photo was taken will disappear if negotiations with the railroads and the town are concluded.

APRIL - 1972.



Mrs. Maude Lowrie of Stonecrest Lodge in Tillsonburg celebrated her 95th birthday on Friday, May 5.

## Celebrates 95th Birthday

Maude Lowrie, of Stonecrest Lodge in Tillsonburg, celebrated her 95th birthday last Friday. Mrs. Lowrie is very active at the Lodge.

Her memory is remarkable. She recites the following poem, about the 1893 murder of Fred Benwell by J.R. Birchall that took place in the Woodstock area:

### The Life of J.R. Birchall

My name is J.R. Birchall, my name I'll never deny,  
I left my aged parents, and came out here to die.  
But little did I wonder, when in my youthful bloom  
I would be taken to the scaffold to meet my fatal doom.  
My wife, she came to see me to bid me last farewell,  
She threw her arms around me and wept most bitterly,  
She said 'My darling, must and you surely got to die  
For the murder of F.G.

Benwell upon the gallows high.

Now Benwell, he was young, and in the prime of life  
He came out here to Canada to lead an honest life.

But Birchall he betrayed him, and led him to the swamp  
And there he drew the pistol, and Benwell he did drop.  
I tried to play off innocent, but I found it was no use  
All nations were against me, I proved to have no show.

Judge McMahon read the sentence, the Clerk he wrote it down.

So to the scaffold I must go to meet my fatal doom.

At half-past-eight next morning, I knew my doom was near.

I plucked up all my courage, and bore it to the end,  
And when the words were spoken, the words 'Thy will be done',

The trap door it was hoisted, and Birchall, he was hanged.

### ERNEST W. M. BRUCE

Ernest William Matthew Bruce, aged 63 years of 38 Centre St., Norwich, passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital in Sunday, May 7, 1972, following a short illness.

He was born in Hertfordshire, England, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bruce and at the age of 10 months came with his parents to Otterville. Later moved to Woodstock for to

work in the Woodstock area, where he resided. He was an employee of Norwich District Co-Operative (U.C.O.) and a member of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich.

Surviving are his wife, the former Vera Dodsley; one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Harrison, Norwich; five sons, James, John and Donald, all of Norwich; Ernest of London and Arthur of Corunna. One sister, Mrs. Hiram Mitchell, Norwich. Thirteen grand children also survive.

The funeral service was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence on Tuesday, May 9th at 3 p.m. with Rev. Herb Herring of Holy Trinity Church officiating.

During the service Roland Midland of St. Thomas sang, "In the Garden" and also accompanied himself at the piano.

The bearers were Fred Sherman, Reginald Walters, James Alexander, Andy DeHondt, Bruce Durham, Erland Dymont.

### James Kerr

James Reginald (Reg) Kerr of 79 Teeple St. Woodstock, died at the Woodstock General Hospital on Tuesday, May 16, 1972.

Born at Campbellford, Ont., he was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Kerr. He had resided most of his life in the Tillsonburg and Otterville districts before going to Woodstock eight years ago.

He was a school crossing guard in the city for the past six years. He was a member of Tecumseh Lodge, IOOF, Otterville. He was the past chief patriarch of Maple Leaf Encampment, Woodstock, and a member of Canton Ingersoll 19.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. William (Nina) Stevenson, Mrs. Gerald (Leta) Eckhardt of Cheboygan, Mich.; two brothers, Clifford Kerr of Mount Hope and Charles Kerr of London.

Friends were received at the M. D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home where the complete funeral service was held on Friday at 1:30 p.m. Rev. W. B. Wigmore of Old St. Paul's Anglican Church officiated. Interment in the Otter Cemetery. There was an Odd Fellows Lodge service at the funeral home on Thursday at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Woodstock Lodge 269 IOOF.

# McLuhan dumbfounded at notion of North American's uniqueness



William S. Adili of 878 Dundas St., London, is one of millions of North Americans who according to Marshall McLuhan, seek and find privacy in a car.

By JIM ETHERINGTON  
of The Free Press

OTTERVILLE — The North American automobile is designed and used for an entirely different purpose from those almost anywhere else in the world, Marshall McLuhan, the high priest of communication theory, said here Saturday night.

While the European and most other persons regard the car as a plaything, the North American considers it as "the ultimate sense of privacy," he said.

"Nowhere else in the world do they make cars for this purpose."

McLuhan was speaking to about 75 participants in a weekend conference at Innisfree Farm east of Otterville, discussing the ideas and teachings of Dr. Harold Innis, former dean of graduate studies and a professor of political economics at the University of Toronto.

McLuhan called a "flabbergasting discovery" the concept that North Americans are absolutely unique in space orientation.

"North Americans have always gone out to be alone and etoain etoain etoain people," he said.

This is the opposite of the European, who enjoys his privacy in his home and leaves it to be with people. The European accepts advertising in his movie theatres because it is a public experience for him, he said, while the North American will not accept it, as going to the movies for him is a private act.

Since we leave the home to be alone, he said, the North American will not use public transportation "except with violent protest."

The Innisfree conference centre is housed in a year-old building of glass and wood and is used as an academic retreat by various groups. The centre is operated by the Harold Innis Foundation, of Toronto, a non-profit organization that aids the fledging free-structured Innis College at U of T.

Dr. Innis, who died in 1952, was an early scholar of much of what McLuhan writes and talks about.

Turning to his favorite topic, McLuhan referred to the many lifetimes each of us lives today because of the whirlwind of communication technology available.

"Today, every kid has available for

nothing a multi-billion-dollar service environment," McLuhan said.

If science tomorrow said it had perfected a way for each of us to live to be 300 or 400 years old, he asked, what effects would this have on our educational institutions? And yet during the next five years everyone will live several thousand years mythically, he said.

The hangup of the television generation is that it wants to relate and we're not offering it a thing to which to relate.

"Twentieth century man runs down the street shouting, 'I've got the answers, where are the questions?'" McLuhan said in stressing that what is important today is the question, not the answer.

The Toronto garbage strike is not a matter of providing more money, it is a question of role-playing, he said.

"They don't want jobs, they want roles."

On another favorite topic, he said the moon, because of man's invasion of it through technology, is "an old suburb."

"The moon is dead as far as romance is concerned . . . the man in the moon can go blow."

During the weekend conference, speakers including Mel Watkins, leader of the NDP Waffle group, explored the theories of Dr. Innis. McLuhan was already an established author before he met Innis, but their points of view interlock.

As McLuhan concluded his speech, someone from the floor asked him why it was that he is so well known and Innis was little known.

McLuhan said it was because Innis didn't "put on" people like he does.

"As a shameless Scot I don't hesitate to put on the public," he said frankly. "Innis had too much respect for the academic community to put it on."

He ended by observing that violence results from a fear of erosion of the psyche.

"Violence such as we have never seen on this planet will take place in the next 10 years," he warned, "because the human psyche is in danger of extinction."

The foundation hopes to have the centre used often as a retreat for different groups of people. The farmhouse on the property is to be renovated as a library for Innis works.



# Anglicans Attend Service Of Witness

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There the group was met by the London police pipe band who piped them to St. Pauls Cathedral where the Oxford Deanery family service of witness was held.

The group was received by the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Dean Keefe.

The service was conducted by the Rural Dean, Ralph Sadlier of Ingersoll.

Anthem selections were given by the Cathedral boys choir who are going to England this summer on tour.

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Premier Davis is confronted by Miss Joan Downing, 21 of Otterville, a Carleton University student. She asked why university fees went up. *May 25 1972*



A Community Services Directory, compiled by the Canada Manpower Centre and the Committee of the Unemployed, a works project under the Local Initiatives Program, is now off the press. Murray Wardell, project co-ordinator, is shown, left, presenting a copy to Mayor Andy Balazs. The town and The Tillsonburg News co-operated with the committee in having the booklets printed. Listed are key people in municipal and other government services and organizations in the area. Copies are available at Canada Manpower, the town hall and The Tillsonburg News.

ST CHARLES ANGLICAN CHURCH

You are invited to attend -----

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS in St Charles Church Dereham

on  
SUNDAY MAY 21st 1972 at 2.00 pm E.D.S.T.....

ORDER OF SERVICE

Hymn 466  
Family Prayer...P.B.p 730  
Psalm 145  
Prayers  
Lesson...St.John 14:15 --  
Hymn 337  
Sermon...The Ven. Archdeacon F.Ritchie.  
Offertory.  
Dedication of Altar..(memory Edna Hughes)  
" " Cathedra..(Wm Freeland)  
" " Sedilia... (F.Grimmett).....by Archdeacon.  
  
Dedication of Prayer desks (Mr &Mrs O.Fewster,  
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Dedication of the Font..(Elizabeth Lossing)  
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Dedication of Bible...(H.Austin)  
" " Hymn Board..donated Marsha Eoker.  
  
Dedication of Altar Book and Communion Cruets (F.Grimmett)  
  
Prayer of Commendation  
Benediction  
Hymn 344

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We sincerely hope to see you there on the 21st.

In His Name,

*Heb Herring*

Rev Heb Herring

# Dan Blocker, Bonanza's 'Hoss', dies

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Dan Blocker, the hulking Texan who as Hoss Cartwright helped rule a television rangeland on the western epic Bonanza, is dead at 43.

Blocker, whose 300-pound and bouncer-style character made him a favorite with the series' TV viewers in 70 countries, died in hospital Saturday night of complications following an operation earlier in the month.

He had been released after surgery for a gall bladder problem May 1 but suffered a subsequent infection, a family spokesman said. He died of a blood clot in the lung after he had gone to hospital in the morning complaining of shortness of breath. His wife and daughter were with him when he died.

The actor blended humor, sensitivity and powerfulness both on and off the TV screen.

Raised in West Texas, where in Bowie County he was legend as the biggest baby ever born—14 pounds—he once observed that he had never lost a fistfight and that the local toughs gave up trying to pick one when he was about 13.

At age 12 he already stood more than six foot and tipped the scales past 200 pounds. He exceeded military size standards, but the United States Army said he'd do and he saw

combat infantry experience as a sergeant in Korea, although he complained the army didn't give him big enough boots.

His size also paid his way to college, through a football scholarship, and gave him his first acting job—a non-speaking part that called for a big man strong enough to carry dead bodies around.

Despite making \$15,000 a show on the NBC series and another \$15,000 a rerun, a salary that made him a millionaire in one of television's longest series, he talked wistfully of going back to teaching.

"Let's face it, I sold out for money," he once remarked.

Although he maintained a home in Los Angeles, he took his family to live in Switzerland last year, explaining he'd gone wild over the Swiss landscape after seeing photographs in a magazine.

Denying that the move abroad saved him taxes, he added: "My only objection is how my tax money is being used. Instead of going for highways and the environment and the social programs we need so badly, it's being used to drop napalm on people in Southeast Asia."

He was married in 1952 to his childhood sweetheart, Dolphia Parker, who stood five

feet-three inches beside his 6-4. They had two sons and two daughters.

"His sudden loss comes as such a great personal shock to me that I cannot properly put it into mere words," said Lorne Greene, who played Hoss' father, Ben Cartwright, on Bonanza. "Our personal relationship was like that of brothers or a father and son," the Ottawa-born Greene said.

Hoss first appeared on television in 1959 while doing a bit acting and substitute teaching at nearby Glendale as he worked on a degree in education at the University of California at Los Angeles. He caught on immediately.

Delighting in story-telling with his Texas drawl, he liked to say he couldn't hurt a cook's feelings by turning down a meal and made light of his weight.

"Can hardly remember when I didn't weigh at least 200 pounds," he said once. "Never worried me, though my folks thought about it, I guess. Once when I was about 10 and weighed 200, they put me in the car and took me to a pediatrician in Lubbock, Tex.

"He examined and said, 'There's nothing wrong with this boy. He's just going to be a big son of a gun.'"



*Set May* DAN BLOCKER *13<sup>th</sup>/72*  
... blood clot fatal

## Blocker buried early

DEKALB, Tex. (AP) — Dan Blocker, the man millions knew as television's Hoss Cartwright, was buried in a three-minute ceremony held Wednesday two hours ahead of scheduled time here in his hometown in northeast Texas.

"That was the way he wanted it," said one of the family. "He was a public figure but a private man."

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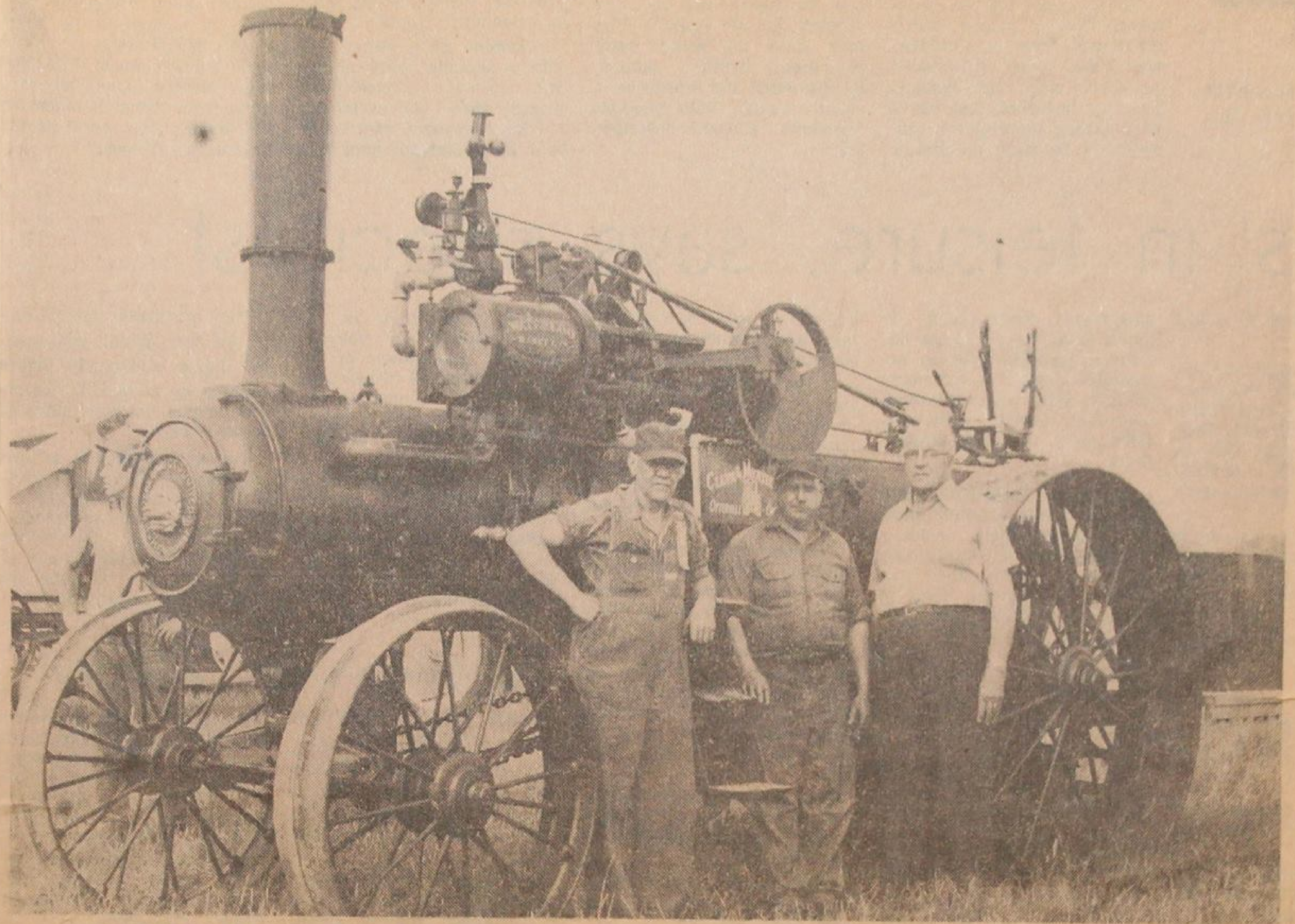
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*I didn't get there all*



An early thresher, Lloyd Beckham of Beckham Ltd., now a Woodstock area farm implement dealer, Friday located a 1916 Waterloo Manufacturing Company engine he had once used to thresh with. It was on display at the

first day of the three-day historical show of Norwich and District Historical Society. From left are William McMullen, Otterville, who helped restore the engine, Clark Dell of Otterville, the present owner, and Mr. Beckham.

## Norwich historical show opens *June 2, 3 & 4* Steam engines 'alive' to devotees *1972*

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

NORWICH—The feeling that steam engines "live" is what attracts people to them Lloyd Beckham explained Friday, at the opening of a three-day Norwich historical show.

Steam engines, Mr. Beckham said, depend on the operators to keep the fires going. The gasoline engine, he said, is a different piece of machinery.

The Ingersoll man said he thinks the Norwich show, featuring steam and early agricultural implements, is likely to become one of the largest shows. He's been to Canada's largest at Saskatoon on three occasions.

One of the founders of Beckham Ltd., a

farm implement dealership just west of Woodstock, Mr. Beckham said he started operating steam engines at the age of 14 in the Harley area.

He recalled working on the Waterloo Manufacturing Company steamer being shown at the display by Clark and Myrtle Dell of Otterville. The machine, he said, was purchased in 1916 by William Derbyshire with whom he worked threshing in the Norwich-Woodstock area. The two, he said, went from farm to farm, while half a dozen neighbors pitched in to assist in combining.

By 1925, he said, the steam engines had been replaced in the area.

The 1916 Waterloo tractor, he said, was

purchased originally for \$2,000. Some restored engines, he said, now are being sold for as much as \$5,000.

Mr. Dell said the Waterloo steam engine is the only one to his knowledge that was purchased new in the Norwich area and still in existence.

The steamer and others are forming part of a daily parade of early machinery around Norwich fairgrounds. Parades, including a musical steam calliope from the Minnie Thompson Memorial Museum, Stratford, have been planned for 4 p.m. each day of the show.

Exhibits included a one-quarter-scale model Case threshing machine and engine from the National Museum of Science and Technology.

T. A. Brown, curator of the Ottawa museum, said plans are to demonstrate actual threshing of grain during the weekend. The scale model, he said, was made by the late Wally Venn, a Winnipeg fireman who worked as a mechanic as a hobby.

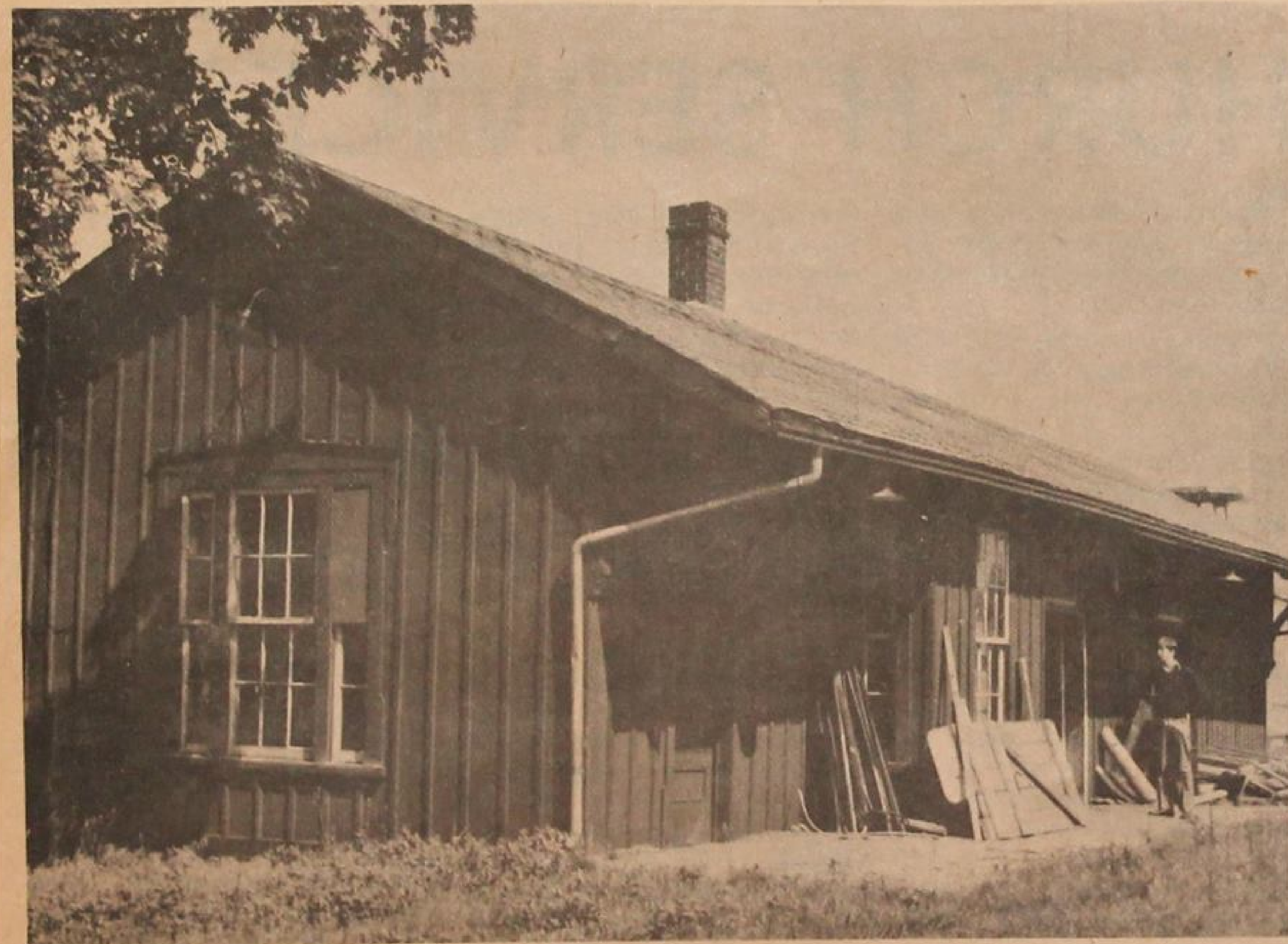
An even smaller, table-sized steamer and threshing machine, also Case models, were displayed by Frank E. Hilliker of Denver, Colo.

Displays include the operation of an early blacksmith show by Norwich Junior Farmers.

The official opening of the show is set for 1 p.m. today.



The Norwich-Otterville Lion's Club held its monthly meeting on Monday in the Otterville Park. The executive for the next year was installed at the meeting. The new executive consists of, back row, John Leitch, 2-year director; Bruce Maedel, 1-year director; John Davis, assistant Lion Tamer; Doug McSpadden, assistant tail twister; Doug De-Montmorency, Lion Tamer; and Donald Pettigrew, Tail Twister. Front row, Fred Thompson, third vice-president; Jim McLaren, first vice-president; Andy Vandenberghe, secretary; Murray Wardell, president; John Sandham, treasurer; Ralph Crittenden, past president; George Davis, second vice-president, and Nelson Gleason, bulletin editor. They were installed by Lion Mort Cooper of Tillsonburg.



In a less hectic era, the village railway station was a centre of community interest. It linked the community with the world. Then the steam locomotives vanished and local passenger service disappeared. Some area stations remain as symbols of the steam age. The Otterville station is now a warehouse. A 1940 passenger travel guide lists it as being served by a passenger train that arrived daily at 12.10 p.m. from Brantford. (Art Goodwin Photo)

**REGULAR MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH GUILD HELD**

The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held in the Parish Hall. The president, Mrs. Fred Howse presided. The meeting opened with a hymn followed with prayer. Psalm 148 was read in unison and Mrs. Jack Riste read the scripture lesson for the third Sunday after Trinity. Mrs. Fred Howse read a meditation on Summer Oasis. The roll call was answered with a scripture verse using the word "Faith." The next meeting the word will be "Angel." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Sick calls were reported and cards were signed for shut-ins.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report on the Floral Tea which was a success. It was decided that the members make new gowns for the choir members, those to be completed by Fall. *June 1972*

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The meeting closed with the members repeating a Litany of Thanksgiving followed by a hymn and the benediction.

The hosts for the afternoon, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong served a dainty lunch and a social time followed. *June - King*



*Rev. Herring  
June 1972*

Over a dozen mounted scouts, male and female, took part in a church parade Sunday afternoon at St. Charles Anglican Church between Springford and Ostrander. The service was

held on the front lawn of the church and the riders and mounts formed a line at the back of the congregation. About 12 cubs and leaders also took part in the parade and service.

## Church Parade For Mounted Scout Troop

OTTERVILLE (C) — Sunday proved to be a very happy day at St. Charles, Dereham, Anglican Church when the Springford Mounted Boy Scouts, with their leader, Larry Hicks, along with "The Venturers," Cubs and their Cub Master, Bob Wylie, and assistant leader, Harold Oke, and the girl Rangers with their leader, Joan Hicks, attended the open air church service at 2 p.m. The group numbering 40 made a very colorful show, parading from the County of Oxford grounds to St. Charles. *June 1972*

Rector Rev. H. Herring conducted the impressive service, which was attended by 75 people in perfect weather conditions.

Following the parade and placing of the flags, the service took place against a background of troop colors.

Rev. Herring gave a brief message which was based on "Scouting and its relation to new life."

After the service the Scouts with their horses performed a very fine intricate drill.

Through the medium of CFPL, London, the service and Scouts were on TV Monday evening.

Announcement was made of the auction and bake sale which will be held at the St. Charles Church Friday, June 23, at 7 p.m.

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## Retirement Party For Mrs. Fred Cole

Mrs. Fred Cole, a retired member of the teaching staff of Otterville Public School was honoured by the teachers of the local staff at a retirement party at Turkey Point.

Following the dinner the teachers spoke briefly, all admiring the work which was so well done by Mrs. Cole and each expressed their Best Wishes for a Happy Retirement to her. The guest of honour was presented with a money corsage of \$50.00.

Other events in her honour was a dinner given by the Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario Superannuation Committee and last but by no means the least was the recognition by pupils of Mrs. Cole Grade 5 and 6.

Schools where Mrs. Cole taught were Sand Valley School, Norfolk County; No. 12, Egremont School, Grey County; Kelvin, Brant County; Cornell, South Norwich Township. At this time the School Board was making a Central School in Otterville and closing Cornell, so Mrs. Cole was engaged on the School Board in Otterville where she taught for 25 years in Grade 5 room, retiring in June 1972. ✓

# Howse - Carroll Vows Exchanged

Arrangements of white mums, purple carnations, and fern decorated First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday, June 10, 1972, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Glenda Christine Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carroll of 26 Ann St., Tillsonburg, and Dale George Howse of 332 Tillson Ave., Tillsonburg, son of Mrs. Florence Howse of Otterville, and the late Mr. Keith Howse. Rev. James Taylor officiated at the pretty candlelight service. Organist was Mr. Mathews of Tillsonburg. Mrs. Michael Pepper of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride, sang The Lord's Prayer and Because, during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white, floor-length gown of polyester knit lace, styled on empire lines, with Juliet sleeves and pearl button cuffs. A sculptured lace train was attached to the shoulder. Her full, sheer, shoulder-length veil was attached to a crown of pearls, and she carried a colonial bouquet of red roses, purple statice and pink strawflowers with pink streamers.

Miss Bonnie Williams, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Seely of Tillsonburg, friend of the bride, Mrs. Joanne Waud of Woodstock and Mrs. Leona Baigent of London, both cousins of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of polyester crepe, styled on empire lines, with blue bodice and mauve and

blue scrolled skirts. Blue bows and circular streamers the same as the dress bodice formed their headdresses, and they wore wrist corsages of white and purple carnations.

Miss Karen Gallant of London, cousin of the bride, was flower girl and was gowned the same as the bride, with white ribbon entwining her ringlets. She carried a miniature bride's bouquet.

Mr. Keith Howse of Otterville, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. Larry Howse of Tillsonburg, brother of the groom, and Mr. John Esseltine of Delmer and Mr. Don Alabastine of London, both friends of the groom. Master Allin Carroll of Simcoe, cousin of the bride, was ringbearer.

Reception for 135 guests was held at the Lions Community Centre, decorated for the occasion with white and mauve streamers. Bride's table featured a three-tier wedding cake decorated with flowers to match the bridesmaids dresses and topped with a bride and groom, and the bridal bouquets. Guests' tables were decorated with silver and mauve candle holders with white candles. Waitresses were Mrs. Eleanor Beaumont, Mrs. Curtis and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Webb.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length ensemble of pink polyester cashmere, with sheer sleeves, styled on A-lines, worn with white ac-

cessories and a corsage of green roses tinted with pink. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, green, crimpolene ensemble, with long, sheer, embroidered sleeves, white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were jewellery boxes; groom's gifts were key cases.

For a wedding trip to Owen Sound and Collingwood, the

bride chose a blue flowered polyester crepe, street-length dress with short, puffed sleeves, worn with a white gardenia corsage.

Guests were present from London, Woodstock, Toronto, Simcoe, Ingersoll, Owen Sound, Thunder Bay, Otterville, Delmer and Brownsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howse are residing at 8 Baker St., Tillsonburg.



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Carroll are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Glenda to Mr. Dale Howse, youngest son of Mrs. Florence Howse and the late Mr. Keith Howse of Otterville. The wedding will take place June 10, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Tillsonburg.

## TOP ONTARIO SCHOLAR FROM OTTERVILLE

Michael Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville, top Ontario Scholar of Norwich District High School, graduated with an average of 90.1%.

Michael was offered a Scholarship from McMaster University and a Rene Descartes Bursary from the University of Waterloo. He has accepted from the latter, where he has enrolled in the Honours Mathematics Course. *June - 1972*

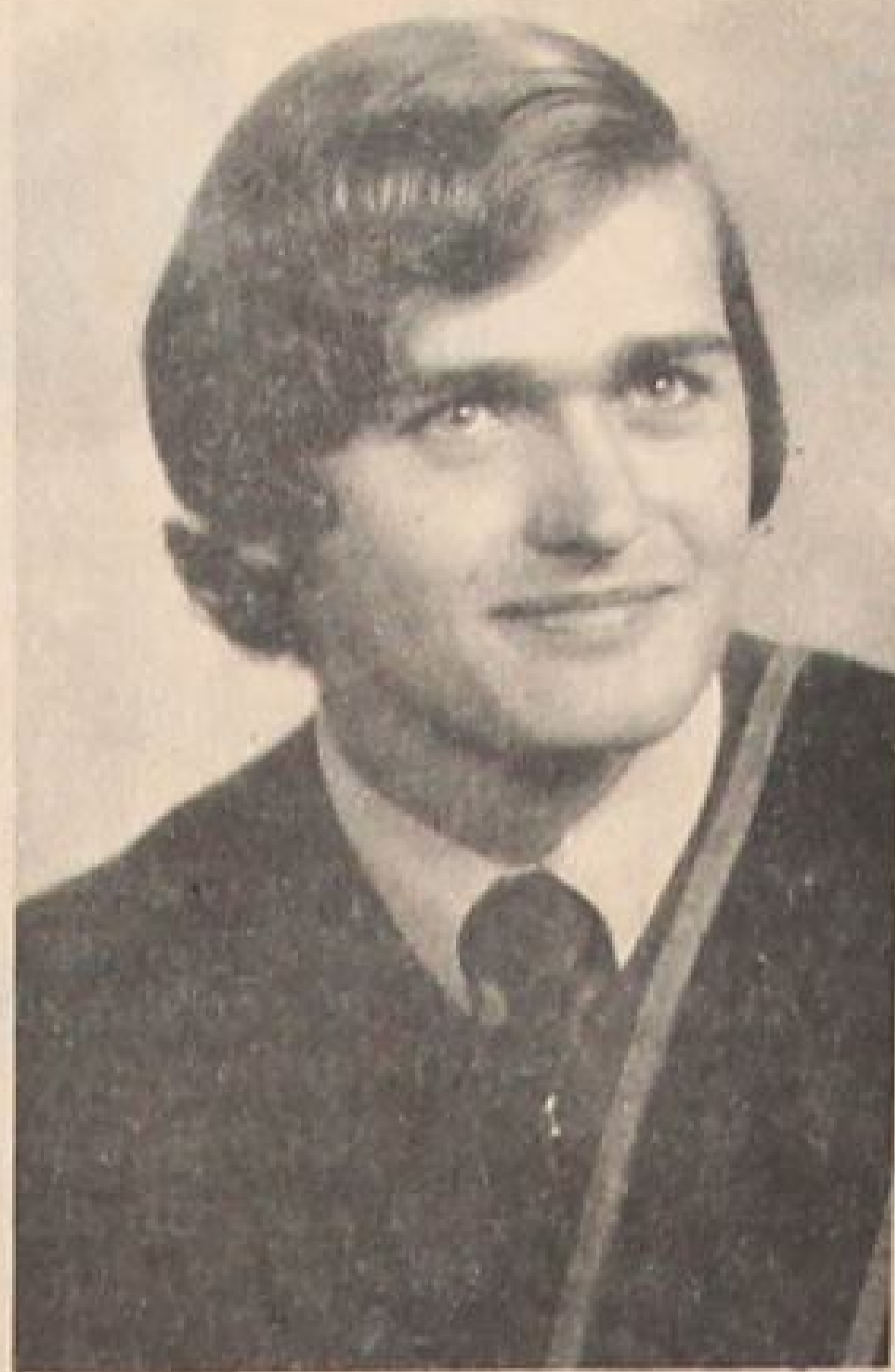
OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville, entertained 50 guests to a buffet supper served on the lawn for their daughter, Dianne, in honor of her graduation from the Branford General Hospital School of Nursing on Wednesday, June 28. */72*



MR. AND MRS. LESLIE (LES) IRVIN GEHRING

Birute (Bertha) Oma Ceika and Leslie (Les) Irvin Gehring were united in marriage at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Simcoe, on Saturday, June 17, 1972, at 3 p.m. The church was decorated with a dozen white roses on the altar and two arrangements beside the altar for the occasion. Mrs. Micheal Depner of RR 1, Wilsonville, organist, played traditional wedding music and accompanied the soloist, Rory Dodd of Port Dover, friend of the bride, who sang "Wedding Prayer" and "The Lord's Prayer" during the service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Ceika of RR 1, St. Williams, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gehring of RR 2, Otterville.



Glenn Neale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Neale of Otterville, has graduated from St. Clair College, Windsor, and has accepted a position with Conklin Lumber in Amherstburg. *June 1972*



Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Wilson of RR 1, Springford, observed their 50th wedding anniversary with 'open house' held on Sunday, June 11, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Lorne Woodford. Later on they were entertained by their family at a dinner at the Town Gate Inn. The couple were married at Springford on June 7, 1922, by the late Rev. H.D. Moore, and have farmed all their lives at RR 1, Springford. They have one son, Douglas Wilson of RR 1, Springford; one daughter, Mrs. Lorne (Jean) Woodford of RR 1, Springford; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.



June 28<sup>th</sup>  
1972

**HOLDS TEA AND BAKE SALE**

A very successful afternoon Tea and Bake Sale, A Touch and Take Table, was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Otterville and was sponsored by the members of the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

Those assisting at the tea tables pouring tea were the Financial secretaries and treasurers of seven Lodges of the district, namely Aylmer, Harrietsville, Springfield, Belmont, Tillsonburg, Delhi and Otterville.

The visitors were met at the door by the Noble Grand, Mrs. Cheryl Sitts; Vice Grand, Mrs. Vida Lees and District Deputy President, Mrs. Helen Thompson.

Assisting at the Bake table

were Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Mrs. William G. McMullen and Mrs. Fred Moore.

At the Touch and Take table were Mrs. Emfa Strudwick and Mrs. Oliver Hill.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Charles Purdy of Springfield, which was a doll donated by Mrs. Strudwick, Miss Jennifer Burst of Woodstock won the rug which was donated by Mrs. Cheryl Sitts and Mrs. Max Avey won the vase, a donation by Mrs. Carl Howse.

As the guests left the tea room they were presented with a number of handy gadgets by Mrs. Helen Thompson.

The afternoon was convened by Miss Vera Welsh and committee.

**KILLING FROST IN 1895**

**MEMORIES OF FRANK DUFFY**

The late killing frost of the past weekend in relationship to the killing frost in 1895 and this story was told from the mem-

ories of Mr. Frank Duffy of Otterville.

In 1895 a late frost, June 17th froze apples, fruits, hay, gardens and etc. Wheat was killed just coming out in head. Oats were not so far advanced. It did come late in head and produced some crop.

There was no frost in the northern part of Ontario, so a company at Ingersoll (McCannon Company) bought cattle and shipped them north.

An Uncle of Mr. Duffy, Mart

Williams of Mount Elgin was a buyer for this company He bought 60 head of cattle on his first day out. The very best of cattle were selling for three to five dollars per head.

The only alternative was starvation. One family at Newark had a string of dead stock from the barn to the woods. Horses mostly went to the fertilizer. Straw sold for \$10.00 per load. Anyone fortunate having old hay sold for \$30.00 per ton. Early the next Spring pasture

was good in April.

Tillsonburg and Port Burwell railways were built that Fall. They paid \$2.50 a day for a man and a team of horses; \$1.00 per day for a man and he had to board himself.

Mr. Duffy was born at Newark, 5th Concession of North Norwich Township in 1880. He makes his home with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Duffy. His garden is his hobby which he enjoys getting into it early in the morning. Mr. Duffy

is admired by his many friends in his active life and the spring which he maintains in his step, as he walks to the Village each day.

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Tillsonburg's Committee of the Unemployed received word earlier this week that they have been granted extension of their Local Initiatives Program. The program, initially started in February, will be running to the end of September. At present, some of their jobs include painting houses, beautification of Otterville Park, and a clean-up of the beach at Port Burwell. There is some concern, however, since the actual money, \$23,882. in all, has not been received, and today is payday.

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**Annual Church Auction and Bake Sale**

June 23 /72  
at 7:00 P.M.

**ST. CHARLES CHURCH, DEREHAM**

1 mile east of Ostrander on County Road 19. Donations of furniture and antiques are required. Call 842-9235 or 842-5410 for pick up, or may be left at the church hall Thursday and Friday evening between 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. Please plan to attend this fund raising event.

John F. Waye, Auctioneer

# temperatures ruin crops

By BILL STEWART, GENE FLORCYK and  
JIM TAYLOR  
of The Free Press

Mother Nature unleashed a crippling uppercut to the economy of rural Southwestern Ontario early Sunday, blanketing crops with a killer frost, that is expected to eventually cost farmers several million dollars.

It appeared no particular area was spared as the frost — the latest on record — blackened corn, beans and tomato plants and wiped out hundreds of thousands of flue-cured tobacco plants.

In the high-income crops, such as tomatoes and tobacco, it was evident by Sunday night that hundreds of acres will not be replanted due to a lack of plants, rather than the lateness of the season.

A severely-cut tomato crop is almost certain to have an affect on prices for whole pack tomatoes and tomato juice later this summer as most processors' stocks will be running out by August when the new crop is normally harvested.

Adjusters for the Crop Insurance Commission of Ontario said late Sunday they expect-

ed damage claims would begin flooding into their offices today. Many had already come to their homes.

No one would even attempt to place a loss figure on any one crop because the seriousness may not really be known for another two or three days.

Such was the case in tobacco where damage is expected to be the highest.

Remi Miggins of Tillsonburg, a director of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board and a former vice-chairman was visibly shaken as he described how his 30-acre crop was wiped out.

"This has got to be the biggest disaster I've seen in the 25 years I've been growing tobacco," he said. "Our entire crop was all planted and some had been cultivated. It was one of the best stands we've ever had. And in one night it's all gone."

Mr. Miggins was like hundreds of other tobacco growers Sunday, trying to figure out where they could get young plants to replace the blackened stumps that remained in their fields.

"We had been giving our extra plants

away all last week to people who were short. Now everybody is short," said Mr. Miggins.

Mr. Miggins said he could not say what the loss will amount to but said if a large acreage cannot be replanted, it will run into the millions of dollars.

He expressed concern also that if the crop ends up short of market forecasts, which call for around 200 million pounds this year, the tobacco board could lose some of the export markets "that we have been working so hard to get."

Kent County was hit just as hard with its \$5 million tomato crop causing the most concern. Thousands of acres of corn was also hit, some of it beyond recovery.

Andy Watson, Kent agricultural representative, said while he did not want to sound pessimistic, he admitted it was severe.

"Quite often when we talk of frost, we talk of a spotty frost but this was a case where there were only spotty misses," he said.

# Seek Tobacco Plants In Southern States

The air of panic that surrounded tobacco circles on the week-end seems to have changed to an atmosphere of cautious optimism. There are many possibilities for help for the many farmers that were wiped out by Saturday night's destructive frost.

Tobacco board chairman George Demeyere told The News yesterday that "We don't know yet what the damage is... but it's extensive." He predicted that the final figures on the losses, as well as concerning the possible final acreage next fall, will not be known for about 10 days.

However, there seem to be several avenues of escape from the trouble the frost caused the tobacco industry.

A mission that left either last night or this morning is currently in Virginia and North Carolina, looking into possibilities of getting plants, to replace those destroyed by the frost.

As well, word has come from Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia that in about a week, plants for replanting will be available from these tobacco areas.

Concerning the possibility of plants from the Southern States, Mr. Demeyere said that "if they are available in sizable quantities, the board will set up a liaison in order to facilitate movement of plants from the South to Ontario as soon as possible."

Word from the States implied that there are plants there, but no one knows in what quantities.

As well, there will probably be plants available in Ontario areas that were not hit hard, within a week or 10 days.

The chairman pointed out that "there have been years when planting was not completed until the first week in July... and the crops were successful."

"Let's hope that we're successful again this year."

Offers of help have been coming to the tobacco industry from several areas. A communication from Paul Pare, Chairman of the Canadian Tobacco Manufacturers' Council, says:

"Domestic Tobacco Manufacturers will be working closely with the growers in their efforts to replant crops damaged by the recent frost and to bring the final crop as close as possible to target set at the beginning of the season. The important factor is the 70 to 80 million pounds of Canadian tobacco sold to overseas buyers.

"This market has been built up over a number of years through co-operation

among growers, Canadian manufacturers, and government agencies. We are all anxious to maintain this export market for Canadian tobacco. We may have to modify domestic requirements to make available to the Tobacco Marketing Board the quantity of tobacco necessary to satisfy as far as possible its overseas customers.

"In the long term it is important that this hard-won export market be maintained and expanded to the benefit of Canadian agriculture. Last year export leaf tobacco sales

some farmers who are finished have been calling the auction exchange with plants for those that need them. "By Sunday or Monday," he predicted, "there will be more people with completed crops, and more plants available from Ontario for planting next week."

Mr. Demeyere and Mr. Raytrowsky agreed on a rough final estimate that would see between 80 and 90 per cent of the total acreage planted for harvest.

The federal government is supplying the aircraft for plant transportation free of charge. The farmers involved will be paying the cost of the labour in the movement of plants.



Everybody who has plants is back out in the fields replanting tobacco this week. Those that were wiped out, and have no plants, are being replanted within a week or ten days.

However, tobacco board chairman George Demeyere says that the total extent of the damage, or the need for plants, is not yet known.

# THE DANVILLE REGISTER

DANVILLE, VA., THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 15, 1972



CANADIANS visiting Danville in search for tobacco plants to replace losses from frost in Ontario are, from left: Ernest Duckett, G. K. Hill and Robert Morrison, directors of Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board; and James

A. Leathong, Kenneth Mann, James Walker and Robert Reynaert, staff members. Group arrived yesterday by chartered plane.

## *To Replace Losses From Frost*

# Canadian Leaf Growers May Contact County Farmers For Seedling Plants

Canadian tobacco growers with frost-damaged crops may contact Pittsylvania County farmers for plants to replace their losses.

This decision was reached last night by a seven-man delegation of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board which reached Danville yesterday by chartered plane. They had hoped to make massive purchases of surplus seedlings and ship them in large lots for distribution in southern Ontario.

Young tobacco plants in a 300-mile strip north of the Canadian-U.S. border in Ontario were exposed to 28-degree temperatures last weekend, causing losses to some growers as high as 75 per cent of their crops.

Growers along the north shore of Lake Erie hoped this year for sales amounting to \$200 million, according to Ernest Duckett, a director of the Marketing Board.

With moderate to heavy losses in all parts of the Canadian flue-cured belt, board members were urged to visit other Canadian provinces and the Danville area to arrange for immediate replacements for the damaged seedlings, Duckett said.

Most Canadian flue-cured leaf is grown from Virginia 115 and Delhi 34, he said, "But beggars can't be choosers."

Preliminary talks with Co-operative Extension Service specialists in Pittsylvania and

representatives of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation convinced the delegation that seedlings purchased on a large scale might be displeasing to Ontarians unable to inspect the plants.

Duckett pointed out that overgrown seedlings would be of little use to growers in the provinces — they use planters similar to those in use in Virginia.

Extension personnel, acting as coordinating agents, will furnish Canadian growers with the telephone numbers of Virginians with an excess of plans in their seed beds. The Ontarian then may contact his fellow-grower in Pittsylvania County and arrange for a purchase.

Individuals or groups of Canadians then will travel south to inspect the plants,

make their own purchases and carry them back. The decision will be that of the grower—not his agent.

Canadians seed their beds in greenhouses about April 1, Duckett said. The plants are set about May 20.

Last year the Ontario flue-cured belt yielded an average 2,480 pounds per acre for a return of \$65 per hundred pounds, he said.

# More tobacco due today *June 24/72*

By **BILL STEWART**  
of The Free Press

A Canadian Armed Forces Hercules transport carrying 1¼ million tobacco plants was expected to arrive in London early today from the Maritimes, a tobacco official said Friday.

Charles N. Heath, secretary of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board, said the plane was then scheduled to leave for North Carolina to pick up another load and to return to London late tonight.

Reports on where the plane was and when it would arrive in London conflicted throughout Friday with Canada department of agriculture officials saying one thing and the tobacco board another.

However late in the afternoon, James Romahn, chief of news services for the department, said his department had made a mistake in the arrival times in London and sug-

gested the media should go along with Mr. Heath, "who was running the show."

Mr. Heath was emphatic when he said no plane load of plants was due in London Friday. He said the Maritimes and North Carolina flights would definitely both arrive today.

Agriculture department officials said earlier the plants aboard the two flights would bring the total air shipment to Ontario to 1,850,000.

The plants are needed to replace those killed in the June 11 frost.

Based on a plant population of 6,800 to 7,000 plants per acre, the imported plants would be enough to replant about 120 acres.

The first load, about 210,000 plants was flown into London aboard the same Hercules on Thursday night. The plants were bought in North Carolina by two farmers, Willy Vanbesien, RR 1, Otterville, and Thomas

McDonald, RR 1, Norwich, who went there Tuesday.

The 1¼ million plants expected from the Maritimes today belong to the marketing board and to individual farmers who have gone there themselves to locate plants. The marketing board's share will be distributed to needy growers from auction exchanges at either Tillsonburg, Aylmer, or Delhi.

Mr. Heath could not say to which auction exchange the plants would be taken for distribution.

"Things are changing by the hour around here," he said. "By the time those plants arrive here, there could be a big demand in one exchange for plants and a small demand in another. So we've got to play this by ear."

The board has had two staff members securing plants in the Maritimes since Wednesday. It has three others doing the same in North Carolina.

# Duke of Windsor

## Abdicated throne in 1936

### for 'the woman I love'

# dies

PARIS (CP-AP) — The Duke of Windsor, for 36 years a virtual exile after he abdicated from the British throne to marry the woman of his choice, died at his Paris home Sunday. He was 77.

The body of former King Edward VIII will be flown to Britain Wednesday and lie in state at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The duke died of an undisclosed illness, but he was known to have had cobalt-ray treatment in recent months for a throat condition believed to have been cancer. He also was weakened by a hernia operation he underwent three months ago.

Edward Albert, the Duke of Windsor, left Britain after renouncing the throne to marry an American divorcee, Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, in 1936.

He had returned for short visits since and for medical care, but never again took up residence in England.

The British government ordered flags on state buildings to be flown at half staff until sunset of June 5, the day of the funeral.

A palace spokesman said the Duchess of Windsor will travel on the same Royal Air Force plane that returns the duke's body to Britain.

A period of court mourning will be observed until June 10, the palace in London said. Some royal engagements will be cancelled.

Just 10 days before the Duke of Windsor's death, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited the duke, who was the Queen's uncle, and his duchess at their home in France. It was a major sign that time was erasing the bitterness which the British establishment felt over the shattering announcement Dec. 10, 1936, that King Edward would abdicate.

His death was announced in a terse three-line communique from Buckingham Palace Sunday morning. Later Queen Elizabeth sent a cable to the duchess saying she was grieved.

President Nixon in Moscow hailed the duke as "a man of noble spirit and high ideals for whom millions of Americans felt a deep respect and affection."

The first great-grandchild of Queen Victoria, born while she was still on the throne in 1894, the duke, as Prince of Wales, served a long apprenticeship or duty to the Empire to prepare for his succession.

As Prince of Wales, Edward paid widely-publicized visits to Canada.

In 1919, the year he bought a 4,000-acre ranch in the foothills of the Rockies, southwest of Calgary, he was so popular with Canadian crowds that the press of people wishing to shake his hand became a hazard. He

learned Canadian slang and Canadian dancing, shot game in Saskatchewan and played poker in Alberta. When he sailed home from Halifax he spoke of "so many pleasant things to remember."

In 1927 he returned to Canada, accompanied by the Duke of Kent and Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, to open the Peace Bridge linking Canada and the United States at Fort Erie.

There were signs of an independent will, but never of the determination that would plunge the Commonwealth into the traumas of abdication.

He acceded to the throne on the death of his father Jan. 20, 1936. Less than a year later, the king was in exile in France with his bride-to-be.

Recent disclosures in the diaries of Lord Monckton, an intimate friend, showed he believed the duke had made up his mind as early as 1934 to marry Mrs. Simpson.

As king, he was titular head of the Church of England—"defender of the faith"—and the church then forbade remarriage of divorcees.

His decision to marry Mrs. Simpson provoked a crisis in 1936 of then unprecedented proportions. It pitted him against the government of Prime Minister Baldwin, the hierarchy of the Church of England and his own closest relatives.

There had been commoner queens in British history, but a divorced woman as queen was out of the question to the government, the church and Edward's mother.

Baldwin gave the king an ultimatum; Give up his proposed marriage to Mrs. Simpson, or give up the throne. Winston Churchill and others backed Edward, but Baldwin refused to budge and forced him to come to a choice.

On Dec. 10, 1936, Baldwin gave Edward's answer to the House of Commons: "This is my irrevocable decision . . . I have determined to renounce the throne."

The next day the king made a final radio broadcast to his people, saying: "You must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible . . . to discharge my duties as king, as I would wish to do, without the help and support of the woman I love."

Later in the speech, a moving one that is well-remembered by many, Edward said: "It may be some time before I return to my native land."

The duke and Mrs. Simpson went into exile in France, which was to be their home for the most of the next 35 years, and were married privately at the Chateau of Cande, owned by an American industrialist, the late Charles E. Bedaux.

The duke returned to service during the Second World War as governor of the Bahamas, at the instigation of Winston Churchill.

In December, 1964, he underwent a serious heart operation performed by Dr. Michael DeBaakey of Methodist Hospital, Houston, Tex. The following February he went hurriedly to London for three operations on a detached retina in his left eye.

Despite health problems, the duke remained active and alert. He was obliged to give up his golfing, a lifelong passion, but remained an ardent spectator at tournaments.

The duke and duchess still continued to accept invitations to private functions in Paris, and it was only in the last six weeks that his tall, slightly stooping figure was no longer seen by his neighbors in the Bois de Boulogne walking his two dogs.

He died amid a growing feeling in Britain that the government should invite him to spend his last years in his homeland.

"It is not right that the duke should spend his last years in exile, whether self-imposed or not," declared Marcus Lipton, an Opposition Labor MP, in a motion May 20.

# Britain mourns

## Thousands pay final homage to former king

Free Press Wire Services

WINDSOR, England — A mood of nostalgia for the loss of a man who was briefly king welled up Friday as thousands of Britons, from Prime Minister Heath down, came to Windsor Castle to see the Duke of Windsor lying in state.

For 12 hours those who had heard his famous words of abdication more than 35 years ago, and many who had not yet been born then, walked past the blue-draped catafalque in the 16th-century nave of historic St. George's Chapel. A cross of Easter lilies lay atop his coffin and his personal standard, a design of lions, leopards and crowns. (Another picture is on Page 4).

The duke, who died in Paris last Sunday at the age of 77, had not been their king since Dec. 11, 1936, when, as Edward VIII he announced from the Thameside Castle that he would give up the throne to marry a commoner — Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson a twice-divorced American.

By late afternoon Friday, some 15,000 persons had filed past the duke's body, and the queue still stretched more than two miles. Officials arranged to extend public admittance for two hours later than planned.

Not all were of an age to remember the historic love story that shook the British

throne in 1936. A young girl in scarlet hot-pants was among the waiting pilgrims.

One newspaper suggested that Edward, always an unconventional monarch, would have liked that. Other women came in pantsuits, carrying shopping bags. Some had waited all night.

An early visitor was Joe Riley, an 80-year-old former milk delivery man who recalled King Edward invariably greeting him on his return from early-morning horseback riding.

"He was a very sweet man, and when he abdicated there was many a tear shed by the women of this country," said Riley.

Mrs. Joan Hutchison, one of the first in line, said she would never forget the abdication. She was 15 at the time, working in a knitwear factory, and she and her friends heard the news and "just cried and cried."

"He should have stayed on," she said. "The wife he wanted would have just slipped into the background. We wouldn't have cared at all. She's a lovely woman."

"I remember that day so well," said Mrs. Margaret Brixton, 69. "I even came up here near Windsor to watch him drive from the castle for the last time as king. They should have accepted her. Look at some people who have been at the royal table."

As the crowds moved through the chapel at a rate of 3,000 an hour. The duke's widow, the 75-year-old Duchess of Windsor, arrived from Paris for the funeral here Monday. She was met by Earl Mountbatten, a cousin and close friend of the Duke, and was driven to Buckingham Palace.

It is the first time since she married the duke that she has stayed in the palace, although she had been a visitor there on infrequent visits to London.

Today marks the 35th anniversary of the wedding.

"We love our Royal Family," said one elderly woman outside the castle. "But that Duchess should not have been snubbed all these years. If I were her, I would never have agreed to go to the palace. I would have said, 'Thank you,' and then gone off to Claridge's Hotel."

Meanwhile, as one commentator noted, there is no doubt about the surge of affection now being demonstrated for a man who for long seemed to be forgotten in the country he loved but left for a greater love.

The affection seems to be mixed with regret for what might have been, for the style and glamor of a lost era and for a handsome leader who dared to step down from the throne to mix with unemployed miners and derelicts in London's East End slums.

The Beaverbrook Evening Standard carried a special supplement devoted to the uncrowned king who "gave up his empire for the woman he loved." Recalling his courage and dignity in the break with the Royal Family which followed his abdication, The Standard suggests his story is symbolized by James Barrie's Peter Pan, the boy who never grew up.

One old lady visiting the coffin Friday thought of him still as he was—"so young, so handsome."

In death, Edward VIII seems to have regained his kingdom.



The Duchess of Windsor and Earl Mountbatten of Burma arrive by car at Buckingham Palace where she will stay until her husband's funeral on Monday. Earl Mountbatten, representing the Queen, met the Duchess upon her arrival at Heathrow Airport. (AP). June 1972



Welsh guardsmen carry the coffin of the Duke of Windsor during funeral ceremonies Monday amid the tombs of England's kings in St. George's Chapel, watched by two

women in black—the Queen who inherited his discarded crown and the widow for whom he gave it up 36 years ago.

## Green plot of English earth ends self-exile for Windsor

WINDSOR, England (CP) — Journey's end for the self-exiled former King Edward VIII came in a green plot of English earth Monday, watched by two women in black—the Queen who ultimately inherited his discarded crown and the widow for whom he gave it up 36 years ago.

But as the Duke of Windsor was buried in the grounds of Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park after a funeral service amid the tombs of England's kings in St. George's Chapel, the House of Commons heard bitter accusations of hypocrisy against the Royal Family.

Scottish Labor MP William Hamilton, a perennial critic of royalty, condemned the "hypocrisy and humbug" of the contrast between the British court's cold-shouldering of the Windsors since the abdication and its mourning since the duke's death May 28 in Paris.

Hamilton said Windsor had not been given the chance to serve which he sought, and his wife, once Mrs. Wallis Simpson of Baltimore, had been humiliated. No woman, he said, could have "behaved with more dignity and grace."

The Commons took the unusual step of including the duchess by name in its tribute of sympathy addressed to the Queen.

Earlier, left-winger Ian Mikardo said the duchess "had to have widow's weeds as her ticket of admission to Buckingham Palace. . . . It's a sick joke."

He suggested that in a generation's time, "when we have quietly got rid of the monarchy . . . people will see the events of this week as the beginning of the end of the court and all the mumbo-jumbo that goes with it."

The 75-year-old duchess, showing signs of a deep emotional strain after her ordeal, flew back to Paris immediately after the private burial. She was seen off at London airport by the Lord Chamberlain, Lord MacLean, on behalf of the Queen, who remained at Windsor Castle.

Official court mourning for the duke, the Queen's uncle, ended Monday night.

Only 13 persons attended the lowering of the duke's coffin into the burial ground he selected himself, next to his much-loved brother, the Duke of Kent, killed in a wartime air crash, and close to the tomb of Queen Victoria. The Queen Mother, long rumored to have remained cold to the Windsors for placing such burdens on her husband, was not present, though she attended the funeral service.

At the funeral in the ornately carved St. George's Chapel, a sense of drama rippled through the congregation of 270 as Sir Anthony Wagner, garter king of arms and Eng-

land's chief heraldic officer, ended his roll-call of the duke's titles with the words: "And sometime most high and mighty and most excellent monarch, Edward VIII, Emperor of India and defender of the faith . . ."

In majesty, though not in ceremony, it was



a funeral fit for a king. The only splashes of color in a sombre scene were the scarlet and gold of the elderly knights of Windsor, and the brilliant red, blue and gold of the duke's standard draping his coffin of English oak.

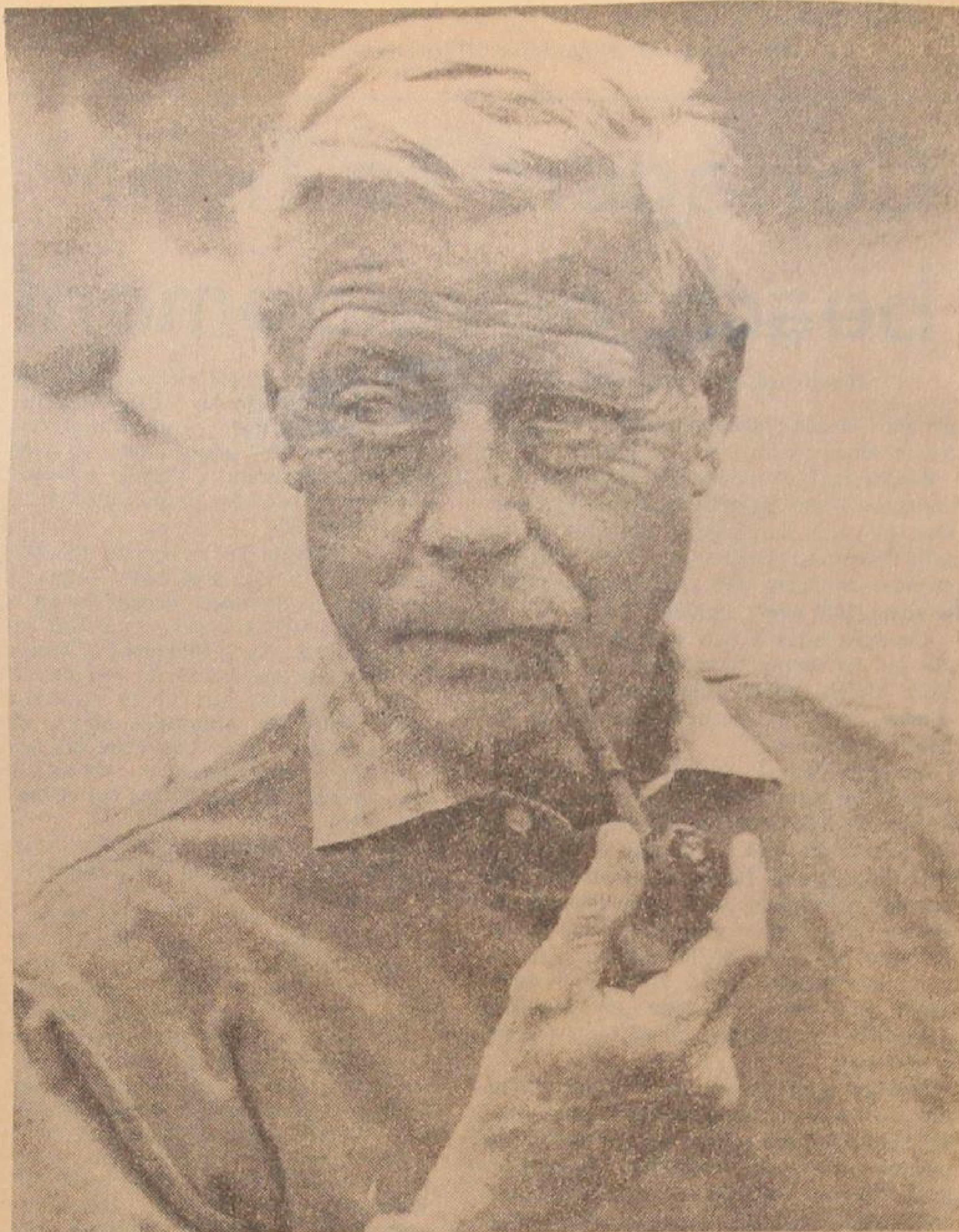
The procession, including church leaders and male members of the Royal Family, passed by the marble effigies of King George V and Queen Mary, who are buried here, along with George VI, the brother who took up the Crown. Queen Mary remained implacable in her disapproval of her son's abdication to marry "the woman I love."

The duchess, a frail figure against the soaring stonework of the chapel choir, stood with head bowed between the Queen and Prince Philip as her husband's coffin, carried in by eight Welsh guardsmen, was placed on its catafalque, bearing her cross of lilies.

The whole Royal Family was there except the ailing Duke of Gloucester—the women in black, the men in black cutaway coats. The Queen Mother sat between Philip and the 68-year-old King Olav of Norway, a cousin of Windsor's and the only foreign reigning monarch present.

Canada was represented among the diplomats by Deputy High Commissioner Louis Rogers.

The outpouring of affection and interest surprised even court officials. More than 60,000 persons paid tribute at the duke's lying-in-state Friday and Saturday.



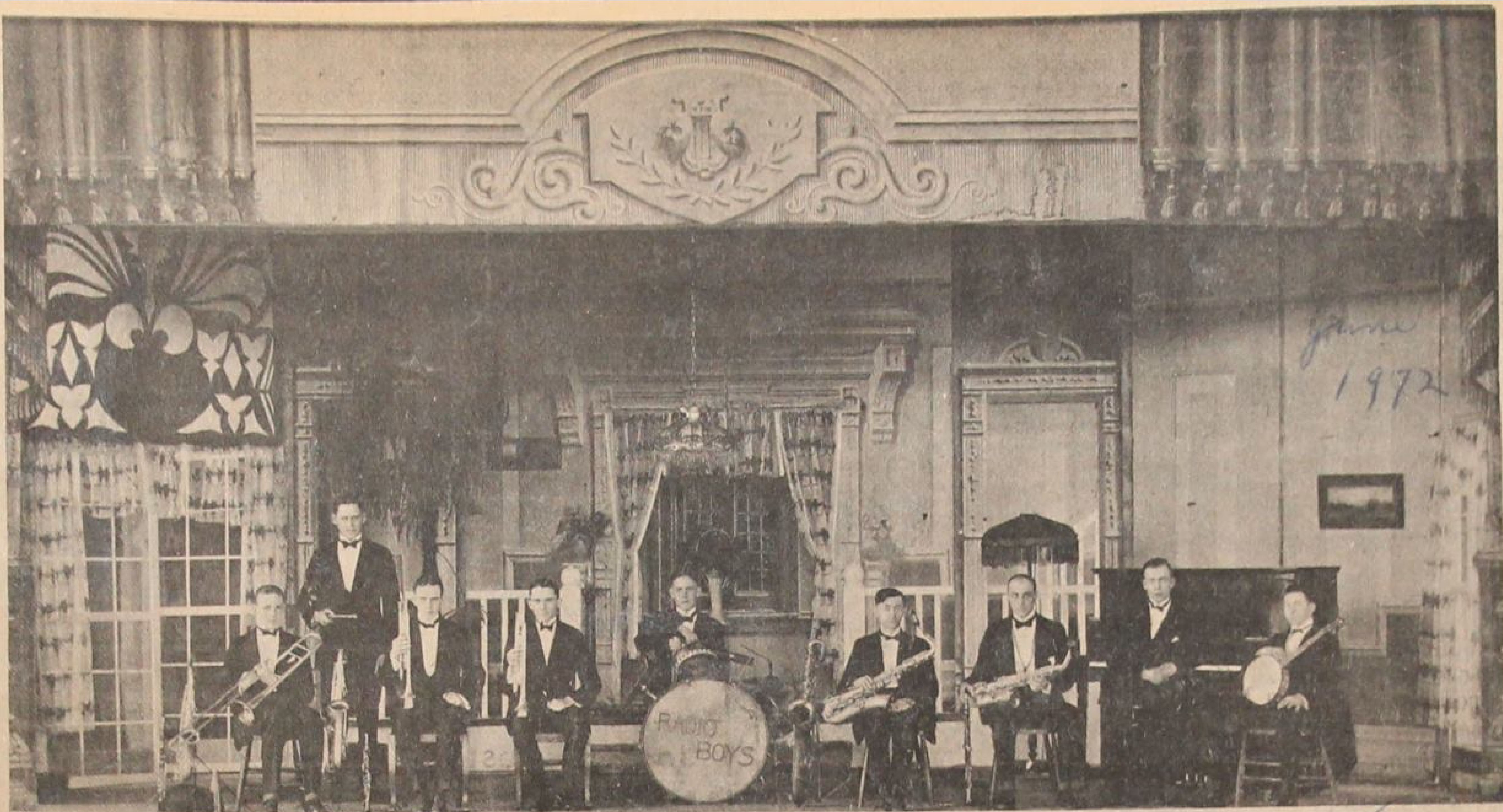
The Duke of Windsor puffs casually on his pipe while watching a golf tournament at Germain En Laye, France in 1964. (CP)

Tillsonburg, Ontario, Monday, June 5, 1972



The rain Saturday afternoon dulled the skies and dampened the participants and spectators at the Mocha Temple

Shriners Parade, but the show went on as scheduled. Here the lead unit in the parade nears Brock Street



The "Radio Boys" played on Tillsonburg's first radio station --a strictly local effort developed by W.C. Coloff. The picture, taken over 50 years ago on the stage of the opera house in the

town hall, shows Merlin "Baldy" Colburn, Bill Hicks, Ian Crosby, Gad Stewart, Jack Bond, Cap Watts, Dr. D.E. Taylor, Jack Graves and Bob Pepper.



*July/72*  
 Dianne Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver of Otterville, graduated from the Brantford General Hospital School of Nursing on June 28th. Dianne attended Otterville Central Public School, Norwich District High School to Grade 12, and graduated from Grade 13 at Mt. Mary Immaculate Academy, Ancaster. She has accepted a position with the Brantford General Hospital, and will commence duties there on September 11th.



Miss Leila Carroll celebrated her 90th birthday Tuesday afternoon at Maple Manor Nursing Home in Tillsonburg. Miss Carroll is well known in the Norwich area as she taught piano and theory for 65 years. The birthday cake, shaped as a piano, was made by one of her former pupils. *July 4/72*

## Accepts Award From Waterloo

*July/72*  
 OTTERVILLE (C) — Michael Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, was top Ontario Scholar at Norwich District High School with an average of 90.1 per cent. Michael was offered a scholarship from McMaster University and the Rene Descartes Bursary from University of Waterloo. He has accepted the latter, where he has enrolled in the honors mathematics course.

At provincial court Wednesday, trial was held on a charge of careless driving against John E. McMullen, 21, of Otterville. Mr. McMullen pleaded not guilty to the charge which arose from a March 19 accident just south of Norwich, in which Mrs. Dorothy Pite was killed. Judgment was reserved until July 5. *172*

July 24, 1972

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. Douglas Ramsay and children David and Janice, of London spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones of Springford called on Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Waring on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Camiel Verstraete is a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Riste attended the funeral of the late Claude Lymburner, which was held from Ballaid's Funeral Home, Dunnville, on Friday. Miss Effie Nelson of Tillsonburg accompanied them.

Miss Rhonda Sage of Walsingham is a holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howse and family.

## Mrs. Melbourne Wilson

Mrs. Melbourne Wilson passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, July 10, 1972, in her 77th year.

Surviving are her husband, Melbourne Wilson of RR 1, Springford; a son, Douglas, and daughter, Mrs. Lorne (Jean) Woodford, both of RR 1, Springford; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The former Pearl Oatman, she was born in South Norwich Township. Following her marriage she had lived on a dairy farm one half mile west of Springford for the past 50 years. She and her husband recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Springford Baptist Church and a member of the Women's Institute, Springford.

Friends may call at the Nelson Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be conducted by Rev. L.E. Mason of Springford Baptist Church on Thursday, July 13, at 2 p.m. Interment in Springford

## Furniture Auction Furniture, Antiques & Household Items

Selling household contents for Albert Lawrence of Otterville, with other estate and interesting additions; sale held at Shackelton Auctions 5 mile north of Aylmer and 3 mile east or 4 mile west of Brownsville.

THURSDAY EVE.

JULY 27, 7: P.M. *1972*

dining room suite, chesterfield and chair, chrome suite (like new,) large oak ornate bowed glass china cabinet with mirrors, walnut chest of drawers, small walnut antique sofa, wardrobe, single and double beds, dressers and commodes, small arborite desk, sectional book case, continental beds, 2 T.V.'s, captains chair, 2 refrigerators, good 24" electric stove, 23 cu. ft. Zenith deep freeze, vacuum cleaner, floor polisher, trunks, pictures, partial commode set, quantity of dishes, coal oil lamps, Wally pool table and 2 sets of balls, television aerial with rotor and controls, garden and hand tools and numerous unlisted items. Terms - Cash night of sale.

Les Shackelton & Son  
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# What's a Farmer?

July 1972

What's a farmer?

We thought this item from the newsletter of the Halton department of agriculture and food office came pretty close to describing him:

A farmer is a paradox, and the reasons in part, are that:

He is an over-all executive with his home his office.

A scientist using fertilizer attachments.

A purchasing agent in an old straw hat.

A personnel director with grease under his finger nails.

A dietitian with a passion for alfalfa, amino acids and antibiotics.

A production expert with a surplus in some products, a deficit in others, and a manager battling price-cost squeeze.

He manages more capital than most of the business men in town.

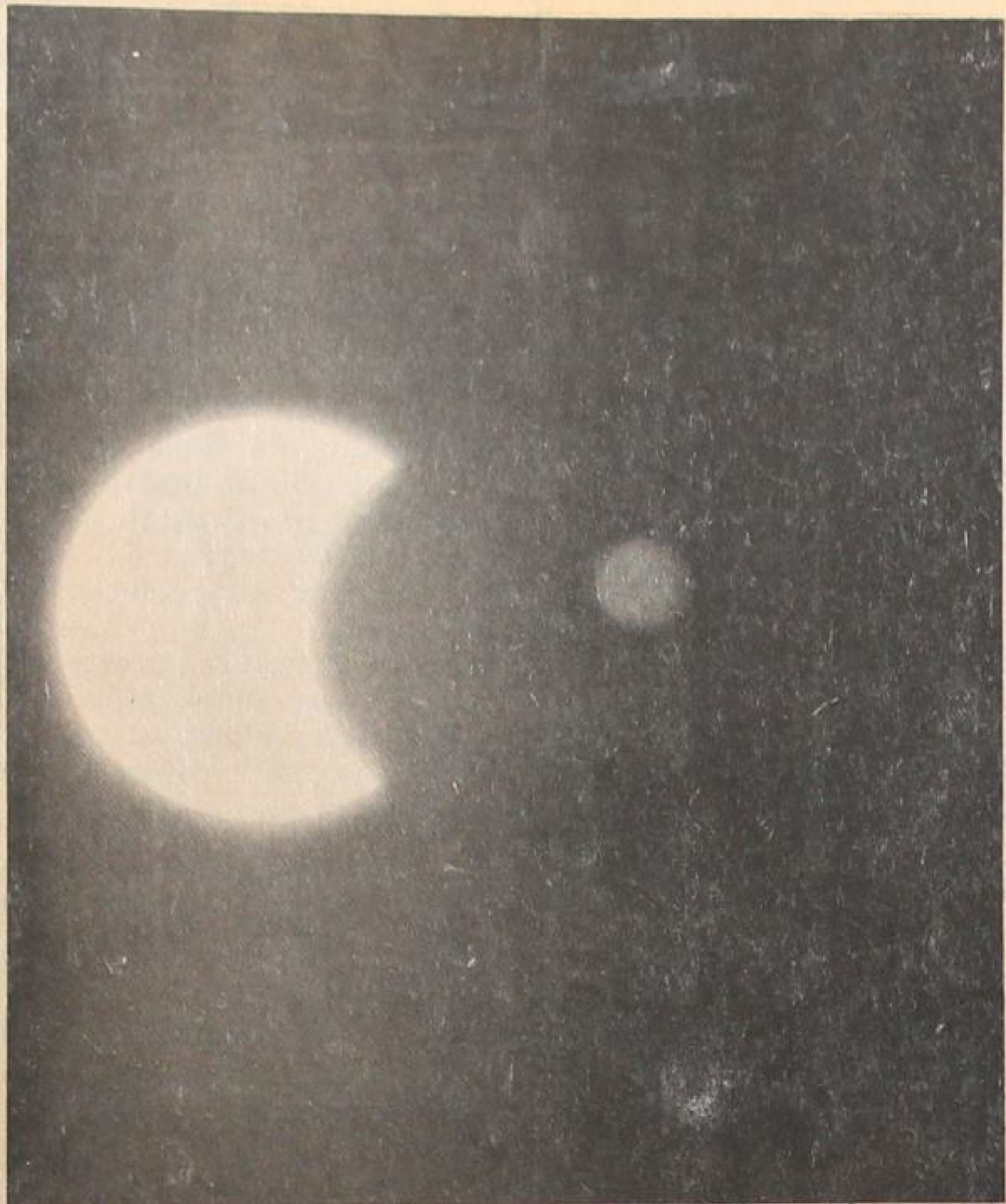
He likes sunshine, good food, fairs, dinner at noon, auctions, his neighbors, his shirt collar unbuttoned, and above all, a good soaking rain in August.

He is not much for droughts, ditches, throughways, experts, weeds, the eight-hour day, grasshoppers or helping with housework.

Farmers are found in fields—plowing up, seeding down, rotating from, planting to, fertilizing with, spraying for, and harvesting.

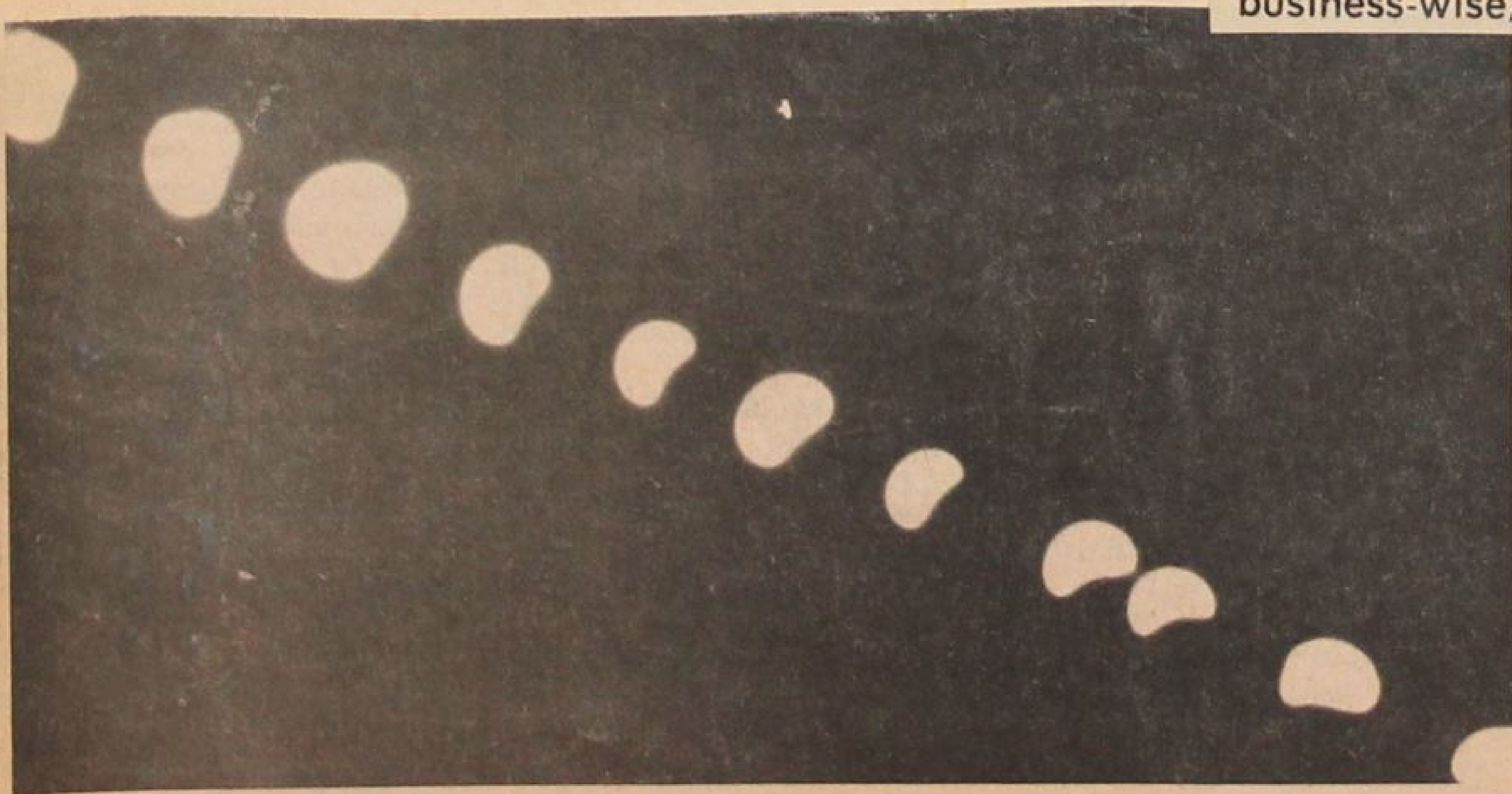
Wives help them, little boys follow them, The Ministry of Agriculture and Food confuses them, city relatives visit them, salesmen detain them and wait for them, weather can delay them, but it takes Heaven to stop them....

Might as well put up with him—he is your friend, your competitor, your customer, your source of food, fibre, and self-reliant young citizens to help replenish your towns and cities. He is your country-man—a denim-dressed, business-wise, fast-growing statesman of stature.



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"A mysterious sign from the heavens" is what the ancients would have called it. Today, we simply call it an eclipse. However, there will be only one more of the type seen on Monday in this century. This photograph was taken with a 450 mm lens, with a 2x converter, with exposed film as a filter, an ASA 400 film. The light area just right of centre is a reflection within the camera lens.



Extreme overexposure was the main result of an attempt at a sequence photograph of the eclipse Monday afternoon. This image was obtainable only through extreme darkroom juggling which accounted for the distorted shape of some of the phases.

# Charlie Chamberlain dead

July 16/72

BATHURST, N.B. (CP) — Charlie Chamberlain, veteran television, radio and stage performer died in hospital here early Sunday. He was 61.

The popular entertainer had been in hospital since late June. The step-dancing balladeer of the Don Messer television show collapsed late last month during a show rehearsal in Hamilton, apparently suffering from a heart condition and lung congestion.

The New Brunswick native was transferred to the Bathurst Hospital last week.

The stocky entertainer, who played guitar at the age of 12, left the northern New Brunswick lumber woods in the 1930s to join the original Don Messer band.

He recalled at times that they each earned 35 cents for an evening show.

"Times were so bad," he once said, "you could see

mice on the floor with tears in their eyes."

The Chamberlain-Messer association last more than 40 years including television, radio and road shows.

He is survived by his wife Lydia and six children.

In Hamilton, news of Mr. Chamberlain's death was broken to the 21 members of the Don Messer Show Sunday when they arrived for rehearsals of the fall 1972 series, being taped at CHCH-TV studios.

Mr. Messer said in an interview that he had not been aware of the seriousness of Mr. Chamberlain's illness.

"We're trying to carry on under the circumstances," he said.

"There's no question about it, he'll be missed. We've come through a lot of trying times together."

Manny Pittson, producer of the show, said Mr. Chamberlain was in good spirits when members of the cast went with him to Hamilton Civic Airport for his flight to New Brunswick.

"Charlie walked from the car to the airport building," he said.

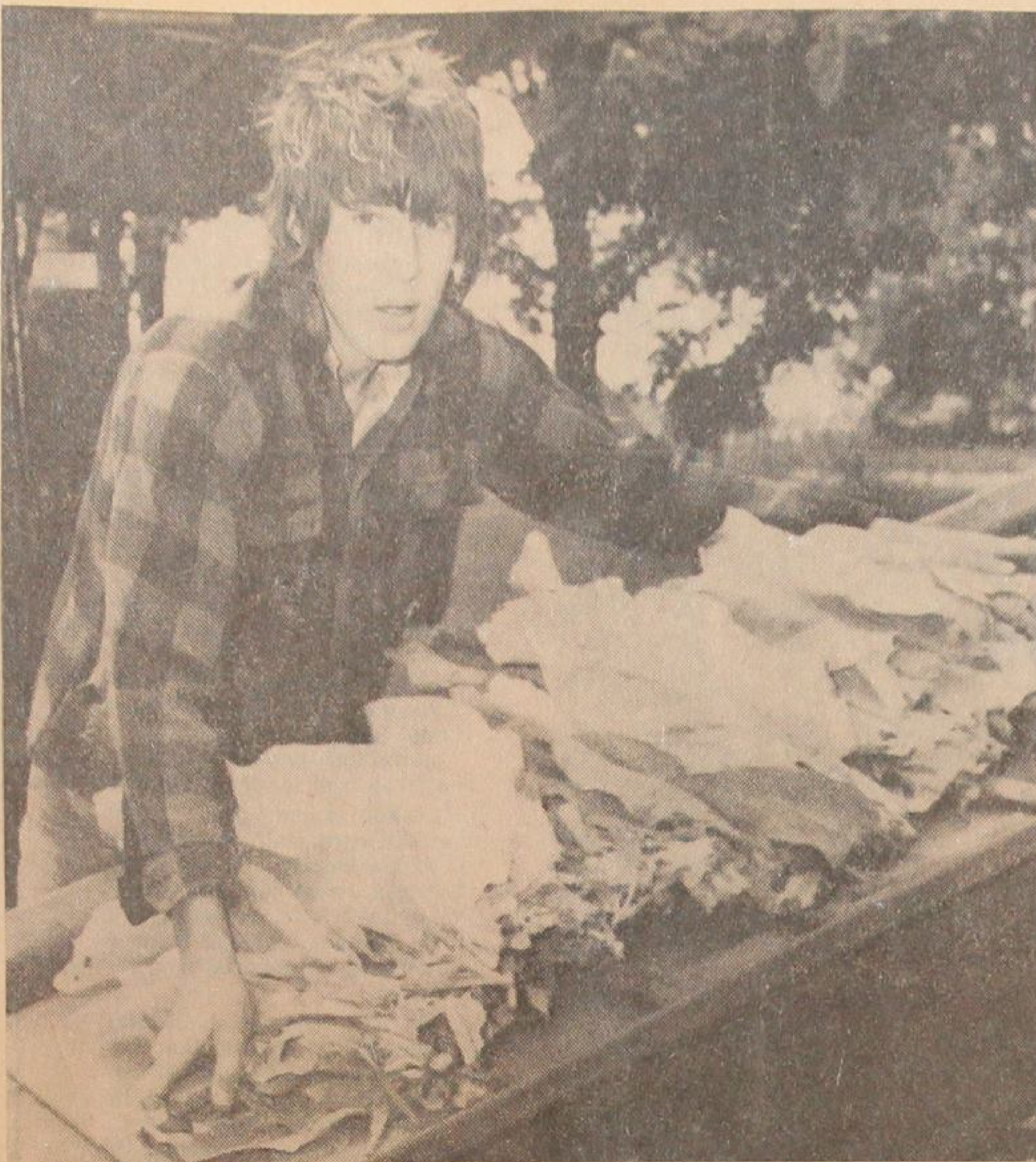
"We told him we'd see him soon. Don had been hoping to have Charlie back for guest spots with us."

Singer Marg Osburne, who sang with Mr. Chamberlain for 25 years in concerts across the country, on radio and, since 1955, on television, said he was "the last of a great bunch of people I can only describe as characters."

"We're taping some music today, but it's all a bit unreal," she said. "But it's best that everyone keeps busy, rather than sit around and think about the bad news."



CHARLIE CHAMBERLAIN



## Otterville <sup>Aug</sup> Firm Gets 1972 ODC Loan

Sollinger Industries of Canada's plant located in Otterville has received a pollution control term loan from the Ontario Development Corporation. A press release from the O.D.C. says that the firm is "presently operating a pilot plant in Otterville for the production of organic fertilizer."

The release further says that "the company will use the funds to install equipment required to bring the plant's operation from its present 20 tons of fertilizer per day to 100 tons. When production is increased, five new employees will be required."

No one at the Otterville plant was available for comment to The News.

### OTTERVILLE ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — Worship service on Sunday was conducted by the Rector, Herb Herring. During the service two children were christened, Kerrie Michelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spicer of St. Thomas, and Jennifer Marie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bouck of Walsingham. Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist. <sup>Aug/72</sup>

*Nate McMullen farm* — Free Press Woodstock Bureau  
Greg McMillan, 15, a Norwich high school student, starts filling the first tobacco kiln Wednesday on the farm of Fred Sherman of RR 1, Otterville, where the harvest has been described as mediocre. A portion of the crop had to be replanted following a June frost.

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### McMULLEN FAMILY

The 9th annual McMullen Family Reunion was held Sunday, August 13, at the Otterville Community Park with 32 relatives in attendance from Woodstock, Waterford, Virginia U.S.A. and Otterville.

The family enjoyed a delicious chicken dinner at 5 p.m. followed by a short business meeting presided over by Mr. Ron McMullen, Woodstock, in the absence of the President Mr. Howard McMullen. The 1973 reunion will be held at South side Park, Woodstock, at 2 p.m. on the fourth Sunday in June.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Howard McMullen; Secretary, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Mrs. Ross

Dow and Miss Catherine McMullen to be in charge of treats for the children.

Following the business meeting contests were conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Ron McMullen.

The thimble contest was won by Mr. Ken Mann, Otterville, mathematical contest, by Miss Catherine McMullen, Otterville. The oldest person in attendance was won by Mrs. Mabel Hillier of Alexandria, Virginia. Water balloon tossing contest was won by Miss Christine McMullen,

Otterville and Mr. Floyd Hillier, Alexandria, Va. All the children enjoyed a peanut scramble.

The reunion concluded with Mr. Bill McMullen, Sr., Otterville, showing family photos of by-gone days and events.

Mrs. G. W. Hillier Loyd and Michael have returned to their home in Alexandria Virginia after a weeks holiday with the former's brother Mr. Nate McMullen, Mrs. McMullen and daughter Catherine and also visiting other relatives in the area. While here they visited Mrs. Lena Young a resident of the Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, and also visited Mrs. Bertie Wolfe a patient in the Tavistock Nursing Home.

*Aug 4-14 1972*

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Oatman Tillsonburg, RR 3, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Margaret to Mr. Douglas Ira Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce, Otterville. The marriage will take place Aug. 19, 1972 at 8:30 p.m. in the St. Pauls Friendship Room, Tillsonburg, Ontario.

### APPRECIATION

I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness to me while in Woodstock General Hospital and since returning home. Special thanks to Rev. E. Rintoul and Dr. Hall. Your kindness will long be remembered.

Edith Kendrick.

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## Mrs. Annie Edmonds

NORWICH (C) — Mrs. Annie Edmonds of Norwich passed away at Elgin View Nursing Home, Norwich, where she had been a patient for the past 10 months, on Wednesday, August 2, 1972, in her 69th year.

Born in Burford Township, she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Deveney, and had resided at Newark prior to moving to Norwich in 1951. Mrs. Edmonds was a mail carrier for several years operating RR 2, out of Norwich. She was a member of the Anglican Church; past Noble Grand of Vivilant Rebekah Lodge No. 158; Past Mistress of Lodge 513, L.O.B.A., Woodstock; and Past Preceptive of Crystal Chapter 28, Woodstock.

Twice married, her first husband, Lindsay St. Clair Edmonds, predeceased her in 1958, and her second husband, Clifford Edmonds, in 1961.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Horace (Delores) Woodhouse of RR 2, Burgessville; two sisters, Mrs. Sheldon (Lillie) Coulbeck of Brantford, and Mrs. George (Lizzie) Peer of Burlington, and four grandchildren.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Saturday, August 5, at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. Herb Herring of Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Interment in Pioneer Cemetery, Burford.

A Rebekah service will be held at the Funeral Home tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock.

## Births

BAGULEY - Dr. and Mrs. Robert W. Baguley (nee Nancy Ratz) thankfully announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Karen Jane Louise, on August 16, 1972, at Riverside Hospital, Ottawa. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley of Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. James Peat of Woodstock.

## Mrs. L. Zimmerman

Mrs. Laura (Smiley) Zimmerman, a former resident of 48 St. Anne's Place and Valleyview, passed away in St. Thomas Memorial Hospital, on Tuesday following a long illness. She was in her 86th year. *Aug 15/72*

Born in South Norwich Township, in Oxford County, the daughter of the late Samson Smiley and the late former Anne Marlatt, she had resided in Otterville, Rodney, Pickering, and Toronto, before moving to St. Thomas in 1956. She was a member of First United Church.

Her husband, the late Milton Clement Zimmerman, died in January of 1969.

She is survived by two nephews, Fred Smiley of Aurora, and David Smiley of Elora; and one niece, Mrs. Jack (Mazie) Grey, of Danville, Virginia.

Rested at the Towers Funeral Home Limited, where funeral service took place from the Marshall Memorial Chapel on Thursday afternoon, August 24, at 2 p.m., with Rev. Lewis Snow of First United Church officiating.

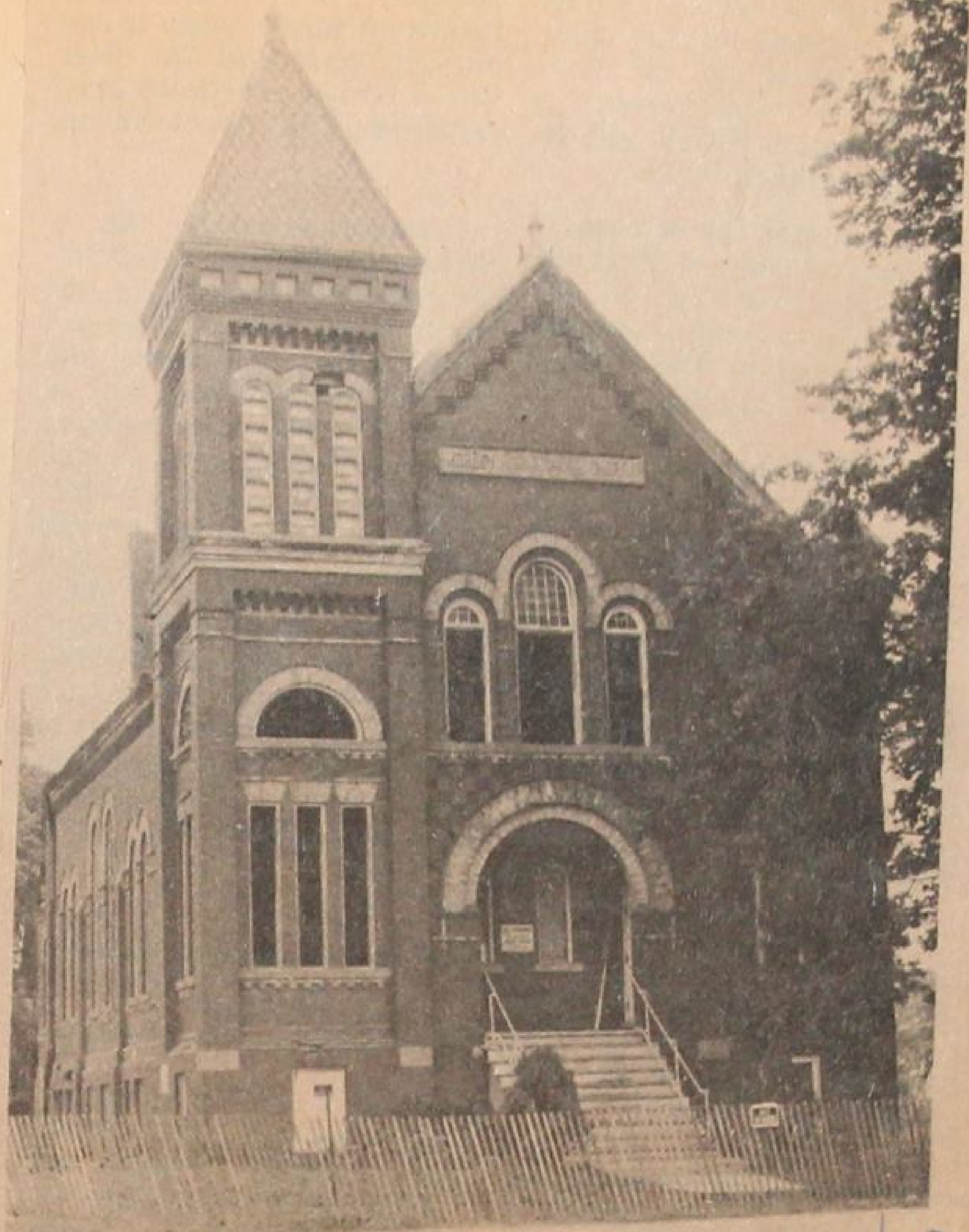
Interment in the family plot of Elmdale Memorial Park, St. Thomas.

## ATTENDED CHRISTENING SERVICE AT SPRINGFORD

*Aug 17/72*  
Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Oatman of Springford and Mr. and Mrs. Achiel DeWatcher of Otterville attended the christening service of their granddaughter Julie Lynn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August DeWatcher, R.R. 1, Otterville. The service was conducted by the Rector H. B. Herring, which was held in the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville on Sunday afternoon, August 16th.

Other relatives and friends attending were Maurice and Richard DeWatcher, Mrs. Lianne Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ladosz and family, Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ehl, Tillsonburg and Miss Beverley Deller of Norwich.

The relatives and friends were later entertained to a dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. August DeWatcher.



*Aug 17/72*  
Maurice Bourgeois, 16, fell 35 feet from the roof of the Dereham Centre United Church on Monday afternoon, after a supporting rope broke. He is presently in satisfactory condition in hospital.

## Mrs. Mary Mitchell Craise

Mrs. Mary Mitchell Craise of 281 Broadway, Tillsonburg, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, August 28, 1972, in her 88th year.

Born in Arundel, England, March 11, 1885, she came to Tillsonburg in 1906.

Her husband, John T. Mitchell, predeceased her December 30, 1930.

Mrs. Craise was active in the Tillsonburg branch of the Red Cross Society during World War II; was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; an active member of the Ladies Division of the Fair Board; an active member of the Tillsonburg Lawn Bowling Club, and the ladies alley bowling club.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. William G. (Margaret) Smith of Delhi; one son, Jack H. Mitchell of Tillsonburg; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother, Arthur Harwood of Bookham, England.

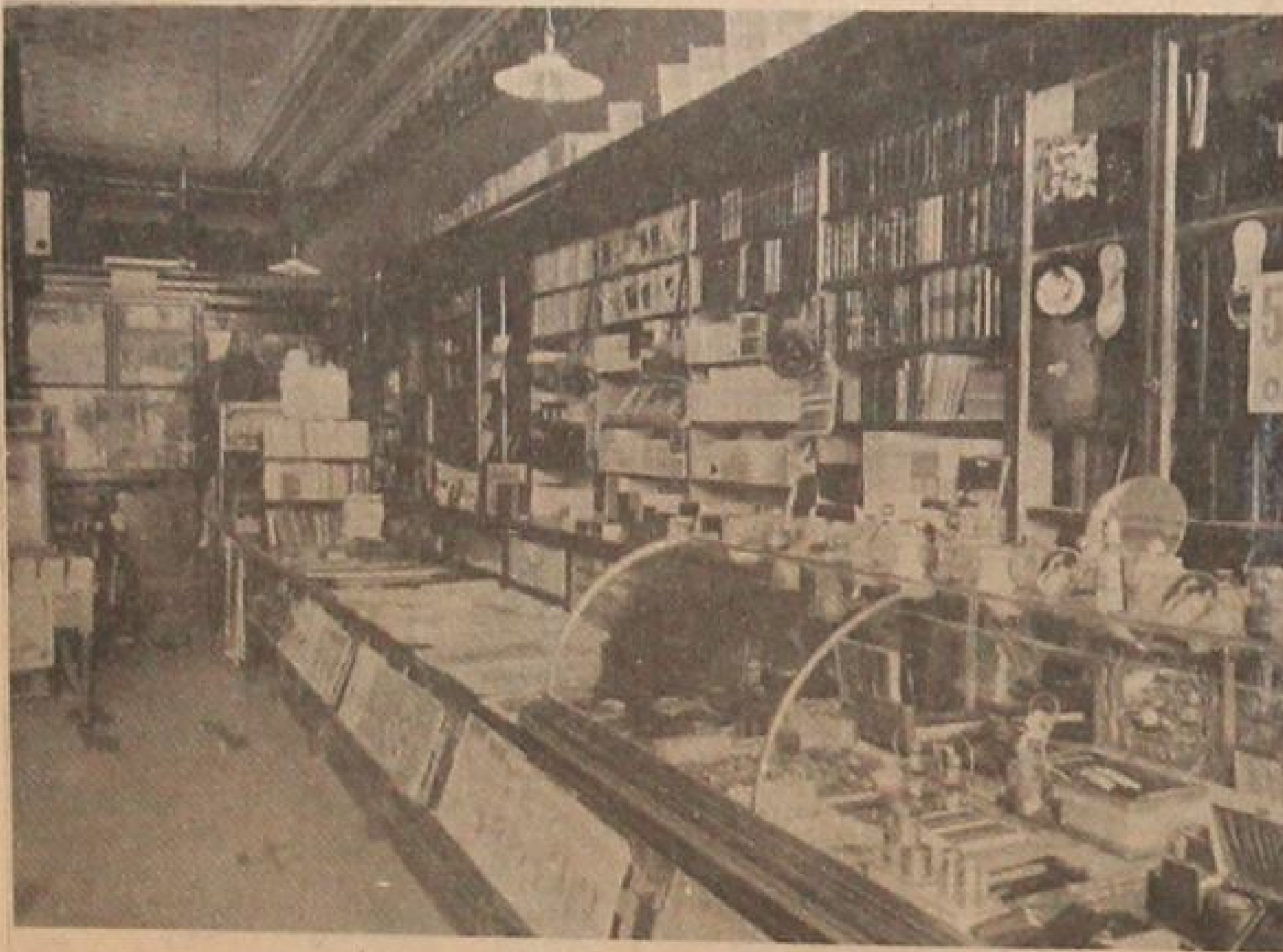
Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Thursday, August 31, at 3 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.





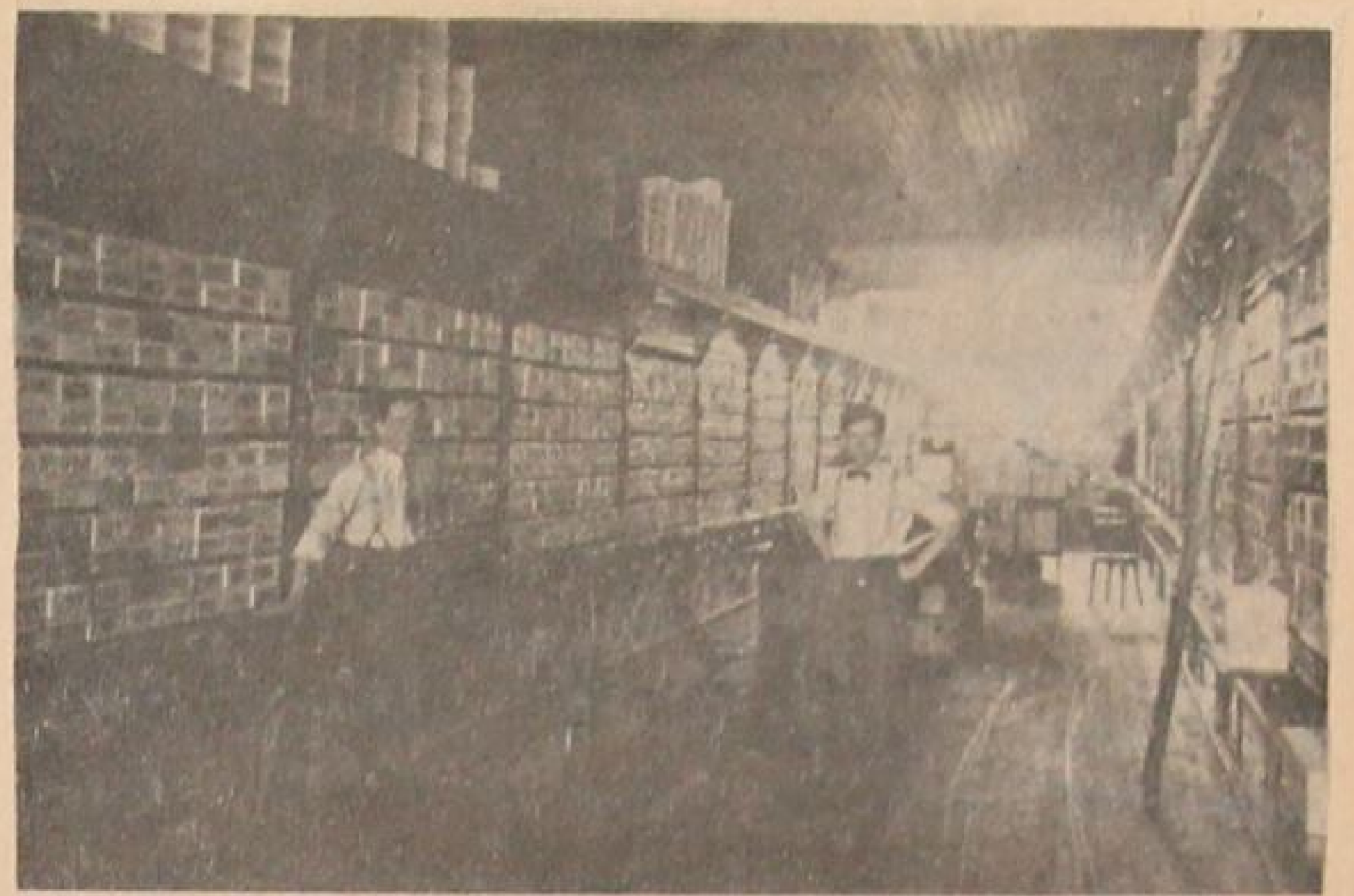
Thomson's Drug Store.



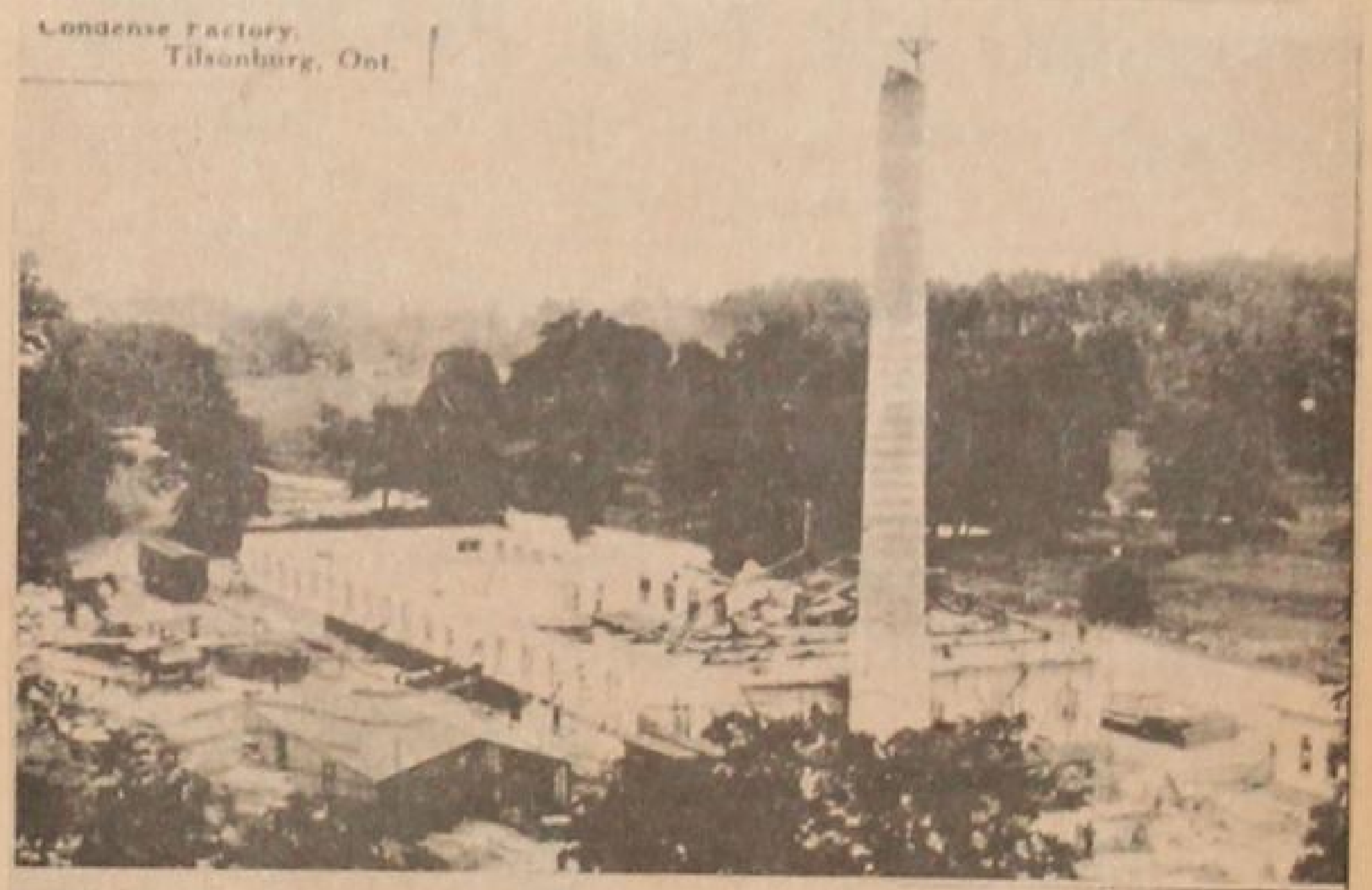
C. Thomson, druggist, loaned by Mrs. E. S. Law.



View along the Otter.



Law's Shoe Store.



Building the condenser factory.

## Tillsonburg Centennial

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### DATES OF DESTINY

- 1782 — Founder Born  
Enfield Massachusetts
- 1825 — Site Named Dereham Forge
- 1837 — Name Changed to Tillsonburg
- 1872 — INCORPORATION
- 1972 — CENTENNIAL



Tillsonburg's Own--C Company of the 168th battalion, lined up in front of the town hall. Photo loaned by Floyd Kyte.



School class of 1924.



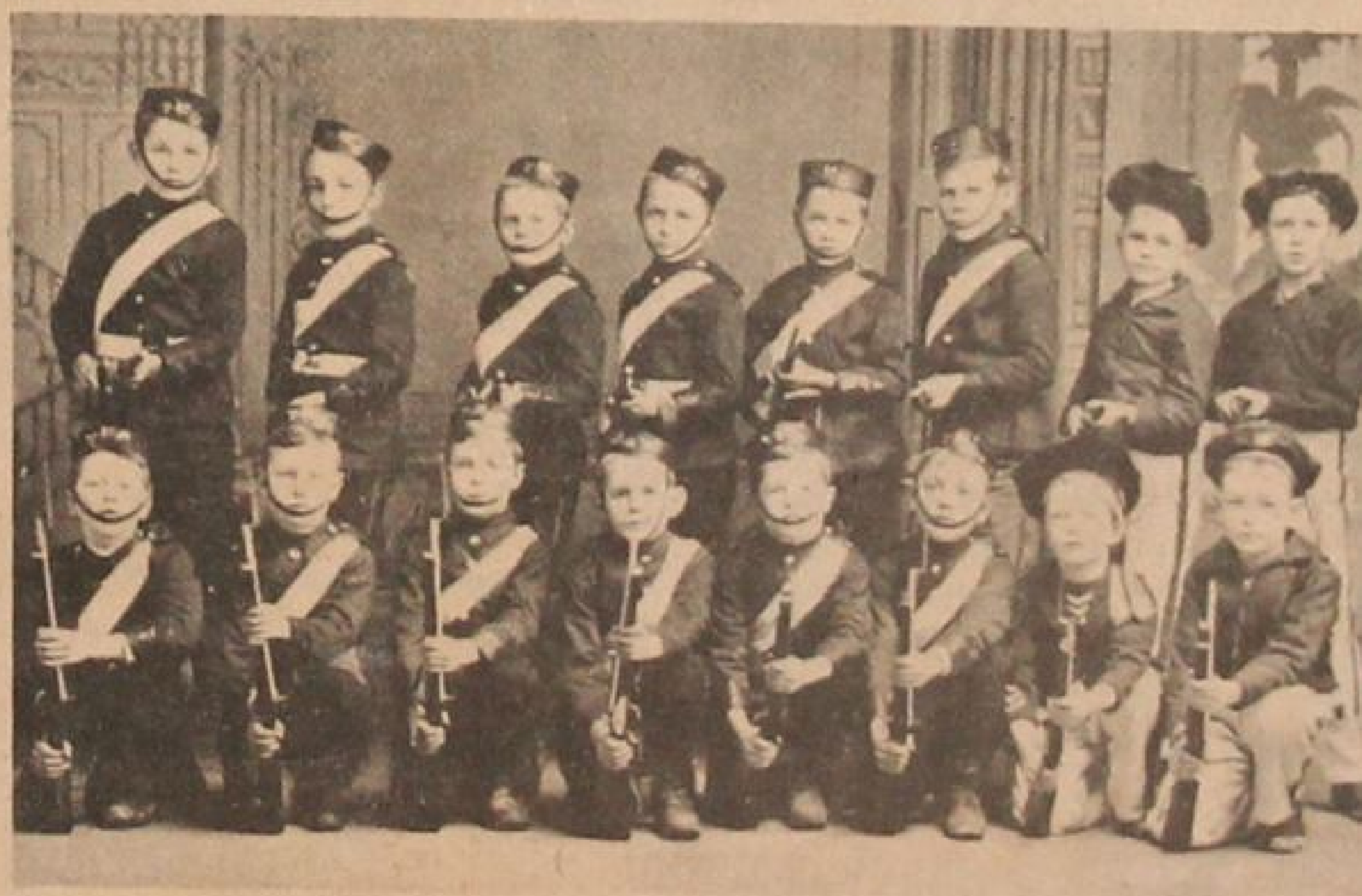
Station and sheds along Hale St.



Come Ye to the Waters

Traverse the desert  
And then you can tell  
The treasure that exists  
In the old deep well.

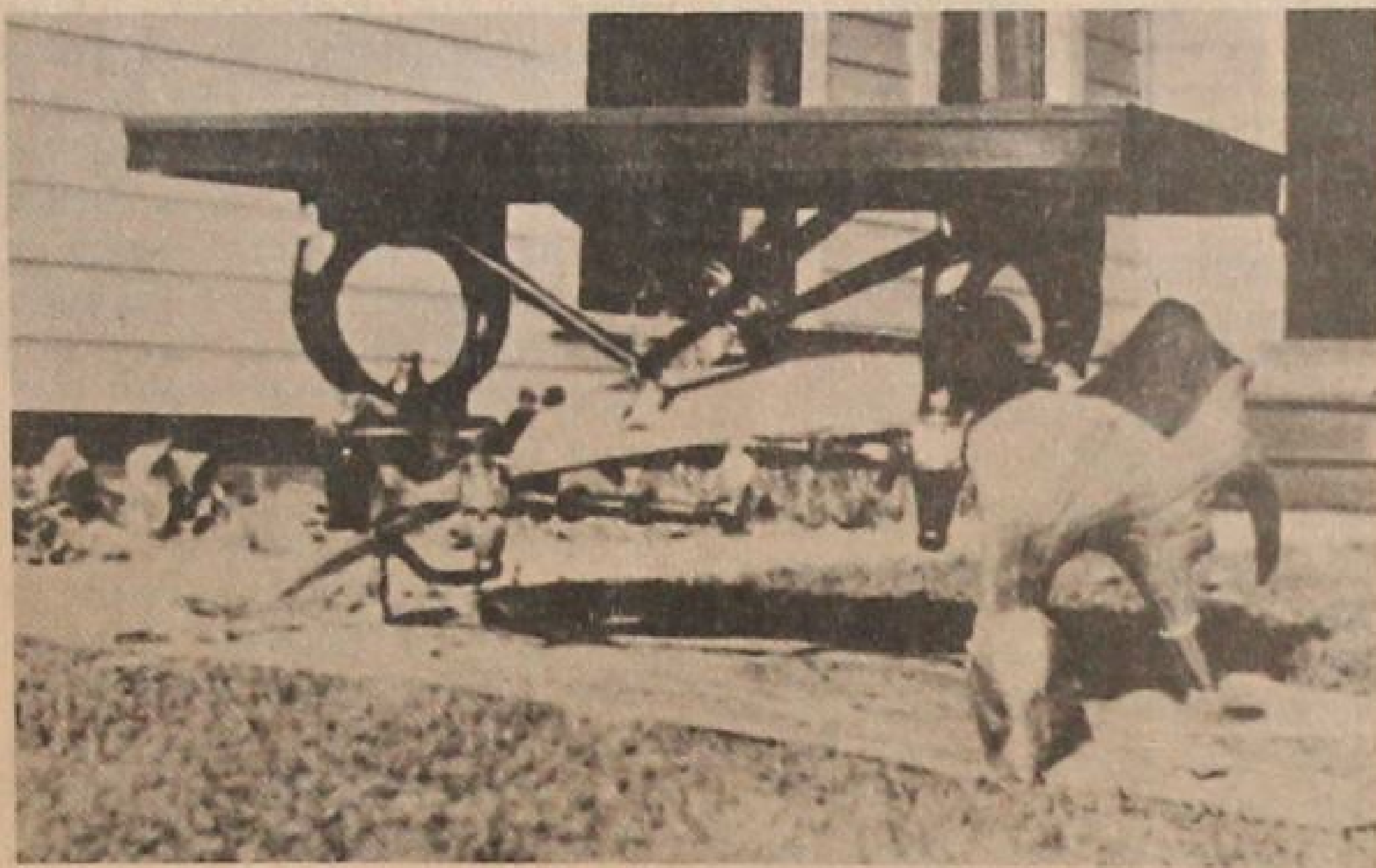
This was a modern appliance of the 1880's. The late Mrs. Gideon Overbaugh of Port Rowan is shown drawing water from the well with a windlass.



Armed forces--about 1887.



The T.T. Brown residence on Rolph St. about 1895, loaned by Grant C. Brown.



Henry McFarlane earned quite a reputation for himself as a craftsman with steer horns, etc. He did the work back in the early days of the century at the back of his barbershop, about where the Snack Shack is now located. Wally Weeks, who has some of the articles, recalls that Mr. McFarlane used to have horns shipped in by the barrel from Texas, and transform them into lamps, chairs, tables, etc. He was offered \$1,000 for the table pictured here, and two chairs and a settee brought a \$1,500 bid.



Peter Beemer, who ran the waterworks here for many years, was foreman for sewer construction in 1915. Photo loaned by Mrs. Joe Carroll.



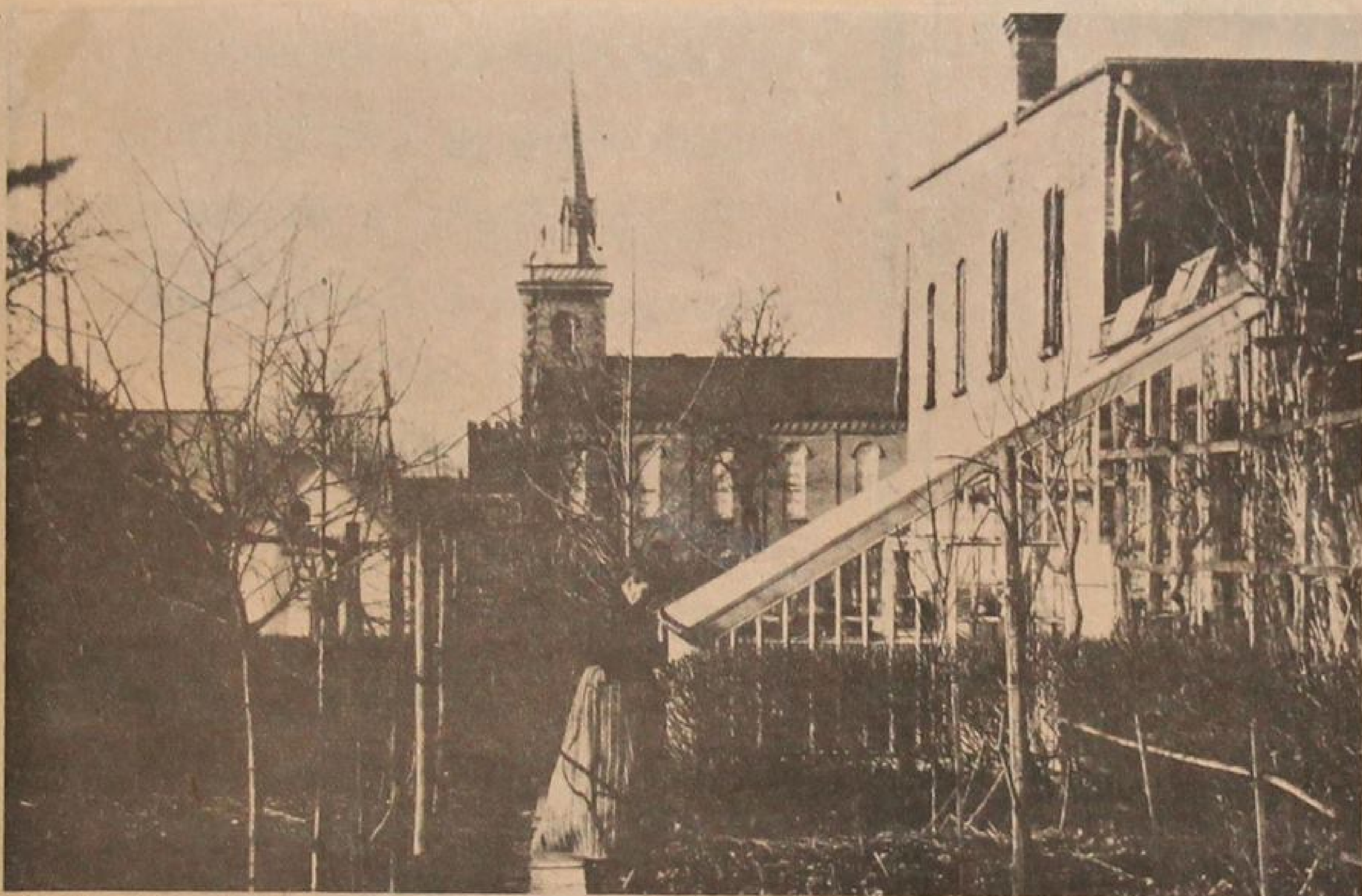
Thomson cottage.



Cadet PT drill in 1940's.



Tillsonburg Show Factory picnic in the Beechwoods about 1917. Photo loaned by Bessie Darrow.



This is a view facing west on Ridout Street, from the Pollard garden. In the background, on the other side of Broadway, is the old Methodist Church.

# NEWS OF YESTER YEARS

In 1948, Livingston Wood Products Limited started production on a new plant which would have a floor space of 42,000 square feet. The new plant when completed would cost \$68,000 and would mean a marked increase in employment in the area.

The contract for the new \$150,000 artificial ice arena and community centre was awarded to N. O. Hipel and Sons of Preston in April of 1949 and construction could begin in May. The building would be of cement block construction, fronted with brick and the outside dimensions would be 110 feet by 254 feet. The ice surface would be 80 feet by 190 feet.

In 1847, Mr. Tillson's youngest son, E. D. Tillson, started in business for himself with a cousin and another partner in a small sawmill with the total of \$36 which he had earned by teaching school for three months. Later he went into partnership with Benjamin Van Norman and built a larger sawmill.

On June 17, 1949 for the first time in many years a Canadian Prime Minister visited Tillsonburg. Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent stopped for a few hours on his campaign tour through Ontario.

A large crowd was on hand on Sunday evening July 17, 1949 for the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$90,000 St. Mary's Separate School on Rolph

Street. The cornerstone was blessed and laid by Bishop John C. Cody, Coadjutor Bishop of the London Diocese.

The fourth major fire in eleven years in the Sam G. Vance Company Limited plant occurred on March 19, 1950. Loss was \$65,000 as the mill was destroyed with tons of feed and fertilizer.

"Northway and Anderson" opened here on June 10, 1899. Telephone numbers were introduced. The Imperial Hotel was erected on the south-west corner of Broadway and Hale Streets, George Southwick was the proprietor, and in 1901 it changed hands, J. P. Hall of Ingersoll, was the new owner.

Work was begun on a main transformer station in Tillsonburg in May of 1949. Work was to be completed early in the next year. The station would be located within the municipal limits on the west side of Tillson Avenue opposite Fourth Street. Estimated cost was \$304,000. It would provide a higher quality and more secure service to customers in this area.

The Tillsonburg Creamery, one of the towns oldest businesses, was sold to the Otter Valley Milk Producers Co-operative in November of 1949. The business was founded in 1921 by Robert Myrick and had been operated ever since by him and in latter years by his sons.

The new \$165,000 Tillsonburg Memorial Arena opened its doors to skaters on December 26, 1949 and about 1000 people tested the ice. The first hockey game was played on December 30th between the Tillsonburg Chevwoods and the Ingersoll team which Tillsonburg won 5 to 1.

In September 1915, at the meeting of the town council a petition was received to remove stumps on Lisgar Avenue and to erect a light on the corner of Fourth Street and Lisgar Avenue.

At the council meeting in November 1915, it was announced that the new concrete and steel bridge over the Otter on Oxford Street, had been completed and was open to traffic.

In October 17, 1918, edition, there was a warning to the citizens against Spanish influenza! It apparently had developed to epidemic proportions in the United States, and the government there was treating it as a war measure. On October 24th, it

In 1873, E. D. Tillson built an oatmeal mill, the third in Western Ontario. These mills gave a great impetus to the industry of the town and were the means of adding materially to the population of the town by the number of persons employed in them.

Council met in July 1915, and several matters were considered. A letter had been received from the receiver manager of the Cereal Milling Company asking what inducement the town would offer for the flour, pea and barley mills to be operated, and also if these were to operate an effort would be made to put the oatmeal mill in operation also.

The Optimist Club of Tillsonburg received its charter on April 9, 1947. About 120 Optimists and their guests crowded the banquet room and an additional 50 guests had to be seated upstairs. Eleven clubs of the district were represented. President of the new club was K. H. Anderson.

In 1842, Rev. Mr. Wadylaugh of Hexham, England donated 100 pounds to build a place of worship for these Englishmen who had left his parish in England and had settled in Dereham township. In 1844, Saint Charles church-out on the eighth concession of Dereham township was built.

In 1844, a toll road was built of planks from Port Burwell to Ingersoll and later became a stage route.

Tenders for the construction of a new steel bridge on Simcoe Street had been considered and the tender of A. Hill and Company at \$1,785 was accepted. A by-law was passed providing for the oiling and sweeping of certain streets in the town. The by-law made the property owners responsible for 2-3 of the work and the town pays one-third of the cost.

One of the interesting inventions written about in 1915 was the milking machine, manufactured by Lister and Company of Dursley, England, and introduced by Mr. George McColie of Stratford. A representative of the Observer had gone to see it tested on the farm of Mr. J. F. Sanders, in his splendid barn on the eleventh concession of Dereham, and was very suitably impressed with the invention.

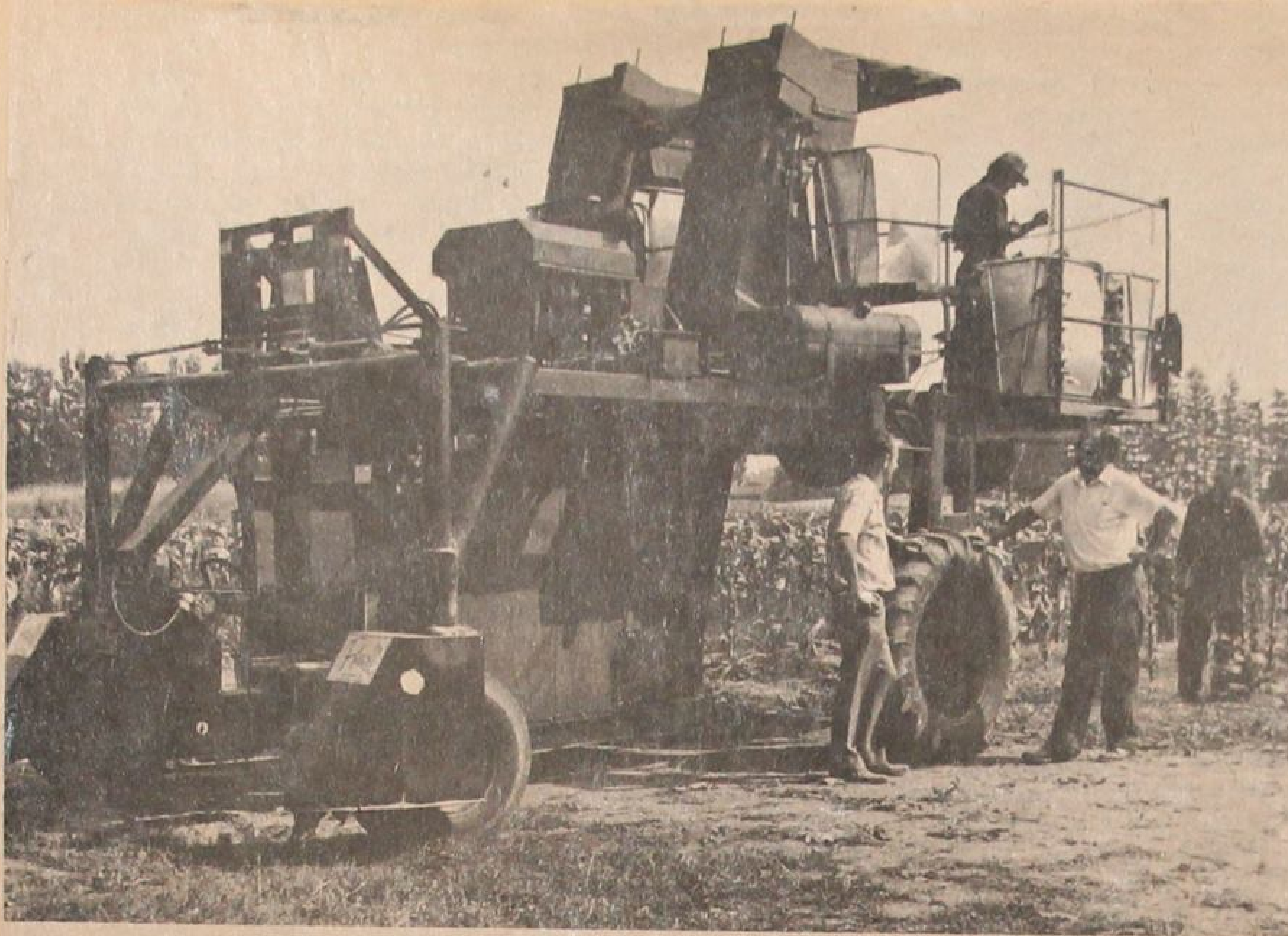
In 1950, Police Sergeant Samuel T. "Sam" Ham retired from the Tillsonburg police department after twenty years of service to the town. He had never missed a day's work and had never been late in all that time. He was a humanitarian with faith in the human race and in a job where it was and is hard not to make enemies, he had few if any. He was given \$100 per month as a retiring allowance by the municipal council.



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Broadway turned into a mall for the three-day Homecoming Week-end, with merchants' wares and activities along three

blocks. This is a view from the top of the post office looking south.



A full scale test of a harvester designed and developed by Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. of Otterville is in progress in Norfolk County. Shown is the initial test on the farm of John Kichler of R.R. 2, Simcoe. Demonstrating the machine were Joe Varga and Dave Walters, both of Otterville. A number of similar machines have been in action in tobacco fields in southern United States. The harvester moves nimbly along the rows at three and a half miles an hour. An interesting feature is the delivery of the harvested leaves to an elevated platform so the leaves can be immediately placed in baskets. Powell hopes to start manufacture, in part, of the machine at Otterville next year. (Art Goodwin)



This newly developed harvester of the Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. of Otterville has an interesting feature. It carries along a trailer that is loaded with baskets of tobacco while the machine moves through the tobacco field. With hydraulic controls, the filled trailer is lowered to the ground and quickly replaced with another. (Art Goodwin)

## Leonard S. Lee

OTTERVILLE (C) — Leonard S. Lee passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 1972, at Oakville Trafalgar Hospital.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Edna Foote.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marion Fish; one daughter, Mrs. Lorne (Isabel) Bradley of Ottawa; one son, Jim Lee of Copper Cliff; and three grandchildren.

Rested at the Turner and Porter "Peel" Chapel, Mississauga, where service was held Friday, September 8, at 1:30 p.m.

Interment in Park Lawn Cemetery.

## OTTERVILLE—Sept. 12

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring and Miss Gladys Nobbs were among those from here who attended the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Card at Norwich in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The many friends of Mrs. Leonard Lee the former Marion Fish, learned with regret last week of the death of her husband Leonard Lee of Oakville, who passed away in the Oakville Trafalgar Hospital on Wednesday, September 6. Among those from here who called at the Funeral Home at Mississauga on Thursday last where the service was held on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Miss Gladys Nobbs, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. Earle Petch, Mrs. George Douma and Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

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Gord Wavell, 12 Northview Drive, Tillsonburg, won the Fury III Saturday night at the Norwich-Otterville Lions Carnival. Pictured above are Andy Vandenberghe, secretary; George Davis, carnival chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Wavell, and Lion President Murray Wardell.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Anstice McKee of Springford will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, September 14. Mrs. McKee is the former Ada Fletcher from Ostrander. They were married at St. Charles Anglican Church. They have two children, Don of Simcoe, and Herma of Toronto, and 5 grandchildren. Due to ill health they will spend the day quietly at home with their family. *1972*

## Radio voice of 'Andy,' Charles J. Correll dies

CHICAGO (AP) — Charles J. Correll, the voice for 32 years of Andy on the Amos and Andy radio show, died of a heart attack Tuesday. He was 82.

He had been admitted to hospital Saturday.

Correll, who was born in Peoria, spent his retirement in Beverly Hills, Calif., where he lived a few blocks from Free-

out after the show went on network radio in 1929.

In 1926, Correll and Gosden started a blackface minstrel show on Chicago's WGN which they called "Sam 'n' Henry."

When they changed stations in 1928 they had to find a new name for their act because of the WGN contract.

On an elevator ride to their first broadcast they overheard a man greet two other men as "Handy Andy" and "Famous Amos." Their search for a new name ended.

The show went coast-to-coast on Aug. 18, 1929, and the Amos 'n' Andy Show soon became the most popular in the country.

Restaurants frequently boosted the volume of their radio sets when the show came on, to satisfy their customers. Motion pictures often were cut at mid-reel so audiences could tune in on the doings of Amos and Andy.

In 1960, with television taking more and more of the audience, Amos and Andy left the air.



CHARLES CORRELL

... in 1957 photo

*Sept 26/72*

man Gosden, the voice of Amos for the duration of the radio show.

It was the Negro dialect of two white men, Charles Correll and Freeman Gosden, which drew North Americans to their sets week in and week





**MR. AND MRS. JAMES GARY FAZEKAS**  
(Ryder Photographs, RR 1, Norwich)

## Fazekas - Redman

HAWTREY (C) — St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was the setting on Saturday, September 30, 1972, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Jane Annette Redman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Redman of R.R. 2, Otterville, and James Gary Fazekas of 227 Townsend Ave., Burlington, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Fazekas of R.R. 1, Burford. Rev. H. Herring officiated at the pretty candlelight service, before a setting of baskets of yellow and white daisies with pink carnations on both sides of the altar, and white ribbon marking the guest pews. Organist, Mrs. Bill McMullen, Jr., played the Theme from Love Story, O Perfect Love, and We've Only Just Begun, during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of imported lagoda, featuring an empire waist, high neck, with long, Alencon lace, bishop sleeves, and an A-line skirt which fell into a full train with guipure lace edging. Guipure lace also formed two rows at the front of the skirt. Her three-tier, elbow-length, illusion veil was held by a petal and flower Alencon lace headpiece enhanced with pearls, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

Bridesmaid was Miss Bonnie Redman of R.R. 2, Otterville, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Elaine Spyksma of St. Catharines, friend of the bride, and Mrs. Donna Redman of Keswick, sister-in-law of the bride. They wore similar, floor-length, striped floral gowns of polyester sheer, styled with empire waist, a white lace bodice and short, puff, lace sleeves. Wide brim picture hats and nosegays of white carnations with carnations to match their gowns, completed their

attire. The maid of honor was in pink, and the bridesmaids in lilac.

Best man was Mr. Brian Fazekas of Burford, brother of the groom. Ushers were Mr. Dan Havens of Burford, and Mr. Bob Hall of Campbellville, both friends of the groom.

Reception for 110 guests was held at the Royal Canadian Legion hall, Norwich.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a gold, metallic, street-length dress with gold lace coat, worn with brown accessories and a cream orchid corsage. Groom's mother chose a blue, metallic, street-length dress, with blue lace coat, worn with white accessories and a cream orchid corsage.

Bride's gifts were cut glass vases. Groom's gifts were pottery beer steins and mugs.

For a wedding trip east, the bride chose an arnel knit, mauve, floral, hot-pant set, worn with wool shawl, black accessories, and a mauve orchid corsage.

Guests were present from Ridgetown, Chatham, Dresden, London, Palmerston, Woodstock, Paris, Burford, Brantford, Burlington, Keswick, Norwich, Otterville, St. Catharines, Wyoming, Campbellville, Embro and Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Fazekas are residing at 227 Townsend Ave., Burlington.

## 50th Anniversary

About 125 visitors registered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison at Otterville on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary and about 200 sent greetings including many long distance telephone messages.

Among those calling were relatives and friends from Simcoe, Oakville, London, St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Brantford, Dorchester, Brampton, Hamilton, Port Burwell and Dundas.

Many beautiful plants and bouquets decorated the living rooms and dining room where refreshments were served, by Mrs. W. E. James, Dorchester and Mrs. Russel Cooper, Tillsonburg, sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Addison, and their sisters-in-law Mrs. E. V. Addison, Simcoe and Mrs. C. K. Addison, Brantford. They were assisted by Mrs. Donald Addison, Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Nelson Gleason.

Donald Addison, Simcoe, welcomed the visitors at the door and was assisted by his cousins Mrs. Ev. Crockett of Donchester and Mrs. Doris Ker, Ingersoll.

The attendants at the marriage of 50 years ago, Mr. E. V. Addison, brother of Wilf and Mrs. Russel Cooper, sister of Myrtle, were both present at the Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison were pleasantly surprised before their 50th wedding anniversary when 20 members of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons Club of Norwich Chapter of the Eastern Star met at their home and

gave them a rousing chivari. The president paid tribute from the members and extended warm wishes from the Club and gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Addison.

The visitors provided a bountiful repast and a social time was enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Addison of Kitchener spent the weekend with their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison. Mrs. Wayne Addison's parents Mr. and Mrs. John George and son John of Toronto also visited them on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

Further plans were made for the Oyster and Ham Supper Hall October 18th.

which will be held in the Parish

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall with Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Edna Pearce as joint hostesses.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring.

Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Riste who were hosts for the meeting conducted a contest and this was followed with a social hour. *Sept/72*

Special services will be held on Sunday morning at 11.00 a.m. when Rev. Herring will be the speaker for the Annual Harvest Home Service.

The Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 held their meeting in the I.O.O.F. Hall on Monday evening with 20 members present. The Noble Grand Mrs. Sharalee Sitts presided. During the business period correspondence was dealt with and accounts were passed.

It was noted that the four upholstered chairs of the Lodge had been re-covered and re-finished and had been paid for by the members of the I.O.O.F. and the members of the Violet Rebekah Lodge.

Announcement was made of the Auction Sale of Home Baking and Garden Produce which be held at the next meeting October 2nd.

The meeting closed in usual form.

## Honor Couple At Showers

*Sept*  
OTTERVILLE (C) — In view of the forthcoming marriage of Jeannie Karr and Bryan Taylor, friends and neighbours on the hill presented them with two miscellaneous showers.

The first shower was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Hussey and the second at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davis.

Each occasion was spent informally and the couple received many lovely gifts, for which they expressed appreciation.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Karr of Petrolia, and the groom to be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor of Otterville.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, October 7, at 4.30 p.m. in the United Church, Petrolia. *1972*

# Taylor - Karr

OTTERVILLE (C) — Baskets of white and pink carnations with deep pink gladioli, decorated the church for the wedding of Jeannie Lorene Karr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Karr of Petrolia, and Bryan Taylor of Cannington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor of Otterville, on Saturday, October 7, 1972, at 4:30 p.m. Rev. Clifford Parkes officiated, and Miss Eileen Becker of London was soloist. Musical numbers rendered by the bride's brother, John Karr, included the Grand March from Aida by Verdi.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose an empire styled gown, with overskirt and sleeves of Swiss lace. She wore her grandmother's golf watch and chain around her neck, and carried an arm bouquet of red roses and stephanotis.

Marg Elgie of Edmonton, friend of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a pink crepe ensemble with overskirt and sleeves of pink flowered dotted Swiss, and carried one single pink rose. Flower girl was Sherry Lynn Langis.

Best man was Gerry Grant of Toronto, friend of the groom. Ushers were Scott Taylor, brother of the groom, John Beecroft and Neil Davies, both friends of the groom.

Reception for 85 guests was held at the Glenview Golf Club.

Bride's mother received guests in a floor-length turquoise gown, styled on empire lines, worn with a corsage of pink rosebuds and white carnations. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, turquoise gown styled on princess lines, worn with a corsage of pink rosebuds and white carnations.

For a wedding trip to Toronto, the bride chose a pant suit, with grey pants, white turtle neck, and black and white plaid jacket, worn with a white gardenia corsage. The couple are planning a delayed wedding trip to Europe.

Guests were present from Edmonton, Alta., Flint, Mich., Toronto, London,

Otterville, Petrolia, Sarnia, Peterborough, St. Catharines, Corunna, Barrie, Hamilton and Norwich.

The couple are residing in Cannington. The bride is a teacher, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and the groom is a teacher employed by the Ontario County Board of Education.

Prior to her wedding, the bride was guest at showers held by Miss Phyllis Branders of Sarnia, Mrs. Arthur Davis and Mrs. Hussey of Otterville, Miss Ann Karr of Corunna, and Miss Sharon Stonehouse of Petrolia.

## MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mann (nee Catherine McMullen) who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 14, were presented with a miscellaneous shower in St. John's Parish Hall Otterville on Friday evening.

The event was attended by more than 100 relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Mann who need no introduction were welcomed to the gathering by Rector Herb Herring who on behalf of the gathering wished them every happiness in their new home on North Street, Otterville.

The bride and groom took their place beside the prettily decorated table which was filled with wedding gifts. They were assisted by Mrs. Donald Broad who was matron at the wedding and Mr. Carl Howse who was taking the place of Mr. Broad in unwrapping the gifts.

Upon arrival of the guests at the door, they were met by Mrs. Fred Howse and were asked to register in the Guest Book to which Mrs. John E. Davis was in charge.

Mrs. Bruce Pettit of Point Edward also gave a hand in assisting throughout the evening, which was arranged by several of the ladies of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann each expressed their sincere appreciation for the many lovely gifts and invited them all to come and visit them in their new home.

A social time followed with

# Mann - McMullen

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, was the setting on Saturday, October 14, 1972, at 12 o'clock noon for the quiet wedding of Catherine McMullen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Main St., Otterville, and Kenneth Mann son of Mrs. Elzina Mann and the late Charles Mann. Rev. H. Herring officiated at the service.

The bride chose a pale yellow, peau de soi, street-length dress with matching coat trimmed with seed pearls. Her headpiece was a pale yellow veil with matching bow and she wore a corsage of bronze tea roses.

Their attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Broad of Otterville, with Mrs. Broad attired in a beige, bonded orlon, street-length dress and matching coat with a corsage of yellow tea roses.

Following a dinner at the Holiday Inn, Brantford, the couple left for a wedding trip to Cooperstown, New York.

## 50th Anniversary

The family of Edith and Max Avey of Otterville, wish to invite all relatives, friends and neighbors to an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 15, from 2 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. at the Otterville United Church. Gifts gratefully declined.

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The Oyster and Ham Supper, at St. John's Parish Hall, Otterville, on Wednesday, October 18, Supper 5.00 to 7.00 p.m. Adults \$2.50; Children under 12, \$1.75. Preschoolers free.

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## Butcher Shop Closed Down

OTTERVILLE (C) — For the first time in many years there is no butcher shop in Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy, known to the village and countryside as Fred and Dorothy, closed their shop doors.

Two years ago the couple lost their business and building by fire, but eager to continue as the Otterville butcher, Mr. Pinnoy re-built the latest type in meat market in the district.

Many of the residents who spent a time chatting with the Otterville butcher and his wife are going to miss this friendly visit and efficient service.

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lunch being served in buffet style which included a prettily decorated cake; the decorating being done by Mrs. Derwood Spicer.

The hall was most attractive making a perfect setting for the evening which was bestowed on the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. Mann. Oct 172

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Collings, of Bradford are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Janice Lucille to Mr. Larry George Baguley of Toronto son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Baguley of Otterville. The wedding will take place October 14 in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Newmarket. 1972

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
**October 23, 1952**

A project of the First Baptist Church congregation, an illuminated sign, designed by Parsons' Sign and Display Advertising, Ltd., has been erected on the north-east corner of the building at Bidwell and Washington Grand Ave., It was designed by Al Parsons.

Norwich - The formal opening of the new \$450,000 Norwich District High School drew a crowd of more than 2,000.



An induction service was held at Otterville United Church, on Thursday night, and the congregation of the church welcomed a new minister. Pictured above are Rev. K. Jackson, Brownsville United Church, who gave the sermon at the service; Rev. J. C. McLean, Mount Elgin United Church, who conducted the service; Rev. D. Powell, chairman of the Oxford Presbytery, who inducted Rev. E. Egilsson to his new church; Herold Arthur, pastoral relations committee of Otterville Church, and M. Beecroft, recording secretary of Otterville United.

# Replacing Norwich school top priority for Oxford

*Oct 5/72*

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

WOODSTOCK — Replacing an "obsolete" Norwich public school has been listed as Oxford County's top priority among 16 building projects to be discussed with the Ontario ministry of education.

The proposed Norwich project, estimated to cost \$440,000, is part of a \$3,680,000 building program covering 1973 to 1976.

Education director George A. Simmons said the projects will be discussed with education ministry officials over each of the four years.

Plans are for eight classrooms, a library resource centre, a general purpose room and auxiliary space at the Norwich school to replace an "obsolete building" and portables.

Second on the priority list is updating of facilities at Glendale High School at an estimated cost of \$600,000 and Annandale High School, both in Tillsonburg, at a cost of \$350,000.

The Glendale proposal in 1973 would include two classrooms, a library resource centre, cafeteria, two commercial class-

rooms, a science room, three shops, music room, seminar rooms, staff room, teacher work rooms, administration and guidance areas.

Annandale's plan includes replacing two portables and updating facilities. One shop, a cafeteria, music room, art room, counselling and guidance room, two dressing rooms and a geography laboratory have been planned.

Construction of a new school to replace several smaller ones in the southern part of Dereham Township will also be considered in 1973. The school could replace two classrooms at Mount Elgin, one at Dereham Centre, two at Delmer and five at Ostrander, in a \$525,000 complex featuring 12 classrooms, a library resource centre general purpose room and auxiliary space.

Other 1973 projects to be considered are a \$100,000 library resource centre and general purpose room at Princess Elizabeth School, Ingersoll; a \$170,000, three-classroom, library and general purpose room addition to Princess Anne Public School, Ingersoll, and a \$100,000 library and general purpose room addition to Otterville Public School.

Projected plans in 1974 include a \$170,000 expansion at Westfield Public School, Ingersoll; \$60,000 library resource centre at Huron Park Secondary School, Woodstock; \$240,000 project to update facilities at Woodstock Collegiate; a \$165,000 expansion at Beachville Public School; a \$60,000 general purpose room addition at Rolph Street Public School, Tillsonburg; and a \$100,000 library and general purpose room addition at Springford Public School.

To be considered in 1975 are a three-classroom, \$75,000 addition to Tavistock Public School and a \$180,000 expansion at Norwich District High School.



MR. AND MRS. MAX L. AVEY

FORTHY YEARS AGO  
October 13, 1932

The tool house at the golf links was broken into last night. Just what was taken is not known at the time of going to press. Chief Reynolds has the matter in charge.

Hundreds of citizens of Oxford county gathered Sunday afternoon on the banks of the Otter River at the entrance to Otterville community park to witness the unveiling and dedication of the South Norwich war memorial by the Hon. Donald M. Sutherland, minister of national defence.

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## Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey Observe 50th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Max L. Avey celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on October 15, when they held open house in the United Church schoolroom which was decorated with pots of gold mums and bouquets of golden roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Avey were married October 19, 1922, at the Otterville United Church parsonage by the late Rev. W.R. Vollick. They were attended by Miss Maude Hussey of Guelph and Mr. William Hussey of Huntsville, who were both present at the reception.

Two hundred relatives, friends and neighbours called to extend congratulations and best wishes from London, Detroit, Brantford, Paris, Port Rowan, Cobourg, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Woodstock, Glencoe, Burford, Springford, Burgessville, Holbrook, Huntsville, Guelph, Niagara-On-The-Lake and Toronto.

Receiving guests were their sons and their wives, Howard

and Hilda of Tillsonburg, and Ross and Nina of Paris, with their grandson, David Avey of Paris at the register. Another grandson, Dale Avey of Tillsonburg, is holidaying in Europe.

The room was centred with a prettily decorated table covered with a white linen damask cloth and enhanced with a three-tiered wedding cake and gold candles.

Pouring tea were the sisters of the bride, Mrs. Catherine Force, Mrs. Olive Lossing, of Woodstock, Mrs. Ruth Honey of Detroit, Mrs. Bernice Burrill of Brantford, sister-in-law Olive Pearl Byers of Toronto and the bride's attendant of 50 years ago, Miss Maude Hussey of Guelph.

Serving were the granddaughters, Mrs. Bonnie Nixon, Mrs. Marlene Scriver, Mrs. Sandra Provist, all of Cobourg, Miss Cheryl Avey and Miss Rhonda Avey, of Paris and Miss Lana Mae Avey of Tillsonburg.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Avey are members of Otterville United

Church, of which Mr. Avey is an Elder and treasurer. They are members of Violet Rebekah Lodge and Mrs. Avey is Past Noble Grand also past president and past secretary of the Otterville Women's Institute and a member of the United Church Women. Mr. Avey is a past District Deputy Grand Master of Otter District No. 17 I.O.O.F. and a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Avey were recipients of 175 cards and many gifts including a lovely tea service with the Rebekah emblem from members of the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges, and a 400-day clock from their family.

In the evening the family entertained their parents and close relatives to a delicious dinner served by the members of the U.C.W.

A plaque from the Ontario government was presented by Dr. Harry Parrott, M.P.P. for Oxford, and congratulatory messages were received from Premier of Ontario William Davis, Robert Stanfield leader of the opposition, Rt. Hon. John G. Diefenbaker, and Wally Nesbitt, M.P. for Oxford.

The family of Edith and Max Avey of Otterville wish to invite relatives, friends and neighbours to an open house to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Otterville United Church. Gifts gratefully declined. 1972.

# Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Mark 50th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 28, 1972 with all members of their family present.

The family-get-together was held in the Cove Room, Port Dover, and the room was tastefully decorated with arrangements of yellow and white carnations. A boutonniere for Dad and a corsage for Mother was presented to each by their son, Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were married November 1, 1922, though the celebration was held several days previous. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Warkman of Streetsville.

Mr. Lee was a Veteran of World War I, and a Scoutmaster at Streetsville.

Mrs. Lee was a public school teacher for several years, a teacher of a Sunday school class and a member of the choir in the Methodist Church at Streetsville. She was also president of the first Junior Institute in Peel County in 1915 and since coming to Otterville has served as president of the Happy Bluebird Club.

They have two sons and one daughter, Donald of Brantford and William of Windsor,

and Mrs. Earl (Ruth) Brown of Beaton, Ont.

In 1956 Mr. and Mrs. Lee came to this area where they purchased the farm known as the Bruce Alexander farm where they farmed for 11 years. Retiring from farm life they moved into the village where they now live on Dover St.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were recipients of congratulations from Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, and William Davis, Premier of Ontario.

Mr. Lee spends much time in wood carving and has a fine collection of animals. Mrs. Lee, proud of her husband's handicraft, takes much pleasure in displaying them to those who drop in to visit.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee

# Liquor Vote for Norwich

NORWICH (C) — A bylaw to hold a liquor vote in the village this December was passed at the October meeting of Norwich Council.

Senior Councillor Stewart Miles presided over the meeting in the absence of Reeve Kenneth Pollard, with Councillors Bruce Maedel, Carmen Sweazey and James Butler present.

Clerk Fred Lowes read the correspondence. A letter from barristers Treleaven and Graham advised Council that two properties, the Pettit building, which is needed for municipal purposes, and the Wayne Nix store are now vested in the Corporation of the Village of Norwich.

The Ontario Good Roads convention will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Feb. 26-28, 1973, and all councillors signified their intention of attending.

Clerk Lowes stated he has been informed that Norwich has been listed as a designated area for medical services.

In other business a complaint was received signed by

34 persons against the unsafe conditions due to vehicles stopped and parked at the corner of Spring and Main Streets, making driving and walking hazardous. Plans were made by council members to attend the opening of the tenders for the proposed sewage system for Norwich, in Toronto Thursday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m.

Two resolutions were passed: to amend bylaw 1337, revising the agreement to include the bridge on Stover St. and also for the reeve and clerk to petition the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for the interim subsidy.

Council also passed a bylaw as directed by the Liquor License Board of Ontario in accordance with the Liquor Control Act, to present to the ratepayers of Norwich, under submission, on Monday, December 4, a vote on the following four questions: 1. Are you in favor of a government store for the sale of liquor in Norwich? 2. Sale of beer and wine only under a dining room license for consumption with food

available? 3. Sale of liquor under a dining lounge license for consumption, on licensed premises with food available; 4. Sale of liquor

under a lounge license for consumption on licensed premises.

Back taxes and interest outstanding as of Oct. 1, \$9,528.77, with \$6,640.73 and interest of \$84.26 collected during September.

General accounts passed for payment were \$11,861.41.

## House Struck by Car

The front porch of an Otterville home owned by Mr. and Mrs. ~~Howard~~ Waring received about \$2,000 damage early Sunday as the result of a two-car accident on Main St.

John E. McMullen, 21, of Otterville, was angle parking his car at about 1.30 a.m. when it was struck in the rear by one driven by James W. Bates, 24, also of Otterville.

The McMullen car was driven ahead into the porch. Several windows were broken.

Damage to the first car was \$400, and to the second, \$200.

Const. Larry Killens, OPP, investigated. *Oct. 1972*

Provincial police report that a pickup truck driven by Roger A. Robinson, 19, of Otterville received about \$100 damage Saturday night in an accident on the road allowance between Lots 14-15 in South Norwich.



In Remembrance

*Crossing the Bar*  
Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar  
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound or foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell  
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar...

ALFRED TENNYSON

## In Memory of

MR. FRANK JAMES KING

*Born*

London, Ont., July 22, 1921

*Died*

London, Ont., October 20, 1972

*Services from*

Needham Memorial Chapel

3:30 p.m., Monday, October 23, 1972

*Officiant*

Rev. D. H. Badger

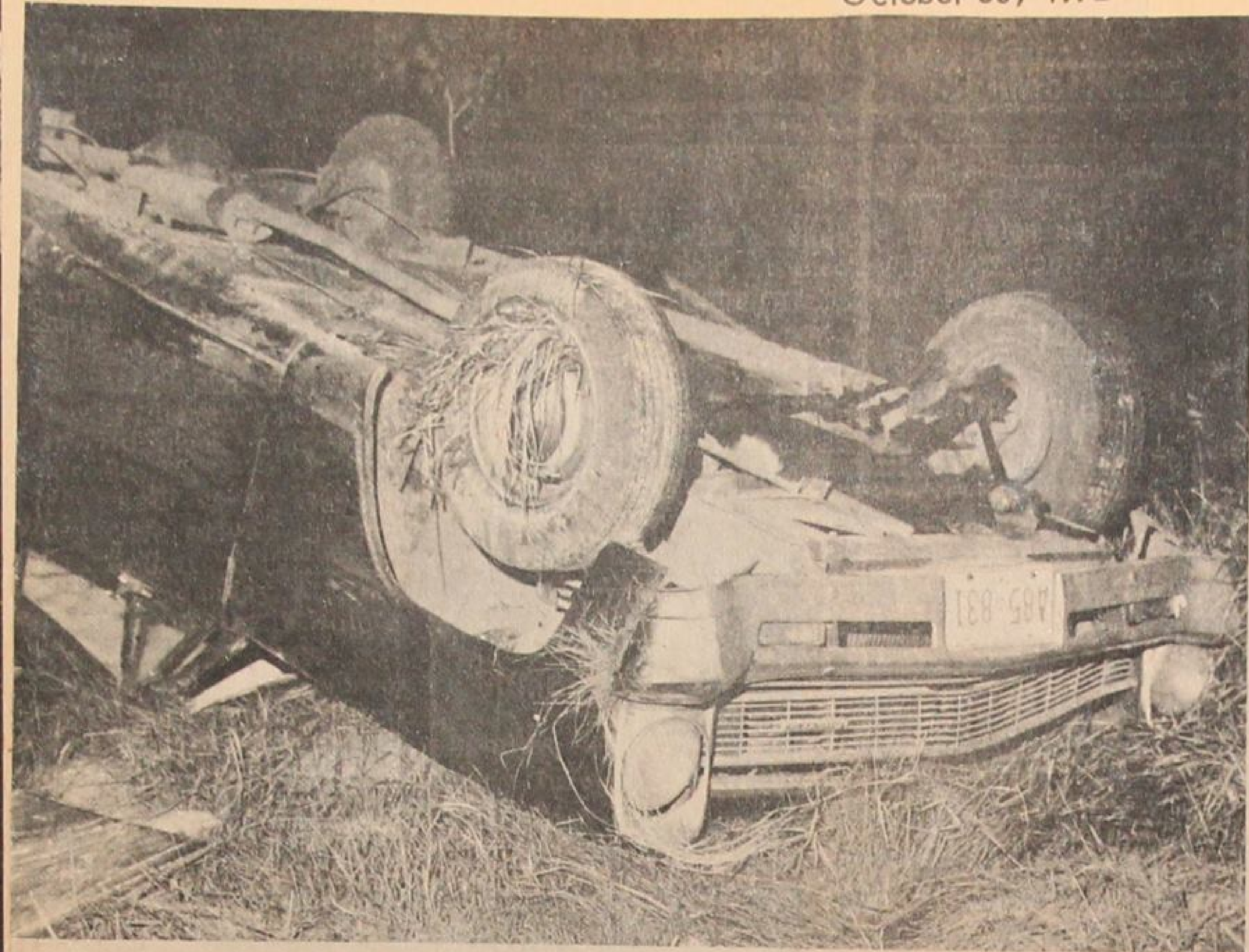
*Interment*

Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

*Needham Funeral Service*



October 30, 1972



Mrs. Alma M. Furlong and her daughter Lynn, 15, of Otterville escaped serious injury Thursday night when this car flipped over after leaving Highway 19, opposite the Arcwood Acres farm, north of Ostrander on Highway 19.

Jack Riste, a custodian at the Otterville Post Office has retired from this position.

Mr. Riste has been employed at the post office for the past 13 years and six months.

Mr. Riste had been the only caretaker of the present Post Office which was built in 1959.

## Meets Cousin At Opening

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland attended the official opening of the Tillsonburg community centre and had the pleasure of meeting the Governor General and Mrs. Michener. Mrs. Freeland is a cousin of Governor General Michener, and on this occasion they had pictures taken with the distinguished guests.

### NEW YOUTH CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES

A Youth Club has been recently formed in Otterville for the young people of Otterville and District aged 10—16 years by a group of interested citizens. The first event was a dance held in the Otterville Public School gym on November 24, with "Sarge" a six-piece band of Tillsonburg providing the music and was supervised by a small group of interested parents.

The event proved so popular and successful that the group decided to carry on during the winter months. Dances will be held every two weeks in the school when youths of the village and district in that age group with their parents are invited to attend these enjoyable evenings.

The next dance will be held on Friday, December 8, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the school. The club is hoping for a good attendance of youths and their parents, as there will be entertainment for all.

Those sponsoring the Club will like to express their appreciation and thanks to the merchants of Otterville and area for their co-operation and contributions which made the first dance a success and made it possible to continue its activities.

Jack took much time in the cleaning of the office and never forgot the lawn and flowers which added much to the village.

Though Jack will be missed in this particular work which was a daily occupation he will find some lighter activity in his retirement.

Mrs. James Bates, a newcomer to the village has been accepted as Custodian to fill the vacancy.

## Area Native Receives Bank Sr. Appointment

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Royal Bank of Canada has announced two senior executive appointments in Ontario. Names Vice-President, Toronto, is D.W. Morison, a native of Otterville, and a graduate of University of Toronto. He has had wide banking experience in this province as well as in Western Canada.

Mr. Morison succeeds Vice-President R.C. Frazee, who has been appointed chief general manager of the Royal.

Mr. Morison has relatives living in Otterville, Dr. G.M. Downing and Mrs. Rod Taylor being first cousins.

### HOLD HIGH THE TORCH

"Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow—

'Twas given you by other hands, you know.

'Tis yours to keep it burning bright,

Yours to pass on when you no more need light;

For there are other feet that we must guide,

And other forms go marching by our side;

Their eyes are watching every smile and tear

And efforts which we think are not worthwhile,

Are sometimes just the very helps they need,

Actions to which their souls would give most heed;

So that in turn they'll hold it high

And say, 'I watched someone else carry it this way'.

If brighter paths should beckon you to those,

Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?

Hold high the torch!

You did not light its glow—

'Twas given you by other hands, you know.

I think it started down its pathway bright,

The day the Maker said: 'Let there be light.'

And He once said, who hung on Calvary's tree—

'Ye are the light of the world' . . . Go! . . . Shine for me:

(Author unknown)

—R.D.D. The Padre of Branch 190, Norwich.

## To Demolish Old Building

OTTERVILLE (C) — One of the oldest buildings in Otterville is being torn down after being unused for several years. It was last used for a storeroom by W.L. Addison, who had a furniture store across the street.

About 1880, when fire swept the business block on the south side of Main St., it was the only building left standing. At that time it was Carter's Tailor Shop and the late Charles Addison's wedding suit was tailored there in 1886.

The building was later owned by Joseph Fish as an undertaking parlour and then sold to Charles Addison who sold it to his son W.L. Addison in 1940. He used it as a furniture store after he opened a Funeral Home.

Recently Mr. Addison sold it, along with the double house on the same property, to Nelson Gleason.

CHARTERED LIFE  
UNDERWRITER



FRED C. THOMPSON, C.L.U. The Institute of Chartered Life Underwriters of Canada has announced that Fred C. Thompson of Norwich, a representative of The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada (Woodstock Branch) has been awarded the Chartered Life Underwriter designation.

This designation is awarded on the successful completion of an intensive three-year course in life underwriting which includes such related subjects as economics, taxation, accounting, commercial law, corporation finance and psychology. Nov 15/72

# Wright - Neale

OTTERVILLE (C) — Janet Colleen Neale and Dennis Wright were married in a pretty fall ceremony at the United Church, Otterville, on Saturday, November 4, 1972, at 4 o'clock. Rev. Einer Egilsson performed the service, before a setting of two floral standards of mauve mums and yellow daisies, with white bows marking the guest pews. Organist, Mrs. William McMullen of Otterville, played the Theme from "Summer of '42" for the Processional, We've Only Just Begun, Love is a Many Splendored Thing during the signing of the register, and the Wedding March as the Recessional.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Neale of Otterville, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Wright of RR 1, Norwich.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride made her floor-length gown of white, sleeveless pomidor satin, with high-line bodice and shaped skirt, featuring a lace coat with attached hood and cut-on train, and long sleeves gathered into buttoned cuffs with lace trim. The entire coat was edged in guipure lace trim. The bride carried a bouquet of phalaenopsis and stephanotis with white velvet ribbon.

Maid of honor was Jane Farrell of Norwich, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Margaret Moore of Otterville, friend of the bride, and Wendy Wright of Norwich, sister of the groom. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of purple velvet, with long sleeves gathered at the wrist, stand-up collar, a set-in band at the midriff, shaped skirt, and a mauve, velvet ribbon tied at the back. Combs with yellow centred white daisies, mauve and purple ribbon, were worn in the hair, and they carried cascades of yellow daisies, purple statice, and purple velvet rosebuds with mauve ribbon. Cheryl Neale, of Otterville, sister of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a floor-length, purple, velvet gown, similar to that of the bridesmaids, worn with a

purple headband with white daisies with yellow centre, and carried a white basket of yellow daisies and purple statice with mauve ribbon.

Glenn Calvin of Hamilton, friend of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Glenn Neale of Amherstburg, brother of the bride, and Gary Clifford of Brantford, friend of the groom.

Reception for 100 guests was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Norwich. Bride's table featured a three-tier, white cake topped with yellow daisies, two candelabra with yellow daisies, mauve carnations and yellow candles. Guests' tables featured brandy snifters with arrangements of white and yellow daisies.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a blue, crepe, floor-length gown, worn with gold accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. Groom's mother wore a blue, floor-length ensemble with figured skirt, black accessories and a corsage of white roses.

Bride's gifts were cut glass vases; to the flower girl, a ring. Groom's gifts were butane lighters.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a burgundy, smocked dress, worn with white coat, black accessories and a corsage of white daisies.

On the return Mr. and Mrs. Wright will reside at 75 Wendover Dr., Apt. 717, Hamilton 44, Ont.



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS WRIGHT

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald P. Neale, Otterville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Janet Colleen to Mr. Dennis Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Rice, R.R. 1, Norwich. The wedding will take place on November 4, 1972, at 4.00 o'clock in the United Church, Otterville.

## Mildred Gladys Monk

Mrs. Beverley Monk of R.R. 1, Springford, passed away at her residence on Thursday, November 16, 1972, in her 80th year.

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Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, William Monk of Kingston and Edward Monk of R.R. 1, Springford; two daughters, Mrs. Len (Ruth) Haley of Peace River, Alta., and Mrs. Bryn (Frances) Hayes of Edmonton; 12 grandchildren; and one brother, H. Roy Hughes of Tillsonburg.

Resting at the Armstrong Funeral Home until Saturday, thence to St. Charles Anglican Church, Dereham, for funeral service at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring.

Interment in St. Charles Anglican Cemetery, Dereham.

Donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated by the family.

## Late JAMES ROSS CARROLL

James Ross Carroll, 83 years, of R.R. 1, Norwich, passed away at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, on Thursday, November 9, 1972, where he had been a resident for the past two years.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Carroll and lived all his life on the farm where he was born.

He was a former Councillor of North Norwich Township and served as reeve from 1945-46, also a former member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and the Arena Board.

His wife the former Gladys Lossing predeceased him in 1957.

Surviving are two sons, Allen of R.R. 1, Norwich and Scott of R.R. 1, Aylmer. Six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Monday, November 13, at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence with Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church officiating.

The bearers were: James Alexander, Irwin Fish, Darwen Scott, Wilfred Fidler, Barney McKiernan and Albert Corn-

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Pallbearers were Jack Freeland, Lawrence Ecker, Herb Hughes, Harry Manning, Joe Hughes and Bill Cole.

Flower bearers were Mike Naylor and D. Shaw.

## Multi-Year Plates On Sale Dec. 1

The first issue of multi-year passenger vehicle licence plates will go on sale at 285 licence issuing offices throughout Ontario on Friday, December 1, Transportation and Communications Minister Gordon Carton announced. Expiry date for current licence plates is February 28, 1973.

The new style plates are expected to last five years and will have three letters and three numerals in blue on a white background with the name 'Ontario' above and the slogan 'Keep It Beautiful' below.

Registration fees will continue to be payable on a yearly basis, with the annual cost for an 8-cylinder vehicle being \$40; a 6-cylinder vehicle \$32; and \$23 for a 4-cylinder car.

The format of the passenger motor vehicle permit has been modified to accommodate a replica of the vinyl validation sticker that will be affixed to the lower right-hand corner of the licence plate in subsequent years.

Multi-year plates are the result of extensive testing and evaluation of various paint and metal combinations that culminated in the production of a vehicle licence that is 25 per cent stronger and colored with improved, longer-lasting enamels. *Nov/72*

## To Demolish Old Building

OTTERVILLE (C) — One of the oldest buildings in Otterville is being torn down after being unused for several years. It was last used for a storeroom by W.L. Addison, who had a furniture store across the street.

About 1880, when fire swept the business block on the south side of Main St., it was the only building left standing. At that time it was Carter's Tailor Shop and the late Charles Addison's wedding suit was tailored there in 1886.

The building was later owned by Joseph Fish as an undertaking parlour and then sold to Charles Addison who sold it to his son W.L. Addison in 1940. He used it as a furniture store after he opened a Funeral Home.

Recently Mr. Addison sold it, along with the double house on the same property, to Nelson Gleason.

*Nov/72*

# Tillsonburg 100

November 14, 1872

Social Ball - Scidmore's New Store, Accacia, Wednesday evening, November 20, 1872, Tickets \$1.25 Music by Leach's Quadrille Band. Mr. Lyman Floor Manager.

Bold Theft - At Hall's Hotel, in Otterville, sometime between Tuesday evening 22nd inst., and the following Sunday morning, between thirty and forty dollars in silver was stolen from I. E. York, druggist, in the above village. The money being cumbrous was placed by the owner in a truck, which he locked, and supposed safe. The lock was of the commonest kind and an easy access was gained by the light fingered person or persons. Circumstances rendered it evident that the money was taken by some person belonging to the house. Suspicion rested with one of the servant girls, who was arrested and searched, together with the house, and other connected therewith. Nothing however was found to convict, no clue obtained, and the affair remains shrouded in mystery. Otterville, Oct. 28, 1872. (The above correspondence was mislaid in the bustle of moving, which will account for its not appearing sooner. -

Ed.) Nov/72

# Powell Plant Has Big Impact

By Rob Brady

OTTERVILLE — When Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. decided to establish in Canada they spent some time researching locations to operate the new company from, according to Ted McElhone, vice-president.

"We finally decided on Otterville for several reasons. It fills the bill for location, being right in the middle of the largest tobacco belt in the country; it's a small community which aids in a corporate identity (people tend to identify the town with the company and vice versa); although its not on major transportation routes, this problem is negligible because we operate our own fleet of trucks; and last but not least, the company used SAV-OIL which we bought out, as a founding base and it was already located in Otterville," said Mr. McElhone.

He pointed out that the last reason was not as important as it might seem because the new firm still had to buy land and construct a new plant.

They built a new 384 by 80 foot plant, new office space, and combined with other property they have purchased or leased in the village, now have a total of about 55,000 square feet in use for storage, manufacture and assembly line work.

What does all this mean to a village like Otterville and the surrounding area?

Jobs, for one thing. Powell employs between 40 and 45 persons on a year round basis and more than half of them come from Otterville and the immediate vicinity. The balance come from other nearby areas such as Delhi or Tillsonburg.

Mr. McElhone said, of the 40 or so employees, 18 live in the village of Otterville and eight more in the immediate vicinity.

To a small village like Otterville, that's a lot of employment and it gets even better in the summer when the company has as many as 100 persons on the payroll.

Aside from the jobs themselves, the payroll accompanying them adds a

considerable lift to the economy of a small village. Although, for obvious reasons, Mr. McElhone declined to release figures, he did say that most, if not

## Emma Cutler Marks 90th Birthday

Miss Emma Cutler celebrated her 90th birthday recently when about 50 relatives, neighbours and friends called at her home. The surprise party was arranged by her only living sister, Mrs. H.S. Morgan and her daughters, Mrs. Tom Harris, Mrs. Jim Hill, Muriel Morgan and Mrs. Ross Hickling.

The lunch table was attractively decorated with a pink centrepiece and pink candles. The birthday cake was also decorated in pink and white.

Miss Cutler was born in 1882 and has lived all her life on the family farm, a century farm, at R.R. 1, Otterville. She makes her home with her two brothers, Elmer and Percy Cutler.

all, employees were skilled or semi-skilled and the amount of the payroll was "surprising" in relation to the number of jobs.

Taxes on all the land and buildings also add up to a considerable factor. South Norwich Clerk Merlin Howse said, "Powell means a heck of a lot with their assessment which runs well into five figures. If they were not here, there is no doubt that the mill rate for residents of the village would be much higher."

Powell's operation also has international ramifications which, although not having a direct effect on the area, certainly help out the country as a whole and tend to put Otterville on the map, at least in the tobacco industry.

Mr. McElhone said that the Canadian Company exports far more than is imported from the parent company in the States and since the companies are totally independent from each other, aside from co-operation, this results in

contributing to a favourable balance of payments with the States.

A.E. Montag, the manager of the Otterville branch of the Royal Bank, said although he would like to see more industry in the town, Powell keeps the village alive in terms of employment and helps, if not makes, Otterville a viable community.

"It has certainly helped in the respect that there is more money circulating, adding to the health of the economy of the area. Powell has also helped in the regard that their presence here has helped promote some growth such as new homes."

In essence, what Powell has done for Otterville and the surrounding area, is to allow them to buck the trend of small villages gradually dying out in Ontario and has stimulated some degree of growth in both the village and township.

## Commercial Property

*Dec 1972*  
"COMMERCIAL - VILLAGE OF OTTERVILLE - Main St., brand new brick, block and steel construction store suitable for most types of business and expansion. Vacant — Immediate possession! Located in heart of business area. Call for inspection! M.L.S. OTTERVILLE - well built home just 5 years old. All good size rooms, main floor has living room, formal dining room, modern kitchen, 3 pc. bath, 4 large bedrooms, with 2 pc. bath. Completed Rec. room 14 x 28. Electrically heated, large landscaped lot. Close to schools and churches. Priced right \$17,200. M.L.S. Iezzi and Iezzi Limited, Realtor, Brantford, 519-756-6366". 1

## Dinner Planned For Yule Party

*Dec-1972*  
OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. Derwood Spicer for their regular meeting. President, Mrs. Fred Howse, presided and the meeting opened with a hymn and prayer by Rev. H. Herring.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Jack Riste and members responded to roll call with a verse of Scripture containing the word "Glad." Roll call for the next meeting will be a verse of Scripture containing the word "Child," in keeping with Christmas.

During business, a financial report was given by treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen, which included the successful bazaar.

Members decided to cater to a banquet December 16th to the Dogwood Road Runners club, dinner to be held in the Parish hall, Otterville.

Members with their families plan to hold their Christmas party with a noonday dinner in the parish hall on December 14.

Next regular meeting in the parish hall, January 17.

BUTCHER SHOP

PINNEY HOUSE NORTH ST

# Area Merchant Honored By Friends, Neighbors

On Saturday, December 2, friends and neighbors of Bill and Eleanor Mowat gathered at the Springford Institute hall to show their appreciation for 25 years of across-the-counter friendly service.

At the closing of the store at nine o'clock, approximately 200 well-wishers gathered in front of the general store to take the storekeeper and his wife completely by surprise.

They then returned to the hall for an informal program and a social hour.

John Sandham of Springford was a capable master of ceremonies for the evening. Two local students, Miss Heather Jordan and Miss Sharon Mansion, one of whom is still employed by the Mowats, pinned a corsage of red rosebuds and a boutonniere consisting of a white carnation and a red rosebud on the guests of honor. Two former long-time employees, Miss Floss Raymond and Mrs. Florence Winksel, presented the Mowats with an engraved plaque com-

memorating their 25 years of business.

A humorous poem, 'An Ode to the Mowats,' depicting the last 25 years was written and read by Mrs. Lucille Debus.

A trio, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Scott and Mrs. Sherrill Babbey, sang a song composed by Mrs. Cora Lonsbary with the audience joining in on the chorus. This song was reminiscent of the Mowats past 25 years.

A very artistic card created by Miss Joanne Pettigrew, containing signatures of the well-wishers, was given to the Mowats by John Sandham.

A sing-song of old favorites, with Mr. Doug Babbey leading and Mrs. Lillian

Broad accompanying on the piano, concluded the enjoyable program.

A lovely, double heart cake, decorated by Mrs. Lillian Broad and Mrs. Mae Burwell, was made for the Mowats in remembrance of the evening.

During the social hour earlier times were recalled. Mr. Mowat came to Springford in 1947 to continue the business of the general store which had formerly been operated by the late Mr. Cecil Ottewell. Mrs. Mowat is the former Eleanor Ottewell, and they have two children, Joan and Peter.

The evening was a tremendous success due to the response of the community and surrounding area.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MOWAT

## Top Flue Price Of 98¢ Paid

*Dec 21/77*

A strong demand for top quality tobacco continued throughout last week with bids of over 90 cents a pound being common.

Thursday, the highest daily average so far this season, of 81.62 cents was paid.

The top price of 98 cents a pound was received for a flat of BF2 with wrapper characteristics, offered at the Delhi exchange. Several flats sold at all three exchanges in the 94-95 cent range.

When the auctions closed Thursday, the average paid to date had reached 77.06 cents.

Only tobacco already received at the exchanges was to be offered Friday morning and it was expected sales would be limited to quite a bit less than one million pounds. The balance of the day was required to allow companies to move their purchased tobacco to processing plants. The auction commences again on January 2.

Sales Thursday at the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco

Growers' Marketing Board exchanges:

LEAF — BL2, 47,938, 91.53; BL3, 299,882, 90.27; BL4, 45,810, 86.33; BL5, 25,383, 75.53; BL6, 1,339, 45.41; BF2, 22,423, 91.64; BF3, 157,634, 89.78; BF4, 101,886, 85.00; BF5, 76,382, 69.30; BF6, 24,278, 35.35; BM6, 120, 23.28; BK4, 491, 55.00; BK5, 51, 26.25; BGL3, 8,162, 79.77; BGL4, 16,433, 72.92; BGL5, 6,185, 54.66; BGL6, 1,210, 25.91; BGF3, 1,465, 75.11; BGF4, 12,169, 64.43; BGF5, 16,067, 42.90; BGF6, 10,891, 24.95; BCR, 4,909, 73.83.


CUTTERS — CL1, 8,096, 94.54; CL2, 111,390, 91.70; CL3, 304,871, 90.74; CL4, 77,103, 89.05; CL5, 37,570, 86.79; CL6, 42,903, 70.50; CF2, 9,600, 90.88; CF3, 61,092, 89.95; CF4, 22,004, 84.92; CF5, 21,568, 69.90; CF6, 29,611, 55.86; CGL3, 5,198, 79.42; CGL4, 12,993, 73.64; CGL5, 6,879, 60.18; CGL6, 4,768, 37.10; CGF4, 749, 71.15; CGF5, 4,385, 44.87; CGF6, 2,981, 27.13; CCR, 1,544, 75.65.

LUGS — XL2, 58,673, 91.84; XL3, 47,622, 86.28; XL4, 22,642, 76.31; XL5, 14,447, 66.55; XL6, 24,986, 50.84; XF6, 4,236, 44.39; XGL5, 1,624, 52.24; XGL6, 2,028, 36.97; NDL, 14,912, 25.54; NDF, 183, 11.56; NDG, 9,023, 12.37; SPF, 54,862, 44.44.

Total sales 1,901,651 pounds; average price 81.62.

Sales to date, 64,819,270 pounds; average price 77.06.

Shipping positions ordered for January 2, Round 3: Delhi, 143; Tillsonburg, 147; Aylmer, 146.



*Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Baert  
request the pleasure of your company  
at the wedding reception of their daughter*

*Linda Marie*

*and*

*Mr. Jack Martin Grim*

*on Tuesday, the nineteenth of December*

*at eight o'clock*

*Belgian Hall*

*Delhi, Ontario*



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On these questions, residents voted for sale of liquor in the village.

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Sixty per cent "YES" votes were needed to carry a liquor vote, so liquor lounges will not be allowed in Norwich, although the vote was 367 to 352 in favor.

Voting was equal on the dining lounge licence question, with 358 for and against.

The following is the table on how residents voted:

QUESTION	Poll	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
		Yes	No	Total	Rejected
QUESTION 1	1	160	89	249	7
	2	157	97	254	8
	3	133	68	201	1
	Advance:	16	11	27	
	TOTAL	466	265	731	16
QUESTION 2	1	113	130	243	13
	2	126	128	254	11
	3	93	99	192	10
	Advance	4	19	23	1
	TOTAL	336	376	712	35
QUESTION 3	1	122	122	244	12
	2	121	129	250	12
	3	106	90	196	6
	Advance	9	17	26	1
	TOTAL	358	358	716	31
QUESTION 4	1	126	124	250	8
	2	129	121	250	6
	3	104	89	193	12
	Advance	8	18	26	2
	TOTAL	367	352	719	28

## NORWICH — YES OR NO

There's a pleasant little Village beside the Otter stream,  
A place where people like to live, a lovely spot to dream  
Of happy days and friendly ways, of home and children dear -  
Yet everything could be destroyed by whiskey, wine and beer.

If father takes the bottle, how will you find the lad,  
Tall and strong with high ideals, or tipling like his dad?

If mother spends time drinking, where will her daughter be?

Drink has a pagan partner - it's immorality.

We love our quiet decent Town, it's part of you and me,

We want it to go down - clean and clear - in history.

This can never happen if we let the liquor flow -

Do we really care enough to mark our ballots NO!

Dec 4/72 - Doris Innis  
1 Dufferin  
Norwich

## SANTA CLAUS AT ARENA

Norwich and District children can welcome Santa Claus at the ARENA Saturday afternoon at 2.00 p.m. He will have a gift for the children and free skating can be enjoyed following his visit.

## LEONARD C. ROSS

Funeral service for the late Leonard C. Ross of 2 George St., Tillsonburg, who passed away on December 28, 1972, was held at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, December 30, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Pallbearers were Lindsay Sands, Percy Roloson, George Vowl, Archie Ross, Morris Ross and Brian Coulter.

Interment in Union Cemetery.

The family of the late Leonard C. Ross wish to thank all friends, neighbors and relatives for the beautiful floral tributes also to Ostrander Funeral Home and staff and pallbearers and to Rev. Skelly for comforting words.

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# Fear Of Regional Government Slows

By Rob Brady

OTTERVILLE — A growing fear that regional government may be imposed in the near future seems to be the reason for a slowdown in activity in South Norwich Township.

The predominant feeling seems to be that no major expenditures should be undertaken only to see the results gobbled up by some form of reorganized government for this area in southern Oxford County.

But in spite of the apparent lack of activity,

taxes rose sharply in the township this year, giving rise to many complaints.

Clerk Merlin Howse explained that an almost 20 per cent increase in the educational levy for the township is responsible for the increase.

The 1971 levy for education in South Norwich was \$230,013 and for this year \$277,748, a jump of \$47,735. The township pays levies to three boards. Because of its unique position, some students are attending school in Norfolk County so a small portion

of the levy is paid to the Norfolk Board. The rest is paid to the Oxford County Board of Education and The Oxford R.C. Separate School Board.

"The fact that the residential tax rebates are not available this year has also had the effect of making the taxes look higher," said Mr. Howse.

The provincial program of rebating a portion of taxes has been discontinued, to be replaced by a system of credits for income tax and although most people will receive the same or better benefits, it doesn't show up on the municipal levy and they feel gypped explained Mr. Howse.

The increased cost of education in South Norwich is taking over 57 per cent of the municipal levy and of the about 42 per cent remaining, the township only receives roughly 22 per cent for their work. The remainder goes to the county.

But the township's growth is continuing according to statistics released by the clerk.

Building permits in the township are up slightly over last year when 31 permits were issued. Included in this year's figures are 11 new

residences, three commercial permits, seven agricultural permits and 13 sundry permits which cover such work as alterations or renovations to existing homes, buildings, etc., for a total of 34.

For the first time, assessment has passed the 5½ million dollar mark, reaching \$5,524,678, an increase of \$62,150 over the 1971 figures.

The roads department, always the largest expenditure for a township, had a total budget of \$89,400 of which more than half, \$45,600, was subsidy from the province.

The major expenditure was for a new grader for the department which cost \$28,000.

Major projects carried on by the department in the past year included straightening the approach and reducing the grade to a railway crossing on the 13th concession (\$8,500), regrading and gravelling about one mile of the Hawtrey road (\$9,000) and resurfacing two blocks of John Street in the Village of Otterville (\$2,000). The rest of the budgeted money went to the upkeep of the 72.6 miles of roads in the township including grading and snow removal.



South Norwich Clerk, Merlin Howse, left, and Roads Superintendent Elmer Almost, review the roads program for 1972 just completed by the township. The biggest expenditure was for a new grader valued at \$28,000. (News-Record Photo)

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Sixty per cent "YES" votes were needed to carry a liquor vote, so liquor lounges will not be allowed in Norwich, although the vote was 367 to 352 in favor.

Voting was equal on the dining lounge licence question, with 358 for and against.

The following is the table on how residents voted:

QUESTION	Poll	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
	Poll	Yes	No	Total	Rejected
QUESTION 1	1	160	89	249	7
	2	157	97	254	8
	3	133	68	201	1
	Advance:	16	11	27	
	TOTAL	466	265	731	16
QUESTION 2	1	113	130	243	13
	2	126	128	254	11
	3	93	99	192	10
	Advance	4	19	23	1
	TOTAL	336	376	712	35
QUESTION 3	1	122	122	244	12
	2	121	129	250	12
	3	106	90	196	6
	Advance	9	17	26	1
	TOTAL	358	358	716	31
QUESTION 4	1	126	124	250	8
	2	129	121	250	6
	3	104	89	193	12
	Advance	8	18	26	2
	TOTAL	367	352	719	28

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## SANTA CLAUS AT ARENA

Norwich and District children can welcome Santa Claus at the ARENA Saturday afternoon at 2.00 p.m. He will have a gift for the children and free skating can be enjoyed following his visit.

## NORWICH — YES OR NO

There's a pleasant little Village beside the Otter stream,  
A place where people like to live, a lovely spot to dream  
Of happy days and friendly ways, of home and children dear -  
Yet everything could be destroyed by whiskey, wine and beer.

If father takes the bottle, how will you find the lad,  
Tall and strong with high ideals, or tipling like his dad?

If mother spends time drinking, where will her daughter be?

Drink has a pagan partner - it's immorality.

We love our quiet decent Town, it's part of you and me,

We want it to go down - clean and clear - in history.

This can never happen if we let the liquor flow -

Do we really care enough to mark our ballots NO!

Dec 4/72 - Doris Innis  
1 Dufferin  
Norwich

## LEONARD C. ROSS

Funeral service for the late Leonard C. Ross of 2 George St., Tillsonburg, who passed away on December 28, 1972, was held at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, December 30, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. William Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Pallbearers were Lindsay Sands, Percy Roloson, George Vowl, Archie Ross, Morris Ross and Brian Coulter.

Interment in Union Cemetery.

The family of the late Leonard C. Ross wish to thank all friends, neighbors and relatives for the beautiful floral tributes also to Ostrander Funeral Home and staff and pallbearers and to Rev. Skelly for comforting words.

# Snowmobiler Killed

Anthony Reginald (Tony) DeMeester, 26, of RR 1, Springford, was killed Saturday night in a snowmobile accident when his neck struck a wire cable strung across a conservation area trail just off the Dereham-South Norwich township line road near County Road 19.

The accident occurred at about 7 p.m. when Mr.

DeMeester and his cousin, Joe DeMeester of Sarnia, on two snowmobiles, were checking area trails for snow.

Tony had apparently come out of the trail a few minutes before and had lifted the cable to drive under. Returning, he must have momentarily forgotten about the hazard.

The half-inch cable serves as a gate to keep cars out of

the area, and ordinarily is said to have a sign hanging from it, but this was missing.

Mr. DeMeester, in company with Charles Mahu, last winter embarked on a three-week "Polar Run" into the Ontario northland to raise money for the Tillsonburg Community Centre Complex. They were sponsored on a mileage basis, and covered 1,008 miles before being

forced to end the journey by a shortage of parts and bad ice conditions on James Bay. The venture raised \$873.27 for the building fund.

Surviving is his wife, the former Gaylyn Comfort; one son, Daniel DeMeester, at home; his father, Leon DeMeester of RR 1, Springford; one brother, Leon DeMeester of London; three sisters, Mrs. L. R. (Marie) Barnham of Georgia, Mrs. Roger (Donna) Seghers of Straffordville, and Mrs. Ron (Norma) Myers of P.E.I.

He was predeceased by his mother in 1970.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Tuesday, December 12, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. E. Egilsson of

Springford United Church. Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Flowers gratefully declined.



Tony DeMeester

## DIED

### HAROLD WILFRED SWEAZEY

The death occurred suddenly of Harold Wilfred Sweazey, aged 70 years of 29 Stover Street, South on Tuesday, December 19 1972.

Born in Hatchley, Brant County. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Sweazey and was a member of the Norwich Baptist Church, St. Johns Masonic Lodge No. 104 A.F. and A.M. The Past Time Club and was chairman of the Norwich Public Utility Commission.

Mr. Sweazey retired in 1966 as area manager of the Ontario Rural Hydro, a position he held for 43 years, and had served in Norwich and Merlin. He was a member of the Hydro Quarter Century Club and when residing in Merlin was a member of the Rotary Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Reulah Thomas, two daughters, Mrs. Jack (Kay) Vigar and Mrs. Donald (Darlene) Wells both of London; three sons, Howard of Caledon; Donald and Carmen, both of Norwich; two sisters, Mrs. Gilbert (Helen) Adams, Woodstock and Mrs. Clarence (Vera) Ronson of Tillsonburg, and 17 grand children survive.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where the funeral will be held on Friday, December 22, at 2.00 p.m. with Rev. Eric Strain of the Norwich Baptist Church officiating.

Interment will be in Norwich cemetery.

A Masonic Service will be held at the Funeral residence on Thursday evening at 8.00 p.m.

### LEONARD C. ROSS

Leonard C. Ross of 2 George St., Tillsonburg, passed away at his residence on Thursday, December 28, 1972, in his 67th year.

Surviving is his wife, the former Ada Young; one stepson, Albert Young of Tillsonburg; one stepdaughter, Mrs. George (Vivian) Coulter of Strathroy; four grandchildren; three sisters, Miss Lillian Ross, Mrs. George (Bertha) Vowl, Mrs. William (Laura) Chaplo, all of St. Thomas; four brothers, Albert Ross of Simcoe, Norman Ross of Kitchener, Harold Ross and Thomas Ross, both of St. Thomas.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Saturday, December 30, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. William Skelly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Interment in Union Cemetery.



Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Judith Lee

to

Mr. James Robert Raddatz

on Wednesday, December the twenty-seventh  
nineteen hundred and seventy-two  
at six o'clock

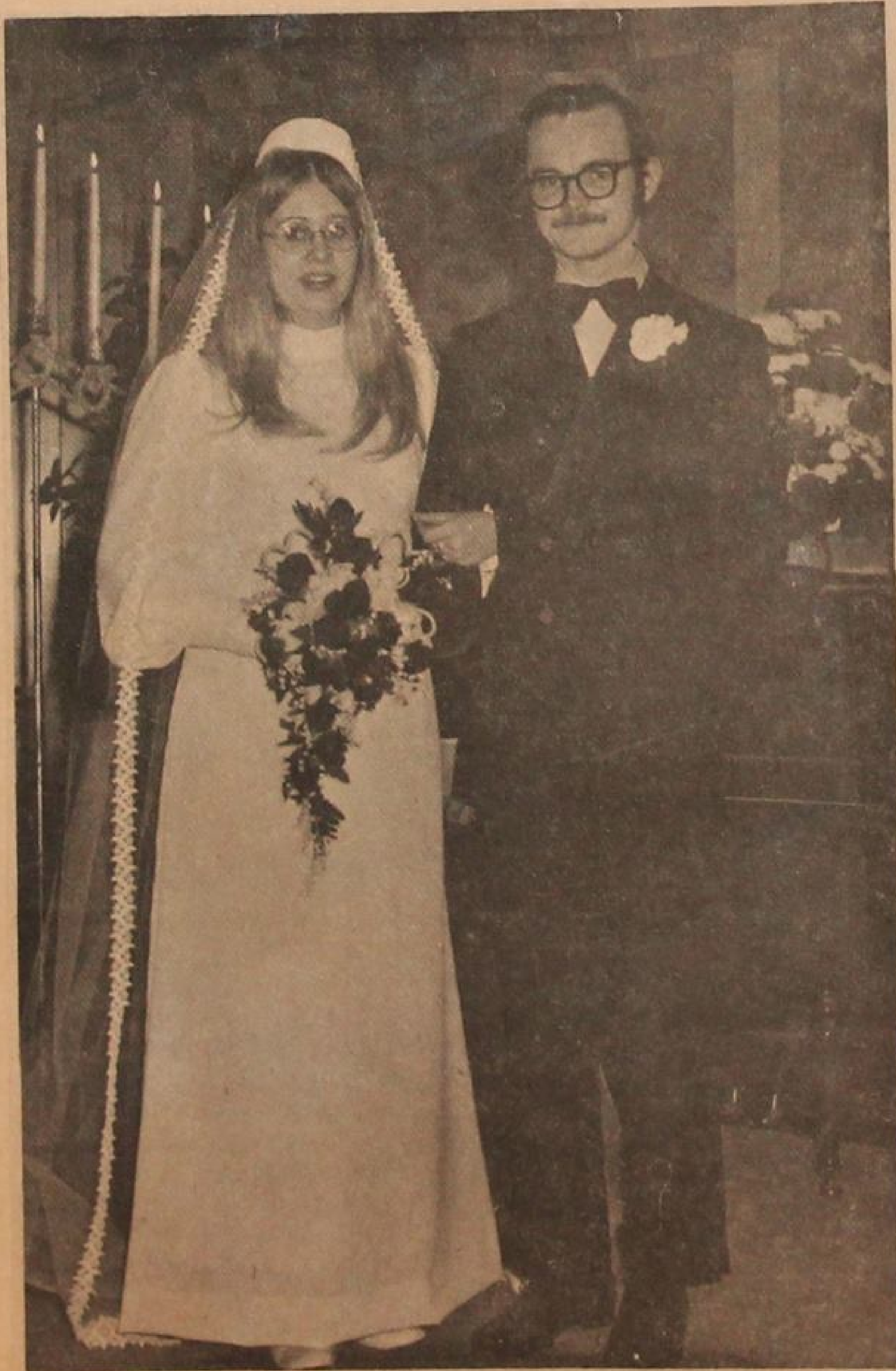
St. Paul's United Church  
Tillsonburg, Ontario

Reception at 7:30 p.m.  
Town Gate Inn

# Howse - Morrice

White mums and red carnations decorated St. Pauls Friendship Room on Friday, February 4, 1972, at 7:30 p.m. for the candlelight service uniting in marriage Darlene Beth Morrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrice of 44 Earl St., Tillsonburg, and Larry Charles Howse of 252 Broadway, Tillsonburg, son of Mrs. Florence Howse of Otterville, and the late Keith Howse. Rev. Arthur Hencher of Avondale United Church officiated, assisted by Rev. H. Herring of Otterville Anglican Church. Pianist, John Slauson, played several selections, including the theme from Love Story, during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a white, velvet, floor-length gown, styled on empire lines, with long, full sleeves, lace trimmed bodice and high neckline. A wedding band headdress held her floor-length veil, trimmed with matching lace, in place, and she carried an arrangement of red roses, white mums and lily of the valley.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY CHARLES HOWSE

Lois Markham, cousin of the bride, was maid of honour, and Doreen Howse, cousin of the groom, was bridesmaid. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of ruby red velvet, similar to that of the bride, with short, puffed sleeves and lace trim at the neckline. Their headdresses were red velvet flowers with white netting, and they carried white muffs with sprays of red roses and lily of the valley.

Keith Howse of Otterville, brother of the groom, was best man, and Dale Howse of Tillsonburg, brother of the groom, was usher.

Reception for 25 guests was held at the home of the bride, decorated for the occasion with white mums and red carnations. Bride's table featured a wedding cake and the bridal flowers. Waitresses were Mrs. Donna Just, cousin of the bride, Mrs. Ann Payne and Mrs. Lillian Gerow, friends of the bride.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a two-piece, street length ensemble of green lace and crimpolene, worn with black patent accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. Groom's grandmother chose a mauve, crimpknit, street-length ensemble, worn with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations tipped with purple.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were silver pendants; to the waitresses, crystal bud vases. Groom's gift was a lighter to the best man and cufflinks and tie pin to the usher.

For a wedding trip east, the bride chose a black and white, street length dress with shirred bodice and silver trim, worn with black patent accessories and a corsage of white carnations tipped with red.

Guests were present from Woodstock, Otterville and Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Howse are residing at 252 Broadway, Tillsonburg.

Prior to the wedding a shower was held at the home of Beverley Fairs, friend of the bride; a shower at the home of the bride's parents, given by Mrs. D. Just and Miss M. Morrice on February 12; and a community shower in the Otterville Anglican Church on February 19.