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# Powell Boost to Economy



The sign on the Otterville town limits not only announces to passing vehicles that they are indeed entering Otterville, but also makes it clear that Otterville is the home of Powell Agri-System Ltd.

Considering what the Powell plant means to Otterville, this seems only fair.

One thing Powell's means to the town is employment. The plant employs between 40 and 45 persons on a year-round basis and things get even better in the summer when the company has as many as 100 persons on the payroll.

More than half of the steady crew come from Otterville and the immediate vicinity. The balance come from such other near by areas as Delhi and Tillsonburg.

For a small village, that is an exceptional amount of jobs and besides the jobs, the payroll accompanying them gives a lift to the economy of the area.

Powell's vice president Ted McElhone intimated while most if not all of the employees are skilled or semi-skilled, the amount of the payroll was surprising in relation to the number of jobs.

According to Merlin Howse, South Norwich clerk, taxes on all the land and buildings also add up to a considerable factor. He 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 of the residents of the village would be much higher."

What Powell Agri-Systems Ltd. has done in fact is keep Otterville alive and allowed them to avoid the fate of so many small communities that have died a slow economic death.

The company has quite an impact on the tobacco in another way, as well, through the emphasis on products to mechanize and automate the tobacco growing industry at all stages.

Mr. McElhone explained that when Powell Agri-Systems decided to open a plant in Canada, they spent some time researching various locations. They settled on Otterville for various reasons. For one, Otterville is right in the middle of one of the largest tobacco belts in the country. It was also a small community which aided in the establishment of corporate identity and while not on any major transportation routes, the problem was negligible as they had their own fleet of trucks.

Last but not least, the company used Sav-Oil, which they bought out, as a founding base and it was already located in Otterville.

He pointed out that the last reason was not necessarily as important as it might seem because the new firm still had to buy land and construct a new plant.

The new plant Powell built included a 384 by 80 foot structure, new office space and combined with the property they have purchased or leased in the village now has about 55,000 square feet in use for storage, manufacture and assembly line work.

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 help 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 U.S. and since the companies are totally independent from each other, aside from co-operation, this results in contributing a favorable balance of payments with the U.S.

Any company which can boast doing as much good for any one place deserves to have their name on the sign.

## 'Nothing to Do?' --Not Now

If you are a parent who is tired of hearing the oft-repeated phrase "there is nothing to do", tell your kids about the Otterville solution to that problem.

Because there was nothing to do in Otterville, a few concerned parents and interested youngsters got together a bi-monthly youth dance.

Local merchants very generously donated money and the Oxford Board of Education okayed the use of the school gym in Otterville.

The next step was to hire a band. The group they chose was from Tillsonburg and called "Sarge."

With the young people doing all the work, decorating, setting up chairs etc., the night of the first dance rolled around. Over eighty kids showed up.

The age restrictions had been set for 12 to 16-year-olds, however the dance was such a hit, many parents with children a few years younger phoned to ask if they too could be included.

As it stands now, kids from 10 to 16 attend, the majority in the 10 to 14 age group.

Mrs. J.D. Cowan, a parent who helped the kids get the go-ahead for their dance plan, explained that the dances are really swinging affairs with

good loud music, spotlights, ashtrays, posters for decoration and pop and chips for sale. There are two basic rules, no drinking and no going outside.

In her own words, the young people in the area have been "sensational." They have kept to the rules, done the work, kept the gym clean and still have managed to have a great time.

The dances are strictly non-profit.

The first dance was such a hit with the young people that even more have turned out for the subsequent ones. Most have over 100 in attendance.

Parents are welcome to come, drink coffee and play cards, but so far none have turned out.

Mrs. Cowan suggested that

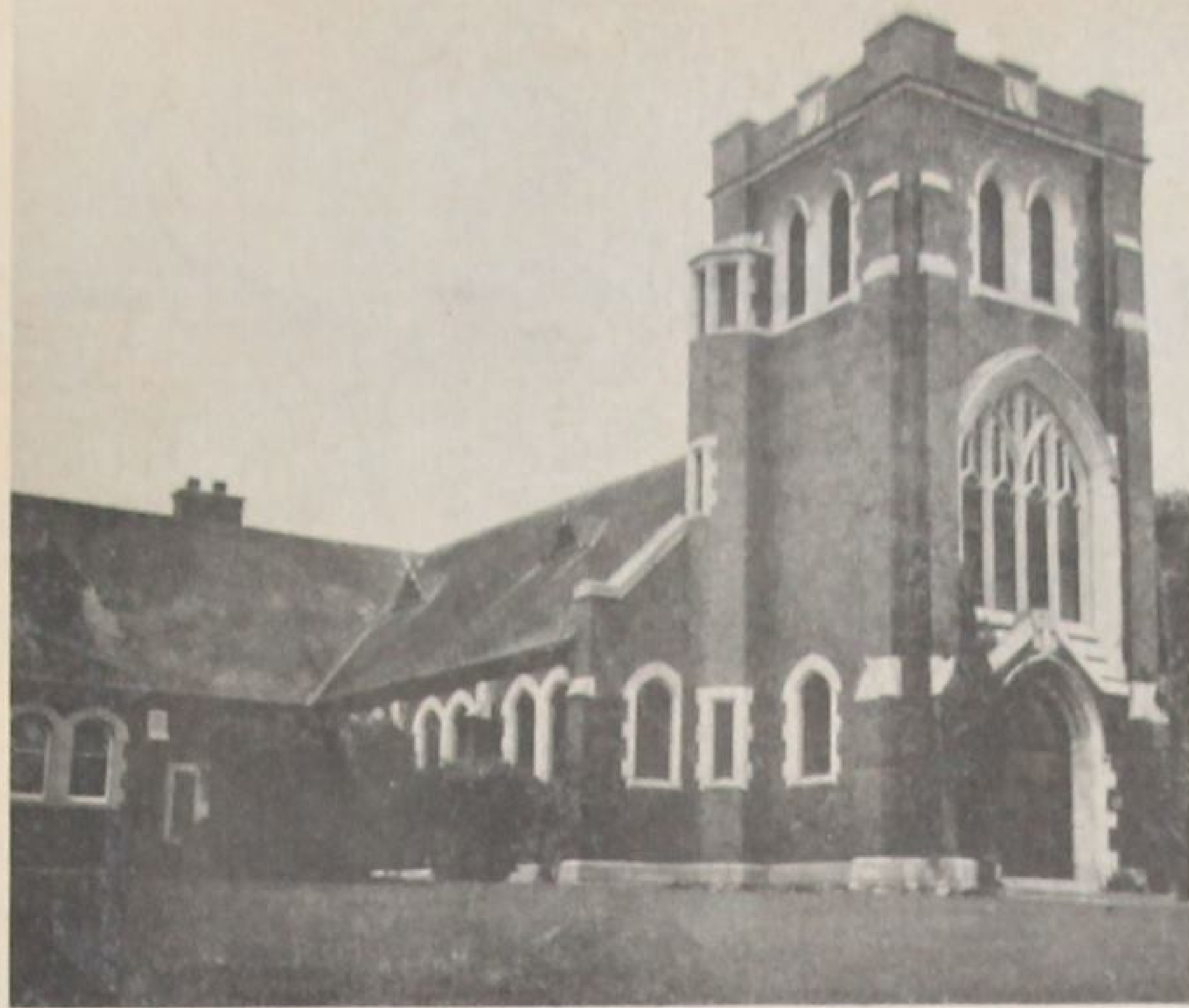
similar dances could be held in other small towns where there is 'nothing to do,' if parents and kids worked on the project together.

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A major factor in the economic well-being of Otterville and the surrounding area, Powell Agri-Systems employs 40 to 45 men all year round and up to 100 in the summer. The town has shown its appreciation of the economic impetus Powells' provides as its sign emphasizes that Otterville is indeed the home of Powell Agri-Systems.





Repair work on St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville, which got underway Monday, January 15, is well underway. Under the guidance of Rev. H.D. Herring and Mr. Peter Gilchrist, a crew of six men have begun to replace mortar, shingles and crumbling brick in an effort to restore the church's original beauty and structural soundness. The church was built in 1913-1915.

## Church Gets Face-Lifting As Winter Work Project

St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville is in the process of having its face lifted.

Much of the old mortar has cracked and given way and the bricks, in the tower part of the church especially, are hanging in there rather precariously. Rather than close the church, parishioners decided the thing to do was to have it restored. Monday, January 15, work got underway.

The money for the repairs was supplied by the government under the winter works project and will employ six men.

Anglicanism goes a long way back into South Norwich Township history. The first Anglican services were held in the 1830's in the homes of Henry Powell Jones, John Jones and other citizens.

By 1848, the movement was strong enough to warrant a church and work on one was begun. It was located on the present school site on land donated by Edward Bullock and was completed in 1854.

Then, in 1913, the ground was broken for a new church. The last service was held in the old church in October of 1915 and the next week the new church, the present St. John's, was opened for worship.

For some years, it thrived but with religious beliefs on the wane, things began to slacken. However faithful parishioners kept it going.

The original organ, purchased from Ste. Hyacinthe, Quebec, and installed in 1916 functioned well until 1951 when its leading tubing had to be partially replaced. In 1961,

it was rebuilt entirely. The year before, a Hallman Organ was purchased for the parish hall, where service is held during the winter, through an organ fund set up in 1940 by Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Renovations continued in 1965 when the St. John's Church Club had the chancel floor refinished and purchased red carpet for the centre aisle.

To this day, St. John's Anglican Church remains as the centre of community worship.

It is a lovely old church, outstanding in a community the size of Otterville. And in this case, the government has finally found a worthy project to spend its money on.

## Otterville Residents On Camper Board

Two Otterville residents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gilchrist have been recently elected to the post of directors of the Canadian Families Camping Federation, Canada's fastest-growing Canadian-wide camping organization.

They are slated to begin their two-year terms of office on May 19, 1973.

Both are members of the Dogwood Roadrunners camping club, an

organization that includes members from Norfolk, Oxford, Brant and Haldimand countries. It is the newest club in the CFCF.

Mrs. Gilchrist explained that the name was chosen because the dogwood is Norfolk's county emblem and because camping involves being on the road a lot.

Also elected to the board were Mr. and Mrs. Vidler of Simcoe and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson of Toronto.

All are new to the board.

## Vote to Remain Separate Groups

OTTERVILLE (C) — For the purpose of uniting St. John's Church Guild and St. John's Church Club, a meeting was held in the parish hall, on Wednesday evening. By vote the organizations will remain as they are at the present time.

Mrs. Fred Howse, president of the Guild, presided. Prayer was given by Rev. H. Herring.

Scripture was read by Miss Eva Deveney and the second Scripture by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. Members responded to roll call using the word "Sheep."

Minutes of both groups were read by Miss Edna Furlong. Treasurer's report for the Guild was read by

Mrs. Nate McMullen and for the Club by Miss Edna Furlong.

Rev. Herb Herring rector of the church, gave a brief message concerning work of the church.

Under new business, plans were made for a Valentine luncheon in the parish hall, February 14, 12-1.30 p.m. following the luncheon, progressive euchre will be the program of the afternoon.

Offering was presented by Mrs. Derwood Spicer.

Next Guild meeting at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist and roll call will be answered using the word "Child."

The ladies served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.



# South Norwich

## Up's the Direction in

Everything is up in South Norwich Township.

Clerk Merlin Howse informed The News that assessment had finally broken the five and a half million mark, reaching \$5,524,678, a jump of \$62,150 over the 1971 figures.

Building permits too were up slightly with a total of 34 on the books, three more than in

the '71 period. Included were permits for 11 new residences, three commercial permits, seven agricultural permits and 13 other sundry permits covering alterations and renovations.

The total 1972 road budget was \$89,400, of which \$45,600 was covered by a subsidy from the province.

A new grader for the

department was the largest major expenditure at a cost of \$28,000. Other major projects were the straightening of the approach and the reduction of the grade at the railway crossing on the 13th concession at a cost of \$8,500; the regrading and graveling of one mile of the Hawirey road for \$9,000 and a \$2,000 expenditure for the resurfacing of two blocks of John St. in

Otterville. The remainder of the money went for the upkeep of the township's 72.6 miles of roads and also for snow removal and grading.

Unfortunately taxes were on the rise in South Norwich Township too.

Mr. Howse explained that an almost 20 percent increase in the education levy for the township accounts for the tax increase. In 1971, the levy was

\$230,013; in 1972, it was \$277,748, an increase of \$47,735.

Because of its unique position, some students in the township attend school in Norfolk County. Therefore, the township pays a small portion of the levy to Norfolk Board and also to the Oxford County Board of Education and the Oxford R.C. Separate School board.

Mr. Howse went on to say that taxes also appear higher this year because there is no longer any residential rebate.

The province's program of rebating a portion of taxes was discontinued in favor of a system of credits for income tax.

Under the new system, taxpayers will receive the same or even better benefits

but they do not show on the municipal levy.

The increased cost of education in South Norwich is taking over 57 percent of the municipal levy and of the about 42 percent remaining, the township receives only 22 percent for their work. The rest goes to the County.

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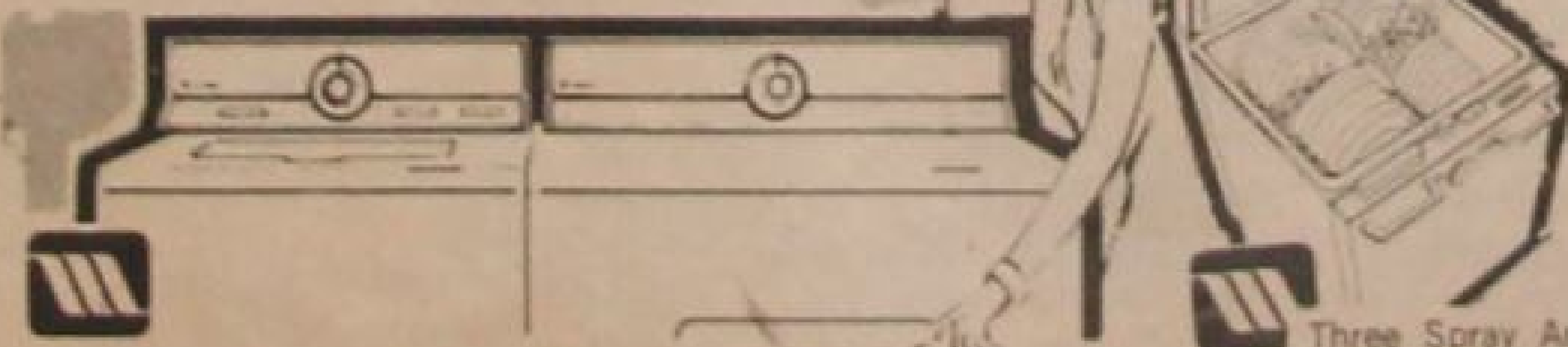
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These examples of Mr. Lee's skill are only a part of a larger collection. The draft horses in the background are not quite complete yet, but when they are, Mr. Lee plans to have them paired with a sleigh or cutter in tow. All were carved from one block of wood, from the flat base up.

## Talent, Time, Patience Requisites for Carving

Time and patience, in addition to talent, are two things necessary for anyone interested in pursuing the hobby of Harry Lee of Otterville.

Mr. Lee is into wood carving.

He started a year ago 'for something to do' he explained. And wood carving gives him something to do from morning to the 11 o'clock news.

His wife commented that it did keep him occupied and certainly served to keep him off the streets. However, she sees so little of him that she keeps a picture around so she won't be in any danger of forgetting what he looks like.

Mr. Lee's collection of his work is impressive. In only a year, he has carved out at least fifty different statues.

The advantage to his hobby, he explained, is that it is relatively inexpensive. All you really need to start is a block of wood, a model and a jackknife, although other more precise tools can be purchased as expertise increases.

Included in his collection are carvings of several breeds of cows, dogs, horses, hens and rooster, several

african animals, moose, squirrels, a cupid which he gave his wife for Valentines Day, Grecian ladies and some very complex geometrical puzzle carvings.



Whittling or woodcarving was a very popular pastime in years gone by and for some it still is. Harry Lee of Otterville thinks it is just great and has enough pieces of his own handiwork to prove it. Mr. Lee, seen here, is showing off one of his best carvings and one of his favorite, a very detailed Jersey cow, the kind he used to raise.

William McMullen Sr., Otterville, charged with turning across the path of another vehicle without affording the other reasonable opportunity to avoid a collision, entered a guilty plea. *Jan 73*

Crown evidence showed there had been a collision when McMullen turned left off Highway 59 at the 5th concession of North Norwich. The fine was \$20 and \$3 costs.

## Serving Springford Quarter Century

William Mowat, owner of Mowat's General Store in the heart of Springford, celebrated his 25th anniversary of friendly over-the-counter service in December of 1972.

He is also the 14th postmaster for the area and, of that number, the longest in active service.

Things have changed a lot in Springford since his arrival there in 1947 and all for the better. Through the years, he has watched the roads change from dirt to pavement and seen considerable growth in the surrounding community.

Reminiscing about how things used to be, he explained that when he came to take over the business in 1947, the old pot-bellied stove was still in the middle of the store floor, surrounded by chairs where the oldtimers would spend the day talking to each other and customers that came in.

Mr. Mowat said regretfully that on his arrival he took truck loads of valuable antiques, considered junk in those days, to the dump.

Fortunately, he did hang on to some including parts of the original counter tops which were one solid piece of wood 40 inches wide and date back about 120 years, a coffee

maker, old showcases and the original post office boxes installed in 1852.

In the days Mr. Mowat first went into business, things were a lot different than they are today. Now, he sells the usual stock of groceries with a full line of heavy appliances. Then, he sold such commodities as peanut butter, sugar, spices, pepper and cocoa in bulk and carried a bit of everything in stock, including harness, parts for coal oil stoves, wicks, etc.

He finds that the influx of the Mennonites into the area serves as a small reminder of the past as he sells them lamp chimneys and other small items not generally in demand in today's modern society.

Mr. Mowat considers the general store business, thought to be dying, by some, a good business to be in.

He explained that many small stores like his are forced to close because they can't find any young people willing to work the hours such a business demands and is proud that his has survived.

Judging by the surprise anniversary party given by the community for Mr. Mowat and his wife, he is not alone.



Bill Mowat celebrated his 25th anniversary as owner of Mowat's general store in Springford last December. In a time when too many things that were part of a different way of life are dying, it is refreshing to know that a small general store can make good. The building itself goes quite far back into history and Mr. Mowat has kept several mementos of that history, including the original post office boxes installed in the 1800's.



# Reeve Sees No Major Projects

By Marlene Opdecam

With the new year already in full swing, William Martin, reeve of South Norwich Township, predicts nothing sensational in the way of council projects, expecting only the day-to-day business that other years have brought.

He regretted to report a hitch in plans to rebuild the Otterville pool. A dispute has arisen over the right-of-way needed to get big trucks in with the necessary supplies and equipment and work must await a court decision on the matter.

Mr. Martin hopes to complete a fill project started in 1972 on the sixth concession and intends to keep on trying to get Queens Park to authorize the paving of six miles of township roads.

Brush clearing projects,

financed by the winter works program, are already underway and going strong.

On the subject of regional government, the reeve was slightly less than enthusiastic. So far, South Norwich has remained unaffected by the general furore government suggestions have created. Although Mr. Martin is not in favor of a plan that may make one township out of South Norwich, East Oxford Norwich and North Norwich, he said he does not intend to fight it. If it happens, he declared he would just try to get the best possible deal for his township.

In his interview, Mr. Martin compared the regional government ideas to the county educational system. He pointed out that before South Norwich joined the county organization, it had paid for schools and buses and had a kitty of \$12 or \$13 thousand dollars. After joining, South Norwich lost the surplus and buses.

Although the surplus was eventually returned, \$22,000 for the buses is still owing and educational taxes in South Norwich have greatly increased.

Mr. Martin feels strongly that the increases are way out of line in relation to services rendered.

He also pointed out that while Woodstock's educational taxes increased, they increased only slightly in comparison with those of South Norwich and yet Woodstock has schools with all the modern facilities. It is, he said, a question of who pays and who benefits?

He feels that by taking educational responsibility away from the area concerned, the personal touch has been lost and that those in administrative and decision making capacities remain out of touch with existing feelings and needs.

In his own words "you shouldn't leave your business to a hired man."

For the same reason, he is

not in favor of regional government. To illustrate his point, he explained that South Norwich has three paid-for fire trucks and a new one on order. If regional government was instrumented and the township was linked with other areas, residents would

not appreciate having one of their trucks given to another area for its use when it was their work, taxes, etc., that paid for it.

He is, however, optimistic that things can be worked out, hopefully to everyone's satisfaction.

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## Association Formed By Otterville Businessmen

What's new in Otterville includes the newly-formed Otterville Businessmen's Association.

The birth date of the organization goes back to slightly before Christmas when local merchants banded together to promote a Christmas draw. With each purchase from local stores, customers were given tickets for the draw, prizes being \$300. worth of gifts.

However, officers for the association were not elected until Monday, January 15, 1973. The new executive has

Jim Auger as president; Mel Smith, secretary; Nelson Gleason, treasurer, and as committee members, Grant Mountain and Adam Oliver.

The purpose of the Association President Jim Auger explained, is to promote Otterville rather than just its businesses.

He added that plans have been discussed for several upcoming events but dates have not been finalized as yet.

The Association will meet again February 5 and these plans will be discussed in more detail.



Council for South Norwich, 1973-74 held its inaugural meeting recently. Seated are Mrs. Jean Dow, deputy-clerk; William Martin, reeve and Merlin Howse, clerk-treasurer. Standing,

George Davis, deputy-reeve; Councillor Carl Beal, Road Supt. Elmer Almost, Councillors Delbert Wrigglesworth and Jack Walther.



# Swimming Pool Major Project for Lions Club

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club had another very busy year during 1972, supporting various community activities in the area.

In the summer months, the Lions Club operate the community park and swimming pool in Otterville. This is a favorite picnic area for many family and company picnics. The park boasts an excellent ball diamond and picnic area under the tall pine trees.

One of the major attractions of the park is the swimming pool. Each year swimming lessons are given to well over 400 children. The Lions Club provides buses to transport the children to the swimming pool from Norwich and surrounding area. The club is also very active in the support of minor ball and hockey in the area. Other groups which they sponsor are the Boy Scouts and the Cubs in Norwich.

The Lions also provide assistance to needy people in the purchase of eye glasses and medical attention.

The club's major fund-

## Lodge Plays Card Bingo

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 met in the IOOF hall Monday evening, January 15, with Noble Grand Sharalee Sitts and vice-grand Jean McClintock in charge.

All officers were present. Acknowledgements were received from the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Home, Barrie, for the gift of cheese sent them at Christmas; also one from the War Memorial Children's Hospital, London, for a donation.

Birthday greetings were sung to Sister Jean McClintock.

Following Lodge card bingo was played and lunch served by the committee.

Next Lodge meeting February 5.

raising activity is their annual Carnival and Car Draw which is held in the Norwich Arena about the middle of September. The 1972 carnival was one of the most successful in recent years, raising over \$5,000.

The president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, Murray Wardell, stated that one of the main projects for 1973 is the replacing of the swimming pool in the Ot-

terville Park. The Lions plan to assist the South Norwich Township Council in this project. Plans for the installation of a new swimming pool and filtration plant are presently being prepared.

The Club, along with other community organizations and interested citizens of the Norwich area, are also engaging in a study regarding the need of a medical centre for the area.

## Historic Background to Park

Although few people realize it, there is a wealth of history behind the Otterville Park.

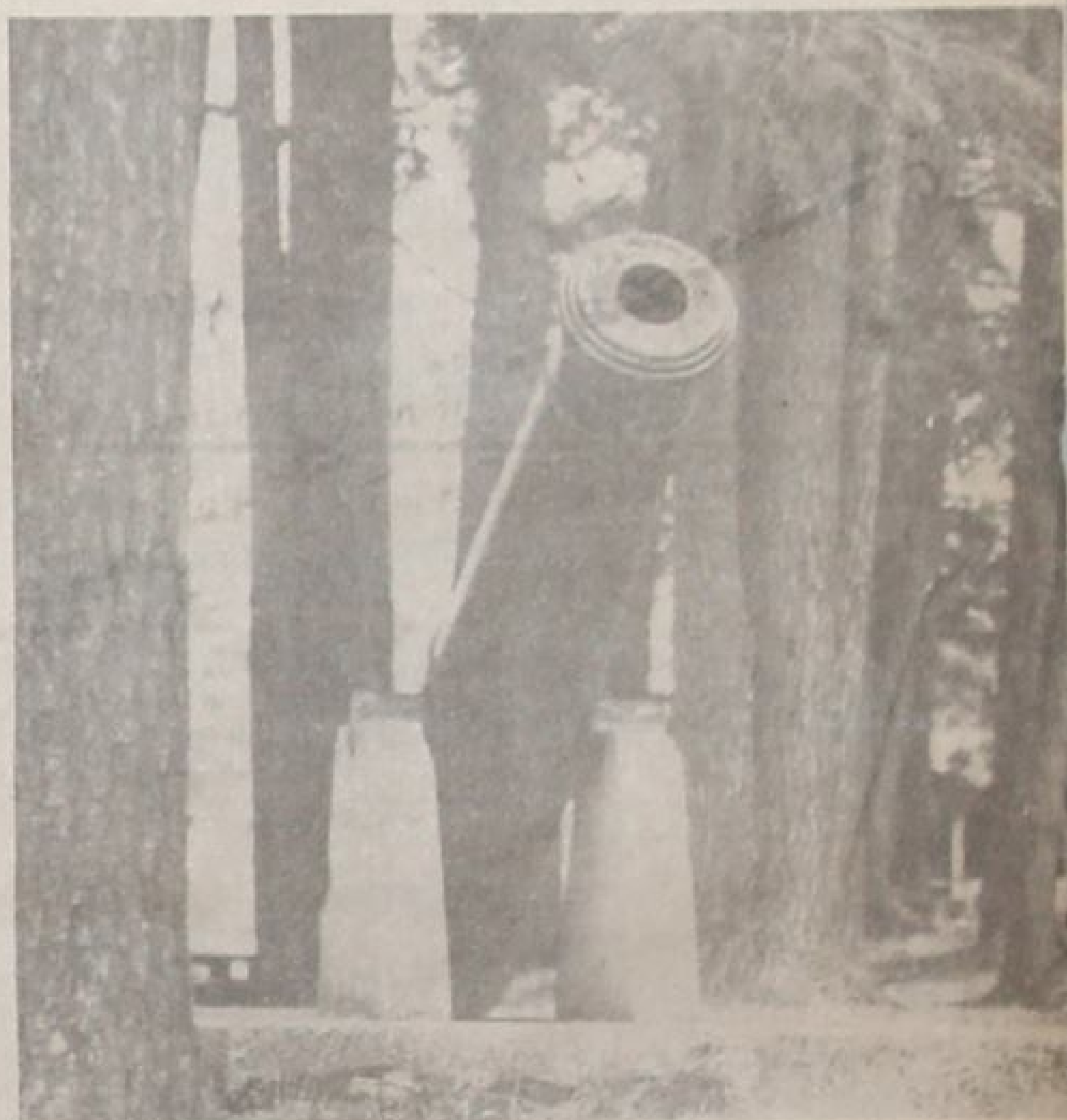
It came into being around the turn of the century as the Otter Park Company and a footbridge was built across the Otter Creek.

In 1920, due to the necessity of building a new bridge, the Otter Park Company turned the park over to the South Norwich Park Commission who, through a grant from the government, built the new bridge and remodelled the Community Hall to boot. Shortly afterwards with the help of area clubs, booths, a pavilion and bathing house were added.

The memorial at the park entrance was built in 1932 in memory of those who fought and died in world war one, and the swimming pool, built in 1949, commemorates those who died in world war II.

Across the footbridge, at the entrance to the pines, you'll find a cannon, given to South Norwich for the park by the government to commemorate centenary. The cannon dates back to 1807.

The park, with its pool, bathing houses, dance pavilion and booths has become a very popular picnic spot over the years for people in South Norwich and surrounding townships.



A little out of place beneath the pines amongst picnickers and bathers, this cannon can be found facing toward the foot bridge into the park. It was given to the park by the government in 1907. It was made in 1807.



This monument built just inside the gates of the Otterville park in 1932 is a memorial to all those who lost their lives in the First World War. The park too is a part of history and dates back to the turn of the century when it was a part of the Otter Park Company.

## Lodge Plans Salad Euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge met with Noble Grand Sharalee Sitts and Vice Grand Jean McClintock in charge.

Several members were reported ill. Thank-you cards were read for remembrances at Christmas time. During business session it was decided to hold the salad euchre on Wednesday, March 21, at 12.30 p.m., with euchre to start at 1.30 p.m. in Lodge Hall.

Grands' Club will be holding an afternoon euchre on January 17 at 2 p.m. in Lodge Hall. '73

Lunch was served by the January committee.



Douglas Ira Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearce of Otterville, graduated from the Ontario Provincial Police College, Toronto, after successful completion of the "Recruit Orientation Course." Constable Pearce was posted to the Sebringville Detachment, No. 6 District Mount Forest. Jan/73



## OTTERVILLE

In 1807 John Earl and Paul Avery received a grant of land and machinery and erected a grist and saw mill just above the present dam, below the forks of the Otter and Sweets Creek. The place took the name of Otter Creek Mills. The mill was only 18 feet square and built of 2 inch plank. Before long it was sold to Cook and Galloway, who in 1808, built the first house in Otterville.

About the same time settlement began in the township. The settlers took up land along Sptilers Creek, between the sixth and eighth concessions. Around Otterville Robert Sweet, Joseph Staford and Seeley Stiles settled. The first white child born in South Norwich in 1810 was Sarah Gilbert. By the summer of 1811 there were 11 families in the township and 5,200 acres of land had been taken up.

The countyside was an unbroken forest of white pine and lumbering was the leading industry. At one time (between 1850-1860) 12 steam and 14 water mills were engaged in cutting lumber and making shingles. These products were teamed to London, Woodstock and Ingersoll. Gradually the white pine and timber lands were exhausted and the main industry changed from lumbering to agriculture.

In 1816 the first store was opened by Wm. Holmes and by 1830 the first post office by John Cornell, this being the third post office in the County of Oxford.

Early industries were an iron smelting furnace was built along the Otter near Ball's Hill, the considered the river navigable and the water power good but misfortune to the furnace forced abandonment. However a foundry built by David Stage in 1854 did succeed and one product was the bell on the old school house. At the same time J.G. Williams was operating a distillery and selling whiskey at .25¢ a gallon. Saw mills and woolen mills were built by the Erb family, after whom the western end of the village was once named. Otterville took its name finally from the river, because at one time it was stocked with Otter.

Life was not easy for the first settlers. For soda they used the ashes from burnt corn cobs. As a substitute for tea they steeped the leaves of a shrub growing locally. In 1816 a famine forced them to live for four weeks on green wheat boiled in milk. Salt was very scarce, one Squire Healey gave a dressed hog weighing 240 lbs. for 40 lbs. of salt.

By 1830 a liscenced tavern built of logs by Aschel Oatman was operated by Stephen Yarrington. And in the same year the first school was built, just north of the present Baptist Manse. The next school was built in 1857 and used for 70 years. Which brings us to the present school built in 1927 as a Public and Continuation School for 20 years.

In 1831 a number of escaped slaves from the United States came to the area and there was a coloured school built on the middle town line. In 1860 there was a coloured church north of Otterville, the first preacher was Napolen Bonaparte Anderson, and in those days "they say" cabs loaded with negroes would come from 50 miles around to attend the meetings. There were quite a few coloured people resident in the area as evident in the old cemetery for Negroes.

Many of the present buildings on the main street have changed hands several times but have stood the test of time and still serve the Community. Bankers, Doctors, Druggists and Dentists have spent time in the Village and enjoyed the peaceful setting and facilities of the beautiful park. Many of the families now living in Otterville call it home as did their ancestors.

## Guild To Make Choir Gowns

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist on Thursday with a good attendance.

President, Mrs. Fred Howse, presided.

Scripture was read by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, and members responded to roll call by quoting a verse of Scripture with the word "Child."

Members plan on making gowns for the choir and also some curtains and further plans were made for the Valentine euchre in the parish hall, February 14, 12-1.30.

Officers for the coming year are past president, Mrs. Fred Howse; president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee; social convener, Mrs. Fred Howse.

Hostess served lunch and a social time completed the afternoon.

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## Pancake Social Plans Made

OTTERVILLE (C) — Initial plans were made for the annual pancake social sponsored by the Sunshine Club to be held in the parish hall on Shrove Tuesday, March 6.

First meeting of the new year for the club was held at the home of Mrs. Jim Auger on Thursday evening.

The newly-elected president, Mrs. Shearer, presided.

New officers are: past president, Miss Dorothy Wardell; president, Mrs. Gordon Shearer; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Frank Gould; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Fred Pearce; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Don Neale; Christmas Cheer committee, Mrs. Adam Oliver, Mrs. Jim Auger and Miss Dorothy Wardell.

Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Fred Pearce; special activities, Miss Dorothy Wardell and Mrs. Donald Chisholm; press reporter, Mrs. Bert Hill.

Meeting was spent socially when several contests were enjoyed. Mrs. Donald Neale invited all to her home for the next meeting in two weeks' time and also assisted the hostess in the social hour.

Mrs. Robert Pettigrew expressed courtesy remarks.



## Columnist S. N. Wynn, Dies

S. N. (Sam) Wynn, 87, prominent Saskatchewan newspaperman since 1904, passed away recently in the Saskatoon Hospital.

Wynn, a former editor and publisher of the Yorkton Enterprise, was the oldest working newspaperman in the province having completed his regular column for the press the morning of his death. In 1954, he was the only member of the Canadian Weekly News-

papers Association to be selected by that organization, fore-runner of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association, as Mr. Weekly Editor of Canada.

In 1955, along with Vincent Massey, then Canada's Governor-General, he was given an honorary doctor of laws degree by the University of Saskatchewan in recognition of his contribution to Canadian journalism and for his leadership in Community life.

Born at Palmerston, Ont., Mr. Wynn attended school in Toronto and began his newspaper career at the West Toronto Tribune when he was 14. He started his career with the Enterprise in 1904 as a typesetter and was named editor the following year. He later became publisher and general manager of the paper. The Enterprise was sold to Thompson Papers in 1963.

Gradually easing his retirement in recent years, Mr. Wynn had been writing a Weekly Column "In Case You're Interested in the Enterprise".

Active in the community he received honors in several organizations.

Mr. Wynn was made an honorary life-member of Lions International in 1962 for his contributions during more than 30 years.

He was an honorary director of the Yorkton Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition Asso-

ciation for many years and was an honorary life member of the organization. The same honor was accorded him by the Royal Canadian Legion and the Saskatchewan Hospital Association, which he served as president.

He served as chairman of the Yorkton Hospital Board and was made an honorary chairman, and was a member of the advisory committee to the health services planning commission. He was a trustee of the Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League and a member of the Red Cross Society.

Mr. Wynn was a charter member and a past president of the Yorkton Rotary Club and a past president of the Yorkton Board of Trade. The Yorkton Chamber of Commerce had planned to honor him this year.

He was a school trustee in earlier years and was a member of the Yorkton council for six years.

Mr. Wynn is survived by his second wife, Laura; three daughters, Mrs. Marguerite Ross of Kingston, Ont.; Mrs. Eileen Cox of Yorkton and Mrs. Lorraine Downing of Otterville, Ont., and a brother J. W. Wynn of Toronto.

Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Downing of Otterville their son Wynn of London and daughter Miss Joanne Downing of Ottawa attended the funeral service which was held at Yorkton.



Firemen from Otterville and Tillsonburg started back to school Wednesday night, attending the first of 10 sessions sponsored by Fanshawe College and Mutual Aid to familiarize themselves more thoroughly with use of their equipment. At the first meeting, Chief Wallace Tully talked on communications, with practical demonstrations of two-way radios.

## Schooltime for Firemen

Tillsonburg and Otterville volunteer firefighters met here Wednesday night for the first in a series of 10 upgrading programs sponsored jointly by Fanshawe College and Oxford County mutual aid.

Tillsonburg Chief Wally Tully demonstrated proper use of communications equipment and correct terminology to be used when

operating two-way radios.

Other subjects to be covered in the two-hour programs are chemistry of fire, pumper operation, hydraulics, aerial operation, ladder rescue, and air masks.

Similar programs have started at Plattsville for the Plattsville, Bright and Tavistock departments; Embro for Embro and

Hickson volunteers; Ingersoll and Beachville departments at Thamesford.

Princeton and Innerkip firemen will meet at Princeton; and Brownsville will be the meeting spot for Brownsville and Mount Elgin representatives. Burgessville will meet with Norwich firemen at Norwich.

In all, 198 firemen have registered for the classes.



## St. John's Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Church Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee with a good attendance. President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided. Roll call was answered using the word "Stranger," and next roll call will use the word "Sacrifice."

Cards were signed for shut-ins. Mrs. Derwood Spicer and Mrs. Winnie Leach were appointed auditors for the books. Feb/73.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist.

A social time completed the afternoon.

## Eva McMullen Heads PNG Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Past Noble Grand's Club met at the home of Sister Eva McMullen on Monday evening.

Helen Thompson presided and roll call was answered by paying of fees.

Officers for the year will be: past president, Helen Thompson; president Eva McMullen; vice-president, Eva Hill; secretary-treasurer, Olive Pickersgill.

Sister Helen Thompson brought an invitation from Norwich Past Noble Grand's Club to meet with them on Tuesday, March 13, meeting at the home of Sister Ollie Marshall.

Date of the euchre parties has been changed to Wednesday evening through the kindness of the IOOF.

Sisters Helen Thompson and Margaret Kitchen conducted several contests.

Lunch was served by the committee and a social time enjoyed. Feb/73.

## MRS. WILLIAM COLE

The death occurred of Mrs. William Cole, in her 90th year, of 15 Elgin St., Norwich, who passed away on Friday, February 16, 1973 at the Woodstock General Hospital.

The former Violet Graves; she was born in Windham Township, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Graves. She resided at Little Lake prior to moving to the Zenda area, retiring with her husband to Norwich, in 1963.

Mrs. Cole was a former adherent of the Teeterville Baptist Church. In her early years, she was a dressmaker. Mr. and Mrs. Cole observed their 64th Wedding Anniversary in December, 1972.

Surviving are three daughters; Mrs. William (Beatrice) Rogers, Norwich; Mrs. William (Ruth) Parry of Langton and

Mrs. Donald (Silena) Swance, R.R. 1, Salford; two sons, Edward of Woodstock and Gordon of Royal Oak, Michigan. Fifteen grand children and 18 great-grand children also survive.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence Norwich, on Tuesday, February 20, with Rev. Douglas Flint of Norwich United Church officiating. The bearers, all grandsons were, Douglas Rogers, Marvin Murray, and Garry Cale; Lloyd Swance and Ronald Parry. Interment was in Norwich cemetery.

## CARDS OF THANKS

COLE—The family of the late Mrs. William Cole wish to thank their relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, flowers, donations to Heart, Cancer, Gideon Bible Societies many acts of kindness during their recent bereavement.

Special thanks to Dr. Hall, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dixit, nurses and Staff second floor, Woodstock General Hospital, Rev. D. Flint and Arn and son Funeral Residence. 1973 F28p.

## Senior Citizens Club Formed In Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — For the opportunity of hearing opinions of residents of the village and area in regard to forming a Senior Citizen's Club in the village a goodly number met in the community hall on January 31st.

Mrs. Harold Waring introduced Mrs. Harry Lee, a member of the Friendship Senior Citizen's Club in Delhi. Mrs. Lee stressed the need of an organization, stating that the community hall was available.

Mrs. Lee introduced Mr. Stanley Gehring, who presided for the election of officers as follows: president, Mrs. Harry Lee; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Earle Petch;

secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harold Waring; Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Harold Durkee; communication committee, to be appointed later.

The newly appointed president presided for the remainder of the afternoon and thanked the club for her nomination. She stressed the point that the organization would be interdenominational, non-political and companionable.

It was decided that meetings would be held Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and there would be brunch in place of lunch.

During the afternoon, township clerk Merlin Howse visited the group and assured the club that the hall would be available for their meetings, and that the park board committee would provide valuable assistance.

Mr. Harry Lee spoke briefly, expressing his pleasure that two or three women of the village had made it possible for a Senior Citizens Club to be organized in Otterville.

The Club is in need of games such as crokinole boards, cards, and any form of entertainment suitable.

Plans were made for the executive to meet with members of the park board at a later date. Eighteen persons who attended the meeting became members. A name has yet to be chosen.

## Hobby, Antique Show Planned

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the businessmen's association held their February meeting in the community hall, with president, Jim Auger, presiding. 1973

Plans to create interest in the village were discussed and it was decided to sponsor a hobby and antique show in the community hall, March 10 and 11, when the public will have the opportunity to show their hobbies and display their antiques.

Members of the Women's Institute will have a showing of a number of antiques.

Following the meeting, Mrs. George Davis, who has taken a keen interest in photography about the village and area, showed many interesting pictures.

## MARRIED

McKIE-WARREN

The marriage is announced of GRACE M. WARREN to W. FRED McKIE on Saturday, February 17, 1973, with the Rev. R. D. Duncanson officiating.

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## 'Mr. Peepers' dies



WALLY COX

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Comedian Wally Cox, the meek, bespectacled Mr. Peepers on a popular television series in the early 1950s, was found dead of a heart attack in his home Thursday. He was 48. Feb-15/73

Cox was a regular on a current television quiz show, Hollywood Squares, but he was best known for his portrayal of the shy science teacher, Robinson Peepers, on television 20 years ago.

"I wish people would forget Mr. Peepers," Cox said recently. "Peepers was just one character I played."

Cox considered himself "far more physical than Peepers," pointing out that he enjoyed motorcycle riding, if only on "slo-o-o-w motorcycles."

About humor he said: "I'd rather laugh than do anything else." 1973.

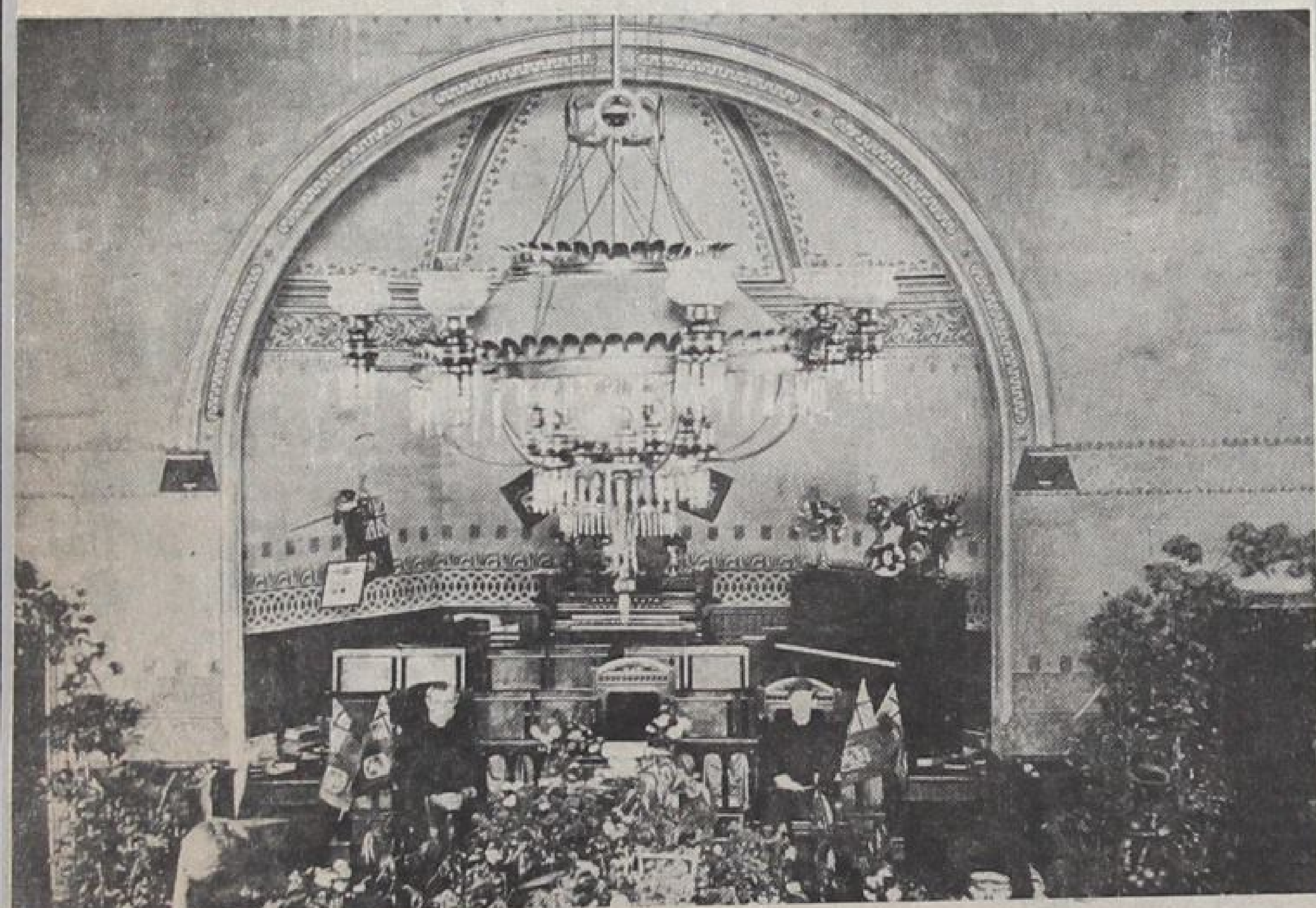
## Antique

NORWICH (C) — Second annual winter antique and hobby show, sponsored by the Norwich and District Historical Society, was held on Saturday and Sunday in the Legion Hall with a good attendance.

There was a large and interesting display of miniature models, antiques, clocks, crafts, handicrafts, paintings, dolls, guns, spoons, china, coins, etc.

W. McMullen of Otterville had a display of old pictures taken in Otterville from 1900, among them pictures of the first bridge built to the park, the last steam locomotive on the Michigan Central Railway about 1916. Mr. McMullen also had in display a trombone and cornet used by the Otterville band in 1880.





A Dereham landmark disappeared when the Dereham Centre United Church was torn down. These views of the church, believed taken in the 1920's were supplied by Mr. and Mrs. George Adamson. The one interior view shows the handsome chandelier, which was donated to the historical-museum society, and will hang in the museum at Tillsonburg.



## Business Men Plan Antique, Hobby Show

OTTERVILLE (C) — This coming week-end, Saturday and Sunday March 10 and 11 promises to be a most exciting time for residents of the village and area. 1973

The newly organized businessmen's association has been planning an antique and hobby show and already have the hearty co-operation of out-of-town centres offering to show their crafts and hobbies.

The Otterville Women's Institute will have a part in the two-day affair, and weather permitting the Treffry Feed Mill will be in operation showing visitors the mill run by water power.

The show will be in the community hall and many exhibits of the 18th century will be seen in the Museum in the township office building.

## Otterville Show On Weekend

March 10-11  
1973

OTTERVILLE (C)—Citizens of Otterville and area will be given the opportunity to show off their hobbies and get a mini-lesson in history and antiques this weekend as the newly formed Otterville Businessmen's Association hold its first Hobby and Antique Show.

The show will be held Saturday and Sunday in the community hall with antique displays in the museum, located in the basement of the South Norwich Township offices.

Many district organizations are co-operating with the businessmen to ensure the success of the show, including the Otterville Women's Institute.

An outstanding feature of the event, weather permitting, will be the demonstration of the old water powered Treffry feed mill on the banks of the Otter Creek in the village in full operation.

Coffee and donuts will be available for visitors to the show and all are welcome.



Lyle Cassidy of RR 3, Norwich, looks over his exhibit in the Otterville community hall. Mr. Cassidy's exhibit, which consisted of seven teams of horses, was one of

many miniature models and antiques on display as part of the first Otterville Antique and Hobby Show. (Photo by Williams)

# 500 see antique display

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — More than 500 persons visited the first Otterville Antique and Hobby Show held Saturday and Sunday. MARCH  
The show, containing exhibits from the Otterville-Norwich area, was divided into three parts. The hobby section, held in the community hall, consisted of 31 displays. These included miniature steam models, antique

furniture and glassware, stamps, coins, post-cards and model horses.

Section two was held in the South Norwich municipal hall and included the township museum with its collection of antique farm equipment.

The Treffry mill was the focus of the third part of the show. It is one of two water-driven mills still in operation in Oxford County,

the other being at Rock Mills near Springfield.

Jim Auger, president of the Otterville Businessmen, sponsors of the show, termed it an outstanding success, and said it will undoubtedly become an annual event. The main problem facing future shows is finding accommodation for visitors and exhibitors, he said.



# Antique and Hobby Show Held at Otterville

The first Otterville Antique and Hobby Show held Saturday and Sunday was termed an overwhelming success by organizers of the two day event after more than 500 persons viewed the 31 displays set up in the community centre.

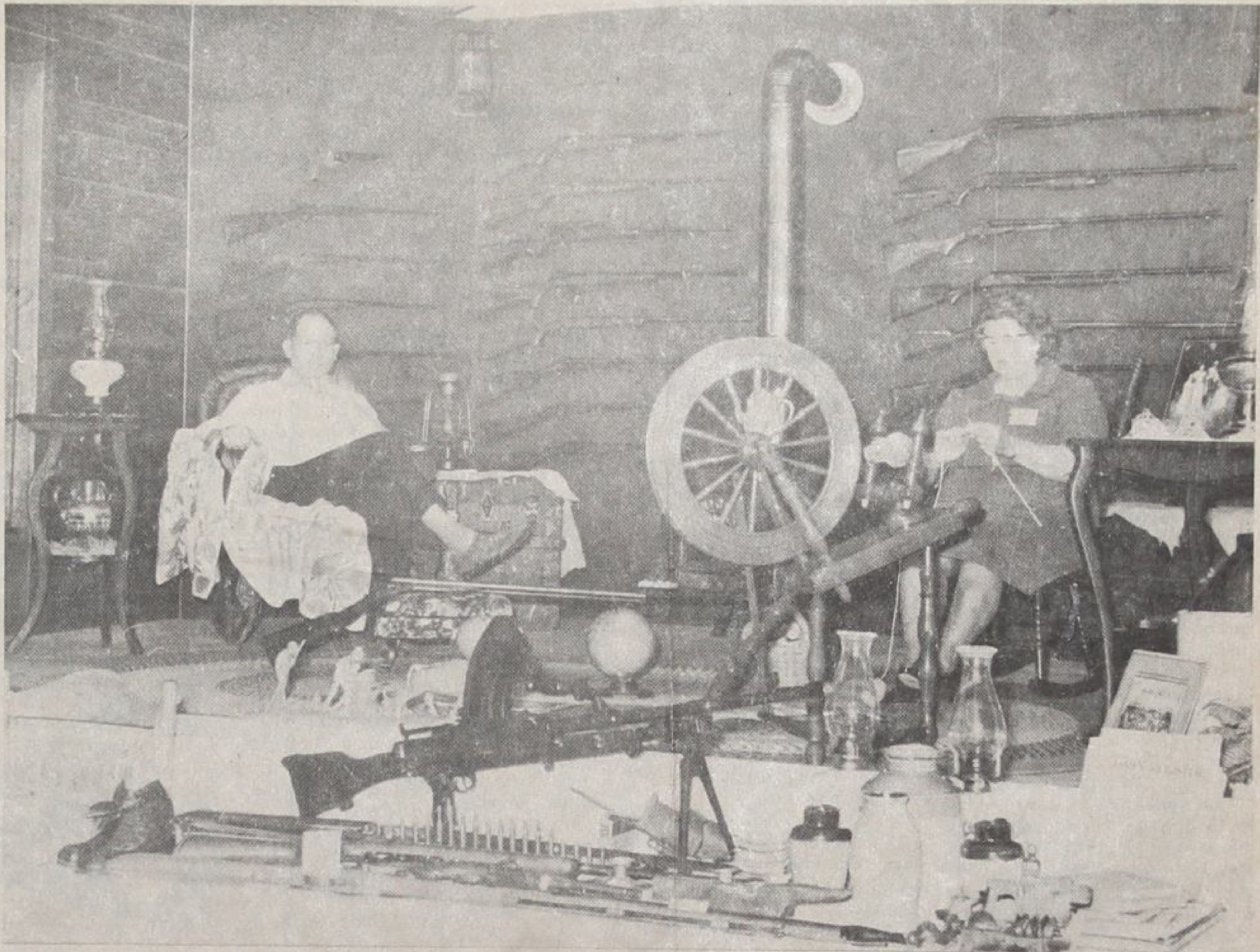
The show, divided into three parts, included the hobby section held at the community centre, part two held in the South Norwich municipal hall while part three included a visit to the Treffry mill.

Included in the hobby section were displays of miniature steam models, old currency, antique furniture, china, paintings, stuffed toys to name just a few, plus a pictorial display of Otterville's early history.

Part two was highlighted by a visit to the township museum at the South Norwich municipal hall, boasting

an excellent display of antique farm equipment.

The Treffry mill, one of two water-driven mills still in operation in Oxford County, Springford, was originally the other at Rock Mills near scheduled as section three of



An example of the displays at the Antique and Hobby Show held in the Otterville Community Hall, Saturday and Sunday, was this period setting, including antique furniture and gun display. The exhibitor Bill McMullen Jr. of Otterville, is pictured above relaxing in a rather comfortable looking

antique arm chair while his mother, Mrs. Eva McMullen, tends to her knitting. The show, sponsored by the Otterville Businessmen, was visited by more than 500 persons. Indications point to the show becoming an annual event in the area.

## ROYAL BANK APPOINTMENT



The Royal Bank of Canada announces the appointment of Mr. G. W. Christensen as manager of Otterville branch. Mr. Christensen replaces Mr. A. E. Montag who has been transferred as manager of Ridgetown branch.

Mr. Christensen, a native of Moncton, joined the bank there on October 11, 1960 and has since held various positions in Aylmer and Kirkland Lake. *March/73*

## Appreciations

*March/73*  
I would like to thank my relatives, friends and neighbors for plants, gifts, cards and visits during my two stays in University Hospital, London, especially those who made it possible for Jack to visit me in Hospital, and also for visits since returning home. Your many kindnesses are greatly appreciated. - Mrs. Myrtle Riste. *23/73*

March 23, 1973

## Lodge Observes 27th Birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 celebrated its 27th birthday Monday evening with a good attendance.

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge of Tillsonburg opened Lodge in regular form.

Sister Josephine Howse introduced and welcomed Sister Gloria Campbell, pianist for the Rebekah

Assembly, and Sister Margaret Kitchen introduced and welcomed Sister Peggy Evans, district deputy president of Simcoe District No. 16.

Roll call showed three officers absent. Invitations were received from several Lodges to meet with them.

Sister Esther Smith and Sister Sharalee Sitts were

nominated as representative and scholar respectively to Grand Lodge, at the Royal York Hotel in June, also for the district meeting.

Birthday greetings were sung to Brother Carl Howse and Brother Stanley Arthur.

Violet officers vacated their chairs to Fidelity Lodge, Norwich, for closing ceremonies, which were impressively done, as were the opening ceremonies by Myrtle Lodge.

A sing-song was held with Sister Jean McClintock at the piano.

A buffet luncheon was served and birthday cake cut by Noble Grand Sharalee Sitts.

Guests were present from Tillsonburg, Delhi, Springfield, Aylmer, Port Dover, Norwich and Belmont.

An enjoyable time was had by all.

the Antique and Hobby Show, but was cancelled due to the high water level of the Otter Creek.

The river, as a result of heavy rain falls in the area, rose 24 inches in 30 minutes, cancelling the operation of the water-driven mill. Lorne Treffry, mill owner, commented that it was the first time in six years that high water levels had stopped operations.

Judging by the success of the first show, said Jim Auger, president of the Otterville Businessmen, sponsors of the show, it is anticipated the Antique and Hobby Show will become an annual event.

## 55 years as organist

*March/73*  
Mrs. Newell Wright retired recently from the post of organist at Trinity Church, Port Burivell, after having held the post for 55 years.





MR. AND MRS. HENRY CHILDS

## Brownsville Couple Married Sixty Years

BROWNSVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Henry Childs of Brownsville held open house on Sunday, March 18, 1973, in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

In spite of the inclement weather, a number of friends called and extended congratulations and best wishes.

The honored couple were married in the Anglican Broxbourne Church, in Herfordshire, England, and the 19th of March, 1913, and a week later sailed to Canada on the Hesperion. They settled on the Heber Ruckle farm, west of Culloden, in Dereham Township. They farmed for a few years in the Dorchester township before purchasing a farm on the 8th concession of Dereham, which they farmed for 23 years, when Mr. Childs was forced to leave the farm due to ill health. They lived in Culloden until 1949, then purchased a house in Brownsville, where they now reside. They are members of the St. Stephen's Anglican church of Culloden.

A beautiful three-tier cake enhanced the tea table, flanked by white tapers.

Presiding at the table in the afternoon were Mrs. John Mills, niece of Mr. Childs of Peterboro, Mrs. Bruce Fentie, Mrs. Ray Courtney of Aylmer, Miss Marilyn Courtney of Stratford and Mrs. Ralph Wilkins of Detroit, Michigan. In the evening, Mrs. Doris Brazier and Mrs. Albert Albright presided. Serving were Miss Jean Harris, Miss Mary Johnson and Mrs. Less Jacob.

Relatives from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. John Mills of Peterborough, niece and nephew of Mr. Childs, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilkins, of Detroit, Michigan.

The honoured couple were recipients of many gifts and floral tributes, and cards and

letters of congratulations, including letter from Prime Minister Trudeau, Robert Stanfield, John Diefenbaker, and a telegram from Her Majesty The Queen. Many telephone calls were also received, including one from Mr. Child's niece, Mrs. John King of England.

## Area Guild To Purchase Choir Gowns

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Guild met at the home of Miss Edna Furlong on Thursday. President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and read Scripture. Roll call was answered with a verse of Scripture using the words "Throne."

Next meeting the word for roll call will be "Mercy."

The members plan to purchase gowns for the choir and this was discussed.

Mrs. Nate McMullen invited members to her home for the next meeting.

## Guild Holds Bake Sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Guild held a most successful bake sale in the Har-Bar Restaurant on Saturday morning. The table was well-laden with pastries and cakes right from the oven, and found ready sale. Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer of the Guild, was cashier.

# Toe-tapping Don Messer dies in Halifax at 63

HALIFAX (CP) — Don Messer, a shy, retiring fiddler whose Down East style of music captured a national audience during the last 40 years, died here Monday. He was 63.

Messer, who stepped into the limelight in 1934 when his group began a radio show from Saint John, N.B., was pronounced dead on arrival at Victoria General Hospital at 9:45 a.m. Hospital officials said he apparently had suffered a heart attack.

And after word of his death was announced, members of his popular band, The Islanders, said they felt the group had died with him.

"I would imagine everything will come to a standstill," said Rae Simmons of Charlottetown, a clarinet player with The Islanders since 1940. "He was the leader . . . I think it's the end for now."

Julius Duke Neilson of Montague, P.E.I. bass player with the group, said: "I think

the band is done, myself. There's nobody to take over."

All of the band members described him as a quiet, shy man who loved his country and its music.

Messer, born in Tweedside, N.B., travelled as a teen-ager to Boston where he studied classical violin for five years,



Don Messer

living with an aunt and uncle and working as a busboy in restaurants to pay expenses.

Travelling back to his native New Brunswick in 1930, Mr. Messer returned to his first love old-time, toe-tapping music.

Messer's first group, The Lumberjacks, gained prominence in 1934 when it began performing on radio from Saint John. The group went on national radio in 1938.

A year later, Messer accepted an invitation from radio station CFCY and moved to Charlottetown, changing the name of the group to Don Messer and The Islanders.

Included in the group was Charlie Chamberlain, a New

## Area P.N.G.'s To Entertain Three Clubs

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Past Noble Grand's Club met at the home of Sister Anna Treffry on Monday evening with a good attendance. Meeting was opened by president Eva McMullen.

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of the late Sister Lena Young.

Announcement was made that the euchre parties will be discontinued until the fall and winter season. Members were reminded to wear their Past Noble Grand pin to avoid payment of a ten-cent fine.

It was unanimously decided that the Club should hold their meetings on the second Monday of the month.

A motion was passed to entertain three Past Noble Grand's Clubs on May 14, Norwich, Tillsonburg and Brantford, the evening to be preceded with a potluck supper at 7 p.m.

Next meeting will be at the home of Sister Vera Welsh on April 9. Sister Esther Smith and Sister Sharalee Sitts will provide the program and social hour.

Sister Eva McMullen taught members how to do broomstick crochet, assisted by Sister Eva Hill.

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**AREA HOMES**

OTTERVILLE -- Brick family home with character, convenience and plenty of room, located on high bank above Otter, on three acres of land. Downstairs is large entry hall, living room, dining-room, kitchen, den (with fireplace); two-pc. bath; upstairs are five bedrooms, two bathrooms. Extra living space on third floor. New roof, new furnace; drapes, rugs and dishwasher included. \$35,000. with terms *Mar/73*

*March 25/73*

Brunswick lumberjack who came out of the woods in the 1930s to join Messer as a singer. He died in a Bathurst hospital last July at 61.

In the late 1950s, television beckoned and they began taping Don Messer's Jubilee in Halifax for showing nationwide on CBC. For 10 years it was among the network's top 10 television shows.

But in April, 1969, CBC sent Mr. Messer a telegram, advising that the show had been cancelled and would be replaced with one having "a younger look . . . a younger orientation."

Audience reaction to the move was quick and thousands of protest letters were sent to the network by Maritimers and from lovers of the "Down East sound" in other parts of Canada.

Although the CBC didn't change its mind, the Messer impact on television continued. CHCH-TV in Hamilton made arrangements within a matter of weeks and the Jubilee group began commuting to the Ontario city to tape shows for 21 independent stations in Canada and two in the U.S.

## Deaths and Funerals

### HERBERT ROY HUGHES

Herbert Roy Hughes of 185 Bidwell St., Tillsonburg, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 29, 1973, in his 82nd year.

Surviving is his wife, the former Ruth Nerta Davis; three sons, Herbert Hughes, David Earl Hughes, both of RR 7, Tillsonburg, and Edward L. Hughes of Nashwaak, N.B.; one daughter, Mrs. Laurence (Isabelle) Ecker of RR 7, Tillsonburg; 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Alice Waller; and by one daughter, Agnes Kennedy.

A private committal service, following cremation, took place at St. Charles Anglican Cemetery, Dereham Township. At the request of the family there will be no visitation and flowers are gratefully declined.

Armstrong Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



# Hospital Get-Together Marks Fiftieth Anniversary

NORWICH (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKay, 29 Palmer St., celebrated their 50 wedding anniversary quietly on Saturday, March 17, 1973. Due to Mrs. McKay being a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, a family get-together was held on Saturday evening at the Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. McKay were married March 17, 1923, at the home of the bride's parents at Hickson, by Rev. J.W. Stewart, minister of Hickson United Church.

Mr. McKay was the former Eva Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Potter of Hickson, and Mr. and Mrs. James McKay, also of Hickson, were parents of the groom.

The bridal attendants were bridesmaid Miss Mary Bruce, now Mrs. Mary Marshall; best man, Douglas Bruce; flower girl, Jean Potter, now Mrs. Jean Pellow, sister of the bride; and Stuart McKay, brother of the groom, was organist.

Following their wedding, they resided in Hickson until 1926 when they moved to Norwich. Mr. McKay was a beekeeper and bee inspector, retiring in 1966. While working with bees he was presented with the first

award of merit by the Brantford District Beekeepers Association. He also drove a high school bus for 15 years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McKay are well-known for the beautiful gladioli they grow commercially. They are both members of Norwich United Church and Mrs. McKay is a member of the U.C.W.

They have one son and one daughter, Bruce McKay of Kinston, and Mrs. Fred (Eleanor) Sherman RR 1, Otterville, also five grand-

children and one great-grandchild.

On the occasion of their anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. McKay received many flowers, gifts and messages of congratulations, including a plaque from the Ontario Government presented by Dr. Harry Parrott, M.P.P. for Oxford; and

congratulations from Hon. Stanfield, Wallace Nesbitt, Pierre Elliott Trudeau M.P. for Oxford, and Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Robert John Diefenbaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKay of Norwich will celebrate their 50th Anniversary on Sunday March 18, 1973. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to help share this occasion with them at their home, 29 Palmer Street from 2-5 p.m. Best wishes only please.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we are sorry to announce that our 50th wedding anniversary celebration scheduled for Sunday, March 18, has been cancelled. Douglas and Eva McKay, Norwich.

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, accompanied by Miss Effie Nelson of Tillsonburg, attended the funeral service of the late Mrs. Annie Cudney of Port Burwell in Holy Trinity Church, Port Burwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Miss Effie Nelson also visited Miss Maude Cudney in Tillsonburg Hospital. *Mar/73*

## MISS ANNIE CUDNEY

Miss Annie Cudney of Port Burwell passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 1973, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 90th year.

Born at Port Burwell, March 30, 1883, she was a daughter of the late William H. Cudney and the former Mary Knevel. She was a member of Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell, and was a former Worthy Matron of Areme Chapter No. 15, O.E.S.

Surviving is one sister, Miss Maud Cudney of Port Burwell; and several cousins.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home until Friday noon, March 23, thence to Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell, for service at 2 p.m. conducted by Bishop W. J. Hughes.

Interment in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna.

## MISS ANNIE CUDNEY

Funeral Service for the late Miss Annie Cudney of Port Burwell, who passed away on March 20, 1973, was held at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on March 23, at 2 p.m. conducted by Bishop W.J. Hughes of Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell.

Pallbearers were Stuart McKibbin, Frank Stevenson, Sydney Shelley, Berton McCord, Harold Hoshal and Ted Shelley.

Interment in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna.

Coming Spring thaw '73  
U.C.W. in Community Hall,  
Otterville, March 30, 8 p.m.



OTTERVILLE UNITED CHURCH

U.C.W.  
SPRING  
THAW '73



PROGRAM

O CANADA

ONE ACT PLAY- HENRY'S MAIL-ORDER WIFE.

THE CAST

ABE SMITHERS - Einar Egilsson  
Henry Cubbons - Ed Arthur  
Jim Jones - George Davis  
Miss Becky Simpson - Elsie McSpadden  
Mrs. Paucker - Marion Taylor  
The Minister - David Arthur

Scene 1 The Interior of the shack.

Scene 2 The Same, but three weeks later.

Scene 3 The Same, but two hours later.

Accordion Music - Elsie McSpadden

Chorus - The Explorer Girls

Vaudeville Tap - Christine McMullen

Scottish Songs - Clarence Stover

Intermission - Coffee, fresh Cider and  
candy for sale.

SKIP - THE HAT SHOW

Commentator - Sam McSpadden  
Cleaner Model Dan Stewart  
Lampshade " Adam Oliver  
Pie Plate " Larry Hopkins  
Calander " David Barnim  
Bath Mat " John Walther  
Cirdle " Cary Walther  
Nops " Scott Taylor  
Hot Water Bottle Model Irvin Gehring  
Space Hat " Jim McMurchy  
Basket " Don Chisholm

Acrobatic Dance - Wilma McMullen

Trumpet Solo - Bentley White

Magician - Al Munro

Solo - Karen McSpadden

End

Special thanks to those who took part, or  
helped in any way, to make this program a  
success.

Thanks to everyone for coming, and we do  
hope you enjoyed the evening.



# REBEKAH 330 FLASH

So many happenings are upcoming we thought you would like to know.

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## March 19: BIRTHDAY PARTY

Violet Rebekah 330 will be 27 years old. Come and help light or blow out a candle. We are expecting 50-60 guests from other lodges. Bring your favourite salad and/or jello dish. Meat, rolls, beverage and birthday cake will be provided.

## March 21: SALAD EUCHRE

Time: 12:00 Salad luncheon      Place: I.O.O.F. Hall, Otterville

1:30 Euchre      Token Fee: \$1.25

Prizes: Highs, Lows, Door and Chair

Members please bring one each of first course and second course salads.

April 2: District Deputy President Grace Jeffery will visit our lodge. Come and meet her. She's warm and friendly too.

## March 18: Cleaning Day

To get ready for all our company a dusting, vacuuming, polishing afternoon has been organized. All help is welcome.

Sound interesting? Hope you think so and join us in F. L. and T.

ALSO, don't forget the Oddfellows' Binges every Tuesday night at 8.

For those we may have missed phoning:

✓ Sister Lena Young passed away March 6 at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock. She contributed much to the good of the Order and will be sadly and greatly missed.

In F.L. and T.,

*Sister Jean McClintock, V. S.*

### TEN YEARS AGO March 5, 1963

Tip Top Canners, Ltd., of Burlington is closing down operation of the Otterville factory. The plant will not operate this season, although it will remain open until inventory has been depleted.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO March 18, 1943

Otterville - Wilson Young, hotelkeeper of Otterville for more than 40 years, died at his home here on Wednesday evening after a lingering illness.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO March 29, 1923

Mr. W.F. Gerow has sold his restaurant business to Mr. Duluck Sito of Toronto. The transfer took place on Monday.

Springford - Mr. Rice is having a new up-to-date show counter installed in the Springford store. This is the beginning of a number of improvements which Mr. Rice has in view to make his store serviceable and attractive. *Mel W Rice*



## A Little Step Away

To close the eye, to fall asleep,  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares  
In what we know as death...

Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness,  
The ripened fruit of love?

It cannot be, for works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away...  
The soul, in the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day....

O. J. HANSON

## In Memoriam

Passed away at  
Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock  
on Tuesday, March 6, 1973

### Lena Young

of Otterville

in her 87th year

Friends will be received at  
the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home  
Otterville, Ontario  
where the Funeral Service will be held on

### Thursday, March 8, 1973

at 2:00 p.m.

Interment in Otter Cemetery

Rev. H. D. Herring  
Minister in charge

### MRS. LENA YOUNG

OTTERVILLE (C) —

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Lena Young, who passed away on March 6, 1973, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Thursday, conducted by Rev. H. D. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church.

Pallbearers were Carl Howse, Edward Arthur, Jack Freeland, Clarence Tichbourne, Richard Saunders and Al Jardine.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.





Members of the cast in the one-act play Henry's Mail-Order Wife, staged in the Otterville community hall on March 30 and 31, are from left to right: Mrs. Rod Taylor as Mrs. Taucker; Rev. Einar Egilsson as Abe Smithers; Edward Arthur as Henry Gubbons; George Davis as Jim Jones; Mrs. Sam McSpadden as Miss Becky Simpson; and David Arthur as the minister. Lower photo shows Mr. Egilsson and Mrs. McSpadden. The play was part of the variety presentation sponsored by the U.C.W., with Mrs. McSpadden as convener.

# Park Committee Chairman Named

OTTERVILLE (C) — A meeting of the Lions Park Committee was held at Nelson Gleason's. Attending were Dr. Murray Downing, Nelson Gleason, Murray Wardell, Gordon Shearer, Jim Auger, Donald Pettigrew, Mel Smith, Tony Drescher and John E. Davis.

Dr. Murray Downing presided. George Davis was named chairman for the coming year and Gordon Shearer as secretary. Appointed to committees were: Pool, George Davis; Ball Diamond, Bill Butler; park management and booth, Jim Auger. George Davis was appointed to look after fireworks on May 21st.

Murray Wardell is to look after lifeguard, instructors, and bath house attendant.

Family memberships are available at \$15. for the season.

Members present at meeting were informed that Merlin House would look after paying employees working at the pool and park, with Gordon Shearer as co-signer of cheques.

The next meeting will be held May 7.

Miss Maude Cudney, who has been a patient in Tillsonburg Hospital, is now a patient in Harbour View Nursing Home. *Apr 1973*

# Couple Honored By Community

SPRINGFORD (C) — Over one hundred friends and neighbours of Clara and Garfield Wardle, the bridal couple of one month, met in the community hall on Saturday night.

John Sandham acted as spokesman for the group and related observations made during the past month; Blaine Oatman assisted and Stan Palmer could have!

A representation from the younger generation, Joan Wardle, Yvonne Pearce, Brend Oatman, Gwen Turnbull and David Rice, sang "Do-Re-Me" and "Love and Marriage," and Ann Broad played two lovely piano selections.

A bit of the background of the bride and groom was related by Irene Newman, Julia Davis, Fred Broad, Rhea Oatman, Marion Broad, Blaine Oatman, Bryce Smith and Mae Oatman.

A song entitled "The Garfield Wardle's," specially composed by Cora Lounsbury, was sung by Doris Haley, Barbara Bell and Sherrill Babbey. In order to prepare the couple for an upcoming event, Esther Smith read a definition of "charivari."

The bride and groom, assisted by their bridesmaid Marjorie Shaw, opened a number of gifts, and on behalf of friends and neighbours, John Sandham presented them with a swivel-rocking chair, a swag lamp and T.V. tables.

Clara and Garfield both expressed their "thank-yous" and lunch was served.

# "ROUND THE TOWN"

On April 29, 1973, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Hilliker of 59 King Street celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by entertaining their family, a group of nineteen, to a smorgasbord dinner at 5.30 p.m., at the "Garage" on King Street, London. Congratulations were in order and many thanks to the family for the flowers, cards and gifts received.

April 18, 1973

# PNG Club Plans Special Night

OTTERVILLE (C) — Past Noble Grands Club met at the home of Sister Vera Welsh, P.N.G. Fifteen members were present. President Sister Eva McMullen opened the meeting.

Final plans were made for the local Lodge special night on May 14, when they entertain the Past Noble Grands of Brantford, Tillsonburg and Norwich.

June meeting will be held on June 11 in the form of a picnic supper at the Lodge hall with each member to be responsible for a part of the program. Business part of the meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen."

The entertainment committee had charge of the program, Sister Esther Smith, and Sister Sharalee Sitts. Progressive euchre was

played and prizes were won by Sister Edith Avey for high and low, Sister Ethel Arthur.

The Easter theme was throughout Sister Vera's home, chicks, rabbits, and Easter eggs being used in decorating.

Sister Eva McMullen voiced courtesy remarks.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and neighbours for the lovely chair, flowers, cards and congratulations received on our 25th wedding anniversary. Special thanks to our children Ivan, Gary and Cathy for the surprise party they had planned, and to all those who were responsible for helping them. Thanks again to each and every one who came and helped make it an evening to remember. - Bryce and Esther Smith. *Apr 1973*

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# Couple Honored At Farewell Party

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Montag, who are leaving the village shortly for their new home in Ridgetown, was pleasantly surprised recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pettigrew of Springford, with Mr. and Mrs. William Lenaers as joint hosts.

The evening was spent in playing euchre and the winner was Mrs. Walther Ladoz, who had played her first game of euchre.

During the social hour Mrs. William Lenaers presented the honored couple with a music box to which they each expressed their appreciation.

Present for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Montag, Mr. and Mrs. Toni Drescher, Mr. and Mrs. William Lenaers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanParys, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis, Dr. and Mrs. H.H. Batson, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Furlong and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pettigrew.

# Church Club To Purchase Altar Curtain

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Church Club met at the home of Miss Edna Furlong with a good attendance. President, Mrs. Carl Howse, presided and opened the meeting with prayers. Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

The members decided to purchase a new curtain for the altar in the Church.

The club is sponsoring a ham, scalloped potato and cabbage roll supper on Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

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

Next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on April 25.



# Maundy Thursday Service Planned

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided.

Rev. H. D. Herring read Scripture.

Two minutes silence was observed for the late Mrs. Lena Young.

The roll call was responded to by a verse of Scripture using the word "Mercy." For the roll call at the next meeting the word will be "Vegetable." Cards were signed for the sick and shut-ins by the members. Mrs. Nate McMullen presented the report of the treasury, showing a gratifying sum.

Announcement was made of the Maundy-Thursday service which will be held in the Church April 19 at 2 p.m. to which the ladies of the village will be made welcome. *Apr 17/73*

**OTTERVILLE ANGLICAN**  
OTTERVILLE (C) — Easter Sunday service was held in the St. John's Anglican Church with Rev. H. Herring in charge.

For the message the minister chose "They Have Taken Away My Lord." Holy Communion service was held.

The members of the Junior and Senior choir sang for their anthem "He Is Risen." Flowers were placed on the altar in memory of past members of the church by their families. *Apr 22/73*

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# Guild Plans For Deanery Spring Meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Wellington Armstrong with a good attendance. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill opened the meeting.

The roll call was answered by naming a vegetable from the Bible. Next meeting the roll call will be answered by naming a fruit. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report. Minutes were given by secretary Miss Edna Furlong. A get-well card was sent to Dougie Furlong, who had had an operation.

Further plans were made for the spring deanery meeting May 23, which will be held in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring. A social hour was spent by the members. Mrs. Armstrong, assisted by Mrs. Fred Howse, served lunch.

# Otterville W.I. Officers Named

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Women's Institute met April 13 in the Community Hall. A potluck dinner was enjoyed. President Mrs. G. M. Downing opened the meeting. Mrs. Downing announced that she had received a letter from Mrs. Spry, next ACWW president, wishing the Institute success.

Twenty-four members responded to the roll call by paying membership.

Correspondence included a notice from the Home Economist re Achievement Day for the 400 girls. The Otterville girls' day is May 5 at Ingersoll District Collegiate. A metrication book was received from Consumer and Corporate Affairs. District annual, is to be held May 9, at Mount Elgin United Church. Junior Farmers will hold a bottle drive July 21. Food forum, "Around the World Dining," will be held April 25 at the Legion Hall, Woodstock, Fanshawe College is offering a flower arrangement course at Woodstock.

Mrs. Downing announced she and Mrs. Jack Walther had attended the West Oxford Syrup Festival. Mrs. Batson reported that the committee hoped to have Regional Services by May 1st.

Mrs. Max Avey, district director, gave a report on the Spring Board meeting and the secretary-treasurer had attended at Salford.

Mrs. Bert Hill gave a short reading and Miss Vera Welsh gave the financial report. Mrs. Earle Petch gave the auditor's report.

Reports were given for public relations, Mrs. Murray Treffry; agriculture, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; Canadian industries, Mrs. Harold Waring; consumer affairs, Mrs. Jay Durkee; world affairs, Mrs. Jack Walther; education, Mrs. H.H. Batson; family, Mrs. Earle Petch; resolutions, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Bert Hill; curator, Mrs. W.L. Addison; flower and card, Mrs. Cecil Hooker.

Mrs. Downing thanked the

convener, Mrs. Bert Hill, and her committee for the arrangements and the lovely dinner for the decorations in keeping with Easter Season. She also thanked Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., and her assistant for the work with the 4-H club girls; and also announced that the display the Institute had at the hobby show would be on display in the museum from now on.

Mrs. Downing also thanked the members for the co-operation they had given to her during her term of office.

Mrs. Max Avey conducted the election of officers for 1973-74. Mrs. Jack Walther gave the nominating report.

Past president, Mrs. G.M. Downing; president, Mrs. William A. McMullen; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. H.H. Batson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Vera Welsh; assistant secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; district director, Mrs. G.M. Downing; branch directors, Mrs. Gladys Goodale, Mrs. Fred Moore and Mrs. Earle Petch.

Social committee, Mrs. Gladys Goodale, Mrs. Fred Moore; curator and assistants, Mrs. W.L. Addison, Mrs. William A. McMullen, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Mrs. Kenneth Mann; park and flowers, Mrs. William A. McMullen; cards and flowers, Mrs. Earle Petch; public relations, Mrs. Murray Treffry.

Delegate to district annual, president, one of the vice-president, district director, assistant secretary-treasurer, delegate to area convention, Mrs. William A. McMullen; press, Mrs. Harold Waring; auditors, Miss Gladys Nobbs and Mrs. Earle Petch.

Conveners - Agriculture, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; Canadian industries, Mrs. Jack Walther; citizenship, Mrs. Bert Hill; world affairs, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; education, Mrs. H.H. Batson; cultural affairs, Mrs. Fred Cole; family, Mrs. Harry

Pickersgill; consumer affairs, Mrs. Jay Durkee; resolutions, Mrs. Harold Waring; pianist, Mrs. Jack Walther.

The meeting adjourned and members prepared for the rummage sale on Saturday morning in the Community Hall. The doors opened at 9 a.m. and the sale continued until noon. The sale was well attended and clothing on sale was all in good condition.

Receipts for the day were good and will be used in community needs.

The wedding took place at the Trinity Lutheran Church in London on Tuesday, April 17, 1973, of Mrs. Muriel Brown and Mr. H. H. Pauli. Rev. T. L. Ristein, minister of the church, officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Pauli were given a rousing charivari and were also presented with many lovely gifts by neighbors and friends. A social time was enjoyed.

## Appreciation

Bert and Muriel Pauli wish to express their sincere thanks to their many friends for the surprise party and chivaree. Also many thanks for the lovely gifts, cards and good wishes presented in honour of their recent marriage. It is all greatly appreciated.

DOWNING - G. Wynn and Aija are proud to announce the birth of George Andrew Nathan on April 25, 1973, in London. Andrew is a grandson of Lorraine and Murray Downing of Otterville and Anita and Aleksis Dreimanis of London.

# Area Couple Observe 25th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. John McSkimming celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, April 30.

Both claim Scotland the place of their birth and were married in Castle Douglas, Scotland, April 30, 1948, coming to Canada on May 7, 1954. Their first dwelling here was in North Norwich Township and later they moved to Otterville where they were both employed in tobacco on the farm of Ivan Leitch, one mile east of the village.

Six years later they purchased their present home on Dover St. S. Mr. McSkimming is employed as a factory foreman in Woodstock and Mrs. McSkimming is an employee of Tom Allan's Food Town Store in Otterville.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Andy (Violet) Burton of Windsor and Miss Joanne McSkimming of the Brantford General Hospital, also one granddaughter, Heather Elizabeth.

On Saturday evening the family party of eight enjoyed an anniversary dinner at the Town Gate Inn, Tillsonburg, and later the bride and groom received 60 guests in the community hall, Otterville, which was attractively decorated for the occasion.

Mrs. McSkimming chose a floor-length dress of blue and silver and wore a deep pink orchid corsage.

Mr. Ivan Leitch, a neighbour and close friend of the couple, was master of ceremonies and paid a most fitting tribute to the honoured couple. They were presented with many lovely gifts accompanied by messages of good wishes.

A delightful lunch was served.

Music for the Anniversary Dance, which was enjoyed throughout the evening, was supplied by Mr. Charles Hulet of Norwich.



William Dodsley Trophy was presented at the curling club by Basil Nevill, left, to right Dr. Murray Downing, Gus Holzheu and John Seres. Other rink member was John Davis.





For the Happy Bluebirds it was a happy time as they celebrated their 25th anniversary. Top photo shows members of the club, and, bottom, members, ex-members and guests from Tillsonburg and Ingersoll who gathered to celebrate the occasion. (Harold Ryder photos)

April 1973

## Happy Bluebirds Mark 25 Years

OTTERVILLE (C) — McMullen did a vaudeville tap and her sister, Wilma McMullen, performed an acrobatic dance. Mrs. Harry Lee gave a reading and Mrs. Hazel Patterson gave a reading, "Money." Mrs. Zuella Hicks, a senior member of the club, gave a recitation strictly by memory, "Somebody's Mother." Sandra Wilson, granddaughter of the president, Mrs. Ash gave several selections on the piano accordion.

Members of the Sisters of the Skillet of Ingersoll and of the Ivy Club of Tillsonburg and past members of the Bluebird Club brought the number to over 50 in attendance, and enjoyed a full evening of entertainment.

President Mrs. Daisy Ash graciously welcomed the guests and members. Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency was the pianist. Announcement was made of the annual Spring Card party and Penny Sale, sponsored by the Ivy Club of Tillsonburg, which will be held in the Orange Hall, Tillsonburg, April 25 at 8 p.m.

The interesting program opened with a fine performance with two young ladies staging acts. Christine

Ash, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency, Sandra Wilson, Mrs. Tune McNally, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Vidal Vankerrebroeck, Mrs. Stanley Davis and Mrs. Harold Waring. Mrs. Charles Edgeworth was the commentator.

This concluded this part of the program and all took part in the penny table. Mrs. Harold Pearce and Miss Lillian Oatman were the conveners.

Door prize, drawn by Clarence Stover, was won by Mrs. Tom Ponting of Ingersoll.

A prettily decorated Birthday cake decorated the centre of the table where many goodies awaited the members, and a social time followed.

Appreciation was expressed by the visiting clubs for the enjoyable evening and the president replied expressing delight in entertaining them and pride in the achievements made through the work of the Happy Bluebird Club.

An out-of-town guest appeared on the program, Clarence Stover of Tillsonburg, who kept the attendance in jovial mood with his Scottish songs and humorous jokes. He was accompanied at the piano by his wife.

Mrs. Douglas DeMontmorency and Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency sang a duet with the latter at the piano.

Mrs. Harold Waring contributed several whistling selections with Mrs. DeMontmorency at the piano.

The program was interspersed with a sing song with Mrs. Stover at the piano and at this time several of the members dressed themselves for a short skit in which a fashion show was presented. Taking part were Mrs. Daisy

Prior to the meeting, pictures were taken of the groups and these are at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville, and can be seen and orders taken at most any time.

## Otterville Churches

OTTERVILLE (C) — Easter Sunday service was well attended in the United Church with Rev. Einar Eglisson in charge.

The Minister chose for his message "Who Are The Living?"

The choir sang "Were You There?" and "Sunrise on a Hill," with Mrs. William A. McMullen at the organ.

The offering was presented by Lorne Treffry, Stewart Godby, Edward Arthur and Donald Chisholm.

Announcements included the luncheon which is being held in the church May 2 at 6.30 p.m.

Next Sunday, April 29, Daylight Saving Time. Easter Lilies and hydrangeas were used effectively in decorating the church.

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For the message the minister chose "They Have Taken Away My Lord." Holy Communion service was held.

The members of the Junior and Senior choir sang for their anthem "He Is Risen."

Flowers were placed on the altar in memory of past members of the church by their families.

## Old age pensions increase in April 1973

OTTAWA (CP) — Basic old age security pensions go up by \$3.73 a month in April to \$86.61.

Single pensioners receiving the maximum guaranteed income supplement will get an April raise of \$6.75 to \$156.75 a month.

Married couples getting the maximum monthly supplement will start getting \$12.82 more in April, raising the stipend to \$297.82 from the current \$285 a month.

The increases, mentioned in a Commons speech by Finance Minister John Turner, result from automatic annual increases approved by Parliament last May.

The increases of 4½ per cent are based on the rate of advance in the consumer price index last year.

More than 1.8 million Canadians receive monthly old age security cheques and about one million of those get income supplements.

## 'Granny' is dead

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — To millions of viewers who watched The Beverly Hillbillies during its nine-year run on television, diminutive Irene Ryan was the Granny who kept her backwoods kin in line with her sometimes-shrill voice.

The veteran actress, who recently made her Broadway debut in Pippin, died Thursday night in hospital after suffering a stroke. She was 70.

She was flown here after being stricken on the Pippin stage March 10.

Funeral services are to be held here next Tuesday.



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TWENTY YEARS AGO  
April 30, 1953

Otterville - Matthew Furlong, one of Otterville's several nonagenarians, celebrated his 92nd birthday Saturday and enjoyed a day spent with his family.

# LETTERS to the EDITOR

## SMOKING

Port Burwell

The Editor: I am sending this poem thinking perhaps you would like to have it printed in your paper.

*Apr/73* Mrs. Del Meyer

## CIGARETTE TALKS TO A GIRL

I'm just a friendly cigarette  
Don't be afraid of me;  
Why, All the advertisers say  
I'm harmless as can be!

They tell you that I'm your  
"Best Friend"

(I like that cunning lie)  
And say you'll "Walk a mile"  
for me,

Because I "satisfy."  
So come on, girlie be a sport!  
Why longer hesitate?

With me between your pretty  
lips,

You'll be quite up-to-date!  
You may not like me right at  
first,

But very soon, I'll bet,  
You'll find you just can't get  
along

Without a cigarette!  
You've smoked one package,  
so

I know I've nothing to fear;  
Where once I get a grip on  
girls,

They're mine for life my  
dear!

Your freedom you began to  
lose,

The very day we met,  
When I convinced you it was  
smart,

To smoke a cigarette,  
The color's fading from your  
cheeks;

Your finger tips are stained;  
And now you'd like to give me  
up,

But sister you are chained!  
You even took a drink last  
night

I thought you would ere long,  
For those whom I enslave  
soon loose

Their sense of right and  
wrong.

Year after year I've fettered  
you,

And led you blindly on,  
Till now you're just a bunch of  
nerves,

With looks and health both  
gone.

You're pale and thin, and  
have a cough,

The doctor says, "T.B."  
He says you can't expect to  
live

Much longer, thanks to me!  
But its too late to worry now;  
Where you became my slave,

You should have known the  
chances

Were you'd fill an early  
grave.

And now that I have done my  
part

To send your soul to Hell;  
I'll leave you with my pardner

Death —  
He'll come for you, farewell!



*Apr/73*  
The grade five and six class at Springford, made the draw on a potted flower, a project they used to raise funds for Bunny Bundle Days at the school. Pictured above is grade five and six teacher Wanda Thompson; Anne McKenney, seller of the winning ticket, and school principal Don Neale, who drew the winning ticket. Winner of the plant was Sadie Helsdon of Tillsonburg.





MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM STAPLETON

## Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary <sup>1973</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. William Stapleton of Otterville celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 12, in the Cornell Community Centre.

The couple were married May 16 in the Church of Our Lady of LaSalette. Fr. Mahoney officiated.

For a number of years, Mr. Stapleton was employed in the United States in 1962 they came to Canada and have been residents in the village on John St. South.

The anniversary was marked with a family dinner when 75 relatives and friends were present from Detroit, Mount Clemens, Oscoda, Michigan, Komoka, Woodstock, Port Burwell, London, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, and Burgessville and the Otterville area.

Henry Ash, nephew of the couple, was master of ceremonies and proposed the toast. Members of the family each reminisced of happenings through the years.

Mrs. Earle Petch, a close neighbour of the couple, extended good wishes on behalf of the neighbours as did other friends, including Mr. Stanley Gehring, and Mrs. Kenneth Mann, the latter speaking for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, who were also neighbours of Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton.

The bride and groom received the guests. The bride chose a turquoise crepe dress and wore a corsage of white carnations.

The evening was spent in dancing to the tunes played

by Edward White and orchestra of Otterville.

This was followed with a delicious lunch. The tables were decorated with daisy type mums and carnations in bud vases. Centred on the table was a lovely cake made in the shape of The Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton were shown every measure of respect in presentations of lovely gifts.

Many more years of happiness were wished on the bride and groom before the party returned to their homes.

## Membership Growing <sup>May 1973</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — The newly-formed club of 73, named The Leisure Club of Otterville, is growing fast in membership and Wednesday of each week the members meet in the Community Hall at 2 p.m. for games of marbles, crokinole, euchre or \$500."

There is no age limit to this group and this past week the club gained four new members, for a total of 42.

The membership is a nominal fee of \$1. per year with a silver collection at each meeting.

Tea and coffee are served after the games, accompanied with a "snack," and a social time enjoyed.

The executive committee is: president, Mrs. Harry Lee; 1st vice, Mrs. Earle Petch; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harold Waring; good cheer, Mrs. Harold Durkee.



Ladies of the Golden Age Club, showing their old-fashioned hats in a skit, "A Typical Meeting of the Golden Age Club." Front row, Miss Anna Stone, Mrs. Ernest Daniels, Miss Dorothy Stone; back row, Mrs. Douglas Carroll, Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Mrs. David Chambers and Mrs. Winnie Hill. The humorous skit was presented at the May meeting, held on Monday afternoon in the United Church rooms. (Photo by McCombs) <sup>May/73</sup>

## Certificate For Blood Donation <sup>May/73</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Donald Chisholm of Otterville received a certificate from the Canadian Red Cross, which is worthy of honourable mention. Mrs. Chisholm has donated more than 75 bottles of blood which shows a sincere interest in her fellowman.

The Red Cross is pleased to honor Mrs. Chisholm as a distinguished citizen and humanitarian.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO May 20, 1943

Courtland - Victor Wilkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson, leaves this week for McCord, Sask., where he has secured a pastorate.

Otterville - Mrs. Arthur McMullen has sold her farm to J. S. Leitch of Norwich. Mrs. McMullen will remain on the farm until fall.

## Anglican Churchmen Set Deanery Meeting <sup>May/73</sup>

The Norwich Chapter of the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen met on Sunday and attended Corporate Communion at the 11.15 service at Holy Trinity Church. The service was in charge of the Rev. Herb Herring. During the offertory, George Robinson, member of the Norwich chapter, played two lovely accordion solos. The Espistle was read by Jack Cundy also a member of the Norwich Chapter.

Immediately following a short business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, with Chapter Councillor Doug Avey in the chair. The Councillor outlined two very important dates for Chapter members to keep in mind. Wednesday evening, May 23rd, the B.A.C. Oxford Deanery Meeting, at Thamesford at 8 p.m. and on June 24, a service of Witness will be held at St. John's Church, Otterville, at 3 p.m., when the Brotherhood of each church of the Deanery, is asked to have as many church members as possible out to this service. A picnic will follow in the Otterville Park.

Other business held, included the appointment of Bev. Avey and Gord Day, as the visiting team for the months of May and June. A word of warm welcome was given a former minister, the Rev. Stanley Uptigrove and friend Don McGoogon of London, who attended the service and were invited guests to the Chapter meeting.

Following closing benediction by Mr. Herring, coffee and cookies were served and a social time enjoyed. Kim Harrison, also a Chapter member, was at the organ.



# 50 years' healing

## Otterville honors tireless doctor

By DON GIBB  
of The Free Press

OTTERVILLE — A second-hand car dealer sold Dr. Harold Batson a Ford coupe and sold him — or at least put a good word in — on Otterville.

"I come from near there. It's a nice little place and I think they could do with another doctor," the car dealer told him.

That was 48 years ago and the doctor, then 29, took his advice.

He bought the used Ford coupe and drove around the area looking for a place to set up his practice.

Otterville was one of the last places the Brantford-born doctor looked at and he liked what he saw. "I just liked the look of the village and I thought it would be a nice place to live."

Otterville is nestled in rich farmland about five miles northeast of Tillsonburg. Depending on which sign you choose to believe, this quiet little community has a population of 807 — according to the first sign approaching it — or 740 — as the sign 100 yards closer says.

The 77-year-old doctor is still at it in Otterville with no signs of giving up his practice.

His patients and friends in the community and surrounding area paid tribute to him Wednesday during an open house at his Main Street home and an evening testimonial dinner.

This month, Dr. Batson celebrates 50 years in the medical profession, 48 of them in this community.

Dressed in a fashionable jacket and slacks outfit Wednesday, with a gift orchid at his lapel, Dr. Batson had a pile of stories saved up from his career.

His wife Nancy says he is a good storyteller, something he enjoys along with curling and lawn bowling.

He wanted to talk Wednesday about the things he didn't do rather than those he did.

"I never lost a woman in labor," he says, although there were serious situations like delivering one baby in an oxygen tent. He's delivered more babies in homes than hospitals.

And that brings up another important facet of the country doctor—he still makes house calls.

"I never refused a night call but once" and that was only because his car had been smashed in an accident that day and no one was available to take him to the early-hour call.

"I never sued a man for an account." And that reminds him of a slew of stories about how he's been paid for his services.

"We old doctors who came through the Depression are the ones who know what medicine is all about."

People would pay with potatoes, vegetables, beef and pork because they didn't have the money.

During those Depression years, a widow he operated on couldn't pay anything but said she'd try and pay some day. "And I think it was about 18 years after the operation she sent me a cheque for \$100."

Another time, around the 1930s, he took a horse and cart five miles to Norwich during wintery weather to help another doctor with a tonsillitis operation. The Norwich doctor picked him up at Norwich in his car and they drove the rest of the way to the patient's farm

home, digging themselves out of snowdrifts as they went. After the operation, Dr. Batson and the horse fought their way through drifts on the three-hour, five-mile trip home and for that long day, the doctor was paid \$10 for the anesthetic and \$2 for lending the other doctor an examining table. From that, he paid \$3 for use of the horse and cart.

"Take \$9 and compare it with what doctors are making a day now."

But when is he going to quit?

"When is he going to quit?" his wife repeats. "I'll tell you: when his health gives out and he can't carry on, is it not?"

The doctor slightly dodges the issue, saying health is worth more than anything else in the world. "I like to help others. I like people." And he has no plans to quit.

Dr. Batson has doctored the fourth generation of a number of area families and would have doctored the fifth of one family had they not moved out of the area.

He covers an area roughly 10 miles around Otterville and has about 350 regular patients.

He visits hospital patients about four or five times a week, makes his house calls and operates his practice from the office adjoining his house from 2-5 p.m.

From that used Ford coupe with the crank start, he now travels in a 1973 Chrysler.

He interrupts the conversation to answer a telephone call but his wife picks up, talking about his patients who wait hours to see him. There is no way to make appointments because you never know what time he'll finish in the morning with his house calls.

Nancy, his second wife, would like the doctor to retire and write a book about Otterville and his practice. "That's my hope, but I don't think he'll do it."

Dr. Batson, who graduated from the University of Toronto in May, 1923, married Dr. Lois Adams in 1927. He ran his general practice in Otterville and she was the community dentist until her death in 1970.

The sign outside his office still has both names on it. The sign has been there since they were married. "They'll take it down when I die," Dr. Batson says.

Nancy, a former nurse at Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital, looks after the books for her husband, a chore he obviously appreciates. He believes he would have quit if he had to do the paperwork himself.

The doctor's reply to what has been the most satisfying part of his career, spans his entire 50 years: "The most satisfaction I have is helping people regain their health."

They know there'll be problems attracting a younger doctor to Otterville if Dr. Batson dies or retires, although the small community does have a second doctor now.

Mrs. Batson said young doctors would rather work shorter hours and no weekends. She also thinks the wives of young doctors wouldn't want to come to small communities.

She mentions the doctor is nearly always late for church on Sundays.

But the churchgoers accept his lateness, she says.

"They know he's been some place."



Dr. Harold Batson, 77, stands outside his home and office in Otterville, where he has been a general practitioner for 48 years. The doctor celebrates 50 years in the medical profession this month. The community and surrounding area paid tribute to him at an open house and a testimonial dinner Wednesday.

### A TRIBUTE

It was indeed a pleasure to join with hundreds of others in the area to pay tribute to Dr. Harold Batson of Otterville on completion of 50 years of medical practice.

We feel the tribute was especially fitting because it was organized not by some official body, but by the people he has known and worked with in the community over the years. The sincerity of it all came through loud and clear in the best wishes that were conveyed in a light and informal manner.

Consensus of the comments was simply that Dr. Harold Batson is a man who cares. When you think about it, is there any higher tribute you can pay a man?

Thank you for your contributions to your community, Dr. Batson, and best wishes for the years ahead.



# Community Honors Dr. Batson Fifty Years Doctor

Honoring Dr. Harold H. Batson, about 250 friends, neighbours and patients, including civic officials and members of his profession, attended a testimonial dinner marking his 50 years in the practice of medicine - 48 of them in Otterville - Wednesday night.

The 77-year-old physician, still in active practice, said he has no plans to retire.

Chairman for the event was Stan Gehring, former South Norwich reeve and former warden of Oxford County.

In proposing a toast to the honored guest, Dr. Murray Downing, Otterville, said, "Dr. Batson has accomplished the proverbial hat trick. To practice medicine for 50 years is a great achievement. To do so and keep your cool is an outstanding one."

South Norwich Deputy-Reeve George Davis, speaking on behalf of the Township, brought congratulations. "We are proud of him as a doctor and as a man of the community." He presented Dr. Batson with a gift.

Dr. Earl Smith, Brantford, a classmate of Dr. Batson's

recalled many good times together.

Dr. R.M. Hall, brought congratulations from the citizens of Norwich, stating that the honored guest had been of great service to the people of Norwich as well as Otterville.

Dr. H.J. Alexander, speaking on behalf of the medical society and the nurses, traced some of Dr. Batson's early history, stating that he was born near a village called Tranquility,

in Brant County. He received his secondary school education in Brantford and graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto in 1923.

Dr. E.A. Quintyn, Chief of Surgery, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, presented Dr. Batson with a plaque representative of the Model T. Ford coupe the doctor drove when he first came to Otterville.

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presented Dr. Batson with a plaque representative of the Model T. Ford coupe the doctor drove when he first came to Otterville.

He recalled some incidents indicative of the honored guest's keen interest in curling, and said, "Associating with Harold does produce happiness."

On the platform, Dr. Batson delighted his audience with anecdotes of his early experiences in the profession. "This is the greatest honor I have received in my 77 years. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

"I don't feel the honor is singularly for me. I had a very fine partner (his wife Dr. Lois Batson) for most of my career. I also had a family who were very considerate and helpful."

Speaking of his present wife he said, "I honor Nancy as well as my family. I could not have continued my practice without her."

The doctor introduced his daughters, Mrs. Donald Pettigrew and Mrs. Joe Darkes, as well as two granddaughters.

Seemingly untired by the long day which had included an open house at his Otterville residence which started at 10 a.m., the doctor took turns dancing after the dinner and shaking hands with the many well-wishers.

"I've kissed more pretty women tonight than I have for the past two weeks," he quipped.

A committee of residents of the Otterville area organized the event.

It was announced that any proceeds above the cost would be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society in Dr. Batson's name.



Dr. H.H. Batson, Otterville, was honored Wednesday night at a testimonial dinner marking his 50 years in the medical profession. Standing behind Mrs. Batson and the doctor are friends who took part in the program. From left, Dr. R.M. Hall, Norwich; Dr. H.J. Alexander, Tillsonburg; George Davis, deputy reeve, South Norwich Township and Dr. Elmer A. Quintyn, Tillsonburg. In lower photo: Dr. H.M. Downing, Otterville; Dr. Batson with his two daughter, Mrs. Joe (Frances) Darkes, left, and Mrs. Donald (Joyce) Pettigrew, right, and at far right, Stan Gehring, master of ceremonies for the evening.



# Editorials

## 50 Years Of Service

Some 250 persons gathered Wednesday evening to pay tribute to Dr. Harold Batson on completion of 50 years in medical practice. Many others called at the home for open house during the day.

Dr. Batson has spent 48 of those years in Otterville, serving the people of this community, and he spins many a tale of times when the practice of medicine involved long hours, difficult travel and rather sparse monetary return.

The tribute paid to him at the dinner was especially fitting in that it was organized by the people he has known and worked with in the community over the years--and not by some official body. There was obvious sincerity on the part of all who brought greetings and best wishes on the occasion.

Consensus of the tributes was that Dr. Harold Batson is a man who cares, and to our mind this is just about the ultimate one can say about anyone. Combining sincerity and dedication with the best use of our talents is the mark of the man who cares.

We add our congratulations to Dr. Batson for his long and devoted service, and best wishes for the future.



Extra monies, to the tune of \$264.90, from the testimonial dinner for Dr. Harold Batson of Otterville, were turned over to the Oxford Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society Saturday afternoon. Dr. Batson matched the amount himself to bring the total contribution to \$530. Shown receiving the cheque from Dr. Batson is Mrs. E. Garner, campaign chairman of the Oxford Unit. Looking in is Mrs. J. Walther of Norwich, president of the Norwich branch of the society.



DEVOTIONS FOR  
OXFORD DEANERY - SPRING MEETING - ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

May 23rd. 1973

St. John's Church, Otterville

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HYMN: No. 479 - "Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers"  
OPENING PRAYER: (ALL)

Grant us tonight, O God, the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the understanding mind and the loving heart, so that we may see Your glory, and hear your Word, and understand your Truth, and answer to your Love: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:- "Our Father....."

SCRIPTURE READING: (by one appointed)

St. Luke 4: 14 - 21 (N. E. B.)

THE LITANY: (kneeling)

LEADER: A voice said, "Whom shall I send?"  
ALL: I said "Send Me"  
LEADER: He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me"  
ALL: Lord, Your Spirit is upon us.  
LEADER: He said, "He has anointed Me"  
ALL: Lord, You have anointed us  
LEADER: He said, "He has sent Me"  
ALL: Lord, You are sending us.  
LEADER: He said, "Today this has come true"  
ALL: Lord, grant that today all this may be true of us.

A THOUGHT: (Read by the Leader)

It is easy to use expressions such as,  
"being sent"  
"being anointed"  
"the Spirit is upon us"

They sound good. They start meetings nicely. But like all words, they are dead until they become real for us! Our Lord, that day at Nazareth did not put the book down and say, "Someday all this good news will come true". He said, "Today it has come true!" Put these two phrases together and you get "send me... today"

Here is our age's need. It's an age which asks for each person's involvement and commitment in this wonderful, frightening, God-created, man-designed world of today.

PRAYER: (All)

Lord of Our Baptism,

Teach us: that Your anointing is today our anointing.  
That Your Spirit is today our spirit.  
That Your sending is today our sending into Your world.  
O Lord, You are the same, yesterday, today and forever.  
Amen.

CLOSING: The Grace (together)



# HISTORICAL SHOW

At Fairgrounds And Arena **Norwich, Ontario, Canada**

# JUNE 1, 2, 3, 1973

Friday and Saturday — 10 a.m. to Dusk      Sunday — 1 to 6 p.m.

STEAM ENGINES—TRACTORS—GAS ENGINES  
DRAG SAWS—BAKER FAN—HORSE POWER  
DOG POWER—SHINGLE MILL—CIDER PRESS  
SAW MILL—ANTIQUÉ CARS  
BROOM MAKING—ALL IN OPERATION DAILY  
ALL TYPES OF MODELS



Broom-maker Norman Lees

ARENA FULL OF SPECIAL EXHIBITS  
OF  
INDIAN ARTIFACTS—ANTIQUÉ GLASS  
BOTTLES—TOOLS—DOLLS  
CLOCKS—LAMPS—GUNS  
PAINTINGS—HAND CRAFTS

GOOD FOOD  
SOUVENIRS  
CAMPING ON GROUNDS

FLEA MARKET

DAILY PARADES

RIDES FOR THE KIDDIES

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

7:00 P.M.  
Parade on Track  
8:00 P.M.  
BARBERSHOPPERS  
FROM WOODSTOCK  
9:00 P.M.  
Local Musical Talent

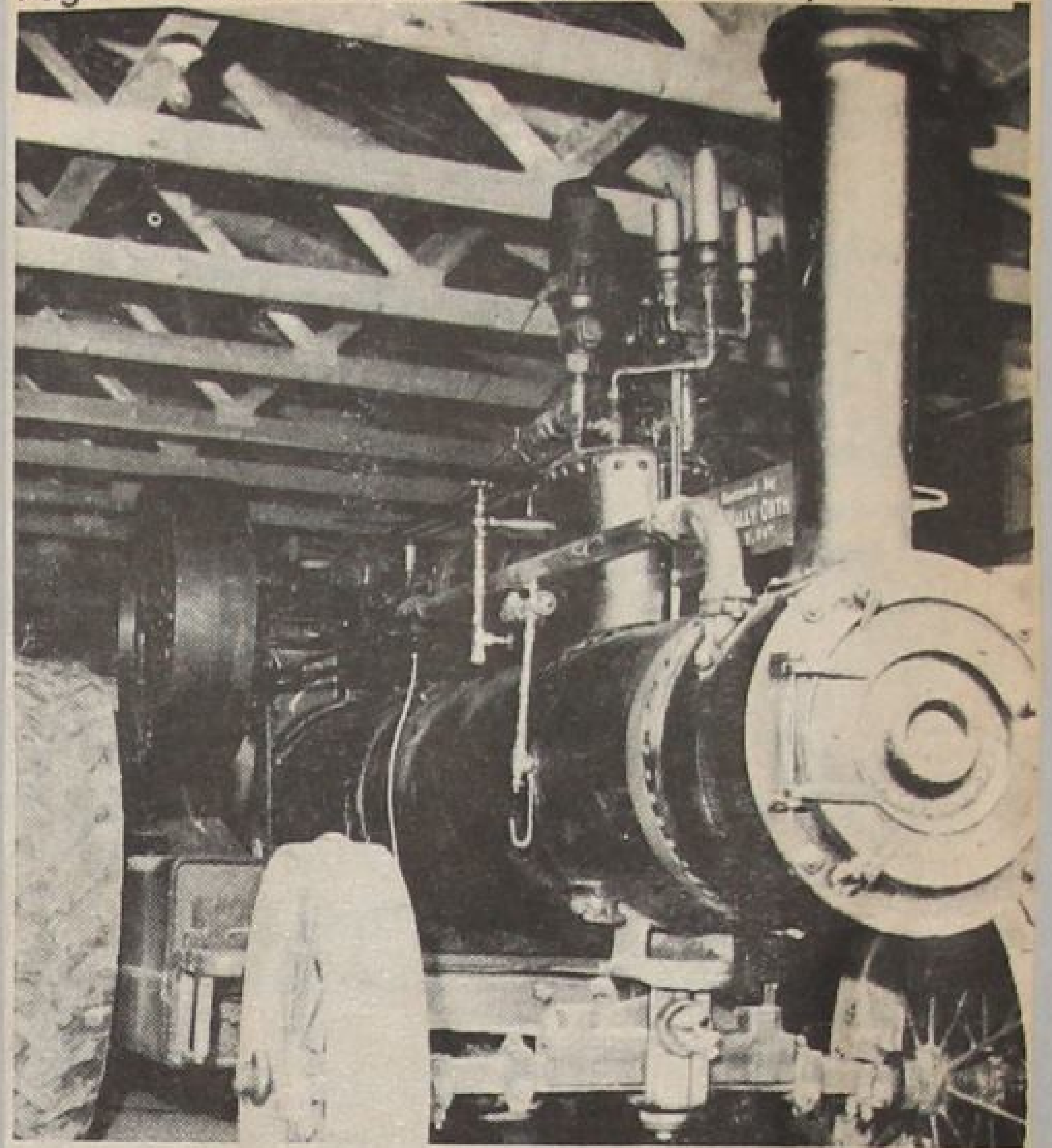
### SATURDAY, JUNE 2

1:00 P.M. Official Opening  
1:30 P.M.  
"BIG AL" WITH VARIETY PROGRAM  
FROM CKCO, KITCHENER  
4:00 P.M. Parade on Track  
7:00 P.M.  
"ROCK BOTTOM SOD BUSTERS" - GUELPH  
(CLOWN BAND - GOOD FOR A CHUCKLE)  
8:00 P.M.  
"ALLOY" (NORWICH ROCK AND ROLL BAND)

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

2:00 P.M.  
NORWICH  
MUSICAL SOCIETY  
BAND  
4:00 P.M.  
Parade on Track

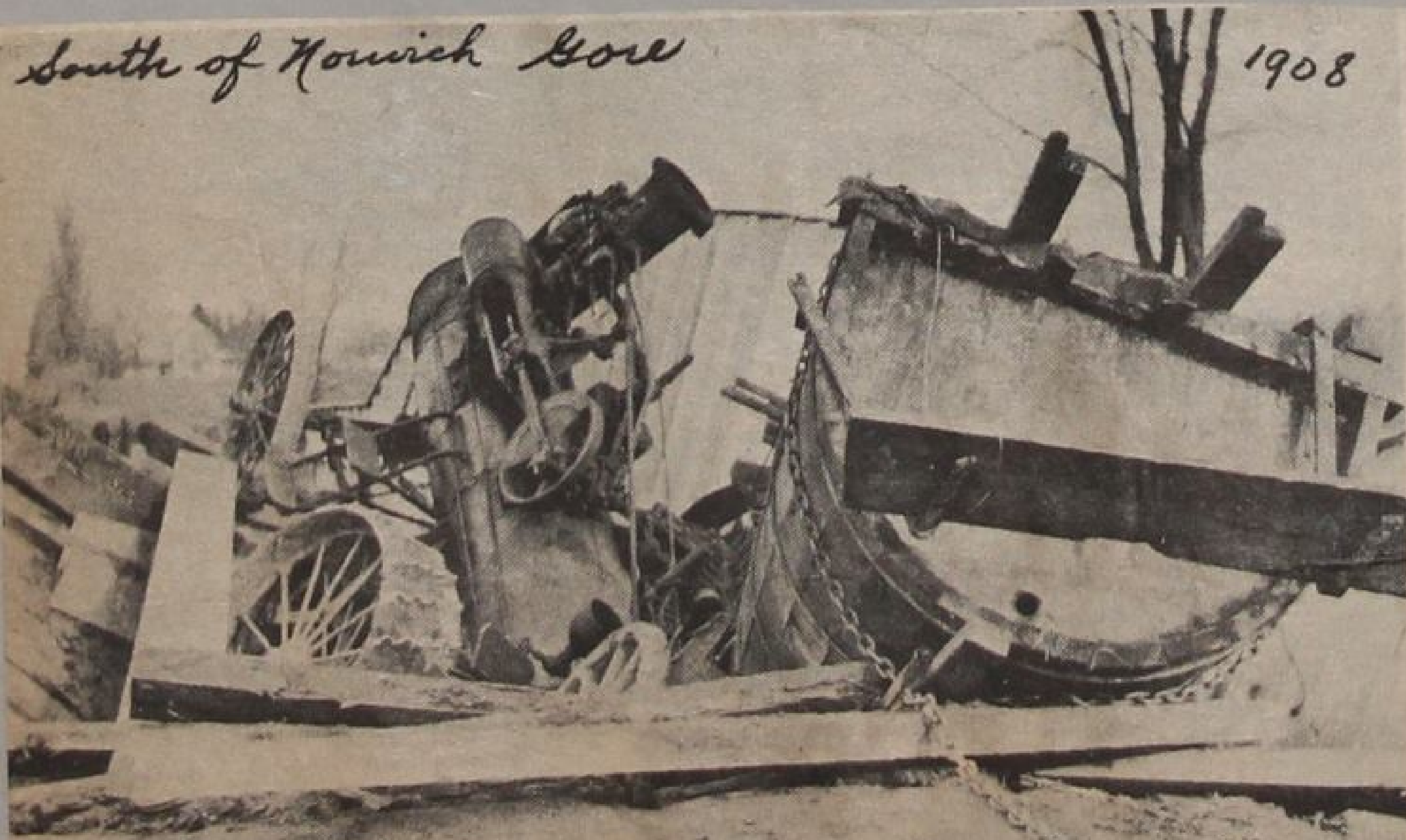
CONTESTS WITH STEAM ENGINES AND TRACTORS ALL THREE DAYS



This steam engine, now owned by Russell Orth of Burgessville, was manufactured in 1913 by the Frick Manufacturing Company, Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. The Frick Company is one of the oldest in America, having been founded in 1853. This company pioneered in the fields of farm machinery, sawmill equipment, refrigeration, and air conditioning.



It's a lot of work to get one of these steam engines in running order, and then to get everything hooked up and underway. But a lot will be steaming along at the historical show this week-end. This Waterloo Engine is owned by Clark and Myrtle Dell, of Otterville.



Heavy machine, an unsubstantial bridge. Result, this wreck of 1908, when Harry Palmer's Waterloo steam engine went through the bridge south of Norwich Gore. It was pulled out by Percy Rachar, reports Don MacPherson, who loaned the old photo.



## Displays, Demonstrations In

There will be an arena filled with special exhibits for this weekend's third annual historical show.

There will be a large display of hanging and Tiffany lamps, and "old-country" girondles.

There will be displays put on by local Nature Club and naturalists. Interesting exhibits and demonstrations of spinning of various types of yarns and of rug weaving -- numerous exhibits of crafts and hobbies - fossils; medals; badges; guns; clocks; coins; stamps; post cards; paintings; brass; bottles; key chains; souvenir spoons; watch fobs.

There will be a potters wheel on display also ceramics on display and for sale; an exhibit of dairy and cheese equipment of yesteryear.

The committee expects three or four exhibits of very intricate wood carvings and

models - village house and store; farm equipment; animals, etc.

There will be a nice exhibit of hand-broom making by a member of the family who made - "Brooms-made-in-

Norwich" famous a few years back, and the "Wool Shop" - a very interesting husband and wife exhibit of spinning and weaving done in their own portable building.

The "sugar shanty" is a

display of methods of making maple syrup and sugar from very early times up to the present highly-mechanized methods. There will be maple syrup for sale at this stand. The "Blacksmith Shop,"

owned by the Norwich Historical Society will be operated by the North Norwich Junior Farmers. A "Cider Press" from Ingersol will be operated by local young people. An antique pop corn stand, locally owned, is operated by the "Jolly Jeweller" of Norwich. There will be many exhibits of working models of various makes of steam engines, threshing machines, etc.

We are again being favoured with the presence of the "Calliope" - steam organ - from the Minnie Thomson Memorial Museum of Stratford. This calliope was built in 1897 and is the only one in Canada. Of the seven known steam calliopes, it is one of three still being operated manually. It is pulled by a team of six Belgian horses, a mare and five of her off-springs.

Another attraction for the younger visitors, as well as the older, is a team of a pony and a heifer calf.

A 1924 Reo fire engine, beautifully restored, will be on display, also many antique cars.



It was once common practice for farm machinery salesmen to take orders all winter, then make a special day for farmers to pick up their new equipment. This street scene is looking east from just east of the present post office, and is dated March 10, 1908.



As the sign says, this is a 1912 Buffalo Pitts, owned and operated by Neil MacPherson and Sons of Norwich.



# All Roads Lead To Norwich

By Russell Orth

This is the week-end that all roads lead to Norwich.

The show committee members have been diligently working all year to provide the spectators with as complete a variety of exhibits as is possible. There will be truly something of interest for everyone, from the smallest Indian arrowheads to the large massive 12 or 14 ton steam traction engines.

There will be ten or so

traction engines on display, Canadian manufactured engines that once were known to everyone in this area, such as George White, Waterloo, Sawyer Massey, also several American built engines such as Minneapolis, Buffalo Pitts, Case, Baker and Frick. These engines will be busy sawing lumber and running the Baker fan, also operating threshing machines, without threshing grains (our show is on a little too early in the season to have grain to

thresh). There will also be slow races and other activities to keep these big machines on the move and to test the skill of the operators.

Another interesting feature will be several stationary steam engines, one of which is a Whitelaw, manufactured by the Robert Whitelaw Co. of Woodstock. This engine is well over 75 years old. It will be belted to a shingle mill and this mill will cut cedar shingles.

Last, but not least, will be the several steam models, both traction and stationary. It takes hundreds of hours to build some of these models, and they are truly works of perfection.

I believe this exhibit of steam power will be very interesting, and will demonstrate how our fathers and grandfathers harnessed the power of steam to help them do their heavy work when "Steam was King."

## New Barn To House Farm Equipment

The local Historical Society is pushing ahead with plans for a new barn to be built on the Museum grounds.

Soon after the museum was set up in 1970 in the former Friends meeting house, Stover St. North it became apparent that there were a great number of agricultural equipment items that should be preserved and displayed

but just wouldn't fit into the present museum building. It was decided to construct a barn.

The Historical Show which has done so much to promote community pride and put Norwich on the map as a steam town was initially conceived as a money-making venture to raise building funds. The 1970 Trek-

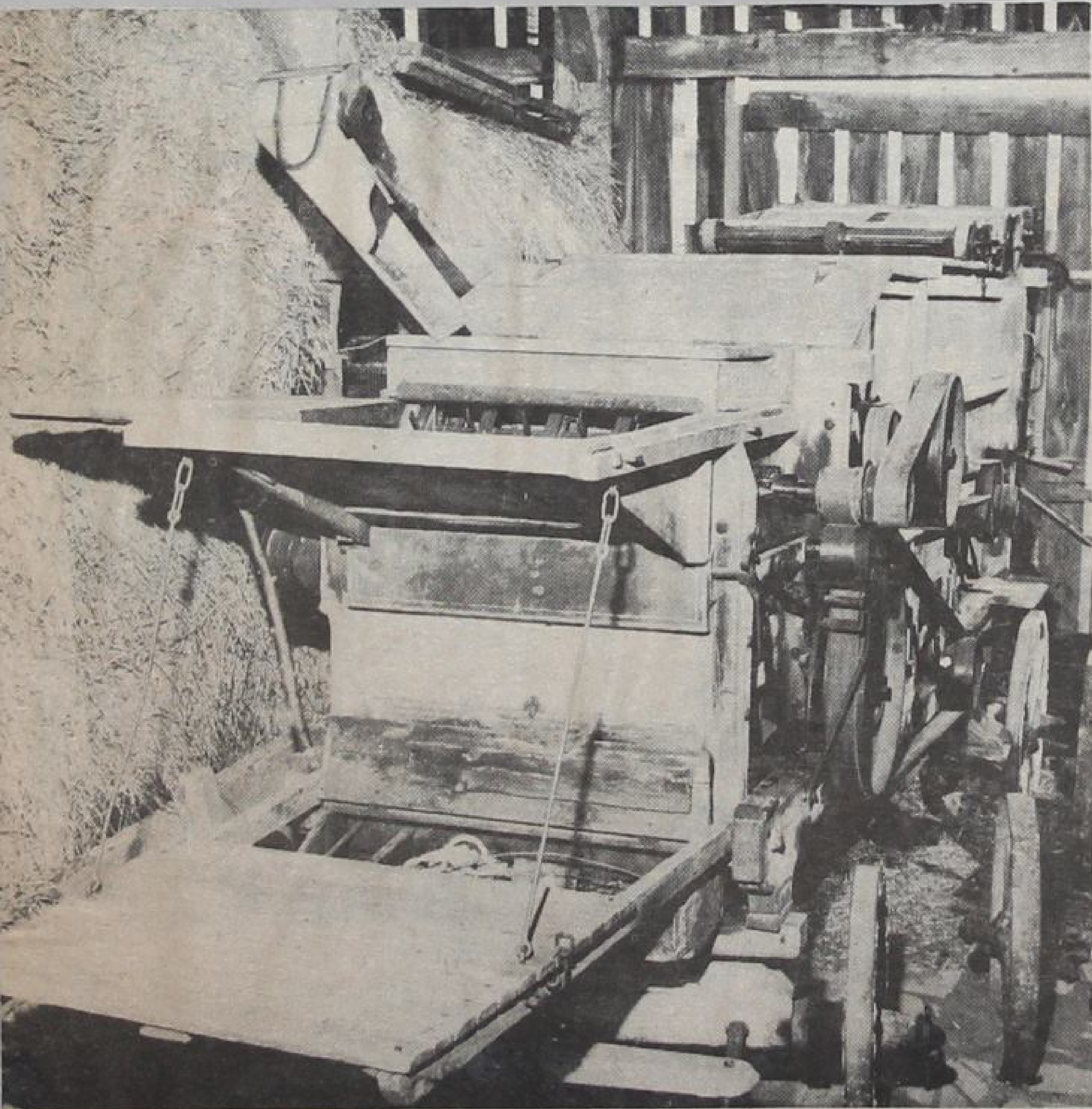
a-thon which covered a route from Cooley's Pond to Norwich, the last day's journey of 1810 pioneers, raised the initial deposit in the fund. This year's show receipts will also go toward the project.

The fund has now reached the point where specific building plans are being considered. Recently announced government grants

for museum development and expansion are being investigated.

Dr. John Julet has donated a piece of land behind the North Norwich Township Office as a site for the building.

The expansion of the museum will provide Norwich with a display area unrivalled in the area.



This separator, now owned by Russell Orth, was obviously used long before the days of the combine. It is completely made of wood, and was manufactured by the MacPherson, Glasgow company of Fingal.

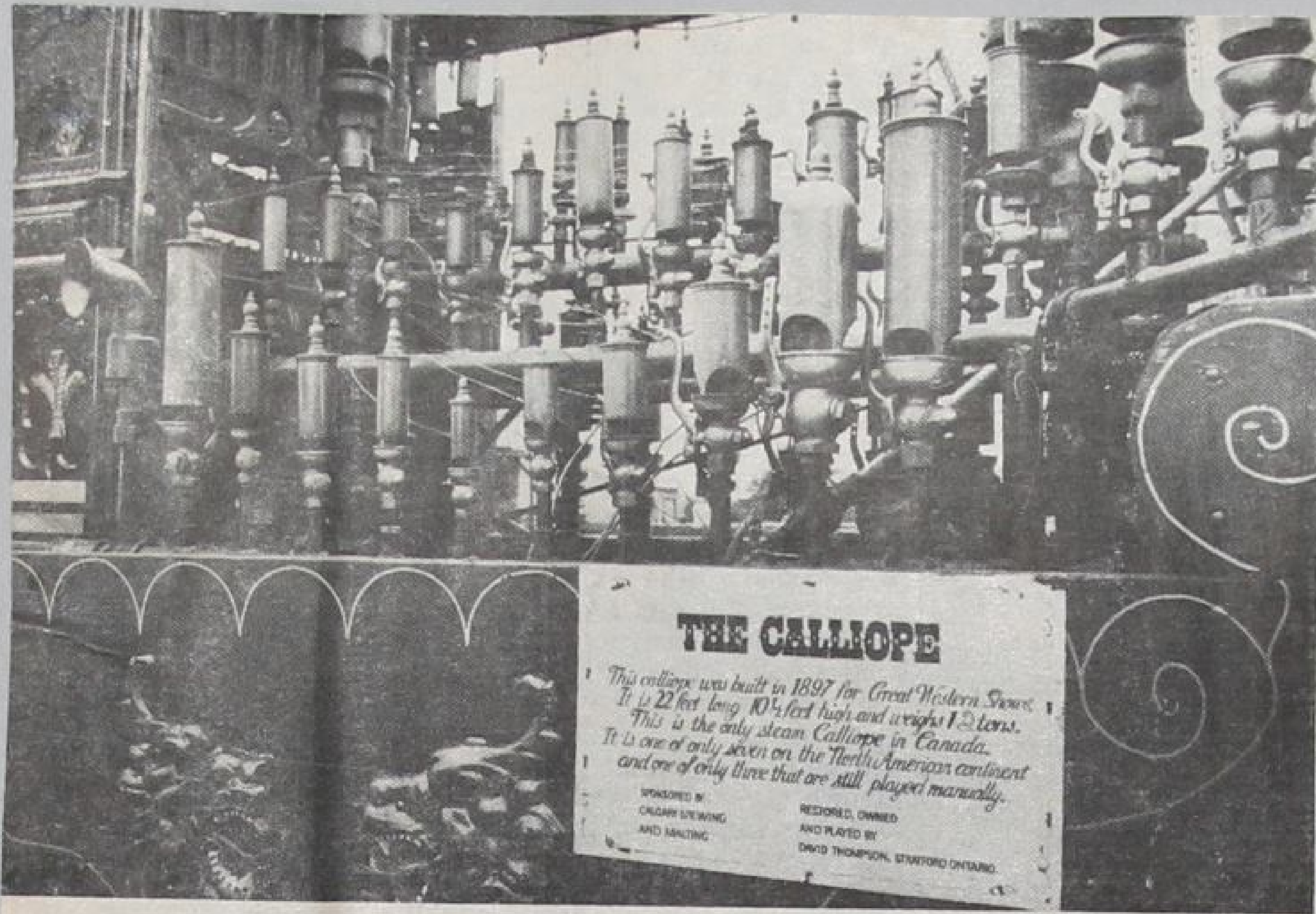


Rick and Harold Singer exhibited a 1920 International 816 at the Norwich show this past weekend. The unit worked on the Ray Fulkerson farm north of Tillsonburg. It is started with gasoline and then can be switched over to kerosene which was less expensive in earlier times. Lloyd Smith on the right here discusses fuel supply with Rick Singer. Mr. Smith used to work for International.



DESPITE THE RAIN AND MUD

# The Show Went On--And A Great One It Was



A callope, the pipe works of which are shown above, was one of the highlights of the steam show this year. It is owned by the Thompson Museum of Stratford and was originally built for Great Western Shows in 1897.

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Marianne Chamberlain, 4, and older sister Linda, 9, both of the Cultus area, posed in front of their uncle Charlie Mitchell's 1926 George White 25 straight engine. The unit threshed and worked saw mills in the Port Rowan area for many years.



One of the attractive miniatures in the arena displays.

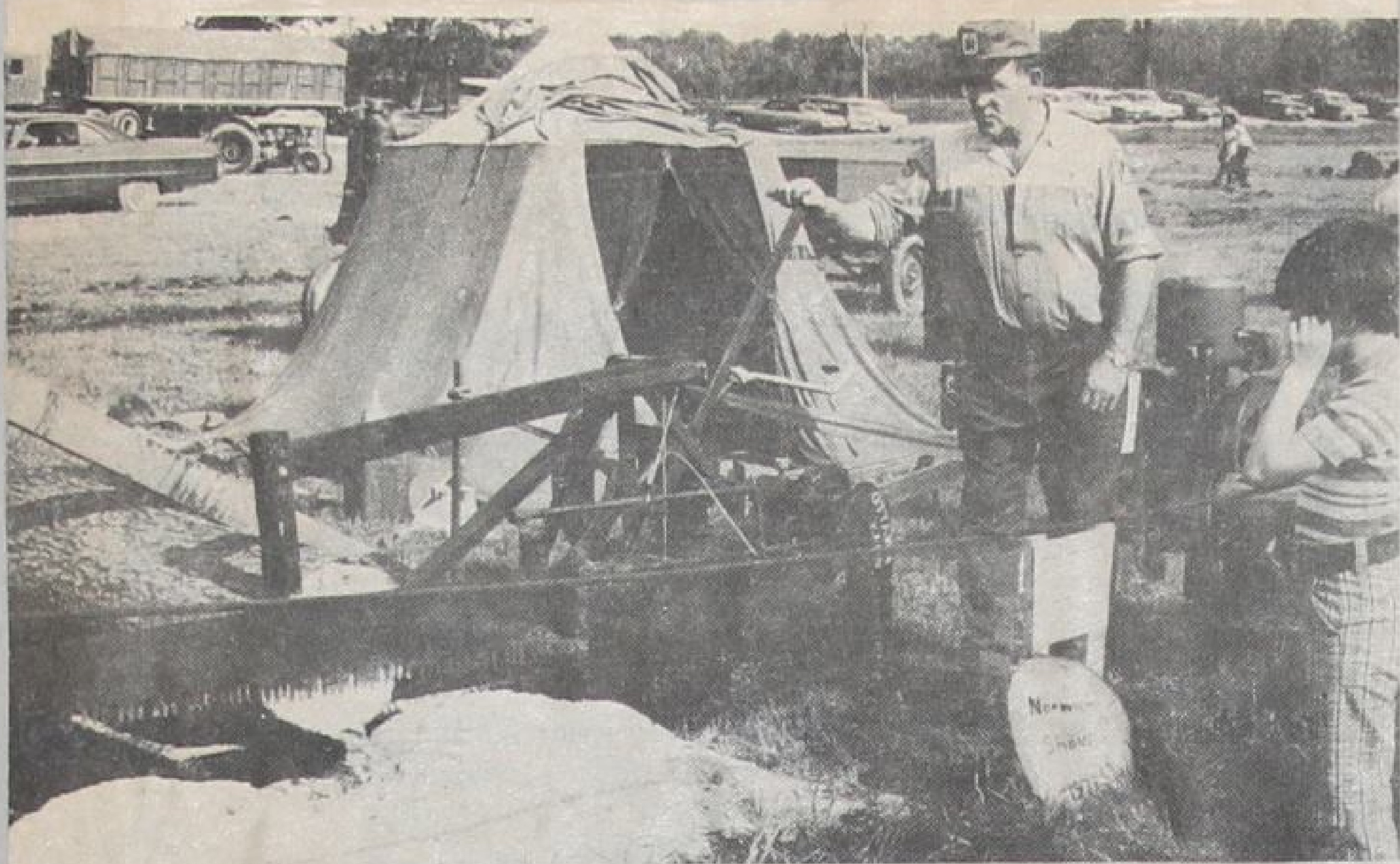


"It's easier with a torch," said the young blacksmiths.



The Thompson Museum of Stratford had this unusual team pulling a covered wagon at the Norwich Historical Society's show on the weekend.





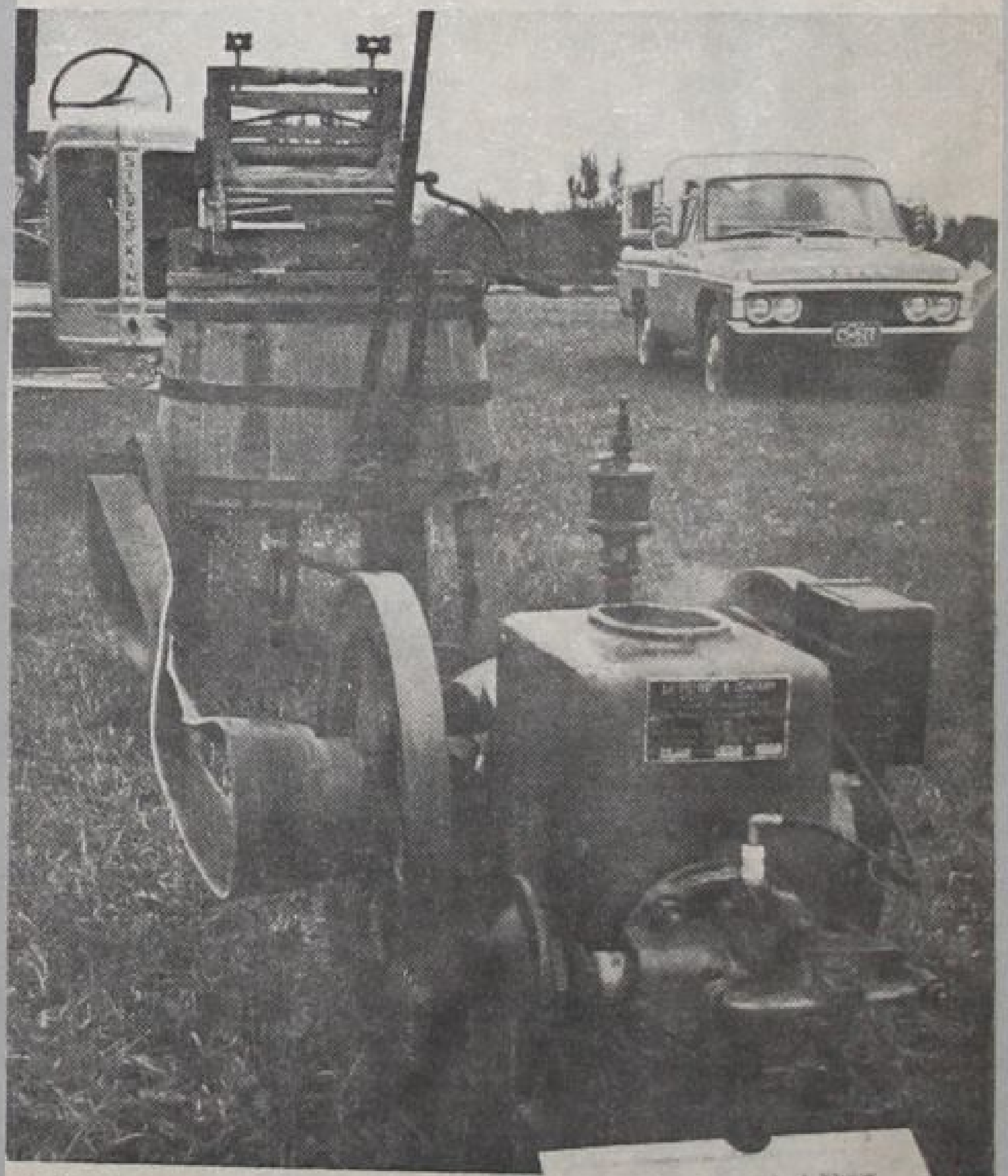
Gasoline-powered crosscut saw produced souvenirs.



This antique wood-splitter came in handy providing pieces to fire boilers.



This combination of a miniature thresher and steam engine operated at the Norwich Steam Show on the weekend. The thresher was built and is owned by Frank Ford of Hagersville, who constructed the unit from his memories of a machine that he operated for 39 years. He estimated that he had spent at least 50 full days of labour in its construction. The steam engine is owned by Douglas H. Taylor of Hamilton. It is approximately 1/4 scale and is modelled on a 1917 Case Traction Engine. The model operates on soft coal and Mr. Taylor estimated that it would consume half-a-bag of coal during the show. The two gentlemen work the equipment as a team at most of the steam shows in the area.



A 1922 J. A. Fellows 1 1/2 HP engine powered the wooden washing machine in the background.



# They get all steamed up about steamers

By ART WILLIAMS

NORWICH — "Twenty years ago my boy-friend had two loves — steam engines and me — so I decided that if I wanted him, I'd have to get to know steam engines better," said Myrtle Dell of Otterville as she tugged the whistle cord on her 2390 Baker Steam engine.

Mrs. Dell was one of the hundred or more steam buffs attending the third annual steam and antique show here on the weekend, sponsored by the Norwich District Historical Society.

Along with the large display of steam power there were many antique fuel oil and gasoline tractors and all types of equipment, all

in running order and performing all their trades, from threshing and long-sawing to corn-shelling or pumping water.

"My husband was raised on steam and once steam gets into your blood you just can't turn it off," Mrs. Dell said.

She should know. She married Clark Dell, a young stationary engineer, 20 years ago and since that time has had a life full of steam.

Today, when he is not tending the boilers at the Simcoe Leaf Tobacco Co. in Simcoe, you will find the Dells tinkering with their 1916 Waterloo or their 1926 Baker 2390 Special which they keep in perfect running order and shining like new.

The Waterloo, made in Waterloo, Ont., has always been used in North Norwich Township. The Baker, which was made in Swanton, Ohio, was purchased from a local Mennonite farmer in 1971.

There is nothing Myrtle likes better than getting a full head of steam (150 pounds) on the Baker Special and heading for an exhibition with all the brass shining and the blue paint glistening.

Being caught with a dirty machine is an almost unforgivable offence among the steam buffs.

When asked about the Baker's designation 2390, she explained that it means 90 horsepower on the belt and 23 horsepower on the drawbar.

Mrs. Dell wasn't the only woman running a steamer here this weekend.

Madge Webb of Beamsville is a born steam buff. She was born during a harvester's excursion in Saskatchewan and her parents stayed there, taking up a homestead.

Mrs. Webb grew up with the threshing crews' steam whistle singing in her ear, so it was no wonder that she also married a stationary engineer, Dennis Webb.

Five years ago they went to Brookville,

Ind., and purchased their 1923 model 20-horsepower Minneapolis steam engine.

Friday afternoon's sudden downpour caught several steam engines with their steam down and when they tried to move them, the wheels slipped and they became mired.

The Webbs will proudly recall an incident of this Friday for some time as they recall how they humiliated a Hart-Power 28-50 fuel oil tractor.

An Eclipse steam engine owned by Russell and Wally Orth of Burgessville became mired and Rae Dale of St. Thomas, anxious to put his 1927 Hart-Power 28-50 to the test, came to their aid.

He tried and tried but it was all in vain. Patiently puffing in the wings was the big Minneapolis steamer owned by the Webbs. It moved in as the tractor moved off.

It was quite a pull, but, after a couple of broken chains and some digging, the Eclipse began to move.

Once she was free, Wally Orth gave the whistle a blast and the Webbs followed it up. Then, as if the rest had been waiting, all the steamers gave their victory blast.

As an old engineer remarked, "Never send a boy to do a man's job."

On Saturday afternoon, Madge Webb took over the Minneapolis and operated the engine to supply the power for a log-sawing demonstration.



Heavy rains Friday and Saturday provided treacherous footing for man and machine at the Norwich Steam Show. This engine was among several pieces of equipment that became mired in the infield. Attempts to pull it out with a truck were halted Saturday when it was feared that the strain on the unit might cause damage or an explosion. The engine had a good head of steam at the time.





The new executive of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was inducted on Monday night. Shown are, front left to right, John Sandham, third vice-president; George Davis, first vice; Jim McLaren, president; Fred Thompson, second vice; Gloyn Cole, secretary; back, Ron Kiddie, bulletin editor; Mel Smith, tail twister; Bob Spek, treasurer; Murray Wardell, past president; Mort Cooper, District Governor; Rene DeCooman, lion tamer; and Peter Patenaude, assistant lion tamer. *June/73*



REGINALD PAYNE AND MRS. MARJORIE BLOWFIELD

## Sister and Brother Reunited After 64 Years

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Marjorie Blowfield of Bramptom, England, recently visited with her brother, Reginald Payne of Otterville, whom she had not seen for 64 years.

A very enjoyable time was spent getting acquainted again as Mrs. Blowfield was only nine years of age at the time that her brother came to Canada.

Mr. Payne has always resided in the Otterville area and has never been back to his homeland.

Mrs. Blowfield also visited with another brother, Victor Payne, who lives in Toronto, also three nieces, Mrs. H. Brown of Keswick, Mrs. Muriel Pauli and Mrs. Doris Clifford of Otterville. Accompanying Mrs. Blowfield to Canada were her daughter and son-in-law.

Mr. Payne, now 83, makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Doris Clifford.

A family gathering was held at the home of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Muriel Pauli, on June 3rd.

Mr. Payne has always resided in the Otterville area and has never been back to his homeland since coming to Canada in 1909, where he came to the farm of the late James Johnson, 7th Concession of South Norwich Township.

After a brief stay he made his home at the former Revere Hotel, which was owned and operated by the late Wilson Young. His first employment was carrying brick for the residence of the late Dr. H. G. Downing and the former home of Dr. G. M. Downing on the hill.

In later years Mr. Payne farmed in the Bookton area and retiring from this he took up the carpenter trade from which he retired at the age of 80.

## Sisters Moving From Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Annie Gilles and her sister, Mrs. Lillie Hill, residents on Mill Street for the past five years, sold their home and moved to Toronto last Saturday.

Previous to their moving they were guests on Monday evening at the home of a friend and neighbour, Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew.

During the evening a number of other near-by neighbours dropped in

On behalf of those present Mrs. Pettigrew and Mrs. Fred Moore presented each with a piece of jewellery.

## Guild Holds Floral Tea

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Anglican Guild held their annual Floral Tea in the Parish Hall last week.

The organization, though small in membership, has been most busy throughout the year and many lovely aprons were on display to be sold.

Along with the needlework, there was a splendid choice of home-baking and also a good choice of cards and novelties to meet every occasion.

The visitor did not leave the hall without the friendly cup of tea with the added fancy sandwich.

Unfortunately too many counter attractions marred the attendance of the afternoon. *2 hr. out*

## Gleason Wins Lions Award

OTTERVILLE (C) — At the recent Lions Convention at Cornwall, Lion Nelson Gleason of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club won the top award for bulletin editor and received a unique plaque and also a desk model of a lion.



Joyce Anne Jull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, RR 1, Norwich, graduated from the Faculty of Arts at the University of Western Ontario, London, on June 6, 1973, with an Honors Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Language and Literature. Miss Jull, a graduate of Norwich District High School, plans to continue her studies in the fall at Althouse College of Education, London. *1973*

## ADA ADDISON

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Percy Maxwell Addison, the former Ada Wingrove and the last member of the immediate Wingrove family, died suddenly at her home on Sunday, June 17, 1973.

Mrs. Addison was born at RR 1, Otterville, and was in her 77th year. Her husband predeceased her in 1961. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving is one son, Blake Addison of Burlington, and two granddaughters, Barbara and Nancy Addison.

Funeral service was held from the Reid Funeral Home, Leamington, Tuesday, June 19, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. A.F. O'Neil, minister of the Baptist Church, in charge.

Interment was in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Leamington.

## Lions Give \$1,000 For Ice Maker

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, May 28. *June/73*

Lion president Murray Wardell presided.

Two new members were inducted, Lions Stanley Palmer and Peter Gilchrist, sponsored by Lions John Sandham and Murray Wardell. Induction ceremonies were conducted by Lions Bill Butler, Ron Kiddie and Jim Auger.

The club approved donations of \$1,000 to the North Norwich Arena Board for helping to purchase a new ice-making machine, and \$200 to the Norwich Pastime Club.

Two new eyeglass cases are being cared for.

Lion Gordon Shearer reported that the fireworks night, held in the Community Park, was the most successful night yet, with about 1,400 attending.

Plans are progressing for the annual chicken barbecue to be held in the Park, Otterville, Saturday, June 28.

The guest speaker was Rev. Herbert Herring, Norwich, who spoke on the Universal Brotherhood of Man. He was introduced by Lion Fred Thompson and thanked by Lion Darwen Scott.

The next regular meeting will be held in Norwich Monday, June 11. The final meeting will be held in the Park at Otterville Monday, June 18.

## HUGH HARFORD

OTTERVILLE (C) — Following a severe heart attack in Sebring Hospital, Florida, Hugh Harford passed away on Monday, June 25, 1973 in his 73rd year. He had been in hospital for one day.

The late Mr. Harford was a native of Otterville, son of the late William Harford and Alfretha Smith.

Mr. Harford was a member of the staff of the Royal Bank, Otterville. Later he went to Buffalo, where he was an accountant and was still in the same business in Miami and Sebring up to the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, a member of the masonic Lodge, and the Elk Lodge.

Besides his wife, the former Wanda Hoffman, he is survived by two sons, William of Buffalo and Robert of Fort Lauderdale.

Funeral service was held Wednesday from the Funeral Home in Sebring.

Interment in Avon Park Cemetery.



# Mark 40th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home on June 10. Both attended the church of their choice in the morning and in the afternoon in company with friends, Mr. and Mrs. William Butler of Otterville, they enjoyed a turkey dinner in Woodstock.

Mr. Waring is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Waring and Mrs. Waring is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jull. They were both born in North Norwich Township.

They were married June 10, 1933, at the home of the bride's parents, 5th Concession, by the late Rev. G. T. Shields of Otterville United Church.

Mr. Waring has one brother, Donald Waring of Iowa. Mrs. Waring has three sisters and two brothers, Mrs.

Robert English, Oshawa; Mrs. Jack Heatley, Sarnia, and Mrs. Jack Freeland, Otterville; Archie Jull of Norwich and Fred Jull, Mount Elgin.

Following their marriage they lived for three years on the 5th Concession where Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doan now lives. They later moved to Otterville where Mr. Waring was a day laborer on local farms and then was employed in the Otter Dairy. His last employment was custodian of the South Norwich Township Office and the Community Hall. Due to ill health for the past year Mr. Waring has lived semi-retired but enjoys being a member of the Otterville Leisure Club.

Mrs. Waring has been press reporter for the local papers for the past 20 years, a member of the U.C.W. Otterville Women's Institute, The Happy Bluebirds and

Otterville Leisure Club, and custodian of community hall and the township office.

Thirty relatives and friends of the family enjoyed a delicious dinner in smorgasbord style at the home of Mrs. Waring's sister, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland on June 27th. The event was staged as a surprise.

# Successful Tea Held

OTTERVILLE (C) — A very successful June tea was held in the I.O.O.F. Hall under the auspices of the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

The tea tables were prettily decorated with spring flowers set in little ceramic pitchers, made by three of the members of the Lodge.

The larger tea table was also decorated with a centre piece of beautiful ceramic

urn, filled with hybrid lilac and orange blossoms. Tea was poured from two silver tea services by Winnie Cartright and Grace Jenkins of Aylmer; Grace Jeffries, D.D.P., and Violet Driesman of Harrietsville; Emily Clarke and Margaret Pogue of Belmont; Lavonia Phillips and Bessie Bagnall of Springfield; Teresa Ryan and Mamie Oldridge of Tillsonburg.

# Surprise Party for 25th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull of Mount Elgin were completely taken by surprise with a party at the Community Hall, Mount Elgin, on Saturday evening, June 16, in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. 1973

Their daughter, Glenna, was hostess for the evening, and was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moulton, Mrs. Jack Freeland and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jull were escorted to the hall by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Rooke and were met at the door by about 100 relatives and friends, who were already there awaiting their arrival.

Fred and Grace were invited to the table of many lovely gifts by Mr. Moulton, who read an address and asked the bride and groom of 25 years to accept the gifts. They were assisted in opening them by their daughter, Glenna, and Mrs. Jack Freeland of Otterville, sister of the groom, and Mr. Glenford Hagerman of Ot-

terville, cousin of the bride. Both were attendants at the wedding.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Corn Huskers of Brownsville. During a brief intermission Fred welcomed each guest present and especially seven of his close friends who were overseas with him in World War II.

Following the dancing the ladies served a delicious lunch.

Other anniversaries recognized throughout the evening were for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring, birthdays for Mrs. Jack Heatley, Russell Jull, and Mrs. Fred Jull. Mr. and Mrs. Jull were later given a rousing charivari in the wee small hours of the morning.

Guests present from a distance were from Alberta, Mount Forest, Langton, Mitchell, Bookton, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Sarnia, Oshawa, and the surrounding area.

# Anniversary Dinner Held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull of Mount Elgin were honored guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland on Sunday in recognition of the Mr. and Mrs. Waring's 40th wedding anniversary and the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jull.

The dinner was served in smorgasbord style to about 30 relatives and friends.

Following the dinner, Archie Jull of Norwich, on behalf of family and friends, congratulated Mr. and Mrs.

Waring and presented them with two lawn chairs.

Glenford Hagerman of Otterville, on behalf of the guests, presented Mr. and Mrs. Jull with two lawn chairs, accompanied by best wishes from the relatives and friends.

Those present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Robert English, Oshawa; Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull and family, Murray and Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jull of Norwich, Ross McMullen of Woodstock, Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia, Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Neil and daughters, Julie, Jennifer and Jacqueline, Mr. and Mrs. Neil MacPherson of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and Glenna of Mount Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Brown of Mount Forest, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Hess of Alberta, Mr. and Mrs. Glenford Hagerman of Otterville, and Mrs. Marguerite Taggart of Sarnia, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Chandler of Brantford.

# Anglican Church of Canada

Rev. HERB HERRING, S. Th. Minister

TRINITY SUNDAY  
ST. JOHN'S, OTTERVILLE  
Mrs. NATE McMULLEN,  
Organist.

10.00 a.m. .... Morning Prayer  
HOLY TRINITY, NORWICH  
Mr. Kim Harrison,  
Organist

11.15 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11.15 a.m. .... Morning Prayer  
ST. CHARLES, DEREHAM  
Miss JANICE ECKER,  
Organist

2.00 p.m. .... Evening Prayer  
COMING: Service of Witness, in St. John's Otterville, Sunday, June 24th, at 3.00 p.m. Picnic in Lions Park, following service. 1973

This service is in charge of the Oxford Ministerial and B.A.C. Plan to attend.

# Otterville

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. McMann, Mr. and Mrs. H. Storey, and Mrs. Adrienne Williams of Stouffville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and family and attended the rededication services at St. John's Anglican church.

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Very attractive - modern - large 2 bedroom brick home in immaculate condition. See it for yourself - large lot. Price \$20,500.00 - Exclusive. *Sell 1973*





Rededication ceremonies took place Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church in Otterville upon completion of its renovation. Rt. Rev. Carmen Queen, Bishop of Hu-

ron, officiated. Repairs also were made to the brickwork outside with the aid of a Local Initiatives program grant. (Photo by Williams)

## Bishop rededicates church

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — The Bishop of Huron and four former ministers attended rededication services of St. John's Anglican Church here Sunday.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Carmen Queen officiated

at the services marking the completion of renovation work on the church.

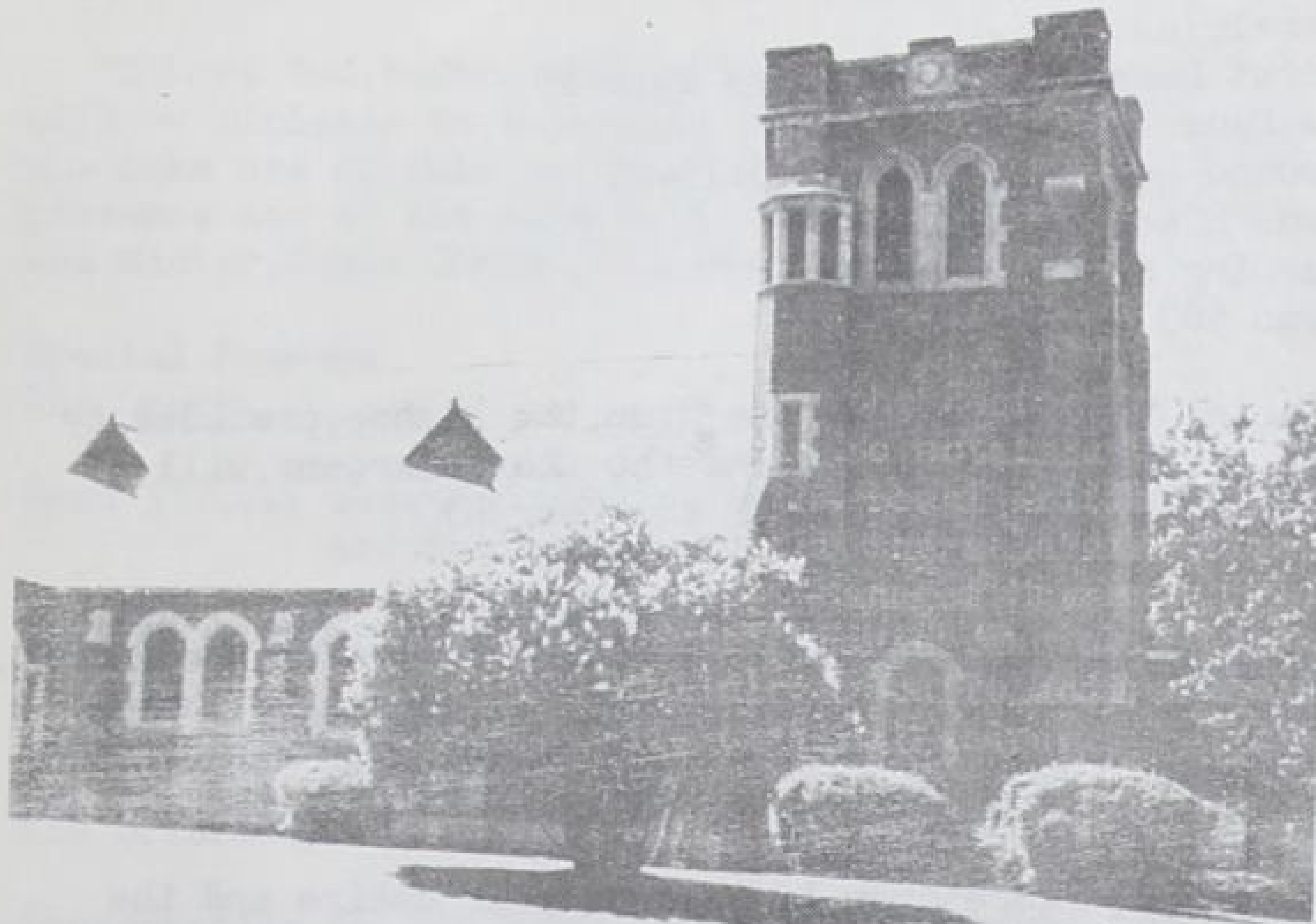
A Local Initiatives Program grant of \$14,608 was used to repair the exterior brickwork and to redecorate inside.

Supervised by Peter Gilchrist of Otterville, six people worked on the project which be-

gan in January and was completed Friday.

Among those attending the service were church minister Rev. Hugh Herring, and former ministers Rev. Ridley Parson, Woodstock, Rev. Hugh Crosby, Lambton County, Cannon B. A. Silcox, Windsor and Rev. Stanley Applegrove of London.





A SERVICE OF RE-DEDICATION  
OF  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OTTERVILLE  
ON  
SUNDAY JUNE 24th 1973 11am.  
BY  
THE RT. REV. CARMEN QUEEN D.D.  
LORD BISHOP OF HURON

The Church of St. John's Otterville, built in 1914, fell into a state of disrepair and was in imminent danger of having parts of the Tower fall.

In 1973, the Rector, Rev H. Herring, was able to obtain a Government Grant under the Local Initiatives Program, and under the able direction of the Project Manager Mr. Peter Gilchrist of this Parish, was able to have the building rebuilt and refurbished to its original state.

Using the material at hand except where new brickwork was clearly indicated, six men were hired and worked from the 15th of January 1973 until the end of May. A weekly pay roll of \$600.00 was put into the local economy and the entire project cost in excess of \$15,000.00.

Today, we, at the hands of the Bishop, return the church building to the Congregation.

The St. John's Restoration  
Project... Rev. H. Herring Sponsor  
Peter Gilchrist.. Mngr.



# Outing Ends Season for W.I.

OTTERVILLE (C) — June meeting of the Women's Institute on June 8 took the form of a day's outing. Sixteen members, including four drivers, made it possible for the members to leave the Community Hall at 12.30 for Woodstock where they enjoyed a noonday dinner.

After dinner, the president, Mrs. William A. McMullen, presided for a brief business. Mrs. McMullen welcomed the members and thanked the committee in charge of arrangements for the day. She also announced that a meeting of the executive would be held in the near future.

In view of the fact that Mrs. Montag, wife of the former bank manager will be moving to Ridgetown the end of June, Mrs. McMullen, on behalf of the Institute, presented her with a cup and saucer.

Mrs. Montag thanked the members and asked them to all sign their names on the card which accompanied the gift.

Mrs. Harold Waring, convener of the meeting gave two readings, "The Family Wash" and "The Family Motor Car."

The members then visited the farm of Ross Butler, Woodstock, who showed the members his paintings and the prize winning poultry, and many other interesting pieces of his work. Mrs. Harry Lee, on behalf of the Institute, presented Mr. Butler with a box of candy.

The next stop was at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Haight, of the Gladway Gardens, Norwich. Mrs. Haight graciously welcomed the members and in introducing her lines of work she told the members of the dreams and possibilities which could become her workshop of crafts in the old barn and here she could establish all manner of gifts suitable for any occasion.

Mrs. Haight said that when she was a very young girl her father, the late Henry Sutton, who was a naturalist, loving all nature, would tell her of the birds and their song. Thus this gift has been instilled in Mrs. Haight and her imagination makes species of nature into a reality.

Before leaving, Mrs. Ivan Leitch, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Haight with a gift.

The members thanked the convener, Mrs. Waring, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Leitch for the well-planned day and happy

holidays were wished for to be held the second Friday everyone. The next meeting in September.



# Royal flush

## Anne's engagement sends British press into tizzy

LONDON (CP) — Britain's national press has succumbed to an attack of royalty fever over Princess Anne's engagement that old hands say hasn't been since the heady days of the Queen's coronation, the 20th anniversary of which fell Saturday.

On that rainy June morning in 1953, a shabby and war-battered Britain, still under partial food rationing, was ready to throw its hat over Westminster Abbey at its first real splash of pageantry since 1939.

A new Elizabethan Age was proclaimed—and believed. There was a genuine surge of adulation for the glamorous young Queen. To crown it all, Britons opened their newspapers on Coronation Day to discover that Mount Everest, the world's highest peak, had been climbed for the first time—by a British Commonwealth team.

The Daily Mail even brought out an edition printed entirely in gold. One commentator has said recently it was the last time the British felt optimistic. But the euphoria did not last long, and the 1960s brought in a satiric, even cynical strain which affected press treatment of royalty along with much else.

That has vanished overnight in the hot-house atmosphere of the royal romance. Every conceivable aspect of Anne's betrothal to 24-year-old Lieut. Mark Phillips has been spread out in the last two days—down to the hopes of a woman silkworm farmer that Anne will choose British silk for the wedding dress, and a special story on the couple's black Labrador dogs, Moriarty and Flora.

Banner headlines have sprouted such as: "Anne Gets Her Man," "Joy For All To See" and "My Love For Anne—By Mark." The Beaverbrook-owned Evening Standard of London brought out a special color supplement headed Love Story, crammed with pictures of the engaged couple and their horse-strewn courtship. It now has been disclosed that Anne smuggled herself in several times to see Mark in a horse-box.

Journalists who pursued Phillips back to his NATO-based regiment in West Germany Thursday fired such questions as: "What was the first kiss like?" and "Who will be the boss?" Phillips, shy and rather inarticulate under this barrage, politely ducked the first question but retorted sharply to the second: "That's a stupid question."

Historian Roger Fulford wrote in the Daily Mail: "Who is talking now about the Watergate affair or the Lambton scandal?" (Lord Lambton, a junior defence minister, resigned recently after admitting involvement with prostitutes).

"Once again the Royal Family are working their magic on the British people . . . who else could transform the national mood overnight."

Popular papers here have prominently reported the twice-defeated motion of congratulations in the Canadian House of Commons under such headlines as: "A Double Snub From Canada."

How all this press treatment connects with the average Briton buying the papers is another question. One teen-age girl with a bunch of Hell's Angel-type escorts, seeing the billboard announcement of the engagement, said "Oh look, Princess Anne's getting married," but did not bother to buy a paper.

Comments overheard in streets, subways and restaurants range from pleasure and interest at the first news to a sour comment from a Cockney house-painter that Anne's tax-free £20,000 (\$50,000) raise when she marries isn't exactly in line with Prime Min-

ister Heath's anti-inflation pay-raise limit of £1 plus four per cent.

Several letters to national newspapers reflect strain. One Guardian reader complained he had to wade through acres of newsprint before he could learn about "more pertinent aspects of world affairs."

In fairy tales, princesses always marry princes. In real life, they don't these days: they tend to marry commoners, for love instead of reasons of state.

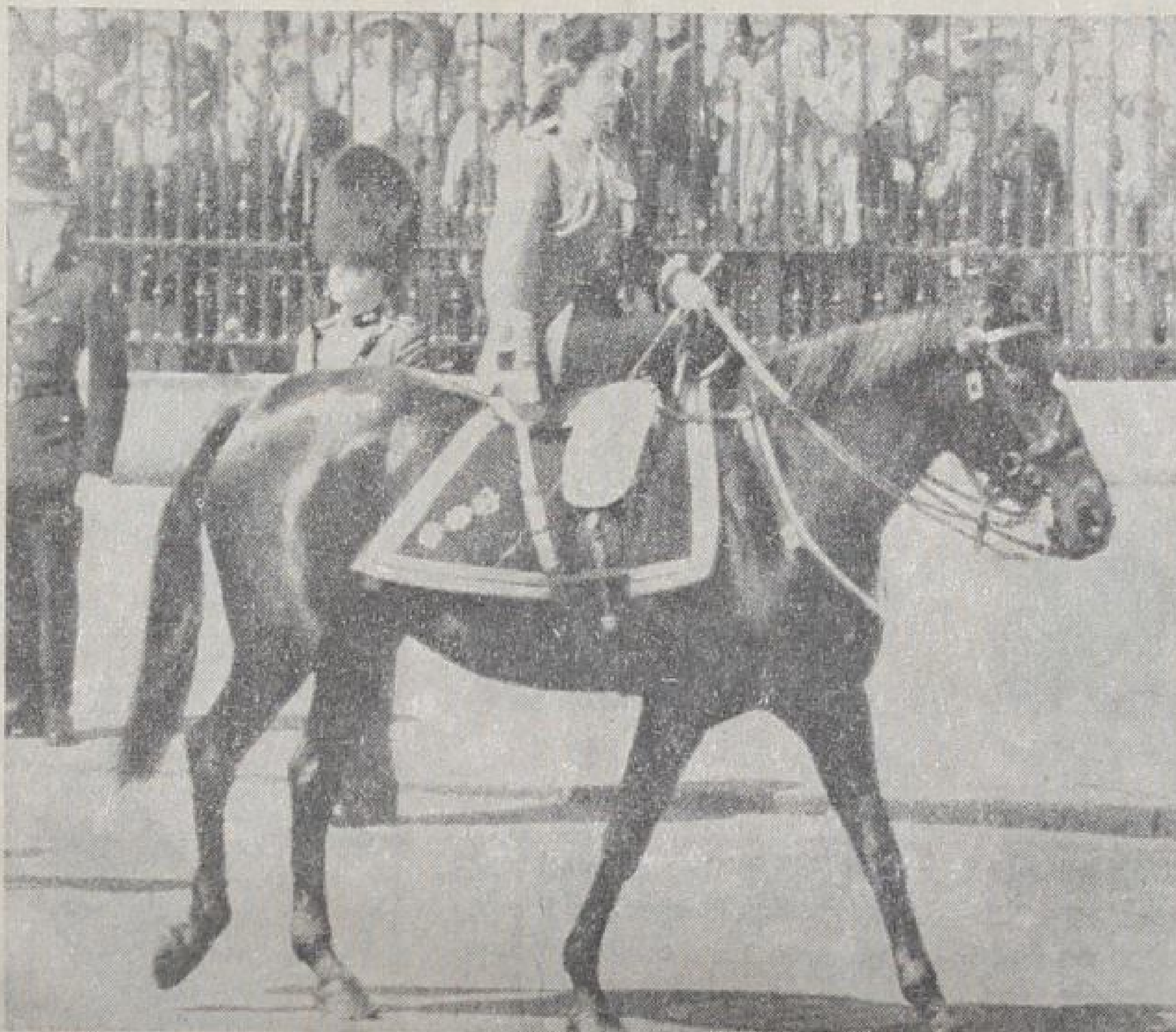
Anne's engagement to Phillips, son of a country squire and businessman, highlights the trend.

The last truly royal wedding in Britain was in 1947, when Princess Elizabeth, now the queen, married Prince Philip, descendent of the royal house of Greece and Denmark.

Elizabeth herself was the daughter of a royal-commoner marriage between King George VI and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, now the queen mother. Purists in Britain con-

sidered it a royal-commoner marriage, although the bride's father was an earl. The purists note he was not of the royal line.

The question of who is a commoner and who is not is hedged with some confusion, especially in Britain where some experts insist that everyone not of the royal line is a commoner. Outside of Britain, a commoner generally is considered someone who does not have a title.



### Thousands watch ancient ceremony

LONDON (Reuter) — Queen Elizabeth celebrated the 20th anniversary of her coronation Saturday at the traditional trooping the color ceremony in London's Horse Guard's parade.

Thousands of tourists stood in the sunshine to watch as 1,000 men of the eight elite Guards regiments paraded before the Queen.

Trooping the color, one of the oldest ceremonies in the British army, was started at the beginning of the 17th century. Since 1805 the reigning monarch has taken part in the ceremony.

Riding a horse donated by the RCMP, Queen Elizabeth "troops the colors", left, in London Saturday to celebrate her official birthday and the 20th anniversary of her coronation. She was 47 April 21. In photo below, she joins Prince Philip and the Queen Mother, left, as an RAF unit flies over Buckingham Palace in honor of the occasion. (AP)





# Grand Parade To Launch South Norwich Sports Day

A full day of activities has been planned, including a grand parade entitled "Wheels in Motion," for the South Norwich Sports Day, scheduled for Saturday, July 7, in Otterville.

Festivities get underway at 9 a.m. with the "Wheels in Motion" entrants forming up at the Baptist Church, followed by such activities as a bike rodeo, a fishing derby, a soap box derby, races in the park, a squirt ball game and swimming pool events.

Another highlight will be the mothers ball game followed by a teen dance at the pavilion in the park featuring the Alloy Band.

The parade will line up at the Baptist Church and is open to anyone with a decorated bike, minibike or cart, in other words anything on wheels.

The parade after moving off, will come down Otterville's Main Street to Dover Street to the park entrance. Prizes will be presented for the best decorated minibike (boys and girls), fanciest costume (boy and girl), most comical (boy and girl) and youngest entry (boy and girl).

The Bike Rodeo, at 10:30 a.m. will take place behind the Township Office with Vern Fleming, O.P.P. in charge. Up for grabs is a boys and girls bicycle for the winners, who, prior to the rodeo must have their bikes safety checked.

From 12 noon to 2 p.m. a Fishing Derby will be held, with registrations being held at the Park gate. Prizes for the heaviest fish will be presented to one boy and one girl.

Immediately following the derby another derby will start, the soap box type, with entries being received at the Community Hall at 2 p.m. followed by races in the Park at 2:30 for all ages.

At 3 p.m. the Otterville Squirts will host the Mount Elgin squad in a softball game and if softball is not your cup of tea, you can always take in the swimming pool events one half hour later at the swimming pool.

At 7 p.m. the Otterville Mothers will host the Springford Mothers in a ball game, during which a silver collection will be conducted, with proceeds going to minor ball.

Following the Mothers Ball game, a Teen Dance will be held at the Pavilion in the Park, beginning at 8:30 p.m. to music provided by the Alloy Band.

Always popular with the youngsters are the stagecoach and pony rides which will be made available from 1 to 5 p.m.

In order to publicize the South Norwich Sports Day, a poster contest was held, involving students at the Otterville Public School.

Jim Auger, president of the Otterville Businessmens Association, sponsors of the Sports Day, revealed first prize was won by Lorrie Gould, second prize went to Mike Furlong and Russell

Hurley and Brenda Zaharchuk took the third place prize.

Prizes for the poster winners were donated compliments of the Summerville Womens' Institute.

Mrs. Joseph Graves is a patient in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. July 1973

# Minor Ball Day For Otterville <sup>July '73</sup>

OTTERVILLE (C) — Minor Ball Day in Otterville was held on Saturday in the Community Park.

At 1 p.m. the Otterville Bantams, coached by George Davis, and Robert VanParys were defeated by Norwich Bantams in an exhibition.

In a league game between Otterville Squirts and Port Burwell, with Otterville coached by Bob Butler and Danny Vanhooren, Otterville won 27-14. Strong with bat were Bill and Hendricks for Port Burwell, and Briggs and Hansford for Otterville.

At 5 p.m. Otter Belles, coached by Bonnie Redman, suffered defeat by Springford Girls.

At 7 p.m. the Peewees, coached by Tom and Mike Furlong, lost a league game

to Straffordville. At 8.30, Otterville Juveniles beat the Otterville Bantams 2-0 in an exhibition game.

Draws were made for two lawn chairs and won by Joe Kovecses and Earle King of Otterville.

Over 200 people attended the day's events, enjoying lovely weather with hot dogs and cold refreshments at the booth.

Special thanks is extended to all the ladies who took money at the gate, also to all umpires who donated their time and knowledge.

Minor ball in Otterville is progressing, but the support of the community is needed. Watch the Bulletin Board in Tom Allen's Supermarket and attend all the games.

## Otterville Pool Report

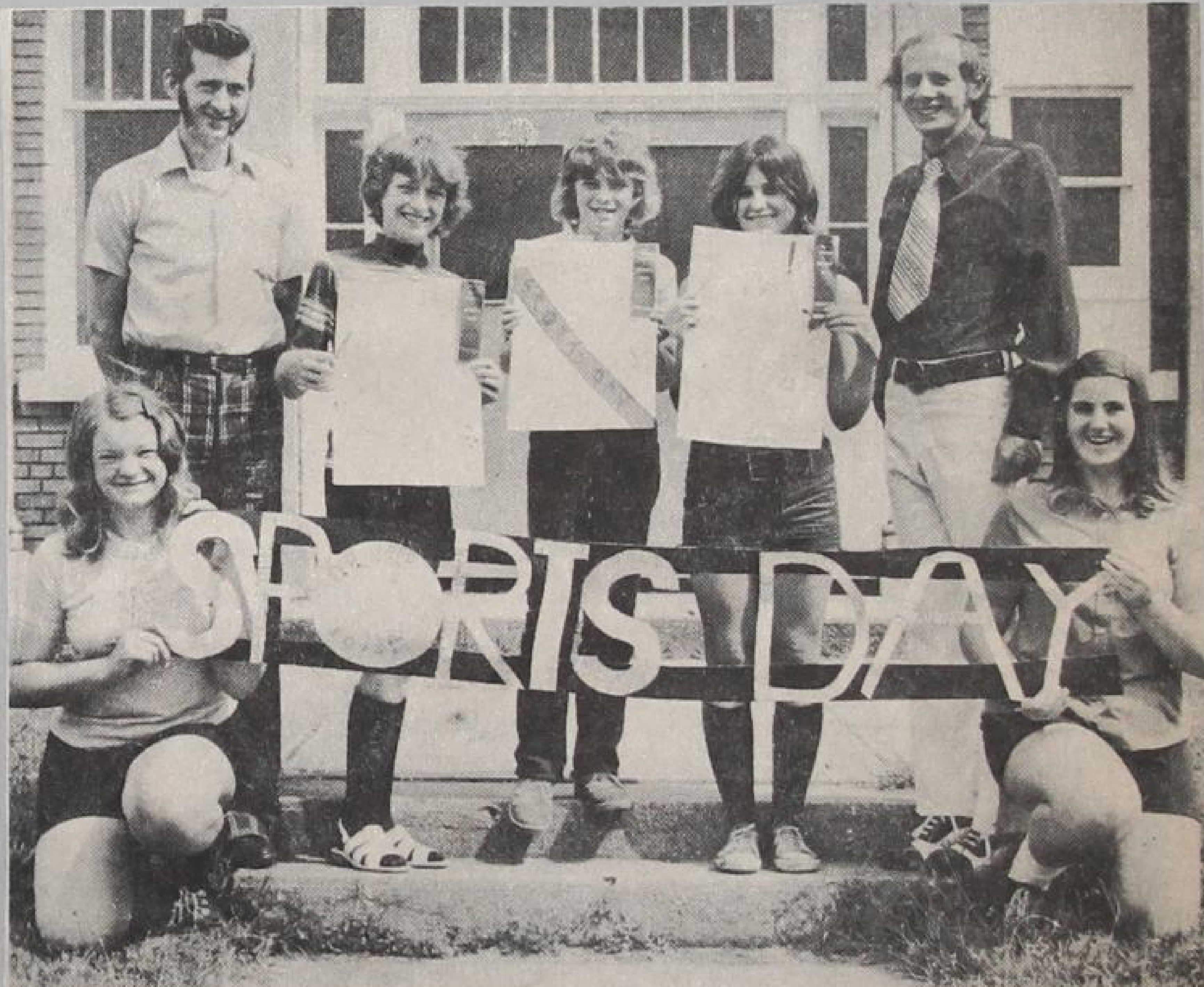
By Martin Powell

In our Red Cross Swimming Program this year, we have 275 children enrolled. The first week is over and we are glad to say we have most of the bugs ironed out.

This year we have five lifeguards working at the pool: Martin Powell, head lifeguard; Gayle Kowalchuck, head instructor, with Lois Lamont, Shelley Shearer and Brent Van Parys part time. This year, under the Red Cross System, even the prebeginner and beginner will receive crests, if they can pass their test.

July 7 was Fun Day at the Park, with special activities at the pool. Some of these, a diving contest, relay races, and front-crawl races.

This week we will start bronze, leader and adult swimming classes. If anyone is interested in any of these, please phone the pool. Adult Classes are held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday for beginners, and Wednesday nights for advanced swimmers.



A poster contest was held at the Otterville Public School recently, to publicize the forthcoming South Norwich Sports Day, sponsored by the Business Mens Association of Otterville. The winners, pictured above in the rear row and flanked on the left by Jim Auger, president of the Business Mens Association and teacher John Lumley are, from the left, Lorrie Gould (first), Mike Furlong (second) and Brenda Zaharchuk (third). Front row left is Mary Ellen Gleason while on the right is Bonnie Briggs. Missing is Russell Hurley, who shared second place honours with Mike Furlong. Prizes were donated by the Summerville Womens Institute.



# South Norwich Sports Day Huge Success *July 1973*

Hundreds of people lined the main street of Otterville Saturday morning to witness the "Wheels in Motion" parade, the first of many activities during the South Norwich "Sports Day."

Following the parade, which featured colorfully decorated bikes of all shapes and sizes, the rest of the day was taken up with the many competitive events, including a bike rodeo, a fishing derby, a soap box derby and races for all ages in the park.

Swimming activities and ball games, including a mothers softball game between the Otter Belles and the mothers, highlighted a day full of activities.

The following is a list of results in the various competitions:

Parade: Best Decorated Bike - Kevin Church, Althea Shearer, Darlene Smith; Best Costume - Karen Dow, Shelley and Carie McElhone, Peter Davis; Most Comical - Mea Comboy, Pat Davis,

Brett Auger; Youngest Entry, Scott Hammer, four months old.

Bike Rodeo: Girls, Jane Furlong; Boys, Doug Furlong.

Fishing Derby: Girls, Patti Davis; Boys, Brian Wardle.

Soap Box Derby: Rick Vanbommel, Ben White, Paul Dow.

Races: Girls under five, Lorris Stienhoff, Cherrie Vankerbroeck; Boys under five, Ken Kicksee and Brett Auger (tie), Mark Kicksee, Darren Scott; Girls five, Janet Butler, Shelley McElhone, Wendy Walthers.

Girls 6-10, Lorelee Pettigrew, Debra DeRoo, Donna Butler; Boys 6-10, Richard Barnum and Dwayne Vanbiesen (tie), Scott Lee, Richard Kicksee. Girls 10-12, Tammy Barnum, Darlene Smith, Jane Furlong; Boys 10-12, Wesley White, Ben White, Troy Miller.

Girls 13 and over, Lorrie Gould, Donna Christo and Becky Hendricks (tie).

Bonnie Pucula. Boys 13 and over, Randy Ryder, Colby Miller and Eugene Jones (tie), Bill Richardson.

Girls Wheelbarrow Race, Lorrie Gould and Becky Hendricks; Tammy Barnum and Cheryl Furlong; Jane Furlong and Darlene Smith. Boys Wheelbarrow Race, Colby Miller and Randy Ryder; Dean Clifford and Bill Richardson; Troy Miller and Mickey Sabatine.

In the Squirts Ball Game, Otterville defeated Mount Elgin 26-20.

Swimming Events:

Diving contest, 10-16 years old - Darren Clifford, Shelley Shearer, Dean Clifford.

General Relay, team of C. Richardson, B. VanParys, E. Vanbommel, F. Kozuch, 2nd, R. Mudge, C. Miller, K. Dedobbelaere, A. Verkindt. Girls 8 and under, Newspaper race, Althea Shearer, Jar Ring Hunt, Nancy Marynissen, Althea Shearer, Jennifer White.

Girls 10 and under:

Newspaper race, Nancy Vanbommel, Shelly Kempf, Debby Lohmann; Cracker race, Brenda Barnum, Wanda Burzowski, Nancy Vanbommel.

Boys 12 and under: Front Crawl, Darrin Clifford, Marty Vanesch, Ben White; Cracker Race, Darrin Clifford, Westley White, Marty Vanesch.

Girls 12 and under: Front Crawl, Patti Davis, Nancy Davis, Tammy Barnum; Cracker Race, Brenda Barnum, Patti Davis, Nancy Davis.

Boys 14 and under: Front Crawl, Frank Kozuch, Dean Clifford, C. Richardson; Butterfly, Larry Barnum, Bill Richardson, R. Vanbommel.

Girls 14 and under: Front Crawl, Chris McMullen,

Cheryl Smith, MaryEllen Gleason; Cracker Race, Patti Davis, Chris McMullen, Darlene Smith.

Boys and girls 16 and under: Leap Frog, Brent VanParys and C. D. Richardson, E. Vanbommel and K. Dedobbelaer. Relay, two boys and two girls: F. Kozuch, B. VanParys, S. Shearer, S. Oenema, second, D. Smith, B. White, D. Clifford, T. Barnum.

The ball game Saturday evening between the Otterville Mothers and the Otter Belles disproved the saying that "there's strength in numbers," although the mothers team had 22 members (plus considerable assistance from umps and coaches) they were defeated 22-10 by the Belles. Even importing "Big Bertha" from parts unknown was not enough to turn the tide.

Team members were:

Mothers: Beth Collver, Sherry Furlong, Eleanor VanParys, Betty Arthur, Rosie Van Besien, Eleanor Briggs, Jean Zaharchuk, Betty Babcock, Lorraine Davis, Gladys Ferguson, Vi Smith, Lurene McMullen, Cheryl Hansford, Big Bertha, Laurie Davis, Barbara Davis, Mary M. Church, Roberta McMurchy, Doreen Hansford, Marian Pettigrew, Margaret Shearer, Helen Pathy, coaches - Nelson Gleason, Jim Auger.

Belles - Marianne Wells, Mary Ellen Gleason, Karen Van Parys, Laurie Gould, Christie McMullen, Linda Wells, Tammy Gould, Bonnie Briggs, Debbie Shearer, Jill Stewart, Wandy Arthur, Karen Arthur, coaches - Bonnie Redman.

Umps - Hollie Jones, Fred Pinnoy, Bob Butler, Don Hudson.

## IDA BELLE McFARLANE

Ida Belle McFarlane passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, July 11, 1973, in her 85th year.

She was a daughter of the late Alexander and Ella McFarlane of Otterville.

A retired public school teacher, she taught at Otterville, Hamilton Road, Rock Chapel and Hamilton schools.

She was predeceased by two brothers, Kenneth McFarlane and Gordon McFarlane, and one sister, Nina.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. William A. (Mabel) Cavanagh of Burlington; and several nieces and nephews.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until Saturday, thence to Otterville Cemetery where a family funeral service will be held at 2 p.m.

Memorial donations to the Otterville United Church would be appreciated by the family.

## Mark 25th Anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — On July 1st, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Oliver, Otterville, entertained relatives and friends in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents.

The honored couple met their many guests at their home and then later enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner with relatives and close friends in the United Church, Otterville, which was served by the members of the United Church Women. *July/73*

## OFFER BOND ISSUE FOR INNISFREE FARM *July/73*

A \$100,000 mortgage bond issue is being offered by the Harold Innis Foundation to put the Innisfree Farm project on a sound financial basis.

The Foundation must have \$50,000 pledged by June 30, if the bond issue is to proceed. Currently pledges total \$36,000 and a drive is being made for the \$14,000 still needed.

Thursday evening a wine and cheese party is being held at the farm's conference centre, just east of Otterville, with Foundation directors on hand to explain the financial picture. Slated to attend are directors Peter Russell, president of Innis College, and Authoress Mary Millard, both of Toronto, and Bob Scott of Norwich, along with the resident managers of the farm, Cam and Grace Laker.

It was decided to offer the 20-year first mortgage bonds, with eight percent interest, after earlier efforts to finance through donations met with only minor success. The Foundation explains that there is now a heavy debt, mostly of a short-term nature. While the present income situation is more than enough to carry operating costs, it is not sufficient to retire the debt in the time horizon expected. The bonds are an endeavor to replace short-term debt with long-

term debt so that it can be retired in line with potential income.

The Harold Innis Foundation is a registered charitable organization, incorporated on Feb. 12, 1969, by former students, associates and friends of Dr. Innis, the Otterville area native who won international renown as a scholar and economist. Its purposes are to foster scholarly inquiry related to the interests and aims of Dr. Innis; to collect and preserve his writings, and to assist Innis College in pursuing its goals as a multi-faculty college of the University of Toronto.

Major project has been acquisition of the Innis family farm, and construction of the conference centre on the 100-acre property. Conference centre was completed in March, 1971. In addition to the conference room, it has sleeping accommodation for 24, dining area, kitchen and laundry facilities. Cost of the farm and improvements has been approximately \$134,775.

Mrs. Laker said that the conference centre in the past year has been proving its worth with a number of professional groups meeting there for discussions.



#### OPEN HOUSE 1973

The family of Fred and Violet Cole cordially invite friends and relatives to an Open House at their home in Otterville in honour of their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary July 8th, 2-5 p.m. Good wishes only Please.



## Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole honored on 40th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — In honour of the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Otterville, their family held open house on Sunday, July 8 from 2-5 p.m. at their home in Otterville.

The couple was married July 5, 1933, at the home of the bride's parents in Priceville by Rev. B.D. Armstrong, minister of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Cole was the former Violet MacDougall, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas MacDougall, and Mr. Cole was the son of Mrs. Bruce Cole and the late Mr. Bruce Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole have three daughters, Donna, Mrs. John Kiss of Oakville; Wilma, Mrs. Gilbert Durham of Barrie; and Thelma, Mrs. Lawrence Beal of Delhi. They also have three granddaughters and five grandsons.

Mrs. Cole was a school teacher and taught the past 25 years in Otterville public school, retiring in June, 1972.

Mr. Cole was well-known in the community, being farm agent for an oil company for over twenty years. He sold

out his business in 1966 and since has lived semi-retired.

For receiving guests, Mrs. Cole chose a floor-length gown of white polyester cotton with a brown figured skirt and trim. Her corsage was red roses. Mr. Cole's boutonniere was a red rose.

Attending the guest book was their granddaughter, Melanie Kiss. The dining room was decorated with floral arrangements and a three-tier wedding cake.

Pouring tea were Mrs. Erland Cole of Simcoe, sister-in-law of the Coles, Mrs. Andrew Durham, Wilma's mother-in-law, and friends Mrs. Rancey Lowden of Burford and Mrs. Agnes McElhone of Otterville.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Cole were the attentive waitresses and were assisted Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. William Hanson in keeping things running smoothly.

Many friends and relatives called to wish the Coles happiness and many more years of life together.

On Saturday evening a family dinner was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beal of Delhi.



Top photo is of the winners of a boys and girls bicycle during the "Bike Rodeo" one of many activities during South Norwich Sports Day in Otterville Saturday. Boys winner was Doug Furlong (left) and Jane Furlong (right) won for girls, the brother and sister act registered identical totals of 185 points. Rear row, Jim Auger, convener, Vern Fleming, O.P.P. officer-in-charge, and convener Nelson Gleason. Centre photo are pictured the parade winners, from left Karen Dow (best costume), Mika Conboy (most comical), Kevin Church (best decorated bike) and being attended to by his mother, Debbie, is Scott Hammer (youngest entry).





Frank Duffy, of Otterville, was 93 on Friday, but still has lots of pep and enough energy to raise a garden of a size which would put a crick in most of our backs. His vegetable patch, which covers a full town lot, has a good crop of potatoes, corn, squash, cucumbers, cabbages, carrots, beets, parsnips and tomatoes. Born July 13, 1880, Mr. Duffy has lived in Otterville for 22 years. He farmed at Hawtrey for 32 years and in North Norwich for eight years. His wife died in 1937. Of his six children, three are still living. He now resides with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Duffy. Speaking of his garden he said, "This was the first birthday for a long time that I didn't have new potatoes for dinner." He judged his crop not quite ready for harvest yet. Mr. Duffy, though somewhat hard of hearing, still is able to read without glasses and enjoys an active life.

## 50 Years at Law Office <sup>1973</sup>

Mary E. Travis, office clerk at the law firm of Gibson, Linton, Toth and Odorjan, quietly observed her 50th anniversary on the job this week.

The firm has undergone a lot of changes since July 2,

1923, when the young Miss Travis, fresh out of business college, first took up her duties. That was the day she started to work for Victor A. Sinclair, in an office over the Royal Bank.

Donald F. Gibson joined

Mr. Sinclair the following year as a student, and when Mr. Sinclair was appointed chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board in July, 1925, Mr. Gibson purchased the practice, and Mary stayed with Mr. Gibson.

In 1936, Robert G. Groom joined Mr. Gibson and the firm was known as Gibson and Groom. Mr. Groom left later to set up his own practice.

Donald M. Gibson joined his father in 1954 and the firm became Gibson and Gibson. Donald F. Gibson died July 2, 1956.

The firm became Gibson and Linton in 1956 when Ian Linton joined in the practice.

Bernard Toth joined the firm in 1964.

In the spring of 1972, Dennis Odorjan joined the firm.

Mary Travis was born in Middleton Township, and went to public school in Eden. Her father, Frank E. Travis, was a cheesemaker. Her high school training was in Tillsonburg, after which she attended the Bowden Business College in Tillsonburg. The law office was her first job.

To mark her 50th year of employment, members of the firm held an informal gathering earlier this week and presented Miss Travis with a gift of jewellery.



MARY TRAVIS



# Treffry - Matthyssens vows

Pink and white containers of mums and poms decorated St. Mary's R.C. Church, on Friday, July 6, 1973, at 3 o'clock for the wedding of Sharon Maddeleine Catherine Matthyssens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Matthyssens of 55 James Ave., Tillsonburg, and George Burton Treffry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Treffry of 2 Baldwin St., Apt. 1, Tillsonburg. Rev. Fr. J. McCormick officiated. Mrs. May Moon, organist, played traditional wedding music, and accompanied the soloist, Mr. Gary Green of RR 1, Brownsville, who sang 12th Hour of Never and Wedding Prayer during the service.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, chose a floor-length gown of white crystal charm, styled with a cathedral train, slightly gathered skirt and high line bodice with bishop sleeves with tight cuff and stand-up collar trimmed with guipure lace. The front of the dress featured a panel of guipure lace and pearls with a wide ruffle at the bottom of the skirt and train.

A bouffant shoulder-length veil was fastened with a

headpiece of organza flowers and seed pearls, and she carried a large cascade of red roses and poms, identical to her mother's wedding bouquet, with a stream of white ribbon tied in bows and baby red roses which carried her wedding licence.

Maid of honor was Miss Shirley Matthyssens, sister of the bride. She wore a floor-length gown styled with white nylon organdy bodice and sleeves with hot pink, flowered plaid, circular skirt. The bodice was styled with a square neck and sleeves fitted to the elbow with fullness to the wrist and tight cuff. Guipure lace and inserts of the skirt material trimmed the neck, cuffs and waist of the gown.

She wore an arrangement of five hot pink roses and a green leaf in her hair, and carried a multi coloured nosegay, emphasizing hot pink. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Linda Pratt of R.R. 1, Brownsville, friend of the bride, Mrs. Linda Blackmore of Guelph, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Sandra Purdy of R.R. 1, Mt. Elgin, friend of the bride. They wore gowns similar to that of

the maid of honor only in hot yellow, with accessories to match.

Miss Joyce Sandham of Tillsonburg, second cousin of the groom, was flower girl. She was gowned identically to the maid of honor.

Mr. Roger Sandham of R.R. 2, Tillsonburg, first cousin of the groom was best man. Ushers were Mr. Ronald Matthyssens of Woodstock, brother of the bride, Mr. Kenneth Blackmore of Guelph, brother-in-law of the groom, and Mr. John Purdy of R.R. 1, Mount Elgin, friend of the groom, Joseph Anseeuw of R.R. 1, Walsingham first cousin of the bride, was ring bearer.

Reception for 500 guests was held at the Delhi Belgian Hall. Bride's table featured two containers of pink and white carnations and fern on a white table cloth, and guests' tables were decorated with bud vases with pink and white carnations and fern on gold table cloths. Bride's table also featured an original wedding cake designed by the aunt of the groom, Mrs. Max Rohrer of Thamesford.

Bride's mother received guests in a floor-length gown of turquoise polyester crepe, styled on A lines, with full sleeve and tight cuff trimmed with guipure lace and pearls, V neckline with lace and pearl trim extending down the centre front, and a self belt at the back waist, worn with a corsage of pink roses. Groom's mother chose a floor-length, sleeveless gown of pink polyester crepe, styled on sheath lines, and featuring a long sleeve jacket trimmed with mother of pearl sequins, worn with a corsage of pink roses.

Bride's gifts were a charm bracelet with bridal girl charm to the maid of honor and flower girl, and Royal Doulton flower bouquets to the bridesmaids. Groom's gifts were silver engraved steins to the best man and ushers, and an initialled signet ring to the ring bearer.

For a wedding trip by motor to the west coast, the bride chose a street-length, coral, polyester crimp ensemble frosted with white, fitted to the waistline with flare skirt, a wide, front belt fastened with a silver ring, worn with a sleeveless coat in coral with a silver ring on each shoulder and a white flower vine on the coat. Her accessories were white and she wore a corsage of white carnations trimmed with coral sequins and green fern.

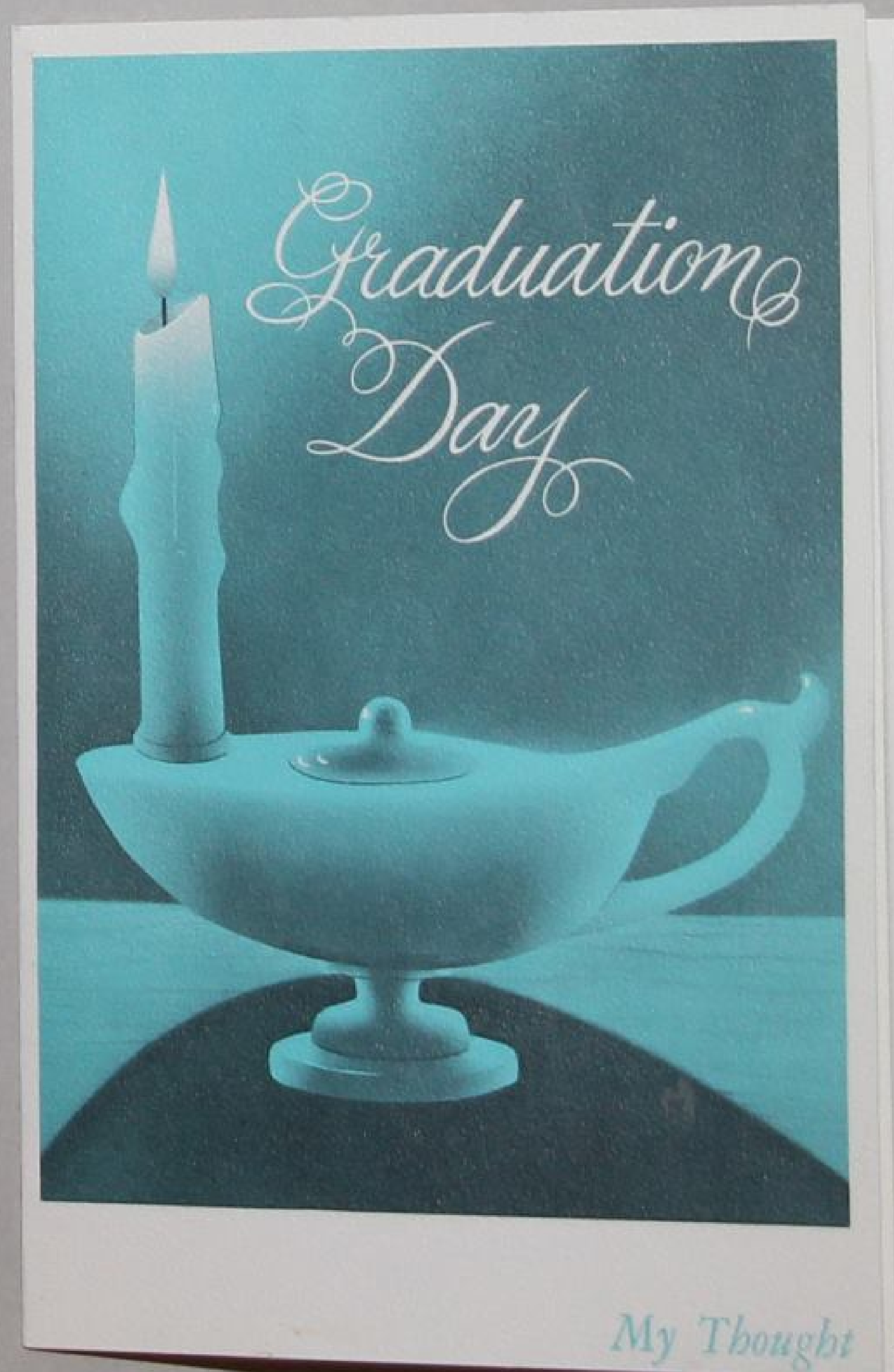
Guests were present from Windsor, London, Woodstock, Guelph, Langton, Otterville, Springford, Thamesford, Florida, Norwich, Shedden, Walsingham, Simcoe, and Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Treffry are residing at R.R. 2, Tillsonburg.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at showers given by the staff women at Glendale High School; one by the maid of honor and bridesmaids; one by Mrs. June Anseeuw, aunt of the bride; a surprise shower by the groom's aunts, Mrs. Lenora Hilliker, Mrs. Frances Rohrer, the groom's sister, Mrs. Linda Blackmore, and cousin, Miss Laurie Hilliker; and one by cousins of the groom, Mrs. Edna Sandham, Miss Dianne Sandham and Miss Joyce Sandham.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BURTON TREFFRY  
(Wilson's Studio, Delhi)



My Thought



Uncle Ken + Aunt Catherine:

This is just a rhyme to tell you  
In my hesitating way  
That I hope you'll share the gladness  
Of my Graduation Day.

I'm a nurse—my training's ended  
The goal I sought is here.  
At times it was hard; but I always felt  
Your kindness was ever near.

A poet has said, "there is nothing  
As rich as a friendship that's true"  
Yours was a treasure I cherished  
Yours a value I knew.

And thus, as my heart is so happy  
And I finish this short bit of verse,  
I am grateful and thank you for all you have done  
That's "My Thought" as a Graduate Nurse.

Love  
Shirley

I would like very much  
for you to share my  
happiness on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
the Legion.





Harry Lee and his wife look over some of the carvings Mr. Lee has done since he took up the hobby almost three years ago. The small statue on the table of the woman with the bowl has been valued at \$75. Carving is strictly a hobby with Mr. Lee and he has no ambitions to do it commercially. (News-Record Photo) *Aug 7/73*



Postmaster Arnold Johnson, of the Otterville Post Office will be leaving in the near future to take up a similar position in Beachville. He has been the postmaster in Otterville for the past five and one half years. No definite date has been set for his move. An open competition is being held for the job of postmaster in Otterville. As soon as it is filled Mr. Johnson will move to his new job. (News-Record Photo) *Aug 73*



Harry Lee examines some of the carvings he has done in his workshop in the basement of his Otterville home. He says the hobby keeps him out of his wife's hair and is a good way to relax. (News-Record Photo)

*Aug 73*  
**Present gift  
to bride to be**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Miss Jane McDougall of Burlington, September bride-elect, accompanied by her parents of Burlington, was honoured at the home of Mrs. Ivan Leitch on Sunday, August 19.

Joint hosts for the afternoon were Mrs. Wayne Lenhart (nee Janet McEwen) and Miss Jane Spek of Norwich.

The afternoon was spent with the ladies enjoying a couple of contests after which Janet, on behalf of the ladies, presented Jane with a Royal Doulton figurine.

The bride-to-be thanked the 25 guests for the lovely gift and assured them that it would bring back many happy memories of her friends in the Otterville area. Jane announced the date of her wedding, September 14th, and also that her future address would be Ottawa.

*Aug 173  
got by Jay Dasher's*



**PRIVATE SALE**

Large, comfortable house in Village of Otterville, four bedrooms, one full, two half baths, den (or fifth bedroom), livingroom with fireplace, big kitchen, wide, deep front porch, attached garage, large vegetable garden. Available for early occupancy at \$29,500. Call (Woodstock) 539-4941.

*July 26 - Aug 6 '73*  
OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Mable Hillier, Floyd and Michael of Alexandria, Virginia, have returned to their home after having spent a holiday with the former's brother, Mr. Nats McMullen and Mrs. McMullen, and also visiting the former's niece, Mrs. Kenneth Mann and Mr. Mann and other relatives in the area.  
*In Aug 22/73.*

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Reonn and Angela Chambers show off their six grandmothers. Front row, left to right, Reonn, Marion Thompson, Edna Harris, Marion Chambers with Angela; back row, Maude Thompson, Daisy Ash, May Chambers, and the children's mother, Edna Chambers. *Aug/73*

### Letters to the Editor

658 Highbury Ave.,  
London, Ont.

#### EARLIER NOTICES

The Editor; We always enjoy reading the Gazette, but it is seldom delivered to us before Monday, or even Tuesday. This causes some bitter disappointments. For example, we regret that we did not see the announcement of Open House to be held in the Norwich Baptist Church in honor of Mrs. Catherine Marshall until the following Monday. We would have gladly come, and I know that my brother in St. Catharines would have been there. He too receives his Gazette the following week.

May I suggest then that you urge everyone to give all announcements to you a week earlier? It would mean much to your subscribers who live "away from their home town."

Dennis L. Groat.

*Aug 22/73*

## Decoration Day Sunday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hopkins, who have been tenants in the house of the late Mrs. Wilson Young, moved on Saturday to take up residence in London.

Members of the Losee families enjoyed a family reunion in the Otterville Community Park on Sunday, which was attended by 70 members.

Mr. Charles Furlong of Windsor spent the weekend at his home here. *1973*

Next Sunday, August 19th, will be remembered as Decoration Day at the Otter Cemetery and other Cemeteries in the Township.

There will be no service at the Otter Cemetery, but relatives will have the opportunity of remembering loved ones in decorating plots.





Last Thursday it was extremely hot in Otterville and many of the village's children cooled off in the swimming pool located in the park. In the photo above Dick Banesoh of Norwich does a back flip off the high board. While the weather was hot, the water was just the opposite. So much so that some of the swimmers complained about it being too cold. (News-Record Photo)

## OTTERVILLE

### Aug 17<sup>3</sup> Family dinner on birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Honoring Mr. Ivan Leitch of Otterville, the members of the family and grandchildren numbering 19 enjoyed a birthday dinner at the Har-Bar Restaurant in Otterville.

Present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch, Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. John Leitch and children, Tom, Michael, and Alison, Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanParys, Brent and Karen, Otterville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spek, Jane and Brian, Norwich; Mr. and Mrs. Scott Leitch, Darrin and Jason of Mount Albert.

Following the dinner, the family spent the evening with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Leitch.

Tavistock to visit Mr. Thomas Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland spent Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. Thelma Williams at Dundas. The former's mother, Mrs. William Freeland of Mount Elgin, accompanied them. Timmy Williams returned to his home with them after spending the holidays with his grandmother and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Mrs. Aletha Stover of Rock's Mills spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring.

Misses Effie and Ialene Addison of Hamilton visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Addison, and attended Decoration Day at Otter Cemetery.

drawn for this week and next Sunday the Pastor Rev. David Blayney will have charge of the service at 11 a.m.

In the message of inspiration Mr. Nicholls spoke from the Psalm 109.

Dwight Davis was the pianist and the offering was presented by Robert Hansford and Robert Marshall.

Due to the service being withdrawn in the United Church, many of the members attended the service in the Baptist Church and were glad to meet with the pastor, Mrs. Nicholls and Brian and Karen.

Rev. and Mrs. Nicholls and family were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover for the day.





Ontario

To

Mr & Mrs Nathan McMullen

-- Otterville --

On

behalf of

The Hon. William Davis, Premier,

and the Government of Ontario

I extend heartiest congratulations on  
your Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

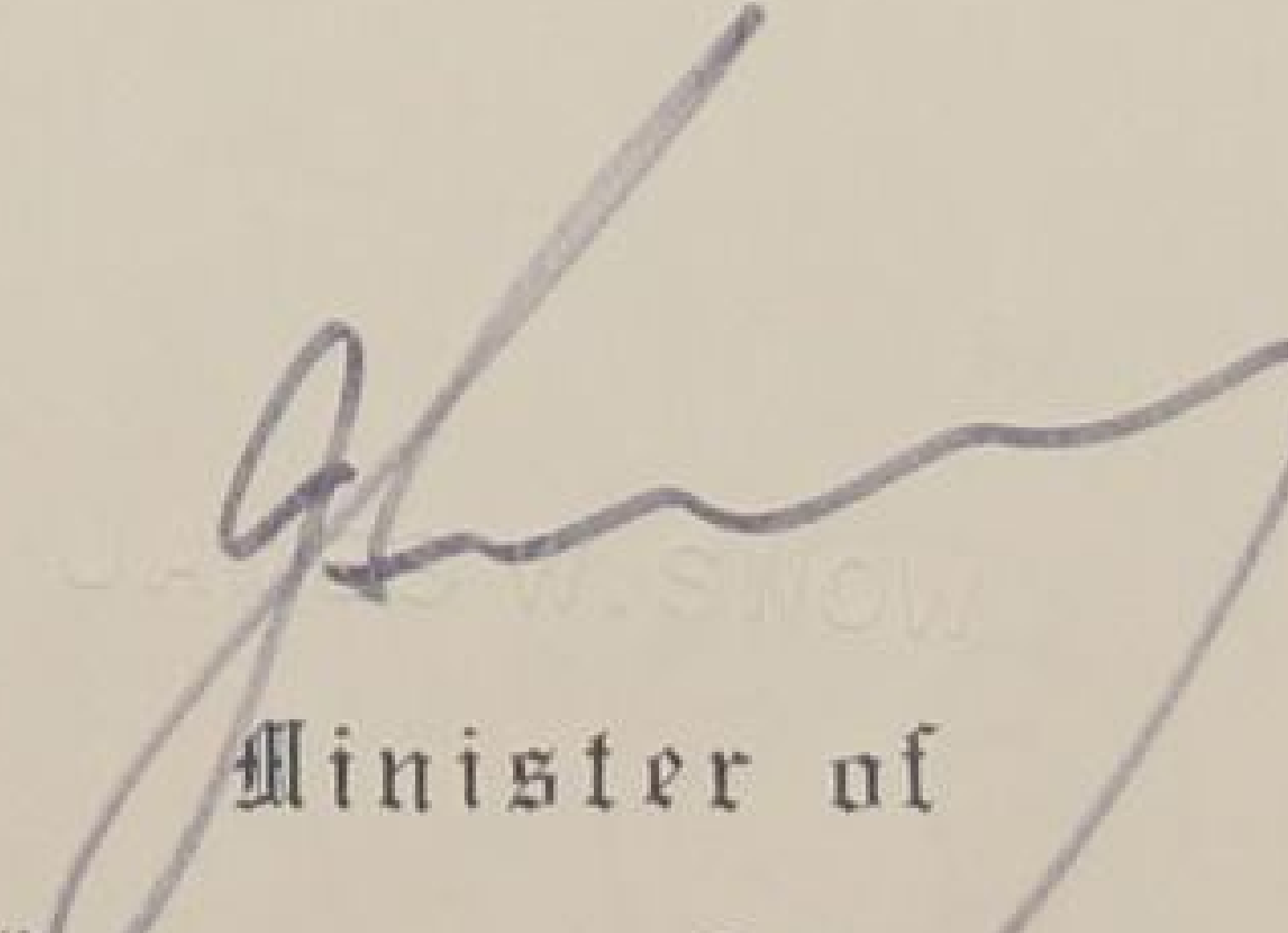
May you enjoy many more anniversaries  
in good health and happiness.

Parliament Buildings

Toronto

September 12, 1973



  
Minister of  
Government Services

Presented by: Dr. Harry C. Parrott, M.P.P. for Oxford



# Otterville Couple Married 50 Years

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Main Street, Otterville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday September 9th when Open House was held at their home, which was decorated with floral arrangements and yellow roses.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were married September 12th, 1923, at St. John's Anglican Church Rectory in Tillsonburg by the late Rev. W.H. Dunbar. Attendants were Mrs. Myrtle Riste, sister of the bride, and the late Mr. Nean McMullen, twin brother of the groom.

Mrs. McMullen was the former Winnifred Young, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Young and Mr. McMullen was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen have one daughter Catherine, Mrs. Kenneth Mann of Otterville.

More than 200 relatives, friends and neighbours

called at their home to extend congratulations and best wishes and were from Brownsville, Norwich, Cornell, London, Sarnia, Tillsonburg, Springford, Point Edward, Woodstock, Sweaburg, Port Burwell, Kinglake, Bookton, Detroit, Salford, Dundas, Ingersoll, and Bermuda.

Attending the door and the register was their daughter, Catherine.

The Dining Room table was decorated with a crocheted lace tablecloth made by the bride, gold candles and a three tier wedding cake.

Pouring tea in the afternoon were nieces of the groom, Helen, Mrs. Fred Thompson, Norwich, and Shirley, Mrs. Bruce Pettit of Sarnia, and in the evening Mrs. W. Armstrong and Miss Edna Furlong long time friends of the couple.

Serving the guests were members of the St. John's Anglican Church of which Mrs. McMullen has been the

faithful organist for over 50 years, also a member of St. John's Church Ladies-Guild and the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

Mr. McMullen is a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge, St. John's Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons and Mocha Temple Shriners.

For receiving guests Mrs. McMullen chose a pink silver trimmed knitted dress adorned with beads worn on her wedding day. Her corsage was yellow carnations with a gold bow, and Mr. McMullen's boutonniere was a yellow carnation. Mrs. Riste's corsage was pink roses, it being her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were recipients of many cards and several gifts, including a beautiful clock presented by the Rector and Wardens of St. John's Church, 50 yellow roses and a pen set from the neighbours, and from the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges.

Also received was a plaque from Premier of Ontario William Davis, congratulatory letters from W.B. Nesbitt, M.P. for Oxford, Harry Parrott, D.D.S., M.P.P. Oxford, Robt. Stanfield, Leader of the Opposition and a telegram from the Governor General and Mrs. Michener.

## Appreciations

Special thanks to Drs. Gowette, Chiu, I.C.U., nurses on first floor south also my relatives, friends for cards, flowers, and phone calls I received while in hospital. Special thanks to Rev. Hockin and Rev. Chaffe. - Mr. Albert Young.



Progressive Conservative M.P.P. Dr. Harry Parrott, "our man in Toronto" for all residents of Oxford County, in front of his place of business - Queen's Park, the seat of the Ontario legislature.

## MRS. J. R. GRAVES

NORWICH — The death occurred on Sunday, Sept. 2, 1973, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital of Mrs. J. R. Graves of 15 Main St. E., Norwich, in her 78th year.

The former Agnes McMullen, she was born in Otterville, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McMullen. Following her marriage she resided in Teeterville until 1941 when she and her husband moved to Holbrook where they operated a store for five years, moving to Norwich in 1946, where she has since resided.

Mrs. Graves was a member of Norwich Baptist Church, the Ladies' Aid and the Carder Mission Circle and a former member of the Norwich Women's Institute.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Fred (Helen) Thompson of Norwich; Mrs. Bruce (Shirley) Pettit of Sarnia; two sisters, Mrs. Burwell Kendrick of Norwich and Mrs. J. W. (Mabel) Hillier of Alexandria, Virginia; one brother, Nate of Otterville; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was predeceased by her husband in July 1971.

The funeral was held Wednesday, Sept. 5, at 2 p.m. at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, with Rev. Eric Strain of the Norwich Baptist Church officiating.

The bearers were A. P. Maedel; Bruce Maedel; Elmer Hannon; Douglas McKay; Clare Huffman and Reg Crane.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Agnes Graves would like to express appreciation to all their relatives and friends for acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown during their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Dr. R. M. Hall, Dr. G. M. Downing and nurses of first floor north, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.



# Surprise party for Innisfree manager

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. Campbell C. Laker, resident manager of the Innisfree Farm for the Harold Innis Foundation, has been appointed as seminar administrative assistant to the registrar, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand.

Mr. Laker, accompanied by his wife, Grace, and two sons, Brian and Claire, will travel by New York, Mexico City, Fiji and Auckland.

Prior to their leaving the members of the Presbyterian Church, Bookton, which the family attended gave a farewell in the form of a surprise at the Innisfree Farm.

The evening was spent socially. On behalf of the congregation, Mrs. Dorothy Sinden and Mr. Orton Keyes presented Grace and Campbell with a Centennial Church Plaque, a sum of money folded in a bon voyage card which carried good wishes and the names of the members of the church. They were also presented with a lovely

decorated cake. Their children, Brian and Claire, were also remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Laker thanked their friends for their kindness throughout the 18 months which they had lived in their midst.

Another unique expression of appreciation was given them when the directors of the Harold Innis Foundation entertained them to a dinner at the University Club,

Toronto, Mr. Laker was presented with a hand carved Eskimo Sculpture.

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## Otterville News Briefs

OTTERVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee returned to their home on Friday after spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McMann at Musselman Lake. During their holiday their family spent a vacation with relatives in Brantford. Mrs. Earle Petch accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Durkee and spent several days with relatives at Stouffville.

Decoration Day was ob-

served in all the cemeteries in the South Norwich Township and many visitors out-of-town visited the cemetery to place flowers "In Memory." During the past several years Stanley Noels of Otterville has been the efficient Sexton, but owing to ill health, Mr. Noels was forced to retire from this occupation. This year Christine and Wilma McMullen are the Sextons of the Cemetery as well as in

charge of the Rosanna Cemetery.

Mrs. Earle Petch and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison visited at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo with other friends before the departure of Mrs. Namsoo's mother, Mrs. Lillian Debysingh, to Trinidad, after spending the past 14 months with her children in Canada and United States.

The Delhi News-Record, Wednesday, September 26, 1973

## Otterville Baptist Ladies Start Fall Meetings

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their September meeting in the Sunday School room with Mrs. Dwight Davis acting as hostess.

The president, Mrs. William Butler, presided for the opening exercises and the business session. Letters were read from missionary friends — Miss Hazel Wrigglesworth in the Philippines for a summer work period and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lutes in Angola, South Africa. Mrs. Paul Hill invited the ladies to her home for the October meeting.

Mrs. Robert Butler lead the devotional program, the theme of which was neighbourliness. Each member was asked to share something she had done recently to show her good neighbourliness. Mrs. Butler gave a character sketch of Dorcas and for her neighbourly acts in the early church as in the Book of Acts.

Dorcas gave so freely of

herself to others that even today 2,000 years later her name is linked with love, charity and neighbourliness.

Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. Brian Davis presented a skit — Giving and Receiving — showing both sides of the acts of neighbourliness, the receiver as well as the giver.

Mrs. Paul Hill read the Scripture from Luke 10: 25-37. A true Neighbour — the Good Samaritan. Mrs. Stover offered the Missionary Prayer.

Mrs. David Blayney brought the message from John 2: 5. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it" challenging the ladies to listen and to be obedient to Jesus Christ in all their activities, great or common place and as they follow His example and words they will be good neighbours.

Mrs. William Hansford was the pianist for the meeting. The hostess Mrs. Dwight Davis was assisted by Mrs. Brian Davis and Mrs. Robert Butler in serving refreshments following the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Addison, who returned this week to their home in Hamilton, Bermuda, after spending three weeks holidays with their sons at Mississauga, and their parents and other relatives and friends in the area, enjoyed Sunday with relatives and friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison. Those present from a distance were Dr. and Mrs. W.E. James, Mr. and Mrs. Ev. Crockett and daughter Carolyn, of Dorchester, Mrs. Doris Ker, Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Cooper, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Beulah Bodkin, and Mrs. Irene Phettiplace, St. Thomas; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Addison, Kitchener; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner and son Jon and Robert, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Brock Addison, Dundas; Mrs. Margaret Stock, Miss Inez Fisher and Miss Ialene Addison, Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad and Mrs. Florence Winskill of Springford to Woodstock on Sunday, where they visited the former's stepmother Mrs. Bessie Waring and Miss Cora Slaght, who are residents in the Woodingford Lodge there.

A number from the village attended the annual Decoration Day service which was held at Vanessa Cemetery on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Nobbs accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jackson to Woodstock on Monday where they visited Mr. Howard Jackson in the General Hospital there.

## Edison family history related to society

EDEN (C) — Bayham Historical Society met the evening of September 20 in council chamber of the Bayham Township office. There was attendance of 20.

Vice-president Douglas Dennis conducted the meeting. Miss Clara Marshall read minutes. Donald Lane reported briefly on the O.H.S. meeting which H.B. Johnson and he had attended in Woodstock.

The speaker was Lyal Tait, who spoke on "Edisons of Vienna."

He spoke of the pronunciation of the surname as Ee-de-sons, not Ed-di sons.

John Edison, born about 1727, came to America about 1730 with his mother. In 1765 he married Sarah Ogden and came to Canada in 1783 with Tom's father. In 1811, they came to Nova Scotia St. and John died about 1814, age about 87. There were nine children, Samuel, Adonyah, Thomas, Moses, Marshales, Mary (Dowlin), Margaret (Saxton) Sarah (Wilson) and Catherine (Weaver.)

Samuel Edison Sr., later Capt. Edison, was born about 1766 in New Jersey. He came to Canada with his father, John, about 1783 and married Nancy Simpson, 1792, in Digby. They came to Vienna 1811 or 12. There were eight children. Wife Nancy died 1821 and Samuel married

Elizabeth Cook about 1822. Of this marriage, there were five children.

Samuel Edison Jr., son of the first marriage, was the father of Thomas Edison.

Samuel Jr. married Nancy Elliott in 1828. He joined the Mackenzie Rebellion of 1837 and fled to United States during the winter of 1837-38. Four children, Marion, William Pitt, Harriet Ann and Carlile were born in Vienna. The inventor, Thomas, was born, 1847, in Milan, Ohio.

Edison is said to have made eleven hundred inventions. In England, the telephone company was known as Edison-Bell telephone company. Thomas Edison seems to have contributed more to the world than any science man.

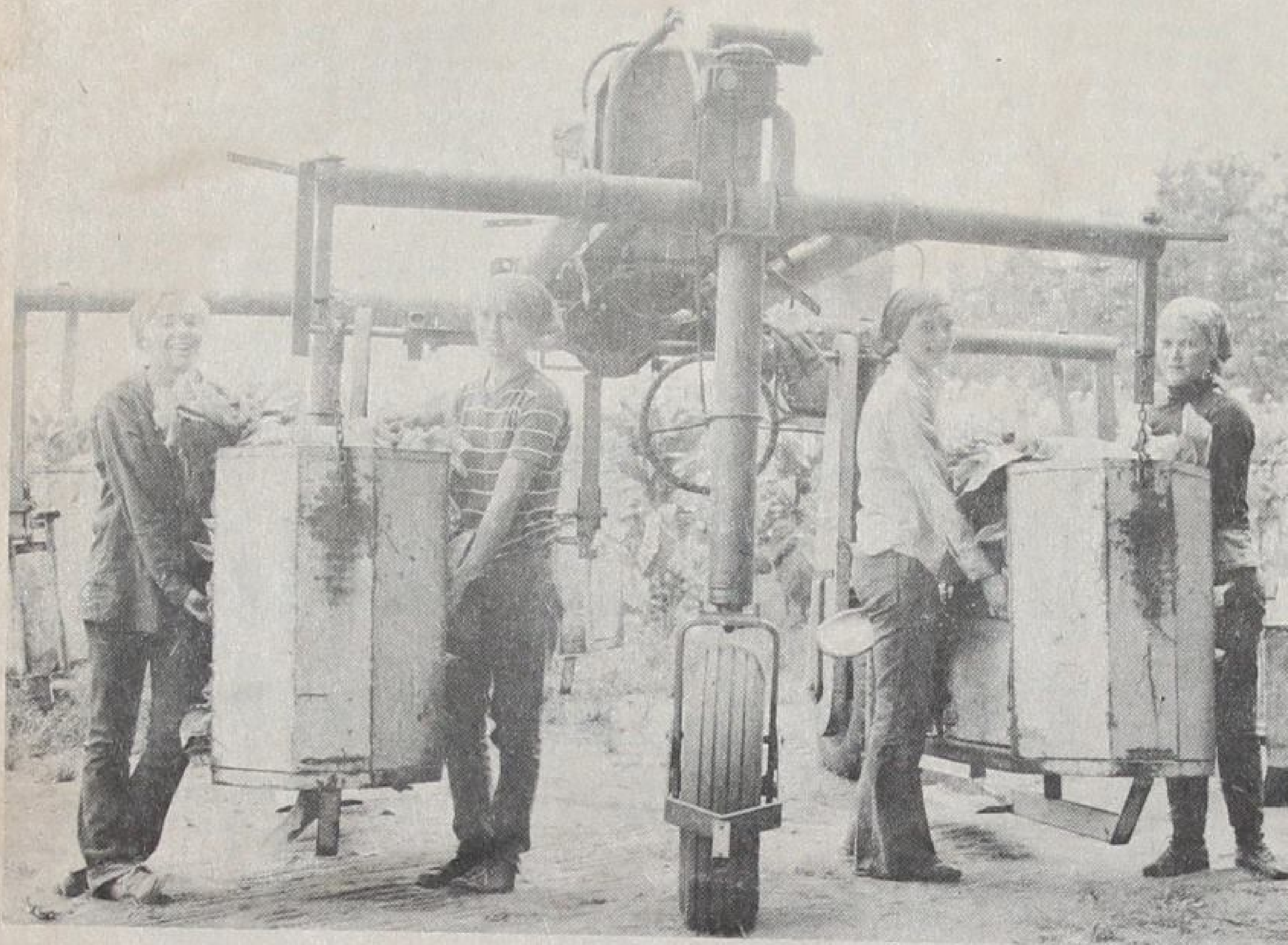
Mr. Tait painted word-pictures of life in the nineteenth century in this area. There were interesting word-of-mouth stories about Thomas when he visited here. Many books have been written of Thomas Edison of United States, but the history of the family has been rather neglected.

Mr. Dennis thanked Mr. Tait. Mr. Wilford Burwell, social convener, served coffee and cookies.

The next meeting will be held November 15. The place will be announced later. All interested persons are welcome.



# Women Primers Otterville Grower Uses All



Who says you have to be a man to work on a harvester. Carol and Dianne Goossens, left, and Barb Balazs and Genny Smith don't think so. They work on the farm of Rene Goossens, R.R. 2, Otterville. Mr. Goossens has been employing women for the past six years and says they do just as good a job as men. (News-Record Photo)

OTTERVILLE - If there is one place you wouldn't be likely to find members of the Women's Liberation Movement, it would have to be on the farm of Rene Goossens of R.R. 2, Otterville.

The majority of his tobacco workers are women and he has been using the so called "weaker sex" on his harvesting machine for the past six years.

"They are just as good workers as men are and they are in general more conscientious about their work than men," said Mr. Goossens.

He uses all women primers and can't understand why other farmers do not employ more girls.

In some areas the women may be a little slower than the men but as Mr. Goossens says "It doesn't make any difference as long as the harvest is done on time."

The heat wave we had this past summer caused a shortage in the labour field and because of that perhaps more farmers will look towards girls to fill that shortage.

A few tobacco growers now employ female students and other women as tobacco primers and have expressed their satisfaction with these workers.

Comments on the women helpers from these farmers have been favourable. They were satisfied in particular with their attitudes, quickness of hand and have found less leaf damage.

Canada Manpower is hopeful that more growers can be encouraged to employ female priming crews next year, as this would practically double the labour force from which their harvest could be recruited.

Many inquiries are received each year at the Manpower Centres, particularly from high school and university women throughout Ontario

and Quebec seeking tobacco harvest jobs.

Tobacco growers provide bunkhouse type accommodations and for this reason have been permitted to specify all male workers, if room and board is to be provided. However, they could just as

well specify they wished to have all female workers.

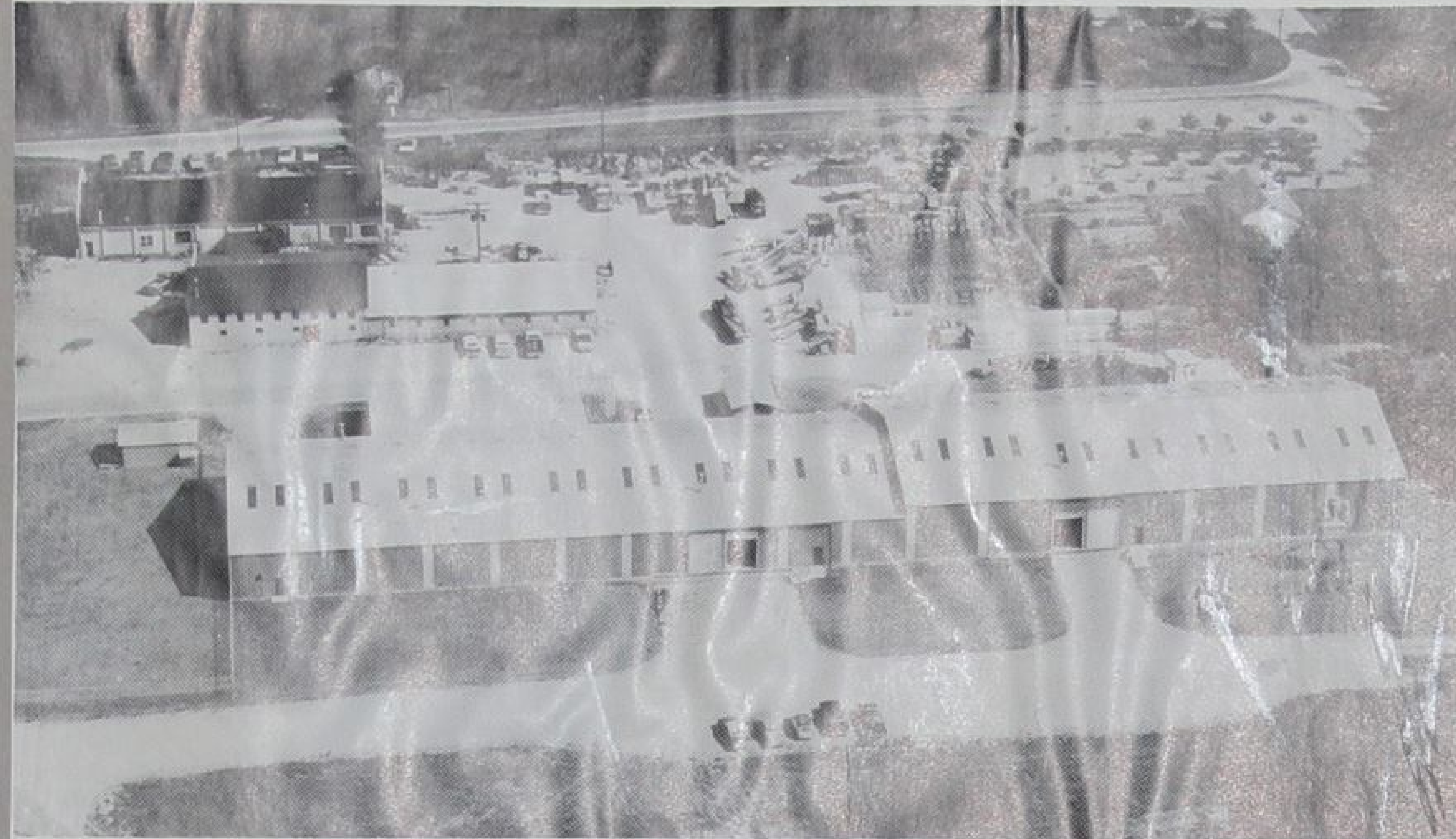
If more growers could be encouraged to hire female priming crews it would not only benefit them but also the students who are seeking summer work to help pay for their education.



These are the members of the Otterville Squirt baseball team, winners of the Woodstock Squirt Consolation trophy, with two wins and one loss in that tourney, including a 39-5 romp over Beachville. Shown are, front, left to right, Burke Neale, Cam Pettigrew, Kevin Church, Ted Briggs, Paul Finch, Brian Sherman, Larry Hansford, Dale Arthur; back, Coach Danny Van Hooren, Hugh Arthur, Peter Davis, Paul Babcock, Daniel Van Hooren, John Davis, Gord Pathy, Dennis Walters, and coach Bob Butler.



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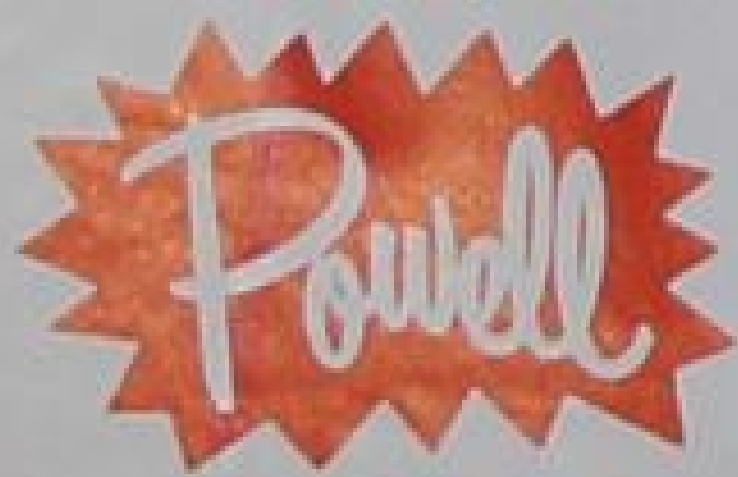


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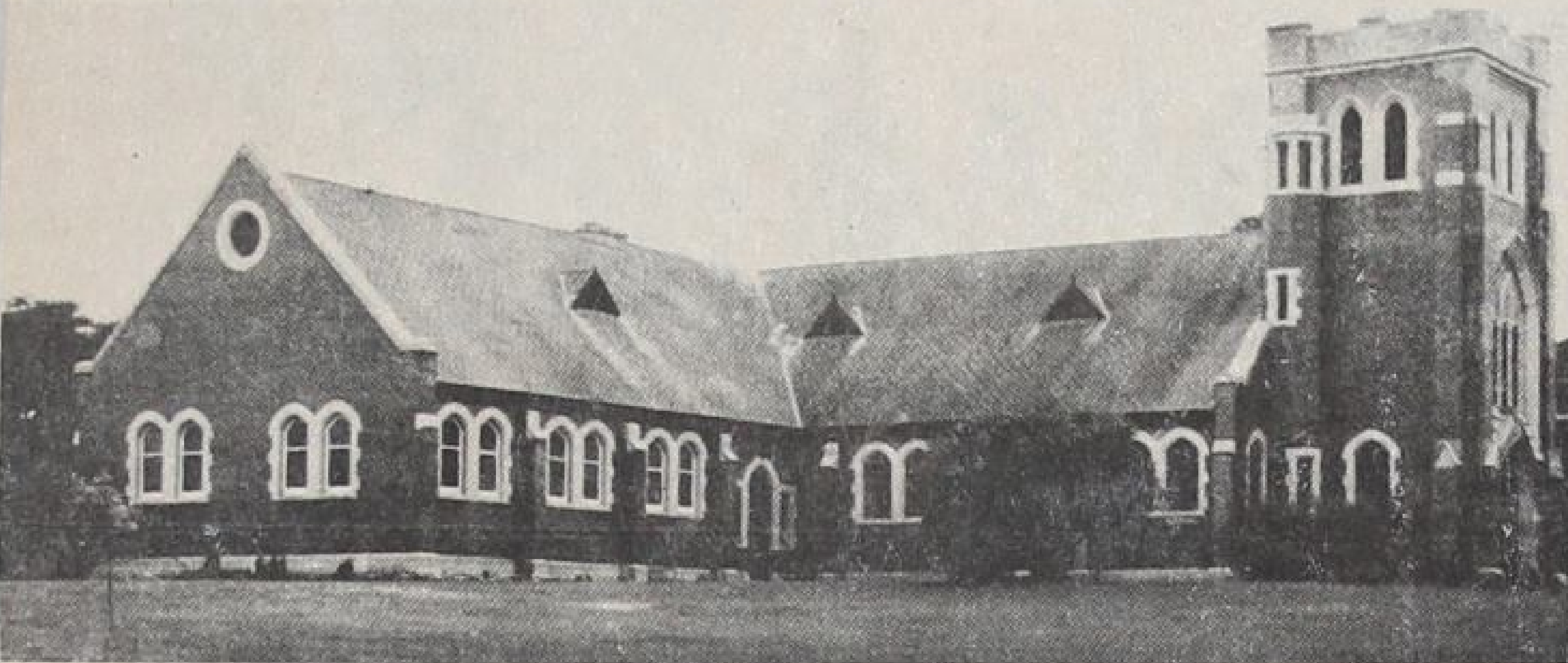
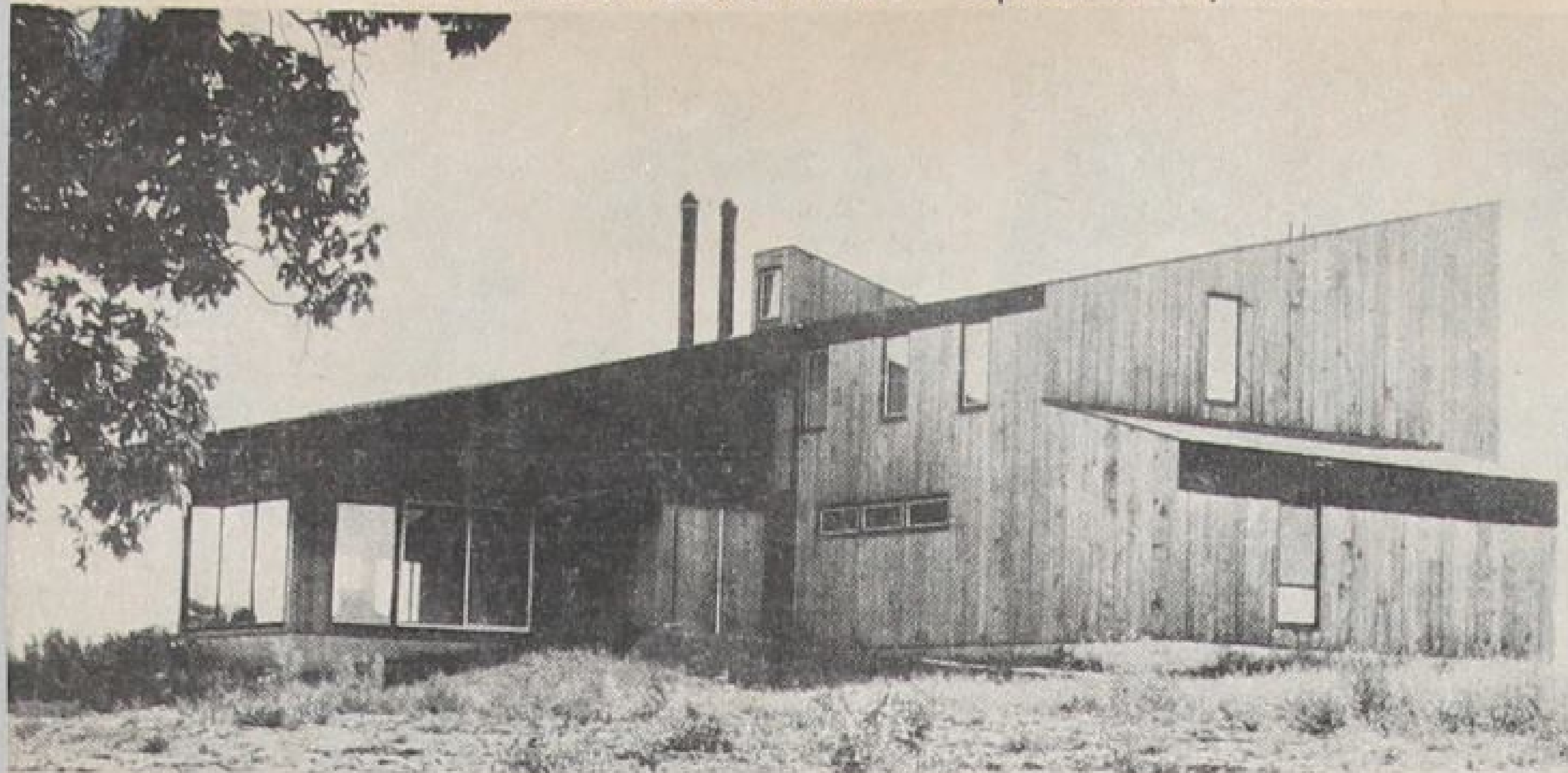
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These are two examples of superb, although very different, architecture in and around Otterville. Top is the main building at Innisfree Farm, east of the village, while bottom is St. John's Anglican Church, located in Otterville.



These young ladies will be bringing Gazette readers all the news from Norwich District High School in the coming year. Our columnists are Gayle Hammond, left, year 4; and Kathy Davis, right, year 3. *Seardus Sept 73*

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
September 26, 1963

A. Kenneth Orton, the man instrumental in making a Tillsonburg radio station a reality nine years ago, announced today that he is severing his association with the firm at the end of the month and plans to devote his full time to the production of documentary films.

Miss Mary Cooper passed her final Gold Cord Challenge at the Windsor Division Girl Guide Camp at Forest on August 3, and was presented with her Gold Cord on Sunday at a Guides' Own Service held in St. Pauls United Church.

Otterville - Borden Roberts, manager of the Tip Top Canners for the past 13 seasons, left Monday for Stoney Creek where he will be employed with a canning factory there.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
September 24, 1953

The two prize-winning Greyhounds Rare Slaney and Record Slaney owned by Alf Shrubbs, local businessman, qualified in the second round of the All-Ontario Championships on Saturday at the races held at Cooksville. In the semi-finals held last night Record Slaney qualified for the finals with a fast 31:4.

detachment this week, increasing the strength of the local corp to seven.

**THIRTY YEARS AGO**  
September 30, 1943

Otterville - W.E. Adams of Simcoe has purchased the lumber mill business of the late E.M. Pennington and took possession last week.



# Pearce - Lee

Tall candelabras with orange delight roses and white daisies on both sides of the altar became a pretty setting for the wedding of Patricia Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee of Woodstock and Donald Elton Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Pearce of Otterville. The wedding took place in the Central United Church, Woodstock on October 13, 1973 at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Austin Snyder officiated at the double-ring service and Mr. Jack Inch of Woodstock was organist.

Mrs. Marion Anderson sang "O Perfect Love" and the "Wedding Prayer" during the ceremony and "How Great Thou Art" during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white polyester crepe, empire styled waist, long sleeves lace trimmed and tiny self-covered buttons. The gown featured a detachable train. Queen Anne headdress of white flowers and see pearls held her triple sheer, waist-length veil in place, and she carried a cascade of red roses, stephanotis with trailing ivy.

Ann Lee, of London, sister of the bride was maid of honour. Her floor-length empire gown featured a mauve, polyester crepe skirt and a flowered bodice of nylon mauve with long, sheer, flowing sleeves accented by a deep mauve velvet ribbon for the empire waist band. Her arm bouquet of orange delight roses with daisies and perenial baby's breath tied with mauve velvet streamer ribbons, was identical to the ones the bridesmaids carried. Sandra Davies, of Southampton, England, cousin of the bride, Mary Anderson, of Croydon, England, cousin of the bride, and Anne Kupery of London, friend of the bride, were bridesmaids, and were dressed identical to the maid of honour.

Dianne Kupery of London, friend of the bride and groom, was flower girl. Her floor-length gown featured mauve polyester crepe with white lace trim on the bodice and long sleeves. The waist was tied with long, trailing, deep mauve, velvet ribbons, and she carried a small bouquet

of flowers identical to the bridesmaids.

Hank Kupery of London, friend of the groom was best man. Ushers were Douglas Pearce of Stratford, brother of the groom, Jay Durkee of Otterville, cousin of the groom, and Edward Douma of Woodstock, friend of the groom. David Pearce of Otterville, brother of the groom, was ring bearer. They all wore black tuxedos and mauve dress shirts.

Reception of 150 guests was held at the Norwich Legion. The guests' tables were decorated with white bridal slippers containing mauve flowers and fern. The three-tier wedding cake was decorated by the groom's grandmother.

The bride's mother received guests in a floor-length gown of pastel mint green nylon sheer over tafeta, styled with an empire waist and featuring long, full sleeves. She chose gold accessories and her corsage contained yellow rose buds.

The groom's mother chose a blue, flowered nylon, shirred, floor-length gown trimmed with gold braid. Worn with her gown she chose gold accessories and a corsage of white roses and stephanotis.

The bride's gifts to her bridesmaids were pearl drop necklaces and the groom's gifts were sets of pewter steins.

For going away the bride chose a street-length, chocolate-brown dress of polyester crepe trimmed with orange and white. To complement her outfit she chose brown accessories and a corsage of orange delight roses.

Upon returning home from Northern Ontario, Ottawa and Kingston, the couple are residing in Sweaburg, Ontario.

Out-of-town guests present at the wedding were from London, Toronto, Ottawa, Detroit, Guelph, Cambridge, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Birmingham, Mich., Springford, Otterville, Beachville, Southampton, England, Croydon, England, Bournemouth, England, Sudbury, England and Stratford.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD ELTON PEARCE  
(Photo by Harold Ryder, Norwich)



Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Verstraete

## Otterville pair mark 56th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Well-known residents of Otterville and district, Mr. and Mrs. Camiel Verstraete, marked their 56th anniversary, recently.

Mrs. Verstraete, the former Emma Keirsebilck, and Camiel Verstaete were married in Brugge, Belgium, October 17, 1917. They came to Canada in 1927.

First they settled in the Simcoe area, and in 1933 they came to Otterville where they have since resided.

They have one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Viola) Michelit of Otterville. Two daughters are predeceased, Mrs. Maurice (Mary) Deconinck, and Mrs. Romain (Madeline) Eechaute. There are also 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Verstaete has one brother in Belgium and one brother, John Keirsebilck of LaSalette. Mr. Verstraete has one sister in Belgium, and a sister Mrs. Mary Vervaecke in Norwich.

## New Brownie pack formed at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — First meeting of the Brownie Pack will be held Thursday, October 18, from 4-5, in the community hall (upstairs).

The leaders for this new organization will be Mrs. Jay Durkee, Mrs. Leonard Williams, and Mrs. Robert Butler. These ladies are taking a Brownie training course in St. Pauls United Church in Tillsonburg and will also be taking a one-day course at Port Dover.

Anyone interested in supporting this new organization, The Otterville Brownies, will be appreciated.

Mothers of members-to-be are always welcome to the meetings, as well as anyone wishing to assist in any way.

## Brownies have 17 members

OTTERVILLE (C) — The newly-formed Brownie Pack has 17 members, ranging from 7-9 years of age. Those girls turning seven before December 31 are welcome to join now.

Leaders for the Pack are Brown Owl, Mrs. Jay Durkee, and Tawny Owl, Mrs. Jim Countryman. Mrs. Irvin Allin, North Tillsonburg District Commissioner, has been present at the meetings to give assistance to the new leaders.

Two regular meetings have been held. At the first meeting the Brownies were told how the organization was started. They learned the motto "Lend a Hand," and practised the Brownie song and taps.

At the second meeting the Brownies made a pumpkin to hang in the window. They were shown how to collect the "Fairy Gold."

On Saturday there was nearly full attendance at Brown Owl's home to decorate the toadstool with felt pieces. Miss Donna Christo came to help the Brownies with their decorating. The Brownies form a circle around the toadstool to skip and sing the Brownie songs.

Any donations to help with this new organization would be greatly appreciated.

## Shower honors former resident

OTTERVILLE (C) — A miscellaneous shower honouring Miss Rhonda Sage of Walsingham a former resident of Otterville, was held in the parish hall on Thursday evening.

Contests were enjoyed throughout the evening, and Rhonda received many lovely gifts for which she thanked her Otterville friends.

A social time completed the evening.

OTTERVILLE \$12,500. store and apartment on Main St. Stock and equipment for additional \$6,500 if required. M.L.S.

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# Plaque to commemorate Innis

An historical plaque commemorating Harold Adams Innis will be unveiled at his birthplace, Innisfree Farm, two miles west of Otterville, on Friday at 7 p.m.

This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Historical and Museums Branch, Ministry of Colleges and Universities, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario.

Friday's ceremony is being sponsored by the Harold Innis Foundation and Professor Peter Russell, Principal of Innis College, University of Toronto, will act as program chairman. Others invited to take part in the ceremony include: Harry C. Parrott, M.P.P., (Oxford); W.J. Martin, reeve, South Norwich Township; Prof. William Ormsby, representing the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario. The historical background will be given by Prof. W. Thomas Easterbrook, University of Toronto. Sam A. Innis, brother of the late Harold Innis, will unveil the plaque.

The inscription on the plaque reads:

**HAROLD ADAMS INNIS**  
1894-1952

One of Canada's outstanding economic historians, Innis was born on this farm. Graduated from McMaster University, he obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, and in 1920 joined the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto, where he subsequently became Department Chairman and Dean of Graduate Studies. His works, such as the monumental "Fur Trade in Canada," (1930), largely interpreted Canadian history as a thrust to control the St. Lawrence trade and connecting traffic routes, and profoundly influenced Canadian historical writing generally. His later studies, for example, "Empire and Communications" (1950), investigating the effects of communications technology on cultural values and social institutions, helped establish international communications theory. Innis College, University of Toronto, is named in his honour.

Innis, the descendant on his father's side of a British soldier who fought in the American War of Independence and a Scottish immigrant on his mother's side, was born on the farm near Otterville on November 5, 1894. He was educated at S.S. 1, South Norwich, and in 1905, having successfully passed the provincial examination, he entered the Otterville High School. Two years later he began to attend Woodstock Collegiate Institute where he remained for four years. Woodstock was 20 miles from the Innis farm and to reach the school young Harold had to travel on the Grand Trunk Railway each day.

The Innis household was strictly Baptist and church was for Innis a natural part of his life. Although he would later eschew formal religion, he was throughout his life heavily stamped with this rural Baptist upbringing. Another facet of Oxford County life which would help mold Innis' personality was

the staunchly Liberal character of the area's politics. Harold's father was a devoted follower of Sir Wilfred Laurier and an avid reader of "The Globe."

For a few months following his studies at Woodstock, Innis taught at his old public school (S.S. 1, South Norwich) and in 1913 he went to Toronto to attend McMaster University, a small but thriving Baptist liberal arts college, then situated in that city. During the summer of 1915 he taught in northern Alberta. He took his B.A. degree in 1916 and immediately joined Toronto's 69th Battery and was sent overseas. He was involved in the Battle of Vimy Ridge; a short while afterward he was wounded and when sufficiently recovered, was sent home to Canada. While convalescing he prepared for work on his Master's Degree. The thesis topic was "The Returned Soldier." McMaster granted Innis an M.A. in April, 1918.

The following summer Innis considered his future. He definitely rejected a career in the Baptist ministry and decided instead to study law. However, the studies he had undertaken in political economy fascinated him and he determined to pursue this subject further. As a consequence, Innis went to the University of Chicago. It was a happy, if accidental, choice, for at Chicago were collected some of the most influential economists of this century. Under such men as Profs. C.W. Wright, F.H. Knight, J.A. Field and J.A. Clark, Innis studied political economy and, at the suggestion of C.W. Wright, completed a Ph. D. thesis on the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1920, his doctorate completed, Innis accepted a position in the Department of Political Economy (James Mavor, Head) at the University of Toronto. The following year he married Mary Quayle, one of his students at the University of Chicago.

While studying the history of the C.P.R. Innis began to see that the development of a trans-continental rail link was but a continuation, in a more technologically sophisticated age, of the old fur trade route of the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes. Innis maintained that Canada had been created not, as had often been claimed, in spite of geography, but rather because of it. He developed this thesis in his first major work, *The Fur Trade in Canada, an Introduction to Canadian Economic History,*

which was the product of ten years of research, and was first published in 1930. The concept of an east-west axis based on the river systems of Canada was Innis' great contribution to Canadian Historiography. This theory opposed the widely held opinion that Canada's natural boundaries were formed by the mountain ranges and thus linked Canadian regions to counterparts in the United States. Innis is considered the founder of the "Laurentian School" of Canadian historiography - the name being derived from the thesis that the St. Lawrence River and its connecting water

routes were the basis of Canada's economic development.

During the 1930's Innis gained a national and international reputation as an economic historian. He was instrumental in the revitalization of the Canadian Political Science Association and was an early contributor to the new *Canadian Journal of Economics and Political Science.*

His research continued into various aspects of Canadian and international economic history. Mining, lumbering, grain growing and the cod fisheries were the staple products which Innis carefully analysed. In this period, Innis was also involved with the editing and publication of two Canadian-American historical projects of the 'thirties. For the series *Canadian Frontiers of Settlement* he contributed a monograph, "Settlement and the Mining Frontier" (1936), and he was an editor for the series *Relations of Canada and the United States.* He also served on a Royal Commission which investigated the economic conditions of Nova Scotia during the Great Depression of the 1930's.

Honours were bestowed upon him. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1934. In 1937 Innis was appointed Head of the Department of Political Economy at the University of Toronto.

A decade of research had gone into his study of the cod fisheries of Atlantic Canada. This effort culminated in 1940 in the publication of Innis' *Cod Fisheries: This History of an International Economy.* His study of the international aspect of these fisheries led him to a concern with international communication. His later books, *Empire and Communications* (1950), *The Bias of Communication* (1951) and *Changing Concepts of Time* (1952) all dealt with this topic. (They provided the sparks which interested Marshall McLuhan in communication today).

Although much sought after by foreign (especially American) schools, Innis opted to remain in the country whose economy he had researched so well. Innis

became Dean of the reorganized Graduate School at the University of Toronto in 1947. The following year he became president of the Royal Society of Canada. As long as health permitted, he continued to lecture, research and administer. Innis never tired of propounding his concepts of a research-oriented university in which one never became too involved in politics. This was another aspect of Innis' liberal bias, a facet of his personality which distinguished him from a number of his colleagues, many of whom had been involved in the League for Social Reconstruction.

Seldom has a Canadian scholar been so widely read and so frequently sought after. He served on both provincial and federal Royal Commissions, delivered lectures at British universities, and was offered prestigious posts in American institutions. However, Innis' strong sense of Canadian nationalism kept

him in this country. Possibly the most curious aspect of this nationalism is that he was led to this stance by his study of Canadian history. But coupled with this was Innis' liberalism. Thus Innis was both a liberal and a nationalist at a time when his fellow liberals were strongly moving toward continentalism. As a consequence, although his advice was requested and his views respected, Innis' suggestions were seldom heeded in the land that he loved so well.

After years of work, with many of his projects (most notably an economic history of Canada) unrealized, Innis, one of the few Canadian scholars with an enviable international reputation, died of cancer on November 8, 1952.

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen attended the funeral service recently of the late Maude Cudney, which was held in Trinity Church, Port Burwell, and was conducted by Bishop Hughes.

Miss Maude Hussey of Guelph and her brother, Mr. William Hussey, Shelbourne, were recent weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and also called on other friends in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Robinson of Marmora, Ontario, have purchased the residence of the late Mrs. Lena Young on Mill St., Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert English returned to their home in Oshawa on Sunday after having spent the week with Mrs. English's sister, Mrs. Harold Waring, and attended the funeral service of their brother-in-law, the late Harold Waring.

An autumn wedding took place in the United Church, Delhi, on Saturday, October 6th, at 3 p.m., when Miss Marie Lindsay of Delhi and Robert Rachar of Otterville were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKnight of Delhi were the attendants. Mr. and Mrs. Rachar will reside at 230 Marshall Ave., Delhi.

Mrs. Roy Rachar received the sad news last week of the death of her father, William Pounder, in his 74th year. The late Mr. Pounder was a resident in the County of Durham, England.

## Guild plans beef supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held in the parish hall and was well attended. President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided, and minutes were read by secretary, Miss Edna Furlong, who also gave the roll call answered by giving suggestions for something needed in the kitchen.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen. *Oct/73*

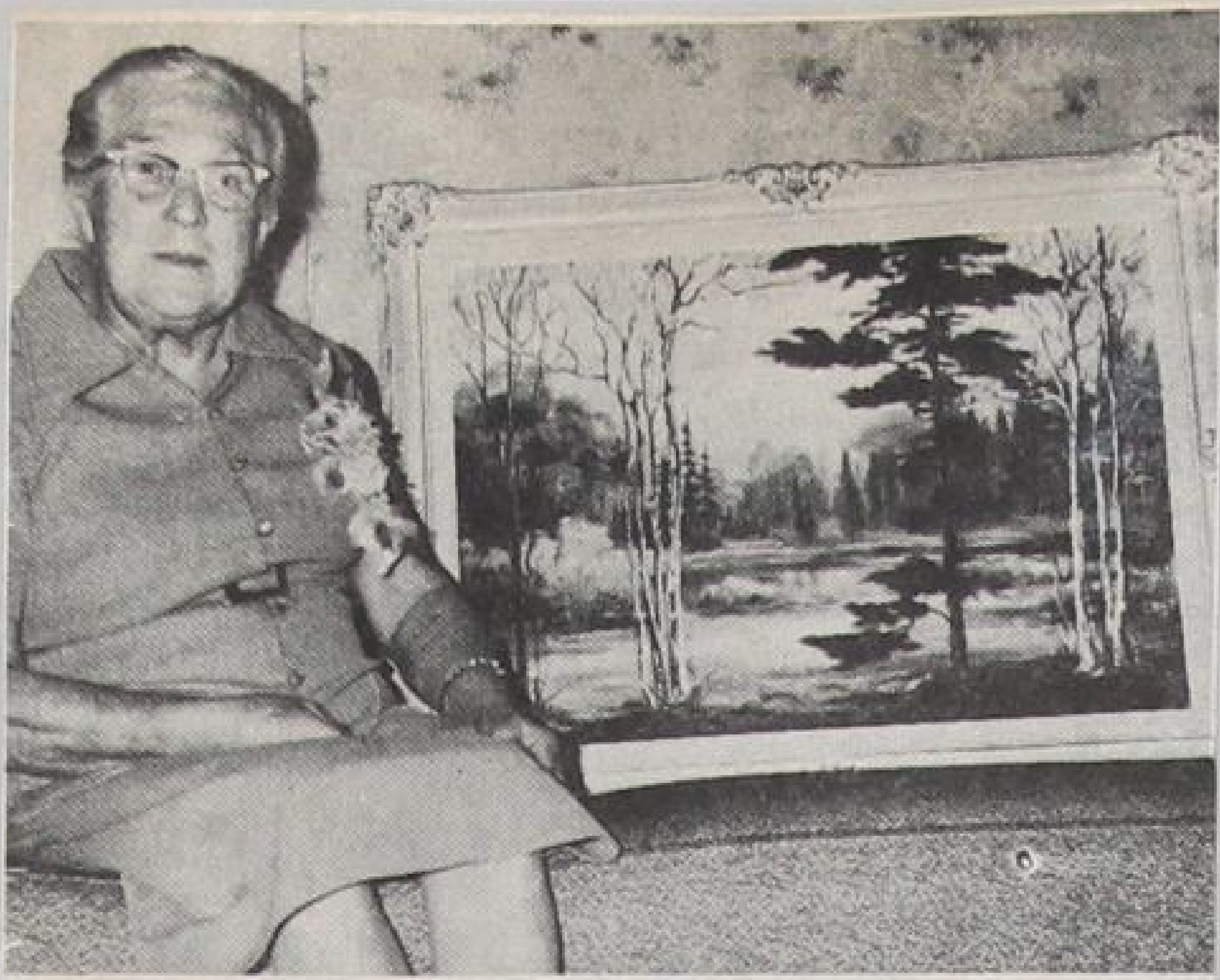
Tickets are on sale for the roast beef supper in the parish hall, Sunday, November 11.

A bale of good used clothing is being packed for northern Ontario, the name of station being supplied by Rev. George Honour, a former resident of Otterville, now living in Leask, Sask.

Afternoon closed with a social hour, lunch being served by Mrs. Fred Howse and Mrs. Edna Pearce.

Next meeting is to be held at the parish hall.





Mrs. Alva Lazenby, Palmer St., celebrated her 80th birthday on October 25, 1973

# Innis plaque unveiled

An historical plaque, honoring the life of the late Harold Adams Innis, who earned international renown as an economic historian, was unveiled Friday evening at the former Innis farm, east of Otterville.

The farm itself is now a memorial to Innis, having been purchased by the Harold Innis Foundation and used as a retreat for scholars.

The plaque, erected by the

Ontario Archeological and Historic Sites Board, was unveiled in the farmhouse at Innisfree Farm.

Master of ceremonies was Professor Peter H. Russell, principal of Innis College, Toronto. Prof. Russell said Harold Innis was born on the farm and became one of Canada's outstanding economic historians.

Speaking briefly were Dr. Harry C. Parrott, Oxford

MPP, and Deputy-Reeve George Davis of South Norwich.

Prof. William Ormsby of the history department, Brock University, represented the Historical Sites Board, and said that Harold Innis in search of a larger concept had been well ahead of his time and his interest would never be matched in his field.

A brief historical background was presented by Prof. W. T. Easterbrook, department of political economy, University of Toronto. He said he was grateful for the opportunity to participate in the ceremony as he had been a colleague of Harold Innis. He said Innis had understood basic elements far beyond his years, and his findings are gaining ever wider recognition.

Prior to unveiling the plaque to his brother, Sam Innis of Norwich gave a short resume of the family. Present also were two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Brayley of Otterville and Mrs. M. Malcolm of Teeterville.

## Medical centre plans move ahead despite cost rise

NORWICH — Cost estimate for the proposed Norwich District Medical Centre has risen to \$120,000 from \$80,000, but the architect has been instructed to advertise for tenders.

A joint village and North Norwich Township council meeting Monday has approved an \$80,000 winter capital projects loan.

The councils established a special finance committee to arrange for the additional \$40,000. Building and administration committees were also established.

Architect Leonard Dickson was instructed to advertise for tenders. The councils hope the project will begin as soon as possible.

The building is to incorporate three medical suites, a dental suite, emergency room for treatment of minor injuries, a nursing room and administration offices.

Dr. R. M. Hall, the centre's senior doctor, will assist in obtaining staff.

## Family allowance bill becomes law

OTTAWA (CP) — Increases in family allowances and old age and civil service pensions became law Friday.

Effective Oct. 1, the basic old age pension for a single person rises to \$105.30 a month from \$100. Persons receiving the guaranteed income supplement, as most pensioners do, will receive old age cheques of \$179.16, up from \$170.14.

The family allowance next month will be a flat \$12 for each child, up from an average of \$7.21 a month per child. This is an interim increase designed to help families cope with inflation until a proposed allowance program raising the average monthly payment to \$20 a child becomes effective Jan. 1, 1974.

Bills containing the changes received royal assent Friday afternoon, after Senate approval.



Sam Innis is shown unveiling the plaque commemorating his brother, Harold Adams Innis, at Innisfree Farm Friday evening.



Participating in ceremonies at the unveiling of a commemorative plaque to Harold Innis at his birthplace were, left to right, George Davis, South Norwich deputy reeve; Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott; Sam Innis; Prof. W. T. Easterbrook, department of political economy, University of Toronto, and Prof. Peter Russell, principal of Innis College, Toronto.

## Legal Notices

### Notice To Creditors and Others

All persons having claims against the Estate of Agnes Graves, late of the Village of Norwich, in the County of Oxford and Province of Ontario, Widow, deceased, who died on or about the 2nd day of September, 1973, at the Town of Tillsonburg, in the County of Oxford, are required to file particulars of same with the undersigned on or before the 29th day of October, 1973, after which date the estate will be distributed without regard to unfiled claims.

Dated at Norwich, Ontario, this 19th day of September, 1973.

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# Otterville Notes

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Ronald Smith (nee Wenda Spicer) and baby daughter, Jodi Georgina, have returned to their home after several days stay in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Ten members of the United Church Women attended the Thanksgiving service of the United Church Women at New Road on Thursday evening. Mrs. Jack Walther of Otterville was the soloist and Mrs. William A. McMullen of Otterville was the accompanist.

Many residents from this area attended the Norfolk County Fair at Simcoe last week.

Mr. Achiel DeGroot has returned to his home after spending fifteen weeks in Brantford General Hospital and later in Victoria Hospital, London, as the result of a car accident.

Mrs. William Hanson, Mrs. Earle Petch, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. Harold Durkee attended the Zion Chapter, O.E.S., in Brantford on Thursday when Mrs. Durkee's daughter, Mrs. Lois Newstead of Brantford, was made member of the Chapter.

Mrs. James Squance and granddaughter, Louanne Krohe, returned to their homes last week after a two-week vacation with relatives in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garnet and their grandchildren, Bill Heaslip and sister, Shelly, were recent visitors with Mrs. Garnet's sister, Mrs. Ellwin Spicer and Mr. Spicer at Exeter and also visited at Oil City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davies have returned to their home after a month's holiday with relatives in England.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stapleton were recent guests of relatives in Mount Clemens, Michigan. While there Mr. Stapleton suffered a stroke and last week was returned home by ambulance to Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey returned to their homes on Wednesday night after a motor trip to the East Coast, travelling through the American States on their return, a distance of 3,700 miles.

Monday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and family were Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Newstead and daughters of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and family of Simcoe and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durkee of Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland attended the christening service Sunday morning at Sydenham United

Church, Brantford, for little Allison Mae Higgins of Oshawa and later were guests at a dinner at the home of Mrs. Stanley Rogers and Mr. Arthur Higgins.

Mrs. Frank Longworth returned to her home on Saturday after spending the past four months in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital as a result of a fall in her home, breaking her hip.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Waring and Mrs. James Squance attended "open house" at the Tillsonburg News office on Friday and the social repast. All was most enjoyable and appreciated by the visitors.

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## Institute helping in hall improvements

OTTERVILLE (C) — October meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening with 17 members and five visitors present. Mrs. Harry Pickersgill was convener for meeting and social time, which was called "Family Affairs."

The president, Mrs. William A. McMullen, presided. Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist.

Mrs. H. H. Batson and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill volunteered to attend the Leaders Training School, "More Ideas for Sewing Knits," which will be held in Woodstock, November 20 and 21.

The members voted unanimously to assist with a cash donation to make improvements on the Community Hall and a committee composed of Mrs. William A. McMullen, Mrs. Jay Durkee and Mrs. Bert Hill was appointed to meet with the

members of the Park Board to discuss the matter.

Mrs. Jay Durkee requested assistance to help with the Brownie Pack which is being started in the village.

Mrs. William A. McMullen, who is the librarian at the present time, announced the change of the hours at the Library, which will be - Tuesday, 3 - 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 7 - 9 p.m., and Friday, 3 - 6 p.m.

Mrs. G. M. Downing, district director, and Mrs.

Jack Walther of Canadian industries gave splendid reports on the Fall Board meeting in Conell.

Progressive euchre was enjoyed throughout the evening, there being five tables of cards in play. Prizes were won by Mrs. Myrtle Addison and Mrs. Lorene McMullen and the mystery prize by Mrs. Violet Cole.

The members enjoyed a social repast from a table gaily decorated in keeping with Hallowe'en.

## Hope for early start on Otterville pool

The Norwich-Otterville Lions club recently named a new committee to promote the building of a new swimming pool in the South Norwich Community park at Otterville.

The committee chairman is Dr. Murray Downing, Otterville. Members are Dalton French, Burgessville; Lion president Jim McLaren, Norwich; Stan Palmer, Springford, and Bill Butler, Otterville.

This committee met with the South Norwich township council on Thursday evening,

September 27th, in the township offices.

It was decided that the Lions club and the township council would work together. Specifications are to be drawn up by mid-October, and tenders let.

It is hoped that removal of the old pool might begin in early November and construction started on the new pool and filtration system soon after.

It is also possible that this work may be covered under the government winter works projects.

## Car, trailer stolen on camping holiday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Treffry and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Treffry returned to their homes on Sunday after a two-weeks holiday, covering 3,500 miles on a motor trip to the East Coast.

Their route took them to New Brunswick, Quebec,

Cape Breton Island and returning through the lower part of New Brunswick, crossing into the United States. Stopping in Dandras, Mass., they stopped at a shopping centre and parked their car and trailer, the latter packed with every

convenience for their vacation, which included portable T.V., radio, cameras, binoculars, kitchen equipment, clothing, cash, travellers cheques and other articles.

On their return, both car and trailer were gone and the police were summoned immediately.

Entrance was gained by breaking a window, the starter was torn out and a screw driver used to start the car, which was found by the police the next day.

In the meantime, the travellers, left with only the clothing on their backs, purchased attire for the night and found a night's lodging, rented a car and later were on their homeward way.

Regretting the loss of their possessions, which was a shock to them but only of material value, they had many reasons to be thankful on returning in good health on Thanksgiving Day.

On their return they called on Mr. and Mrs. William Smith at Boston. Mrs. Smith was the former Lorna Hill of Otterville.

## Deaths

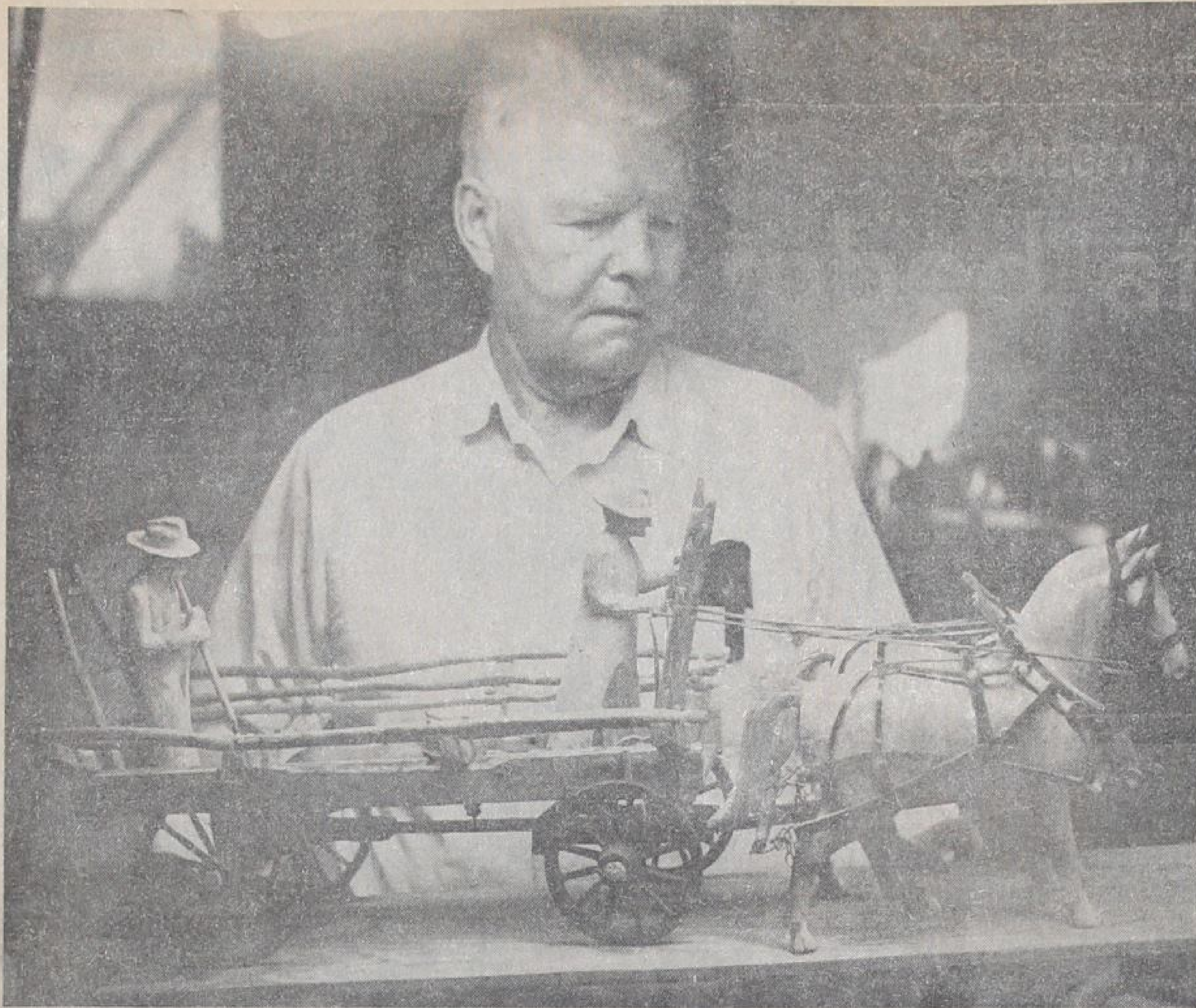
CUDNEY - At Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 30, 1973, Miss Maud Cudney of Port Burwell, in her 93rd year.

Resting at the H. A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home until Friday noon thence to Trinity Anglican Church, Port Burwell, for service at 2 p.m. conducted by Bishop W. J. Hughes. Interment in St. Luke's Cemetery, Vienna.



Jim Pickersgill  
A COUNTRY BEAUTY -- 5 yrs. old -- paved road -- excellent condition throughout including completely finished basement -- PRICE: \$36,000. -- Mortgage available. Sold - Fall - 1973





After a life of farming, Harry Lee, decided to 'whittle' away his time in retirement to the point where his carvings adorn almost every room in his home. He finds a jackknife is his handiest carving tool.

## Harry Lee whittles time away

### He carves anything that's challenging

By DON GIBB  
of The Free Press

OTTERVILLE — Retired farmer Harry Lee borrowed books from the library a few years ago on clay modelling, tin work and whittling.

He decided whittling would be more along his line.

"I carried a jack-knife since I was eight years old," the 76-year-old said.

Now, about two years after cutting into his first chunk of wood, carvings adorn almost every room of the Lee home.

The white-haired, soft-spoken carver says he does it "just to put in time."

He'll carve anything that's a challenge and "you can see you're getting somewhere with."

Animals were a dairy farmer.

Mr. Lee was a dairy farmer in the Streetsville area for 33 years before moving to North Norwich Township where he grew cash crops for 12 years. He has been retired and has lived in Otterville six years.

The carver, using his collection of chisels, jack-knives and files—"the jack-knife is handiest"—has carved more than 40 different kinds of wood, most of it local varieties.

Friends supply chunks of wood or he may find pieces by snooping around a wood pile or saw mill.

Using his wife's china figures as models for his woodwork, he has probably tripled the number of ornaments in his home.

One Italian marble has been the subject of three wood carvings, all in different wood.

He borrows library books for details on animals he carves.

Mr. Lee has even used a tiny plastic camel—something that might be found as a giveaway in a cereal box—as a model.

He doesn't sell much of his work but he spends some part of each day in his basement workshop.

He took one of his carvings of a deer to a friend in Straffordville one day for the man's comments.

The friend told him the animal was too fat.

"So I cut 50 pounds of venison off it."

## Beef supper held by Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — More assistance and the evening the roast beef dinner were fed at was decided a great success. During the dinner hour, Miss Manning of St. Charles' Anglican Church played selections on the electric organ.

The event was sponsored by the members of St. John's Church Guild, and although small in number, teenage girls were ready to give Mr. Carl Howse and Mr. Jack Freeland were the clerks at the door.

## Call meeting on cemeteries

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Milldale Cemetery Board and interested persons met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland on Thursday evening.

President Mrs. Freeland opened the meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Dell for their work and

sincere interest they had taken in maintaining the Milldale Cemetery.

There was much discussion regarding the Erbtown Cemetery and the Cemetery adjoining. Anyone interested in the history of either one of these is invited to the meeting which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland on December 5 at 8 p.m.

## Card Of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to the relatives, friends and neighbours for the many acts of kindness, floral tributes, donations to the Cancer Society, mass cards and sympathy cards in the loss of my dear husband. Also thanks to the ladies who served and donated for the lunch, Father Childs, Father McCormick, Father Nelligan, Dr. Alexander and nurses on the second floor north, Gleason Funeral Home, the Oddfellows for the use of the hall, and pallbearers for understanding and thoughtfulness. Elizabeth Stapleton. Nov 9/73

## Enrollment for Brownies

OTTERVILLE (C) — First Otterville Brownie Pack would like to thank Holmes and Taylor Hardware, Otterville Women's Institute, Summerville Women's Institute and the Sunshine Club for their generous donations.

The new Brownies have been busy passing tests to prepare for their enrollment. At the past meeting the girls learned to braid by making a felt doll with braided hair.

The enrollment night will be Friday, December 7. All girls must be in complete uniform to be enrolled. At the enrollment they will receive their Brownie Pin, Six emblem, and title tape to be added to their uniform.

## Farewell party held for area couple

SPRINGFORD (C) — A farewell party was held in the community hall on Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. James Pickersgill.

Mrs. C. Stover played the piano for a sing-song, conducted by Lucille Debus. Games were enjoyed under the leadership of Donna Ludwig and Barbara Hopkins.

Robert Hopkins extended best wishes for Jim and Pat's happiness in their new home near Woodstock, and presented them with a desk pen set, a monetary gift and china figurines for Trevor and Kyle.

Jim thanked their friends and the ladies served a bounteous lunch.

Arrangements for the party were in charge of Helen Rice, Barbara Hopkins and Joyce Bell.



## Christmas party for Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church, decorated in keeping with Christmas, was the setting for the Christmas dinner and program of the first year of the Leisure Club of Otterville.

More than 50 members and friends sat down to a sumptuous dinner at 12:30, which was served by the members of the St. John's Anglican Guild.

Mrs. Harry Lee, president, welcomed the guests and grace was sung.

Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Fred Cole were program conveners and with the members giving so freely of their talents in readings and musical numbers a splendid program was enjoyed.

Mrs. Cole presided for the first part of the program in which the following numbers were enjoyed: Readings by Mrs. Lillian Rachar, Mrs. June McNally, Mrs. Dora Fleming, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, Mrs. Harold Durkee, Mrs. Robert Martin, Mrs. Max Avey, and Mr. Harry Lee. Vocal duets were given by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beecroft, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Mrs. Harry Lee contributed generously on her harmonica with Mrs. Jack Freeland at the piano. Oral contests were given by Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Fred Cole.

Mrs. Petch read the Christmas story after which Carols were sung, led by Mr. and Mrs. Mel Beecroft.

President Mrs. Lee was presented with a cup and saucer by Mrs. Earle Petch on behalf of the members.

A pretty African Violet in full bloom was on display and tickets were sold on the plant, with Mrs. Harry Pickersgill holding the lucky ticket.

Appreciation was manifested in the usual manner to the members of the Guild for the delicious meal and also to those who helped so generously with the program.

The afternoon was brought to a close with a number of the members remaining for several games of card bingo.



The Leisure Club of Otterville met on Wednesday for their annual dinner, held at St. John's Anglican Church. Shown are, left to right, Mrs. Earle Petch, and Mrs. Fred Cole, members of the program committee; Mrs. Evelyn Waring, secretary, and Mrs. Harry Lee, president.

## Attendance pins for area Lions

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the parish hall, Monday evening. President Jim McLaren presided. It was noted that several members were attending the annual blood donors clinic which was held that same evening.

Lion Bill Weir, past-president of Tillsonburg Lions Club, was the guest speaker. He is at present chairman of the Tillsonburg Hospital Board and spoke on that aspect of medical care in our area and in Oxford County.

He was introduced by Lion Murray Wardell and thanked by Lion Les Dickson, Warden of Oxford County.

One hundred percent attendance pins were presented to Lions George Davis, John Davis, Murray Downing, Russell Hall, Darwen Scott and Fred Thompson.

A five-year perfect attendance pin was presented to Lion Fred Thompson; 20 year pins to Lions Dalton French and Russell Hall and 25 year pins to Lions Nelson Gleason and Murray Downing.

A letter of thanks was read from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind for a donation of \$100 to be used towards purchase of an area station wagon. A donation to the Lions Lake Joseph camp for the blind is under consideration.

There was a report on the new swimming pool in the community park. This project is not yet finalized but hopefully will get underway very soon. Lions were reminded of the auction sale in the community hall at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, with proceeds to go towards the new pool.

A committee of Lions John Davis, George Davis, Jim Auger and Murray Wardell, will be in charge of the feather party to be held at Mel Smith's, Otterville, on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Lion Stan Palmer reported on the up-coming snowmobile races on Sunday, Jan. 6th and it was reported that a club curling team won second prize at the inter-service club bonspiel in Tillsonburg.

Next meeting will be the club's annual Christmas party in the Norwich Legion, on Monday, Dec. 10.

## Remembrance service

OTTERVILLE (C) — Local residents marked Remembrance Day with a memorial service at the cenotaph at the entrance to the Community Park on Sunday, November 11, at 12:45 p.m. 1975

Rev. R. D. Duncanson, Legion padre, gave the call to Remembrance. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Carolyn Buckrell. Two minutes of silence were observed. The hymn "O God,

Our Help in Ages Past" was sung. Rev. H. Herring read Scripture and prayers and The Lord's Prayer were offered by Rev. R. D. Duncanson.

Rev. H. Herring conducted the placing of the wreaths from Province of Ontario - Merlin Howse; South Norwich Township - Jack Walther; Norwich-Otterville Lions - Nelson Gleason; Royal Canadian Legion - Comrade Howard Payne, president of Branch 190; Otterville Eastern Star - Mrs. Fred Pearce; Powell Agri-System - Donald Chisholm.

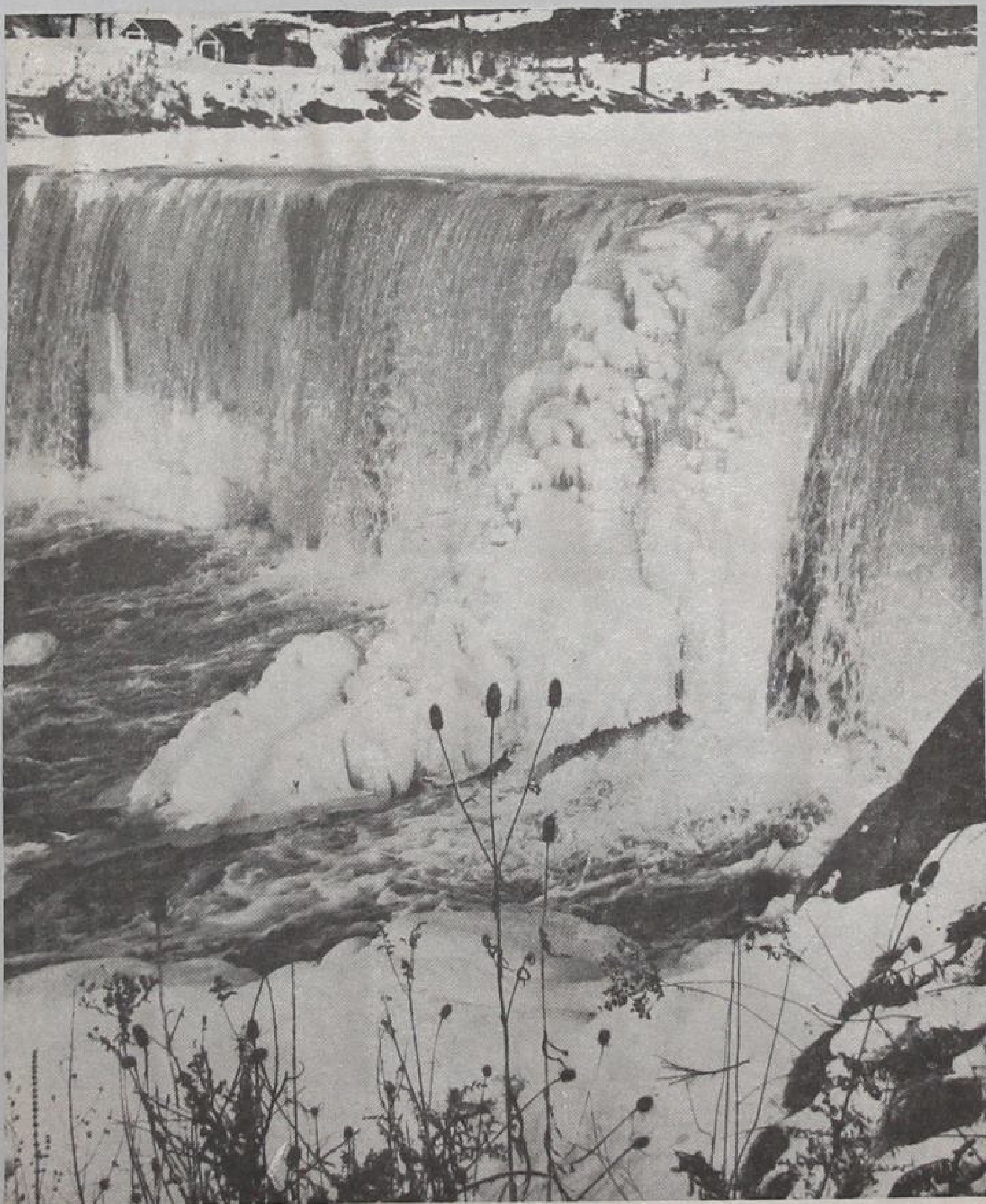
The service was arranged by the Royal Canadian Legion.





When the ladies of St. John's Anglican Church in Tillsonburg get together for a work bee, they don't fool around. This week, they met, and made about 320 pounds of mincemeat for sale at their bazaar, scheduled for Thursday, November 22, from 2-5 p.m.

1 - Mabel Avey 2 - Doris Young



Otterville Dam





**PARTY HONORS PITTOCK**

*Nov. 17*

Gordon Pittock, third from left, was honored Friday at a private party held in Ingersoll. Others in picture, left to right, are Ingersoll Mayor G. B. Henry, Wally Nesbitt, Oxford County's voice in federal government, and Dr. Harry Parrott, member of Queen's Park for the county. (Staff Photo)





Princess Anne and husband, Capt. Mark Phillips, pose with page boy Prince Edward and bridesmaid Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones, in the throne room of Buckingham Palace after their wedding. (AP)



**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
June 25, 1953

While digging in his garden, Everett Mountain of Otterville unearthed a coin collector's item. It was a Bank of Montreal coin, the size of the old-fashioned one-cent coin, valued at a half penny and dated 1844 with the inscription "Province of Canada."

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
June 13, 1963

Otterville (C) — Council passed a resolution granting the police village of Otterville permission to replace the present wooden water storage tank of the waterworks with a new steel tank.

Goshen - Relatives and friends attended the ordination of Reginald Babbey at Beachville Thursday afternoon and evening.

June 18, 1963

Four new canoes will be delivered to Camp Jackson in time for opening day, June 29. Three are a gift of the Kinsmen Club and the fourth was presented by Jim Priddle.

**TWENTY YEARS AGO**  
June 11, 1953

R. J. Sinclair, who is retiring this year after 45 years in the teaching profession, 38 of them at the local high school, was honored by TDHS students at an assembly Friday afternoon and presented with an easy chair.

Three local businesses have changed hands during the past week, with the total amounts involving nearing the \$500,000 figure. Biggest deal was the selling of the Arlington Hotel by Clarence H. Kohl to a Toronto man, Howard Frances. Owen Motors Ltd. has been sold and will be operated under the name Valley View Motors Ltd. with Arnold Swayze as president. Bill Dufraimont, proprietor of Tillsonburg Radio and Sports for the past four and a half years, has purchased the building on Oxford St. formerly known as the Dean Block.

Otterville - Caswell Dairy from Simcoe has purchased the Otter Dairy which has been operated by Verne Armstrong for the past few years.

# Happy, relaxed Princess Anne honeymoon-bound with husband

LONDON (CP) — A happy and relaxed Princess Anne, now Mrs. Mark Phillips, spent her first honeymoon night at the home of her mother's cousin in suburban Richmond Park before flying to Barbados today for an 18-day cruise.

The wedding-night destination was to be a secret but court reporters said Wednesday that Anne and her new husband were at Thatched House Lodge, a white residence set in the rolling terrain of the royal park, home of Princess Alexandra.

They fly to Barbados today to board the royal yacht Britannia to cruise in the Caribbean before Mark takes up his duties as a military instructor.

The Queen and other members of the Royal Family joyfully hurled rose petals as the couple left Buckingham Palace in an open horse-drawn carriage—Anne in sapphire-blue velvet dress and jacket trimmed with white

mink and a white mink hat and Capt. Phillips in a grey suit.

The moment marked the end of the biggest royal fiesta Britons have seen in years. The Queen is expected to pick up the wedding tab estimated at \$250,000.

After a short drive through the gathering November dusk, Anne and Mark transferred to an automobile at the back door of the Royal Chelsea Hospital, home of the famed scarlet-coated Chelsea pensioners.

It clouded over as soon as Anne and her handsome army officer had appeared on a Buckingham Palace balcony to hysterically-cheering crowds—who chanted "We want Anne" and "We want Mark" and would not stop yelling until they came back a second time. The Royal Family also joined the couple on the balcony briefly.

Until then, it had been brilliant royal bride's weather for November, with sunshine and a blue sky over the jingling pageantry of coaches and scarlet-clad cavalry. Hundreds

camped out overnight to get a good view of the processions and by 11 a.m., when the Queen's procession left the palace for the Abbey, up to 30,000 sightseers jammed Parliament Square, hanging on railings and waving Union Jacks. Cheers rose from thousands of throats.

It was at heart a family affair. The Queen has rarely seemed so unrestrainedly delighted as she was when leaving the abbey.

Television audiences round the world saw the 23-year-old princess, in a white silken Elizabethan gown with deep pointed sleeves and wearing a borrowed tiara from her grandmother, the Queen Mother, exchange a firm "I will" with 25-year-old Phillips.

The groom wore a glittering scarlet and gold tunic with skin-tight blue trousers and long spurs. He has previously appeared nervous in public speaking, but he spoke up without hesitation Wednesday as he pledged to endow "with all my worldly goods" Britain's most eligible heiress, fourth in line to the throne.

After they were pronounced man and wife by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Most Rev. Michael Ramsey — 69 Wednesday and soon to retire — the young couple knelt before the high altar. It was a solemn moment of dedication but they were plainly so happy in each other's company they seemed to forget all the surrounding pomp and leaned towards each other.

Prince Philip gave his daughter away, honoring his new son-in-law by wearing a field-marshal's uniform instead of his customary admiral's rig. Prince Charles, the bride's brother and heir to the throne wore the uniform of a serving naval lieutenant, with sword.

It was Charles's 25th birthday Wednesday and the palace crowds touchingly did not forget him in his sister's big moment. They sang "happy birthday to you" as the family stood on the balcony.

During the 50-minute wedding, attended by 1,500 guests in a myriad jewel-like outfits, Anne's page and bridesmaid stood rigidly to attention, little Sarah Armstrong-Jones in her white silk pinafore holding Anne's bouquet of white roses, lily of the valley, orchids and orange blossom.

In a pre-wedding TV interview, Anne had explained she didn't want "yards of uncontrollable children" at her wedding, having been a bridesmaid several times herself. She chose nine-year-old Prince Edward, her youngest brother, as page and he wore a royal Stuart tartan kilt and green jacket.



Almost half-century of service

# 'Mr. Co-Op' will retire

After almost 50 years of service to Ontario co-operatives, N. M. (Ken) Marshall will be retiring as director of United Co-Operatives of Ontario at the organization's annual meeting in Toronto on December 13.

Mr. Marshall, 70, was practically born into the management side of the co-operative business. At age 10, his father moved off the farm, which the family had been renting a mile and a half from Norwich, and started work for a Norwich feed business.

When the owner, Mr. Lossing, died in 1925, the local Norwich District Co-operative bought out the business. "They took Dad and I over as part of the deal and I was only a driver then, delivering feed, coal and general farm supplies by horse," Mr. Marshall wryly recalls.

In 1927, his father, who was co-op manager then, had a severe heart attack and the local directors asked Mr. Marshall to take over.

At the time, Norwich had 52 members and five employees with an annual business volume of \$50,000. When he left, almost 40 years later on January 1, 1966, there were 2,000 members, 50 employees and an annual volume of \$2.25 million. Today, as a UCO branch, Norwich has 1,602 members, 39 employees, and an annual volume of \$3.75 million.

Over the years, Mr. Marshall managed to help in other areas of his community. Elected to the Norwich town council, he was reeve from 1936 to 1939. He served a spell on the Public Utilities Commission, and 18 years on

the Norwich High School Board.

As Warden of the county in 1939, he and his wife Viola (a former school teacher from Zenda) were presented to the King and Queen during that year's Royal visit.

Possibly the biggest job he undertook as elected President of UCO's predecessor organization, UFCC (United Farmers Co-operative Company) was in 1948. That was when the individual membership structure was changed to a corporate member structure, and the name was changed to UCO. He had already been on the UFCC board for five years (he first ran for office on the encouragement of B. G. Palmer, long time president of the Norwich Co-op) before he was elected President in 1947.

Although he left the UFCC Board in 1949, Mr. Marshall



KEN MARSHALL

was re-elected to the UCO board in 1962, and has been re-elected in successive zone elections ever since.

## Bluebirds name officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Happy Bluebird Club met at the home of Mrs. Harold A. Waring for the November meeting.

The president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided and welcomed the members. Two cards of appreciation were read by the president.

This being the date set for the annual meeting, Mrs. Harold Pearce, past president of the club, presided for the election of officers: President, Mrs. Daisy Ash; first vice-president, Mrs. Charlie Edgeworth; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Davis; pianist, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency; Good Cheer, Cornell - Mrs. Harold Pearce; Norwich - Mrs. May Mitchell; Milldale - Mrs. Daisy Ash; Otterville -

Mrs. Harold Waring; press reporter, Mrs. Harold Waring. Dec/73

Final plans were made for the Christmas party, which will be held on Saturday evening, December 8th. The evening will open with a potluck supper, meat being provided. There will be a gift exchange and the time is 7 p.m.

Members of the Milldale group were in charge of the remainder of the evening and several games of euchre were enjoyed.

For the social part of the evening pie and ice cream were enjoyed. President gave the courtesy remarks to the hostess and those assisting. Announcement was made of the January meeting, which will be in charge of the Otterville group.

## Church Guild meet held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Church Guild members held their Christmas party in the Parish Hall on Thursday with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and the members enjoyed a potluck dinner at noon.

Following the dinner, there was a business meeting. Secretary Miss Edna Furlong gave roll call and read minutes. Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer, gave the

financial report of the roast beef supper, the dinner served to the members of the Leisure Club and the annual bazaar. Church calendars were handed out to the members and Mrs. Harold Durkee, Good Cheer convener, will send greetings to shut-in members.

Following the meeting, the game of touch and take was played and the members enjoyed the gift exchange. The afternoon closed with prayer by Jack Riste.

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morgan, who have been living in the house owned by Clarence Tichbourne on John St., have moved to their new home in Tillsonburg and are living at 12 King St.

Mrs. Jack Riste, who has been a patient in University Hospital, London, has returned to her home where she is convalescing. Dec/73

Mrs. Doris Ker of Ingersoll, Miss Marion Fugard of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Cooper of Tillsonburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe were holiday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Mrs. J. P. Heatley returned to her home in Sarnia on Tuesday after spending part of the Christmas holidays with relatives in Norwich, Brantford and Otterville.

Christmas holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy were Mr. and Mrs. William Kennedy and children, Annette and David of Gravenhurst; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pitts and Jamie of Mississauga; Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, Gail and Stephen, of Timmins; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hopkins and Paul of Norwich; Miss Barbara Agland of Pinawa, Manitoba, and Mr. Bruce Kennedy of the University of Waterloo.

Christmas Day guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland were Mrs. William Freeland of Mount Elgin, Mrs. Thelma Williams and Timmy and Mr. and Mrs. Winston Williams of Dundas.

## TEN YEARS AGO

December 18, 1963

John Craig Alexander, M.D., son of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Alexander, successfully passed the recent examination of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a Certified Specialist in ophthalmology, and has established his practice in Oakville.

Rev. Stanley Uptigrove of Wyoming has been appointed incumbent of the three-point parish of St. John's Otterville, Trinity, Norwich, and St. Charles, Dereham.

## AUCTION SALE

1973

As you no doubt know a new swimming pool is being discussed for our children.

I am sure we are all in agreement that having a safe place to swim has no doubt saved many lives - therefore we are going to hold an auction sale to help raise money to "fill the pool" and we need your help.

Donations of household articles, antiques, furniture, toys, appliances, etc. ( no clothing please ) are needed.

The South Norwich Community Hall has been arranged for Friday Nov. 30th, and Saturday Dec. 1st.

Merchandise will be accepted Friday evening 7:00 to 10:00, and Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The sale will begin on Saturday at 7:30 P.M.

If you have any further questions please phone Jean Davis - 879-6625, any large items will be picked up if you contact the above number.

Look in over 600.00 - placed 500.00 to Swimming Pool fund



# OTTERVILLE CHRISTMAS DRAW

The business men of Otterville are having a "FREE CHRISTMAS DRAW".  
Everyone is eligible to participate for 24 wonderful prizes. All you have to do is pick up your draw tickets every time you purchase \$1.00's worth of merchandise from one of the participating businesses and drop them in the ticket box. We will give one ticket for each dollar spent with a maximum of 20 tickets per purchase.

The prizes are:

2-Phillips Electric Can Openers	2-Phillips Electric Knives
Electric Wall Clock	2-Electric Scissors
Electric Kitchen Clock	Electric Drill (quarter inch)
2-Barometers	Electric Sander
Digital Alarm Clock	Decorative Oil Lamp
Child's Rocking Chair	Anchor Bar Set
Shaggy Birds	5- \$20.00 Vouchers
2-Portable Hibatchi Barbeques	Honoured at any participating business

Supporting businesses:

Almost Flowers	Ken Lee, Electric
Joe Ash Lumber	Al Lewis Construction
Don Broad Carpentry	McMillen's Machine Shop
Davis Bros. Plumbing & Heating	Mountain's Barber Shop
Dr. G. M. Downing	Adam Oliver, Insurance Agency
C. L. Finch & Son	Otter Contracting
Garnett's Variety	Otter Lumber
Nelson Gleason, Funeral Home	Otterville Foodtown
Har-Bar Restaurant	Otterville Heating Service
Harwood's Variety Corner	Powell Agri-Systems Ltd.
Holmes & Taylor Hardware	Cliff Bachar's Garage
Jim's Game Room	Savill Construction

Draws to be made December 23rd, 1972

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish one and all

a Very Merry Xmas.



# Heintzman introduces CONN. <sup>1973</sup>

Heintzman Limited, famous for quality in musical instruments since 1850 are introducing a new line of organs to the people of London. On Friday, January 12th Heintzmans invite you to the store at 242 Dundas Street to their

## OPEN HOUSE

See and Hear Larry Baguley demonstrate the unbeatable sound of a CONN ORGAN on Friday, December 12th at Heintzmans.



# HEINTZMAN

242 Dundas St.

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Brownsville senior citizens held their annual Christmas dinner at the United Church there on Wednesday. Shown are the planning committee for the meeting. From left to right, they are Madeline Fentie, of Culloden; Ilene Mayos, of Brownsville; Doris Sykes, of the Brownsville U.C. and Evelene Gilbert, of Brownsville. Over 40 people attended the affair.



DIOCESE OF HURON

## The Bishop's Christmas Pastoral 1973

*To be read and/or distributed in all Churches of the Diocese  
on the Third Sunday in Advent, December 16th.*



# 800 attend Nesbitt funeral



Wally Nesbitt

Some 800 persons, including political figures from across Canada, paid last respects to Wally Nesbitt December 24.

The Progressive-Conservative Member of Parliament for Oxford since 1953, died Friday. He had not regained consciousness after suffering a heart attack on December 2. Mr. Nesbitt had been back on his duties for about six weeks after suffering a stroke in May.

The service was held at New St. Paul's Anglican Church in Woodstock.

Canon L. W. Own, rector of the church, spoke of Mr. Nesbitt's long service to his riding and his interest in the problems of the people he served. He said that Prime Minister Trudeau had described the Oxford member as a capable man who had won many friends in the House through his courtesy and kindness.

Among those attending the service was a group of Ojibway Indians from the area of his summer home on Georgian Bay. He had been made an honorary chieftain by the Ojibways.

Others attending included Mr. Justice Pennell of the Ontario Supreme Court and Provincial Court Judge R. G. Groom; Conservative House Leader Thomas Bell; MP's Allan Lawrence, Stanley Knowles, William Knowles; Ontario Agricultural Minister William Stewart; MPP's Dr. Harry Parrott and Gordon Walker, and Canadian PC President Donald Matthews.

Assisting in the service were Rev. John MacLean and Rev. John Davies.

Pallbearers were selected from among friends.

Oxford's Member of Parliament since 1953, Wallace Nesbitt died at Woodstock General Hospital.

The 55-year-old MP had not regained consciousness after suffering a heart attack on December 2.

Mr. Nesbitt suffered a stroke in May and had only been back to his duties for about six weeks when he suffered the heart attack at his home.

He was born in Woodstock, August 7, 1918, and attended primary and secondary school there. He received his honors degree in political science and economics at the University of Western Ontario, and graduated in law from Osgoode Hall, Toronto.

After a slim 19-vote victory in his first election in 1953, Mr. Nesbitt soon became a solid favorite in Oxford and was an easy winner in seven more elections.

He was also highly regarded in the Progressive Conservative party, and held

several key posts in Ottawa. He was parliamentary assistant to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker when he formed the government in 1957, and served as chairman of Canada's delegation to the United Nations 12th General Assembly.

In 1958 he was named parliamentary secretary to Dr. Sidney Smith, then secretary of state for external affairs, and was chairman of the delegation to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

He again served as parliamentary secretary to Dr. Smith in 1959 and served as vice-chairman of Canada's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. He played a key role in bringing about a compromise in a Poland-Turkey dispute over seating in the UN.

He became parliamentary secretary to Trade and Commerce Minister George Hees in 1962 and led a trade mission to Western Europe.

With a change of government, he served from 1962 to 1968 as foreign affairs spokesman for the PC's and as co-chairman of the House of Commons committee on external affairs. He was also a member of the UN delegation from 1963 to 1968. He also served for a number of years on the Canada-USA Interparliamentary committee, and in 1968 was one of the joint chairmen, being in charge of discussions on defence and security.

In 1972, he was elected to represent the Conservative members on the inner executive committee of the party, and was also appointed co-chairman of the national party policy advisory committee.

He was a member of New St. Paul's Anglican Church, Woodstock; a member of the Lions Club, Oxford Lodge, AF and AM, Woodstock Lodge of Perfection, Loyal Order of Moose No. 1141, Kappa Sigma fraternity, Woodstock Royal Canadian Legion Branch 55 and the Oxford Naval Veterans' Association.

He served four years in the Royal Canadian Navy during the Second World War, holding the rank of lieutenant-commander.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Montalieu Nesbitt of Woodstock, and a sister, Mrs. Diana Stott of London.



Members of the H.M.S. Courageous Chapter of the I.O.D.E. in Tillsonburg were the studio audience at a recent "Act Fast" taping. The \$100 raised will be used for education scholarships and I.O.D.E. services. In the picture from left to right are Mrs. Gladys Bartram, Bill Brady, program host, and Mrs. Muriel Mann.





William McMullen and Harry Lee, both of Otterville, were special guests at the January meeting of the Norwich and District Historical Society. Mr. McMullen spoke on the early history of Otterville. He is shown holding a picture of the first Quaker church there, built in 1843. Mr. Lee displayed samples of his carving. Around his neck he wears a hand-carved wooden chain. *Jan -74*

## Woodstock barrister WI's guest speaker *Jan/74*

Barrister Richard Treleaven B.A.Q.C. of Woodstock was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute meeting, which was held in the Community Hall on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

The speaker gave a most impressive talk on "The Power of Attorney" and "The Making of Wills". The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Batson convener of Education and thanked by Mrs. Melville Beecroft who on behalf of the Institute presented him with a gift.

A number of visitors were present including the members of the Teeterville Women's Institute, Springfield Institute,

Summerville Institute and Cornell Institute along with the menfolk and interested folk of the village. All appreciated the opportunity of hearing the speaker in business affairs.

Following the speaker's talk many questions were asked in a period of time.

The president Mrs. William A. McMullen presided for the meeting and opened with the Institute Ode and Mary Stewart Collect. The roll call was responded to with the members telling "What I Read in the Newspapers to Educate Myself". Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Two "Thank-You" notes were read one from Mrs. Edna Davis and the other from

Mrs. Gladys Goodale, also a letter from the War Memorial Children's Hospital.

Mrs. H. H. Batson and Mrs. Harry Pickersgil who took the instructions on sewing with Knits have arranged for a day in the Hall, Jan. 28, when Mrs. Batson will give instructions.

The February meeting will be held in the Community Hall on Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, at 2 p.m. The convener will be Mrs. Jay Durkee and the hostess will be Mrs. Harold A. Waring.

The business meeting closed and Mrs. Batson gave a timely Motto on "Time Crises". Mrs. Jack Walther who was the pianist for the meeting lead in community singing.

The visitors were impressed with the work of the Otterville Brownies Pack which has recently been formed with Mrs. Jay Durkee as the leader. The work of the club was displayed around the hall for that same night when the mothers of the girls were invited to see and hear what was being accomplished in the group.

The new floor in the hall was another highlight in the hall which was admired by all.

Mrs. Ellington, of Teeterville, expressed appreciation for the afternoon with the Otterville ladies.

## Leisure Club holds session *Jan 1974*

OTTERVILLE — The first meeting of the Leisure club for 1974 was held in the Township Office recently with 16 members present.

There were games of euchre and marbles enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

The president Mrs. Harry Lee called the gathering to order and requested the financial report which was given by the secretary-treasurer Mrs. Harold Waring.

Decision was also made that the membership fee be 50 cents and a silver collection at each meeting. It was also decided that the group have roll call. There are 16 paid members at the present time.

**BAGULEY** - Larry and Janice (nee Collings) Baguley of Willowdale are happy to announce the arrival of an 8 lb. 5 oz. baby girl, Sarah Kristine at North York General Hospital, January 18, 1974. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Baguley of Otterville and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Collings of Bradford.

## Congregational meet at Otterville Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — A potluck supper served at 6:30 p.m. in the schoolroom of the Otterville United Church on Sunday, January 20, preceded the annual meeting of the congregation, which was attended by more than 20 members.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Harold Ryder.

Rev. Egilsson opened the meeting with Scripture and prayer.

Report of the session was given by Rev. Egilsson in the absence of the clerk of the session, reporting 141 resident members, 40 non-resident; three baptisms; marriages three; and two burials; in memoriam, Miss Ida McFarlane. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were welcomed to the church. They have retired and are living in Otterville.

The treasurer's and M & S Fund were reported by Max Avey. Rev. Egilsson expressed gratitude in the amount raised for the church above the objective.

The following reports were all accepted - UCW, Manse, by Stanley Arthur; Explorers, Mrs. Edward White; Young Peoples, Mrs. Edward Arthur; Boys Club, Mrs. Edward White.

Max Avey read the proposed budget.

The nomination report was as follows - Session, Rev. E. Egilsson and Harold Arthur. Other members of the session will be Stanley Arthur, Max Avey, Dr. H. H. Batson, Melville Beecroft, Donald Chisholm, Stewart Godby, Harold Ryder, Lorne Treffry, Mrs. Gertrude Walther, Sam McSpadden.

Elected to the Board of Stewards for one year, Edward Arthur, David Arthur, and Robert Pettigrew; two years, Donald Arthur, Max Avey, Adam Oliver and Irvin Gehring; three years, Mrs. Jack Walther, Darwin Sherman, Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Jim Papps.

Manse Committee - Lorne Treffry, Stanley Arthur, Max Avey and Mrs. Rod Taylor.

Trustee Committee - Melville Beecroft, Stanley Arthur, and Edward Arthur.

Nominating committee, President of U.C.W., chairman of

Board of Stewards, Clerk of Session. *Jan/74*

Ushers - Stewart Godby, Lorne Treffry, Edward Arthur, Jack Walther.

Choir leader, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; organist, Mrs. William A. McMullen, press, Mrs. Harold Waring; assistant, Melville Beecroft.

It was decided to continue with the United Church Observer and the Board of Stewards to be responsible for the Lenten Cards.

Annual meeting for 1974 will be held the third Sunday in January with a potluck supper. Edward Arthur suggested that appreciation be sent to Don McKee for his part in auditing the church books.

Adam Oliver made the motion that the treasurer of the church and the M & S Fund be Max Avey and extended a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey for their work well done. Max Avey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Gehring for their assistance while they were absent. Mr. and Mrs. Gehring were named assistants to Mr. and Mrs. Avey.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the United Church Women for the floors which were refinished in the church.

A vote of thanks was given to the Sunday School superintendent, officers and teachers for their splendid work throughout the year and also to Stewart Godby, who has charge of the missionary collection.

Mrs. Edward White voiced appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Egilsson for the valued assistance they had given through their ministry to the congregation.

Dr. H. H. Batson suggested the Sunday School session meet with the church service part of the time in an effort to get the young people to attend church service. It was felt the church session should deal with the matter along with the Sunday School teachers.

Rev. Egilsson expressed gratitude for achievement during the past year and told the meeting to keep up their spiritual awareness that God is the centre of our life and that 1974 we will move ahead. He thanked all for the support which was given him throughout the year.



15 MAIN ST.-NORWICH--landscaped lot 74' x 157'--an older home with lots of character--good condition--1 1/2 baths--three bedrooms up--mud room, kitchen, dining and living room down--PRICE: \$24,000.--Mortgage available--M.L.S. *Jan/74*



# Hymn, service books

The new hymn book and service book, jointly published by the Anglican Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada in 1971, were introduced to the congregation of the Norwich United Church on Sunday morning when hymn books and service books given as memorials were dedicated to the minister, Rev. Douglas Flint.

Mr. Flint took as his text a verse from Psalm 79 - From generations we will recount your praise, and spoke of how the church had come singing down through the ages from the time of the early Christians in Rome, through Francis of Assisi, during the Reformation through Calvin and Luther and later the many hymns of Charles Wesley. In this hymn book is the music of all faiths showing that the churches are all united in song.

During the service hymns old and new were used - "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "To God the Only Wise," "Will Your Anchor Hold?", "Now Every Morning," "My Faith Looks Up To Thee," "Lord of the Living," "Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement," and "O God in Heaven."

The books were presented to the congregation by Mrs. Charles Bishop on behalf of those who had given the Memorials and were in memory of:

Clare (Wands) Bergs, Rev. Andrew D. Boa, Mr. and Mrs. David Ferris, Rev. J. M. Haith, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilliker, Rev. Walter Kiteley, Elsie Lolcama, Elgin A. Lossing, Mr. and Mrs.

# Guild plans Valentine party

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Howse on Thursday afternoon with a good attendance.

President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and opened with a meditation followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

Miss Edna Furlong called the roll, followed with the treasurer's report by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Sewing was handed in for the bazaar in the fall.

A Valentine luncheon and euchre is being planned for February 14 from 12-1:30 and there will be a door prize. Other activities in the Guild will be the Plate dinner April 24th at 6:30 in the Parish hall.

Mrs. Derwood Spicer invited the ladies to her home for the next meeting.

A social hour completed the afternoon.

William McClellan, George Miller, Harriet Edith (Shaw) Moore, Mrs. W. W. Morgan.

Bernard and Annie Palmer, Gordon Patchett, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Penny, Amelia E. Poldon, Grace Miriam Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. John Pritchard, Orval Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Taylor, Mrs. Maude Taylor, LeRoy Wilson, Elvin Wisson.

Rev. A. D. Boa, Leslie R. Clement, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Fry, Miles and Edith Hartley, George Kibler, Rev. W. M. Kiteley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Longworth, Walter and Mary Lossing, Charles and Mary Miller, C. F. Perle (Ramsey) Moore, John and Caroline Morgan.

Vera (Wilcox) Newton, E. Burpee Palmer, Olive E. Parkhill, Doris Pinkerton, G. Harold Poldon, John and Belle Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew F. Ryder, Susan Edith Stone, Charles Taylor, Evelyn Wands, Mrs. Robert S. Wilson.

# Missionary ladies meet

OTTERVILLE - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Otterville Baptist Church held their January meeting at the home of the president Mrs. Fred Hill. Mrs. Hill presided for the business session and challenged the ladies with the call to worship. - Responsibilities for the New Year as "New" creatures in Christ Jesus.

The secretary, Mrs. Delmer Clinton was in charge of the roll call which was answered by the ladies with a thought for the New Year. Plans were made for a Family Night in March and to attend a program presented at Oxford Baptist Church by the Ontario Bible College Choral.

Mrs. Paul Hill was in charge of the devotional program using the theme Happy New Year. Mrs. Murray Treffry brought a reading "A Recipe for a Happy New Year." Mrs. William Hansford read the scripture lesson from Matt. 5 from the modern English translation using the word "Happy" instead of "Blessed"

Conditions of Happiness were given in scripture verses by Mrs. Charter Davis, Mrs. Jack Walters, Mrs. Brian Davis, Mrs. George Blair, Mrs. Robert Marshall, and Mrs. Henry Leach.

Finding happiness as Christian women in the everyday things of life was presented by Mrs. Paul Hill. Mrs. Hilda Stockmans gave a reading "Promises for the New Year."

# Membership set by club

OTTERVILLE (C) - First meeting of the Leisure Club for 1974 was held in the township office on Wednesday afternoon with 16 members present.

There were games of euchre and marbles enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

The president, Mrs. Harry Lee, presided. Financial report was given by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Harold Waring.

The members decided that a cup of tea be served at the next meetings and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey will be the social committee for the remainder of January.

Decision was also made that the membership fee be 50c and a silver collection at each meeting. It was also decided that the group have roll call. There are 16 paid members at the present time.

# Church Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild met at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist on Thursday afternoon. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided and gave the call to worship. Secretary Miss Edna Furlong gave the minutes and roll call, which were responded to by the paying of membership. Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer of the Guild, gave the financial report and Mrs. Harold Durkee, Good Cheer convener, reported on her work of remembrances of cards sent to members, which were 24 get well cards, ten sympathy, ten Easter, eight Christmas, one anniversary, delivered and six plants and two Christmas plants.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Fred Howse in two weeks time.

# Leisure Club meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of the Leisure Club was held in the Council Chamber of the township office on Wednesday afternoon and was well attended.

Following the games of progressive euchre, bingo euchre was enjoyed.

The president, Mrs. Lee, presided for the business and welcomed the members. The roll call was responded to by the members giving a current event or telling a joke. The social repast was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Mrs. Fred Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee will be the hosts for the next term for the social hour.

# Businessmen name officers

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Businessmen's Association held their annual meeting in the Community Hall on Monday evening. Prior to the business, a donation in memory of the late Elmer Almost, who passed away suddenly on Saturday, was given to the Swimming Pool Fund.

past president, Jim Auger; president, Mel Smith, secretary, Art Moore; treasurer, Fred Zaharchuck.

A hobby show is in the offing, but no date has been set. This will be similar to the interesting exhibits which were on display in the Community Hall last March.

Officers for 1974 will be:



GORDON SINCLAIR  
... Americans flipping over his disc

# Sinclair disc

Sir: Gordon Sinclair's editorial, "The Americans," is now being marketed in recorded form. The content proclaims how unfairly America is treated in her current despair.

The recording of the editorial was made by CKLW radio in Windsor. Ego-conscious Americans have flocked to purchase the disc.

All royalties from sales are given to the American Red Cross. But who is garnering all the production profits from the disc? Not Canadian recording companies; CKLW left that for the Americans.

If the American sentimentality can be tapped with this type of pap, why can't some of the benefit be given to the Canadian recording industry. Can't it press records too?

JOHN C. COLEMAN

London

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**TEN YEARS AGO**  
January 29, 1964  
Otterville - Village trustees, encouraged by interested residents, have had a 1,000 watt mercury vapor light installed at the Otter dam to illuminate the creek and water cascading over the dam.



## LIONS PARK COMMITTEE

## Financial Statement

Jan. 1, 1973 to Jan. 15, 1974

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1972</u>
Bank balance	1,230.37	654.36	Pool Expenses	1,204.80	1,205.96
Norwich Recreation	550.33	489.08	Hydro	406.55	361.81
Fireworks	840.50	239.69	Telephone	82.79	148.80
S.N. Grant	1,400.00	2,000.00	Fireworks	344.12	266.39
Bank Loan	1,300.00	2,000.00	Caretaker	1,200.00	1,200.00
Picnics	104.00	170.00	Pool Wages	2,561.30	1,782.33
Pool Receipts	3,584.43	2,471.10	Bath House Attendant	719.62	654.25
Swim Lessons	-	502.00	Park Expenses	297.47	608.20
Sunshine Club	100.00	100.00	W. C.B.	18.18	19.93
Booth Profits	718.08	937.77	U.E.I.	62.45	22.37
Booth Receipts	545.43	-	C.P.P.	59.52	43.30
Bell Telephone Refund	-	2.44	Bank Loan	1,300.00	2,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 10,373.14	\$ 9,616.44	Interest on Loan	30.38	72.73
			Service Charges	21.90	-
			Booth Expenses	654.47	-
			Bank Balance	1,409.59	1,230.37
			TOTALS	\$ 10,373.14	\$ 9,616.44

NOTE

- (1) Outstanding Bank Loan at December 31, 1973 - NIL
- (2) The Norwich Otterville Lions Club sponsor two buses to the pool each week during the summer
- (3) Capital purchaes during the year 1973 - NIL
- (4) Capital purchases required during year 1974 - Lawn mower (riding)
- (5) Installation of new Swimming Pools-1974

G .F. Shearer  
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## OBITUARY

Mrs. Elzina Mann  
OTTERVILLE (C) —  
Mrs. Elzina Elvira Mann of  
Otterville, beloved wife of

the late Charles Mann  
passed away January 29th  
in the Tillsonburg District  
Memorial Hospital in her  
80th year.

Born in Alton, Illinois,  
U.S.A., she came to Canada  
36 years ago and lived in the  
Newark area North Norwich  
Township and later moved  
to Otterville where she had  
been a resident for the past  
34 years. She was  
predeceased by her husband  
three years ago.

Surviving are two  
daughters and four sons —  
Mrs. Arnold (Elsie) Spiers of  
Detroit; Mrs. Carl  
(Josephine) Howse,  
Otterville; Charles,  
California; Ivor, Tillsonburg;  
Robert, London; and  
Kenneth of Otterville. One  
brother August of Missouri,  
13 grandchildren and 10  
great grandchildren also  
survive.

The late Mrs. Mann was a  
member of the St. John's  
Anglican Church, The  
Ladies Guild, Past Matron  
of the OES Norwich 179;  
Past Noble Grand of the  
Violet Rebekah Lodge 330  
and attended all these  
organizations as long as  
health permitted.

The funeral service was  
held from the Nelson F.  
Gleason Funeral Home on  
Friday, February 1st, at 2  
p.m. Rector H.D. Herring of  
the St. John's Anglican  
Church, Otterville  
conducted the service.

Interment was in the  
Otter Cemetery.

In

Remembrance





## A Little Step Away

To close the eye, to fall asleep,  
To draw a labored breath,  
To find release from daily cares  
In what we know as death...

Is this the crowning of a life,  
The aim or end thereof?  
The totaled sum of consciousness,  
The ripened fruit of love?

It cannot be, for works of God  
Are wrought for nobler ends,  
And those away continue on  
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on  
A little step away...  
The soul, in the everlasting life,  
Has found a better day.....

O. J. HANSON

## In Memoriam

Passed away at  
Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital  
on Tuesday, January 29, 1974

**Mrs. Elzina Mann**

of Otterville

in her 80th year

Friends will be received at  
the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home  
Otterville, Ontario

where the Funeral Service will be held on

**Friday, February 1, 1974**

at 2:00 p.m.

Interment in Otter Cemetery

H. D. Herring  
Minister in charge



# South Norwich Township's reeve walking tight rope

South Norwich Township's reeve, William Martin, has found himself doing a tight-rope act in the past couple of weeks. Reeve Martin is a member of Oxford County Council's restructured government Implementing Committee, and, as such, is a moderate backer of the concept of restructuring the municipal system in the county.

However, at a four-township meeting held last week, the other members of South Norwich Council came out against any form of restructuring until it was forced on Oxford County by the provincial government. Reeve Martin abstained from voting at that meeting, but all other council members from South Norwich, joined by almost everyone from the other municipalities, favored the idea of dropping plans for a restructured Oxford.

The News asked Reeve Martin about his stand now, as he is caught between the two loyalties. He said that he is "not entirely opposed to restructuring the county."

The reeve said that "what we've asked for is draft legislation," as a preparatory step to any final decisions. He said that municipal councils would study a draft proposal, and "if it's something we feel we can live with, I guess most people will accept it."

Reeve Martin was asked if he thought restructuring would take place in the next year in Oxford County. "I hardly think so," he said. "You can't get draft legislation that quickly. It would be very unusual if you could."

The News asked Dr. Martin about the current attitude of county council toward restructuring. He said that the provincial government has "backed

off" on their approach since Oxford began a restructuring study. This, he feels, is the reason "a lot of us developed the attitude to wait and see what happened."

He noted that the original intent of the study was to keep Oxford together as a unit under a new form of government, and "I don't think that has changed very much."

The News also asked the reeve if he felt that South Norwich, a municipality in the extreme south of Oxford County, gets a fair share of county services in comparison to the money they send to Woodstock, the County seat.

He said "I guess every municipality has the same beef. But year in and year out, you get back what you put in."

Reeve Martin noted that "if you don't get it this year, you get it next year...one year there's a big pile of money spent, and then, in the next two or three years, there's not much done in that area."

"I guess you have to average it," he said.

The reeve was asked what South Norwich's attitude was toward industry coming to the predominantly rural township. He said that "our zoning bylaw is basically rural."

He pointed out that there is one major firm in the township - Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville. He termed that business "Welcome", and said that Powell has supplied a lot of employment to people in the township.

However, Mr. Martin said the township would be cautious in inviting major industry to come into the area. In reference to a big industry, he said "I don't know how welcome they would be."

"They bring problems, too," said the reeve.

Asked about the proposed official plan of the township, the reeve noted that "maybe eventually this year we'll probably have one. It moves slow."

The reeve was asked what major projects were planned by township council for the coming year. He said council was already very involved with two major undertakings - the new swimming pool in the Otterville Park, and the addition to the township's fire hall, which is almost completed.

## Luncheon, Euchre held

OTTERVILLE (C) — A Valentine luncheon and euchre, sponsored by the members of St. John's Church Guild, was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday and all was in keeping with St. Valentine's Day. Feb-12/74

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed at the noon hour. Organ selections were played by Mrs. Jack Freeland. Six tables were in play for progressive euchre.

Ladies high prize was won by Mrs. Benjamin Strudwick; ladies low, Miss Edna Furlong; playing a man's hand, high was won by Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, and low was won by Mrs. Barbara Hart, most lone hands, Mrs. Strudwick for ladies and Mrs. Gladys Maloney for men.

By ticket draw, the lovely floral arrangement was won by Mrs. Harold Durkee. An enjoyable afternoon was spent.

Spent \$71.00

## South Norwich names road

### superintendent

Feb/74

Robert Butler, of Otterville, has been appointed road superintendent of the township of South Norwich. Mr. Butler received the appointment at the recent meeting of South Norwich Township Council.

He has been an employee of the township's roads department for two and one half years. Mr. Butler takes the place of the late Elmer Almost, who passed away in January of this year.

Mr. Almost had served the township for 27 years as road superintendent.

Mr. Butler will be riding in style in his new position... council accepted a tender on a new GMC half-ton pickup truck. The tender of Fidin Pontiac and Buick of Norwich, in the amount of \$3,090.57, was chosen by council.

Five tenders were submitted on the truck.

Council also opened tenders for a four-ton truck, but passed a resolution not to accept any of the tenders.

A \$25 grant to the Delhi Minor Hockey Association was approved by council.

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These are the member of South Norwich Township Council, 1973-74. Shown are, top, left to right, Deputy-Reeve George Davis, Reeve William Martin, clerk-treasurer Merlin Howse, bottom, councillors Carl Beal, Delbert Wrigglesworth, and Jack Walther.

## Lodge plans birthday party

Feb 18th 1974

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge met in the I.O.O.F. hall on Monday evening, with Noble Grand Jean McClintock and Vice-Grand Wilma Butler presiding.

Five officers were absent.

The Charter was draped in loving memory of Sister Elzina Mann.

Cards were to be sent to members and families in hospital, and several invitations were read to attend Lodges in the district for salad or dessert euchres.

The birthday of the lodge will be celebrated March 18 and a salad euchre will be held April 17 starting at 12 o'clock. Proceeds from this salad euchre are for the swimming pool fund, so please co-operate.

Lodge closed in regular form, and lunch was served by the committee in charge.

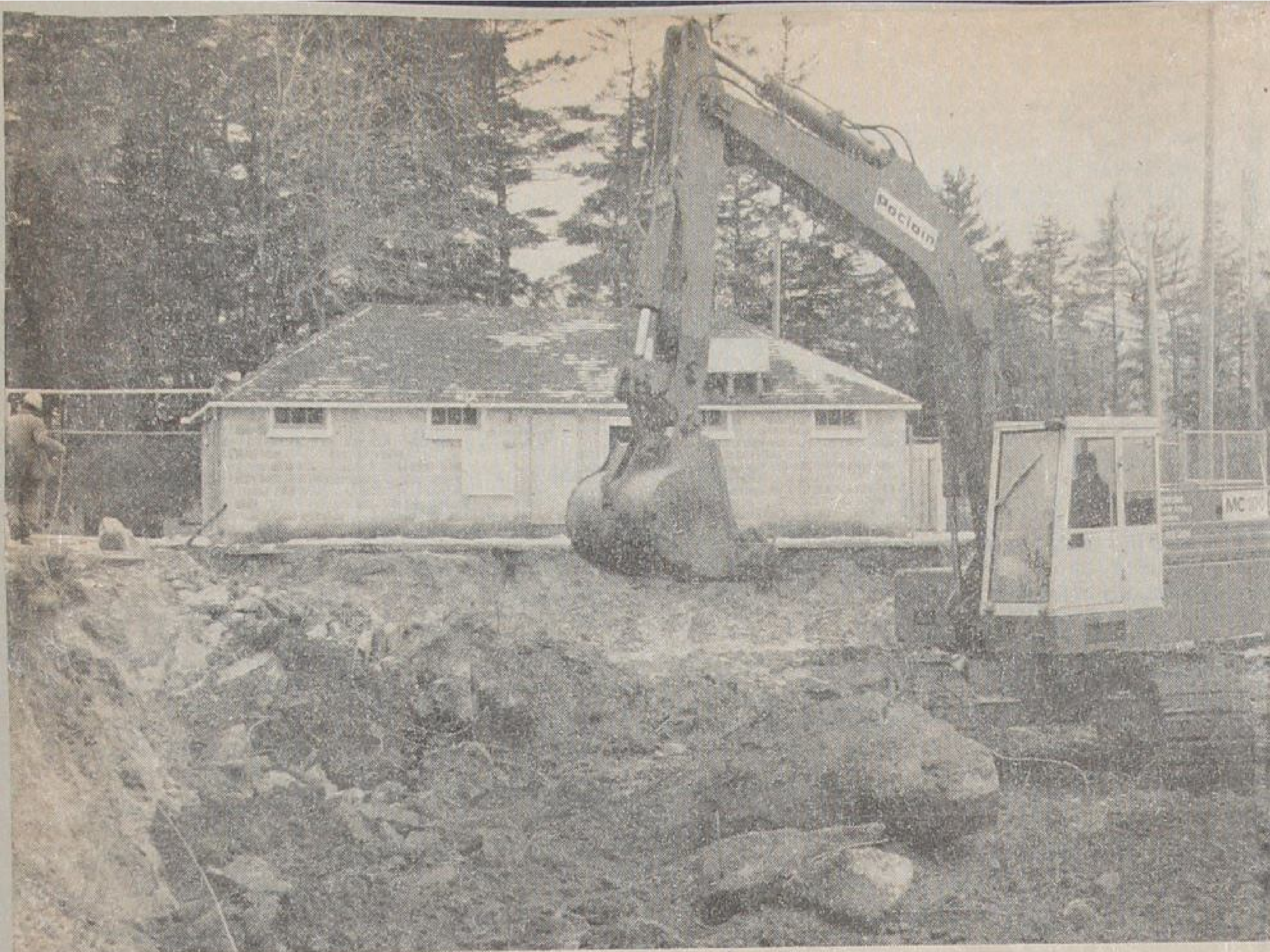
## Otterville Reducing Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Meetings are being held in the basement of the Otterville Community Hall every Monday at 8 p.m. which are under the direction of the Weight Watchers program. Monday evening, February 4,

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was the first meeting of the season when eight ladies interested in losing weight attended the meeting and the following were elected to office: President, Mrs. Keith Arthur; Secretary, Mrs. Bert Redman; weight recorder, Mrs. Jack Freeland.





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A \$103,000 project to reconstruct the 26-year-old Otterville swimming pool has begun. A 100-by-50-foot pool, being built by Gilvesy Construction Ltd. of Tillsonburg,

will replace the old pool. The new pool will have a maximum depth of 11 feet, 9 inches for diving. The old pool was 9½ feet deep. A \$22,000 provincial grant is expected.

## Walk planned for pool fund '74

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville, on Monday evening, February 25. Lion president Jim McLaren presided.

There was a large attendance with ten guests. Seven visitors were present from the Vittoria Lions Club. Two prospective members were introduced.

This was the official visit of Zone chairman Lion Gerry Duncanson of Vittoria, who spoke on "The Meaning of Lionism." He was introduced by Lion Bill Butler and thanked by Lion Jim McLaren.

Lion Bill Smith was presented with a 20-year perfect attendance pin and Lion Ed McFarlane with a 10-year chevron by the zone chairman.

The club considered a donation to the "Lighthouse" project in Norwich and the Zone chairman asked that the club consider a donation to CARE.

There were reports on the Norwich Medical Centre and the Otterville Swimming Pool projects. Both are progressing favorably.

A community walk-a-thon is planned for May 4th in aid of the Swimming Pool.

The annual Lions Barbecue will be held in the South Norwich Community Park on Saturday, June 15.

## Plan pool fund raising

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The Otterville pool, a joint effort of the township of South Norwich, and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, is now in its construction stages. The task that now faces the sponsors is to pay for the pool.

The total cost of the new pool, in the Otterville park, is estimated at \$103,000. Of that, the Lions have pledged to contribute \$22,500.

The club's Lions' Park Committee met last week, and arrived as several plans to help raise the money. A major project will be a walkathon, slated for early May.

The walkathon will be chaired by Lion Murray Wardell, and a committee that includes Dave

Ramer of Springford, Ed MacFarlane of Burgessville, John Leitch of Norwich, and Gord Shearer of Otterville.

The committee has also suggested an area canvass to raise funds, with William Butler chairing that project. Committee members would include H.

Fleming of Springford, Les Dickson of Burgessville. A. Vandenberghe of Norwich, and George Davis of Otterville.

Three Lions were named to a committee to arrange a money-raising 50-50 draw. Heading that project will be Mel Smith, Ron Kiddie, and Rene DeCooman.

## Hosts Anglican Guild meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president of St. John's Anglican Guild, opened her home for their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon.

Minutes were read by the secretary, Miss Edna Furlong. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen. Announcement was made of the World Day of Prayer service in the United Church, Otterville, on Friday, March 1, at 2 p.m. The next Guild meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist on Thursday, March 7.

Rector H. Herring presented by tape recording "How to live with yourself," by Dr. Ban, psychiatrist. The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring and a social time was enjoyed.

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## \$13,535 damages awarded in Norwich area accident

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WOODSTOCK — Stanley Pite of RR 1, Norwich, was awarded \$11,823 and John E. McMullen of Otterville \$1,712 in a counterclaim in Ontario Supreme Court Monday in an out-of-court settlement following a March 19, 1972, fatal accident.

Mr. Pite's wife, Dorothy, 47, was killed in the two-car Highway 59 accident in front of their home, south of Norwich. Mr. McMullen was driver of the other vehicle.



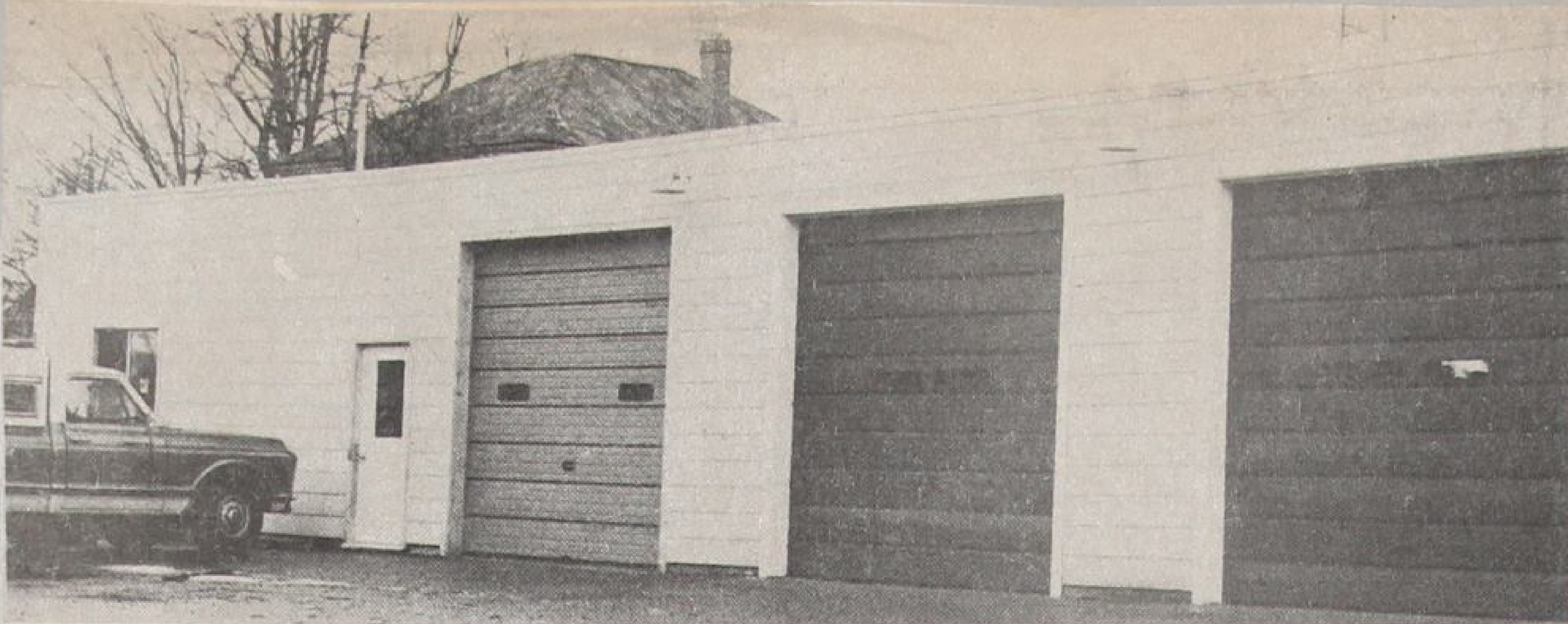
1st Otterville Brownie Pack which was just formed.

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District Commissioner Mrs. Irvin Allin enrolling new Guiders Mrs. Jay Durkee.





If the South Norwich fire hall looks a little larger to you, that's because it is. The fire hall has been extended to make room for the

new truck they purchased in the past year. Work is almost completed on the renovations.

## South Norwich fire calls down

There is one official organization in every municipality that everyone hopes will not have to do a bit of on-the-job work...the local fire department.

The South Norwich department, a 17-man volunteer unit, progressed in that direction in 1973, as they saw the number of calls reduced by one third from the previous year.

The South Norwich Volunteer Fire Department answered 18 calls in their 1973 year (November to November), a decrease of nine from the previous 12 months. There were no fatalities caused by fire, and no injuries sustained by any firefighters.

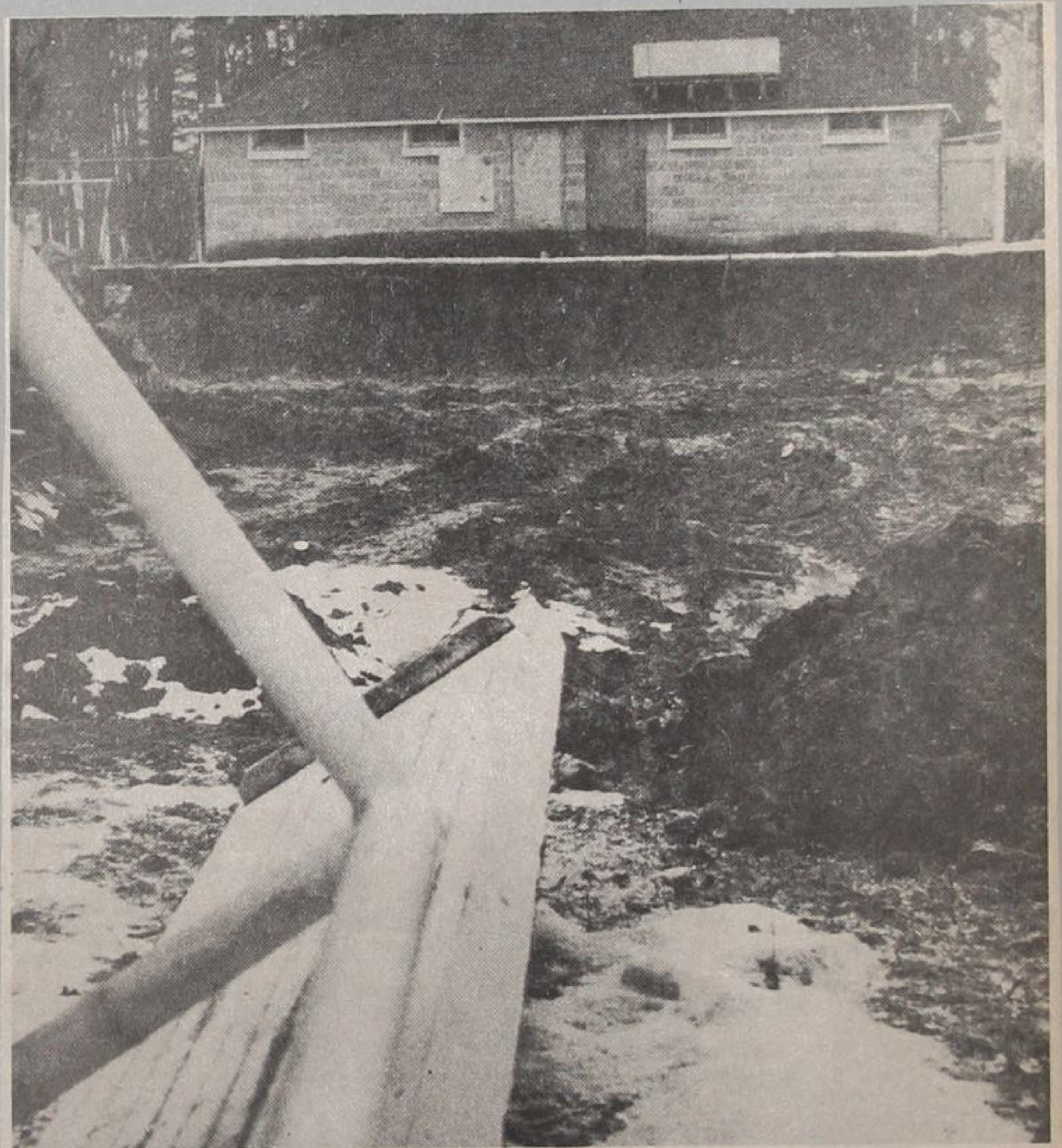
In addition to the 18 calls, the department had weekly drills. They spent a total of 178½ hours in actual fire fighting.

The Fire Chief of South Nor-

wich is William McMullen. Firefighter Percy Walters, of the department, was named 1974 President of the Oxford County Mutual Aid Association.

In February, 1973, the department purchased a new combination pumper, booster, and hose truck at a cost of \$19,631. An addition to the fire hall is now nearing completion, to accommodate that new truck, along with the other two owned by the department. Cost of the addition is about \$5,500, and the work is being done by contractor Don Broad, himself a member of the department.

The fire call figures for 1973 show one house fire (compared to five in 1972); no barn fires (two in 1972); five kiln fires; two grass and brush fires; one car fire; two chimney fires; one false alarm; three miscellaneous calls; and two dump fires.



The diving board lying on its side in the foreground, and the change house in the background, will remain the same. But everything between will be brand new when the Otterville pool opens this summer. The demolition of the old pool is completed, and construction is expected to begin soon. The new pool is a joint project of South Norwich township council, and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

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## South Norwich assessment increased

Assessment in the township of South Norwich increased by \$116,450 in 1973, and there is still more to come. Some of the building that took place in the township near the end of the year did not appear on the most recent tax roles.

The total 1973 assessment for the township was \$5,641,128, up from the 1972 figure of \$5,524,678.

The breakdown of 1973 assessment shows commercial assessment of \$586,458, and farm and residential assessment (by

far the bulk of property in South Norwich), as \$5,054,670.

Township clerk-treasurer Merlin House says the increase of slightly over \$100,000 was "about an average increase."

## Pool construction underway

Kids from South Norwich township and the surrounding area will be swimming in a spanking new pool this summer. Under a joint project by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, and the township council, a new swimming pool is presently in the construction stages in the Otterville Park.

The pool will be built at the same location as the former Otterville pool, and will be of the same dimensions. The change-house will remain as it is.

Currently, demolition of the old pool has been completed, and the

construction phase is about to get underway.

The first pool in Otterville was built in 1947, and has seen large attendance every summer since. The new pool became a necessity because the walls of the old pool were cracked and shaling, and the filtering system was faltering. The pool was closed for one day last summer because of a filtering problem.

The dimensions of the new pool will be 100 feet by 50 feet. The demolition began on January 21.

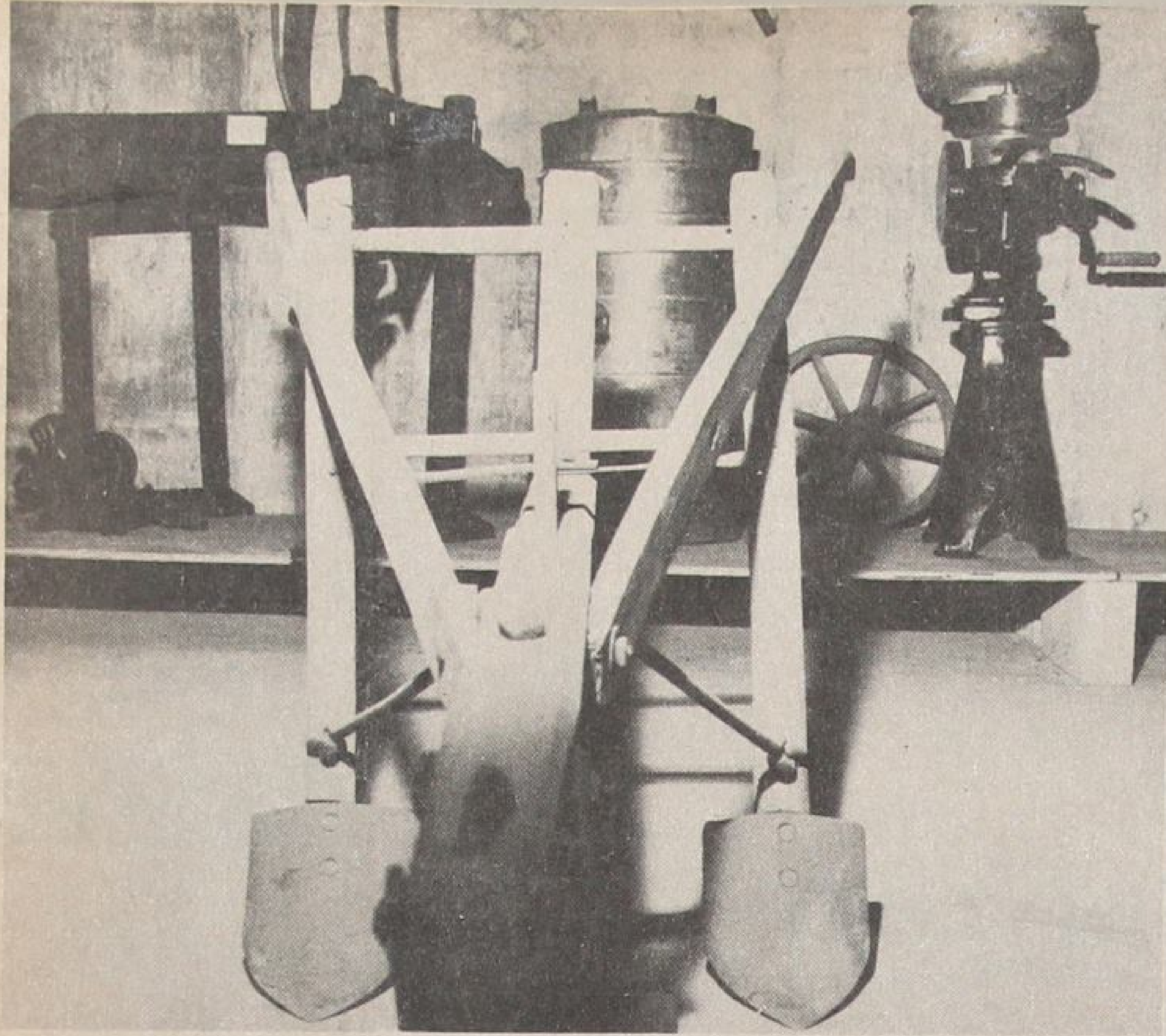
The pool will cost about \$103,000. The township is hoping

for about \$22,000 in government grants. The Lions have pledged \$22,500 toward the project, and the rest of the money will come from the township of South Norwich.

The project is being co-ordinated by an appointed Board including township council members and members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions.

Council appointees are Jack Walther, Carl Beal and Delbert Wigglesworth. Lion members include Murray Downing, Dalton French, Jim McLaren and William Butler.





These are some of the many articles on display in the museum in the bottom floor of the South Norwich township office. In the foreground is a wooden cultivator, nick-named "a grasshopper". At rear are, left to right, a corn stalk cutter, a 30 gallon milk can, and a coffee grinder.



Dr. Russell Hall, president of Norwich Minor Hockey Association from 1955 to 1962, marks the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Norwich Hockey by cutting the cake in a special ceremony following an exhibition hockey game between the Midget All Stars and the group winners of 1949. The cake was in the shape of a hockey rink with a Norwich Minor Hockey crest in the middle and miniature hockey players all ready to skate across the icing and score a goal.

## Running township expensive

Running a municipality, even a relatively small one, is an expensive proposition. The total expenditures of the township of South Norwich in 1973 were over half a million dollars.

Of course, not all of this comes out of the taxpayers' pockets as a direct levy going to the township. There are government subsidies that assist the township, but all of that money comes from taxpayers somewhere.

The total unaudited expenditures for the township were \$576,454.60. The largest chunk of that went predictably towards education. The Oxford County Board of Education picked up \$249,956.00; the Oxford County Separate School Board received \$28,715.00; and the Haldimand-Norfolk Separate School Board took \$7,578.02.

The largest expense within the township itself was roads - the road department budget for 1973 in South Norwich total \$115,074.40. Next on the list was

the County of Oxford, which took \$98,142.31 of the levy.

General township expenditures were about \$62,000. The Village of

Otterville accounts totalled \$3,845.25; street lighting took

\$2,334.92; and the Parks board received \$8,808.70.



The forty-niners line up after a hard-fought exhibition game against the Norwich Midget All Stars during the 25th anniversary celebrations of Norwich Minor Hockey. Pictured are: rear from left, Don Stevenson, London; Maurice Longworth, Norwich; Harold Everett, Sudbury; Ted Worrall, Georgetown; Harold Tolman, London, and John McClellan, Norwich. Front row, from left, Ralph Clayton, Ridgeway; Roger Hinde, Paris; Gord Gehring, Otterville; Bev Avey, Norwich, and Tom Furlong, Norwich. 1974 Feb



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# 1973 A Normal Year In South Norwich

By Dave Godfrey

OTTERVILLE — 1973 was a normal year for the Township of South Norwich, according to its Reeve William Martin.

"The only two major projects started in 1973 were the fire hall extension and the construction of the new swimming pool at South Norwich Park," said Reeve Martin.

The new pool will be the same size as the old one and it is a joint venture between the Township and Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

The fire hall is being expanded to provide a third bay for the new \$19,000 pumper and hose truck the department acquired in 1973. "The addition will be used as a meeting room and we will then use the old area as the third bay for the truck," said Township Clerk Merlin Howse.

Construction on the fire hall extension started around the middle of December and it is hoped that it will be completed sometime this week.

The 17-man volunteer fire department answered 17 calls during 1972 which was a drop of 10 from the previous year.

While fire calls might have decreased building permits were increased. During 1973, 47 permits were issued with an assessed value of \$386,800. Fourteen permits were issued for new dwellings, 27 for repairs to dwellings and

buildings, one industrial, two commercial and three agricultural permits were issued. In 1973, 31 permits were issued at an assessed value of \$264,100.

Mr. Howse said he felt that one of the main reasons for the larger assessment value for 1973 was the increase in the construction of new houses over the previous year.

The 1973 tax assessment for the township will be up slightly for 1973 according to figures released by the clerk. The total for 1973 is \$564,128 which is

\$116,450 over the previous year.

The Township is responsible for 72 miles of roads and the money spent for maintenance of the roads last year amounted to \$115,074.40.

One of the major projects done last year was the paving of two and one half miles on road on the 10th Concession from Rocks Mills to Five Points at a cost of \$19,305.

Some of the other major expenses were on bridge approaches, \$12,815, the regrading and gravelling of a one mile section of Hawtrey

Rd. which cost \$8,000 and the paving of a portion of two streets in Otterville at a cost of \$2,004.60.

Snow removal and sanding for the year cost \$4,868.73.

One of the first jobs to be carried out in 1974 will be the naming of a replacement for former road superintendent Elmer Almost who passed away suddenly on January 5 of a heart attack.

"We hope to have a new road superintendent appointed by March 1," said Reeve Martin.

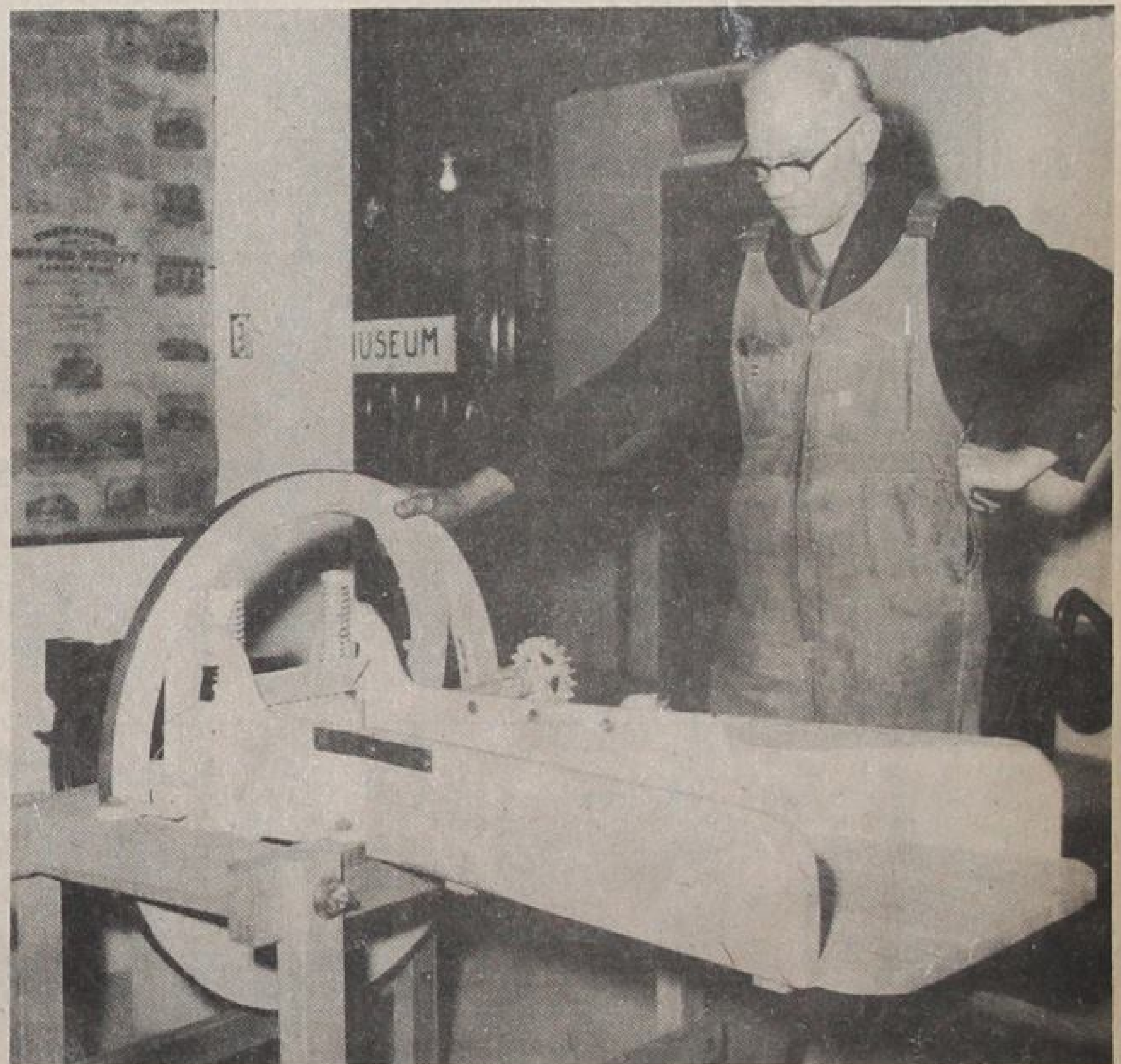
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This old corn stock cutter was built around 1900 and is one of the many varied items found in the Otterville museum. The museum was opened in 1967. Curator William McMullen Sr. would like to see the formation of Historical Society in Otterville and eventually move the museum to a larger location. (News-Record Photo)

February 7, 1964

Otterville - The Addison Funeral Home at Otterville, owned by the Addison family for over 56 years, has been purchased by Nelson Gleason of Dundas.



# S. Norwich Museum May Be Expanded

OTTERVILLE — Tucked away in the basement of the South Norwich Township Municipal building in Otterville is a small museum. Its curator is William "Bill" McMullen Sr.

Mr. McMullen, who operates his own machine shop in the village, started the museum in 1967. "I had a lot of old items kicking around my shop and had no place to put them. I contacted one of the councillors at the time and asked what he thought about setting up a museum. He approached council and they said I could use the basement of municipal building," said Mr. McMullen.

When he opened the museum he had about 30 items ranging from household effects, items from general stores and some small farm tools.

"It didn't take long after I opened the display before people started phoning me up and letting me know of items they had, which might be of interest," said Mr. McMullen.

The museum now contains articles such as old wooden washing machines, old band instruments, stuffed birds and animals, old newspapers including a copy of the old Otterville newspaper and even an old parlor organ which was purchased by Mr. McMullen's grandfather in 1885.

"Some of the articles are my own and others have been loaned to us," he explained.

Mr. McMullen said he would like to expand the museum and set it up at a larger location. He said he has talked to some of his friends about the idea but has not yet approached the township council.

"Before we could do that I would like to see a

Historical Society set up here," he said.

Mr. McMullen said the reason he has not spent more time trying to set up such an organization has been lack of time.

"Because of my business I have not had the time to devote to setting up such an organization. Maybe when I retire from my work, possibly in 1975, I will have the time to do it," he explained.

The museum is a non-profit organization and there is no admission charge. Lorne Treffry, a friend of Mr. McMullen,

helps out by looking after the displays along with the curator.

One project Mr. McMullen has in mind for 1974 is the reconstruction of a steam engine. "The work will be done at my shop and when it is finished it will be in working order," he said.

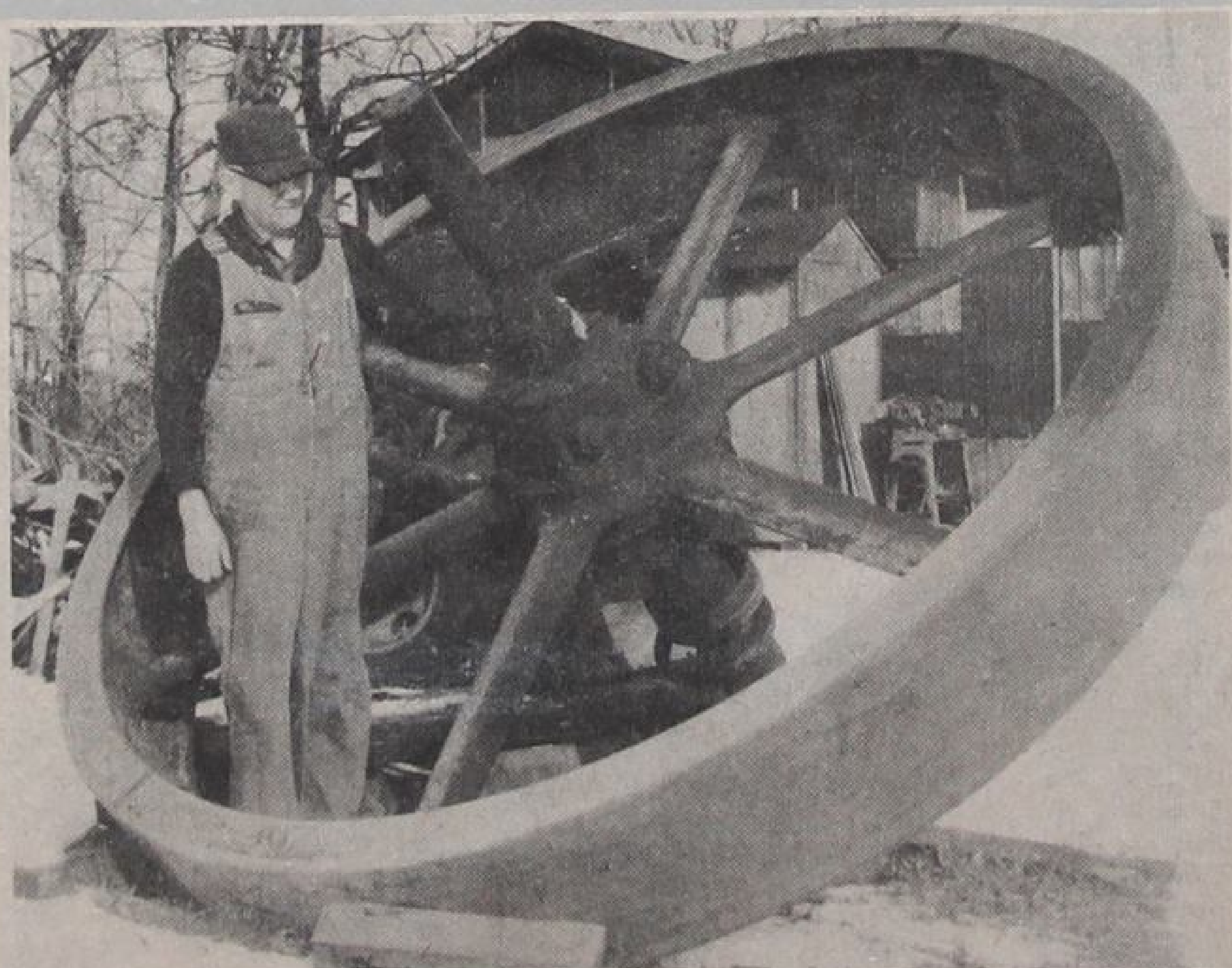
The museum is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the week. "If someone wants to visit during the weekend they can do so by phoning me at 879-6557," said Mr. McMullen.

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William "Bill" McMullen Sr. is dwarfed by the fly-wheel of an old steam engine. Mr. McMullen hopes to reconstruct the engine during 1974. The work will be done at his machine shop in Otterville and when completed the machine will be in working order. (News-Record Photo)



# Tenders called for museum building

January meeting of the Norwich and District Historical Society was held in the Community Centre with a good attendance in spite of the inclement weather. Evidence of the keen interest being taken was shown when several members drove around 50 miles to attend. President Marie Avey introduced a number of people attending for the first time.

Don McPherson, chairman of the upcoming Steam Show in June, reported two committee meetings had been held, one on advertising and one re souvenirs, and Ken Avey advised the Campers who attended last year are again interested in attending.

Reporting for the building committee, Murray Rettie stated tenders have been called through the North Norwich Township Council for the new building and will be opened at the North Norwich office February 11 at 2 p.m. Mr. Rettie also announced they have applied for a Government loan available for improvement and extension of museums.

Walter Haight read minutes and presented the financial

report as approved by the directors, and also stated a note of appreciation has been sent to the Junior farmers for their generous donation of \$300.

Much interest was taken in the well-arranged display of post cards set up by Mrs. Eula Clark.

Reporting for the Archives committee, Wilford Bishop advised they are gradually selling the old books. A number have been sold to principals for the new proposed school museum at Burgessville. Mr. Bishop also introduced the guest speakers, William McMullen and Harry Lee, both of Otterville.

Mr. McMullen spoke on the early history of Otterville and Mr. Lee demonstrated his clever, artistic sculptoring.

Mr. McMullen gave many highlights and interesting data of the early days in Otterville. He stated in early 1807, John Earl and Paul Avery received a grant of land and machinery and erected a grist and saw mill below the forks of Otter and Sweets Creek, and the place was named Otter Creek Mills. It was later sold to Cook and Galloway, who built the first house in Otterville.

About this time, a settlement began in the township and by 1811 there were 11 families and 5,200 acres of land had been taken up. Lumbering was the leading industry. Between 1851-60, 12 steam and water mills were engaged in cutting lumber and making shingles, which were teamed to London, Ingersoll and Woodstock, but as lumber became scarce industry changed to agriculture.

The first store was opened by William Holmes in 1830, and the first post office was opened by John Cornwell, the third in the county. Lack of medical attention was a great hardship. Dr. Cook of Norwich came to Otterville in 1831.

By an act of Parliament in 1841, Otterville belonged to the District of Brock. In 1843, the first church, a Hicksite Quaker Church, was built, followed in 1850 by an Anglican Church and in 1860 by a colored church. Some early industries were: a distillery, a woollen mill, a cooper and shingle shop, potash works, match factory and blacksmith shops.

A railroad was started in 1854, but work stopped until 1872 when some interested people from Woodstock and Simcoe completed it. Other interesting facts were: the first band was formed in 1864; the first private bank in 1879. In 1884 fire burned out the south side of the business section and in 1893 Otterville was incorporated as a police village.

Mr. Lee showed many articles he had hand carved and gave a most interesting and humorous account of how he got interested in carving as a hobby and of the many hours spent on each article. He stated he received his first jackknife at the age of eight years and has been interested in "whittling" ever since. After retiring, his wife suggested he find a hobby, even knitting, but that was not his line and he found a library book on wood carving.

His first effort was an oak leaf and from then on chains, dogs, cows, salt and pepper shakers, in fact after seeing the many beautiful carvings which are all done to scale, one could easily think the sky will be the limit.

Mr. Lee said it takes patience and perseverance, as well as time. If he charged a dime an hour, the price on some articles would be almost prohibitive, however it gives a person great satisfaction to see it develop under your hand. Not only is the carving time-consuming, but hunting the various types of wood suitable. At present he is working on a covered wagon, complete with horses and all the other articles the pioneers used for this mode of travelling.

Mr. Bishop and the president thanked the two guests for their contribution in making the evening so enjoyable. The next meeting will be February 25th at 8:30 p.m.

## CHURCH NEWS

### ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN

OTTERVILLE (C) — "The fall and ruin of our citizenship because of the loss of sight, justice, truth and righteousness," was the theme of the message on Sunday by Rev. H. D. Herring.

First lesson was read by Rev. Herring and the second by Larry Hughes.

Flowers were placed in the church by the Howse family, in memory of Charlie Howse. Offering was presented by Jack Freeland and Peter Gilchrist.

Announcements included the Otterville Women's Guild meeting at the home of Mrs. Derwood Spicer on Thursday; and St. Charles A.C.W. meeting at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Ecker on February 14.

Due to the energy crisis, St. Charles congregation are worshipping at St. John's for the winter months. *Feb/174*

### OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE (C) — In the United Church Sunday, the morning service was largely attended and conducted by the minister, Rev. Einar Egilsson. The service was preceded with piano selections played by Mrs. Jack Walther. Mr. Egilsson chose for the theme of his message "You can rely on God" and the choir sang "Loving Friend, Faithful Friend," with Mrs. William A. McMullen at the organ.

Two infants were presented for baptism, Ronald William McKay Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John William Davis; and Gary Steven Walther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Frederick Walther. Rev. Egilsson was assisted by Harold Arthur, a member of the session, in this part of the service. Lorne Treffry and Stewart Godby presented the morning offering.

## CHURCH NEWS

### OTTERVILLE BAPTIST

OTTERVILLE (C) — Pastor Rev. David Blayney was in charge of the morning worship service at the Otterville Baptist Church on Sunday. He brought the message from 1st Sam. 2:30 God's promise to Israel, "For them that honour me I will honour," and emphasized various areas in the life of a Christian where honour should be given, in services, in time, in talent, in tithes and offering.

During the service a plaque, "My Prayer," was dedicated in memory of the late Harold A. Waring, a valued member of the church, who passed away recently. A tribute to Mr. Waring's life and influence in the church and community was given by Mr. Bruce Stover, chairman of the Deacons Board, who also gave the Prayer of Dedication.

The children's story was brought from Jeremiah 18: 1-10 on the potters wheel, pointing out how young lives are moulded by the master potter, Jesus. Ushers for the service were Robert Marshall and William Hansford. The pianist was Brian Davis.

## Guild Meets

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held at the home of Mrs. Derwood Spicer. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill opened the meeting with prayer and read Scripture. Final plans were made for the Valentine luncheon, which will be held this week. Cards were signed by the members for shut-in members.

Mrs. Fred Howse conducted a contest and also assisted the hostess in the social hour.



Tuesday, marked the turning of the first sod for the Norwich and District Medical Centre. North Norwich Reeve, Darwen Scott and Norwich Reeve, Stu Miles hold the sod turning shovel while other officials watch. From left are Lorne Parker, chairman of the building committee; Lenord Dickson, architect designing the new building; Harry Van Gorp, contractor; Mr. Scott, Mr. Miles, Cecil Mingle, deputy-reeve of North Norwich, Dr. Russ Hall, building and administration committees, and Eric Mannell, secretary of the two committees. *Feb/1974*



# Antique, hobby show planned for March 9 - 10

OTTERVILLE (C) — The business men of the village held their regular meeting in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening with the president, Mel Smith, presiding. There were 19 present.

During the meeting, a discussion ensued after hearing of the reading of Reeve Martin in an article in the Tillsonburg News Feb. 4th concerning new

businesses not being welcomed.

The businessmen assured that new business was wanted. Other business was the setting of the date for the antique and hobby show which will be held in the Community Hall, Otterville, March 9th and 10th. All new exhibits will be on display and the committees are hopeful of a great and better show on the 9th and 10th of March.

# Marking fiftieth year of Otterville Church Union

OTTERVILLE (C) — Official Board meeting of the Otterville pastoral charge was held in the schoolroom of the Otterville United Church on Tuesday evening.

Rev. E. Egilsson presided and opened the meeting. He welcomed the members from the Springford and New Road and the Otterville congregations.

Melville Beecroft, secretary of the Official Board, read minutes of the previous meeting.

Reports of the churches were given by the treasurers - Otterville, Max Avey; Springford,

Alvin Rachar, and New Road, Clarence Swance.

Appointed to presbytery were Adam Oliver and Melville Beecroft. An increase of \$50. was voted to the salary of Mr. John Davis, who is the treasurer of the pastoral charge.

The Manse report was given by Stanley Arthur.

Initial plans for the 50th anniversary of the church union of Methodists, Congregationalists and Presbyterians were made. Committees from each church of the pastoral charge were ap-

pointed which will be - Otterville, Mrs. Lorne Treffry and Mrs. Jack Walther; Springford - Mrs. Clarence Stover and Mr. Douglas Babbey; New Road, Mrs. Clarence Swance and Mrs. Lila Oatman.

Rev. Egilsson suggested the continuance of mailing the Easter letter to the congregations. Lenten series and classes started on February 5th.

Suggestions were given as to the services throughout the summer months. Ladies of the charge served lunch. Feb/74



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At least one of these items may not be a rare antique much longer. If the energy crisis continues, stoves of this kind could very well make a come-back. It was manufactured by Weston and Company. The "parlor organ" is circa. 1885. Both are part of the museum exhibit in the basement of the South Norwich township office.

# Otterville girl, 21, chosen as queen

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

THAMESFORD — Debbie Church, 21, of Otterville, a member of Norwich Junior Farmers, was named winter carnival queen here Saturday.

The annual Oxford Junior Farmers' winter



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DEBBIE CHURCH

- - - winter carnival queen

carnival included a dog sled race, girls and boys log sawing, tug-of-war contests and snow sculpturing.

The Norwich Junior Farmers topped the field with 18 points followed by Innerkip and Bennington Junior Farmers who tied for second with 16 points. South Zorra was third with 14.



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Free Press Woodstock Bureau

Otterville Sunshine Club expected to raise \$100 for reconstruction of the Norwich Otterville swimming pool in Otterville with its Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch at St. John's Anglican Church. Robert Pettigrew, whose wife is a club member, makes pancakes.

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w/ syrup - tea / 25





Bev Buchan, Rev. Edwin Stephens of Burgessville United Church, Mrs. Florence Saunders and Dorothy Pilkey admire the painting presented to Mrs. Saunders at a party given in her honor at North Norwich Public School Friday February 22. Mrs. Saunders was recognised for her service as post mistress in Burgessville.

## Post mistress retires, honored

Mrs. Florence Saunders, post mistress in Burgessville, was honored Friday, on the occasion of her retirement from mail sorting and stamp licking. A party was held for Mrs. Saunders in North Norwich Public School where slides were shown and refreshments were served to the gathering. Mrs. Saunders was presented with an oil painting. After being away from this area for a while, Mrs. Saunders returned to Holbrook in 1947. Her first husband, Mr. Myers, took over the post office in 1959. He died in 1967 and she took it over in 1968. Now Mrs. Saunders, she has lived in Otterville for four years. She said now that she has retired, she is going to work around the house and catch her breath.

### Burgessville

Residents of Burgessville and surrounding area met on Friday night at the North Norwich Area Public School to honor Florence Saunders who has retired as Post mistress of the Burgessville Post Office. Roy Deer showed beautiful colored slides of the tour he and Mrs. Deer took a year ago to England and Scotland. Rev. E. S. Stephens gave a short address and a presentation of an oil painting was made to Mrs. Saunders who thanked all for their kind thoughts and gift. Lunch was served and a social time spent. Mrs. Saunders was a former resident of Holbrook and now resides in Otterville.

### Otterville

Mrs. Ernie Garnett and Earnaline Heaslip were mid-week visitors with the former's sister Mrs. Douglas MacLaughlin and Mr. MacLaughlin at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey were Wednesday visitors with their son Ross Avey and Mrs. Avey and family at Paris.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hisey of St. Marys called on Mr. and Mrs. Harvey on Tuesday.

Joe Ash is a patient in the District Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Plans are progressing favorably for the evenings of March 22 and 23 when the UCW

is sponsoring two full evenings of entertainment in the Community Hall, Otterville.

## Otterville Notes

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and daughter, Glenna, of Mount Elgin, Mrs. Jack P. Heatley of Sarnia and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville were birthday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland on Sunday in honor of the birthdays of Mr. Freeland and Miss Glenna Jull.

Mrs. Jack Heatley and Mrs. Jack Freeland called on their cousin, Mr. Bruce Jull, who is a resident at the Stonecrest Nursing Home in Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville and Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia were birthday dinner

guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and daughter, Glenna, in honor of the latter's birthday and Mr. Freeland's birthday.

Week-end guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Downing included Air Com. and Mrs. A. D. Ross of Kingston and Mrs. W. H. Cox of Ottawa. Sunday guests from London were Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Downing and sons, Marc and Andrew. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downing and daughter, Naomi. Mr. and Mrs. David Downing and daughter, Sarah, on the occasion of Dr. Downing's birthday.

Mrs. Jack P. Heatley returned to her home on Sunday after spending the past 10 days with relatives in Otterville and area.

# 5 horses die in barn fire

The Norwich horse barns were partially destroyed by fire Monday with the loss of five Standard-Bred horses.

North Norwich-East Oxford Fire Chief, Ross Hughes of Burgessville said the alarm was turned in around 3 p.m. by Norwich police department Constable Robert Knight, who was on patrol in the area and noticed the smoke coming from the barn.

The damaged property was the former North Norwich Agricultural building and is now owned by the Norwich Area Arena Commission. At the time of the fire, Mr. Hughes said it housed 28 Standard-Bred horses, all of which were saved but five.

This is the second fire in the barn in its history. The barn was burned right to the ground Saturday, November 22, 1958, and was later rebuilt. The main brunt of the damage in Monday's fire was confined to the upstairs

portion of the barn where a large amount of hay and straw was stored, according to Mr. Hughes. A new metal roof was put on the building last year, and Mr. Hughes said this hampered the firemen's efforts to extinguish the fire. They finally had to tear part of the roof off on the south end of the barn, and pitch the hay and straw out he said. The fire is believed to have started in the North end of the barn in a fuse panel, according to the fire chief, and was contained within the building by the metal roof which also caused it to smoulder rather than break out in flame. He said the horses died of smoke asphyxiation.

The fire behind the Legion Hall on Highway 59 was answered by 30 volunteer firemen from North Norwich-East Oxford and the Village of Norwich. Mr. Hughes said the barn was partially insured.

The chief said the horses that were saved were taken to the Norwich Sales Arena where they were kept for the night. Some of the horses, he said, were valued at \$8,000.

The losses were suffered by Jan Moore of Hatchley who lost a horse that has raced at Western and Woodstock and was being prepared for summer racing; Wilfred Spicer of Delhi who lost a two year-old and a three-year-old; Ted Oenema of Otterville, who lost Solo Water, a brood mare in foal, and Russ Morgan of Tillsonburg, who lost a yearling colt.

"It's a marvel that we could save as many horses as we did," said the chief.

A patch-up job yesterday under the hands of Alf Stubbs has enabled moving of 11 horses back into the barn.

Major damage was to two or three stalls at the north end damage may be between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 7, 1924

E. A. Rea will be at the Council Chamber, Tillsonburg, on Tuesday, February 12, for the purpose of issuing motor licenses. You are requested to have the top part of your application filled out. Applicants of commercial vehicles must present weight certificates.

Courtland - Harvey Gaskin, while sleigh-riding with his dog, had the misfortune to break his collar bone, one day last week.

Fifth concession - Mr. C. Doan sold a valuable horse last week.

Otterville - Mr. George Graves, who was seriously injured in his mill at Otterville, last week, was sent to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. Bennett wired up the bones, and he is progressing favorably to recovery.



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# Church community mourns death

Funeral service for Rt. Rev. Carman J. Queen, Anglican bishop of Huron who died Saturday, will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The 61-year-old native of Egremont Township in Grey County collapsed at his home Friday night and died early Saturday morning in St. Joseph's Hospital. Dr. S. E. Carroll, who attended him, attributed death to a rupture of the main artery which starts at the heart.

The body will be at George E. Logan and Sons Funeral Home on Dundas Street until 10 a.m. Tuesday then will lie in state at St.

Paul's Cathedral from 11 a.m. until the funeral service.

The service will be conducted by Most Rev. W. L. Wright of Algoma, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario.

The seventh diocesan bishop of Huron had held the post for a little more than three years, but tributes poured in during the weekend from churchmen of all denominations.

"London has lost a great churchman and citizen," said Rev. Wilson (Bud) Morden, president of the London Inter-Church Council.

"We will remember him with great affec-

tion and hope the service he rendered will be continued by those who follow in his footsteps."

Rt. Rev. T. B. Ragg, recently elected suffragan (assistant) bishop of Huron, said Bishop Queen's death is a tremendous loss to Southwestern Ontario Anglicans.

"He was a man of tremendous energy. His deep concern for the people of the diocese made him a man who was very much loved by all who knew him.

"He will be greatly missed by a vast circle of people that reached far beyond this diocese."

Bishop Queen was "truly a good man, one of God's good gentlemen," said retired bishop W. A. Townshend. "He was truly one of nature's noble men, one who never forgot the human element."

His death is "a real loss to the Anglican communion," commented Rev. George Gotl of Metropolitan United Church and "a tragedy for the whole Christian church in the London area."

Most Rev. G. Emmett Carter, Roman Catholic bishop of London, said he and Bishop Queen had known each other for some time and were "fast friends."

By JIM SHEPPARD  
of The Free Press

More than 1,000 persons jammed St. Paul's Cathedral in London Tuesday to pay their last respect to Rt. Rev. Carman J. Queen, the seventh Anglican bishop of Huron who died Saturday.

Most of the church's 1,200 seats were filled when Very Rev. Kenneth Keefe, dean of St. Paul's, led in the procession with the biblical quotation:

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he was dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die."

The funeral service, conducted by the Most Rev. W. L. Wright of Algoma, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario, was designed to be a "good, lively, joyful communion service" to express "the real meaning of death."

"We want to express the conviction that death, in the Christian faith is not all gloom and doom," said Rev. Dale Huston, assistant rector of St. Paul's. "A funeral is a transition from life to life."

In keeping with this theme, the altar cloths were liturgical white, not the traditional black and purple, and the clergy wore white stoles in place of the sombre purple usually reserved for such occasions.

The same sort of service had been used for the funeral of Bishop Queen's predecessor, the late Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, when he died about 3½ years ago.

Dignitaries from the secular and religious worlds also attended Tuesday's service to pay last respects to the 61-year-old bishop who died Saturday of a ruptured artery.

Former Ontario premier John Robarts, London Mayor Jane Bigelow, London West Liberal MP Judd Buchanan, London North Progressive Conservative MPP Gordon Walker, Judge W. E. C. Coulter, University of Western Ontario president D. Carlton Williams and provincial militia commander Gen. Alex McIntosh headed the secular dignitaries in attendance.

Most Rev. G. Emmett Carter, Roman Catholic bishop of London; Rev. Wilson (Bud) Morden, president of the London inter-church council; Rt. Rev. B. C. Eckhardt of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Rev. John McKay, past president of London conference of the United Church joined 16 Anglican bishops and archbishops in the ceremony.

The choir of 40 included canons and archdeacons from across the diocese (covering most of Western Ontario). About 180 Anglican clergymen were also present.

Anglican bishops attending were: Archbishop Wright; Most Rev. A. H. O'Neil, retired archbishop of the ecclesiastical province of Canada; Rt. Rev. T. D. B. Ragg, suffragan (assistant) bishop of Huron, Rt. Rev. W. A. Townshend, retired suffragan bishop of Huron; Rt. Rev. H. F. G. Appleyard, retired suffragan bishop of Huron;

Rt. Rev. J. C. Bothwell, bishop of Niagra;

Rt. Rev. J. B. Creegan, bishop of Ontario; Rt. Rev. W. J. Robinson, bishop of Ottawa; Rt. Rev. L. S. Garnsworthy, bishop of Toronto; Rt. Rev. Allan A. Read, suffragan bishop of Toronto; Rt. Rev. N. R. Clarke, suffragan bishop of Moosonee; Rt. Rev. H. R. Hunt, suffragan bishop of Toronto;

Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, retired bishop of Toronto; Rt. Rev. W. E. Bagnall, retired bishop of Niagara; Rt. Rev. George B. Snell, retired bishop of Toronto; and Rt. Rev. James Watton, bishop of Moosonee.

After the service, the body was taken to the mausoleum at Woodland Cemetery pending final arrangements for interment at Maplewood Cemetery in Durham near the late bishop's Egremont Township birthplace.

Honorary pallbearers included: provincial Energy Minister Darcy McKeough; G. W. H. Bartram, lay secretary of the diocesan synod; Dr. D. J. Broadwell, prolocutor of the provincial church synod; E. C. Ellwood, diocesan solicitor; G. B. Harrison, former diocesan chancellor; Chief Donald Issac and George Oliver from the Walpole Island Chippewa Indian band;

K. W. Lemon, chairman of the bishop's men organization; R. W. Mitchell, former diocesan chancellor; R. W. Porter, Judge J. A. Winter, chancellor; and J. A. Wynn, diocesan registrar.

Clergy pallbearers were: Rev. K. J. Conyard, Cambridge; Rev. R. J. Cracknell, London; Rev. M. H. H. Farr, London; Rev. T. E. Finlay, London; Rev. J. C. Gardner, London; Rev. G. E. A. Gray, London; Rev. C. E. Ladds, London; Ven. L. A. Nelles, diocesan treasurer; Rev. G. H. Parke-Taylor, London; and Rev. C. R. Townshend, Chatham.

Prior to the service, the body lay in state at the cathedral as hundreds of Southwestern Ontario Anglicans filed past and area clergymen maintained a vigil over the coffin.

Bishop Queen's family has requested that no floral contributions be sent.

Instead, donations can be made to the Bishop Queen Memorial Fund either through the synod office in London or through the cathedral.

The fund was set up in memory of the late bishop within the last few days but officials haven't decided yet for what it will be used.

Meanwhile, a special synod of the Anglican diocese of Huron will meet March 29, to elect a successor to Bishop Queen.

The diocese executive committee made the decision Tuesday after appointing Rt. Rev. T. D. B. Ragg, suffragan (assistant) bishop of Huron, to administer the diocese until the new bishop is consecrated.

The committee, meeting in London prior to Bishop Queen's funeral, also passed a resolution praising the late bishop for his 37 years of "devoted service" to the diocese and the church.

"His leadership and untiring energy, his sincerity and humaneness, his concern for the Christian stewardship of God's varied gifts, have been recognized in every home and parish in the diocese and in the whole Canadian church," the statement said.

## of Bishop Queen

"We both rejoiced in the growing nearness and fellowship of our respective churches. It is not only the Anglican community which has lost a good friend and leader but all of us."

Bishop Queen is survived by his wife, the former Audrey Bell of Durham; a son, John of London and daughter Mary Lee, (Mrs. Warren Prince of Markham) and his mother, Mrs. Ethel Queen of Durham.

Although he held the post of diocesan bishop for only a short time, Bishop Queen had gained national respect within the Anglican Church, serving on its national executive council.

He was known for his reverence for the traditions of the church and his opposition to sweeping changes in practice coming "too fast."

At the church's general synod (parliament) in Regina last year, he urged fellow bishops to prevent threatened schisms over the immediate implementation of resolutions approving of women as priests and new forms of Christian initiation.

Bishop Queen was elected diocesan bishop of Huron in November, 1970, succeeding the late Bishop George Luxton.

Bishop Queen was raised to the episcopate, however in 1966 as bishop of St. Clair and suffragan (assistant) bishop of Huron.

The diocesan executive council must meet within eight days now to appoint a temporary administrator for the diocese and decide on the date for a special synod meeting to elect his successor.

Bishop Queen was born Aug. 10, 1912, in Egremont Township.

He attended Durham High School and graduated from the University of Western Ontario and Huron College in 1937. He was ordained deacon in 1936 and priest in 1938.

From 1937 to 1943, he served at Princeton, Drumbo, Ayr, Ridgetown and Highgate and was appointed rural dean of Kent County in 1942. He also served as rural dean of Oxford in 1946 and again in 1951.

From 1946 to 1956 he was rector of St. James Church, Ingersoll, after serving from 1943 to 1946 at St. John's, Tillsonburg, and St. Stephen's, Culloden.

Bishop Queen was director of the financial campaign in 1950 for the building of the new Huron College and started as domestic chaplain to the late Bishop Luxton in the same year.

He held a number of other diocesan posts before being chosen suffragan bishop of Huron and bishop of St. Clair in 1966.



BISHOP QUEEN



# Development frozen in South Norwich Tp.

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — All development except agriculture and home building associated with agriculture has been frozen for one year in South Norwich Township.

The self-imposed restrictions, which will give township council time to prepare a zoning bylaw, were approved Tuesday by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Peter Atcheson, Oxford County planning

board director, said the intent of the freeze is the same as the provincially-imposed freeze of East Zorra and Blandford townships bordering on Woodstock's north and east limits.

No non-agriculture building can be constructed or altered and no change can be made in the use in any building or premises according to the bylaw.

Reconstruction or repair of a building

damaged by causes beyond the control of the owner can be carried out providing the size or use of the building isn't changed.

The bylaw allows reconstruction to a safe condition of any structure.

Mr. Atcheson said a draft official plan has been prepared for the township. It is being considered for inclusion in the Oxford County official plan. He said plans for preparation of the township zoning bylaw are in the planning board's proposed budget.

## Pack clothing

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held at the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoon. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided. Rector Herb Herring opened the meeting with prayer.

The members spent the remainder of the afternoon in packing boxes of used clothing for Northern Ontario.

It was noted that there were accounts for flowers for Mothering Sunday and Daffodil Sunday to be paid.

The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall in two weeks time. *March 1974*

# Violet Rebekah Lodge marks 28th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, Otterville, held their meeting on Monday, March 18, in the I.O.O.F. Hall and the members celebrated the 28th birthday of the Violet Rebekah Lodge.

Vigilant Lodge, Norwich, opened lodge and Fidelity Lodge, Delhi closed.

Business was conducted with N. G. Jean McClintock and Vice-Grand Wilma Butler presiding.

D.D.P. Alma Miners of Oxford District 28 was introduced and welcomed by Junior Past Noble Grand Sister Sharalee Sitts. Visitors were present from Delhi, Norwich and Tillsonburg. Get-well cards and sympathy cards were sent to members. Financial Secretary Anna Treffry announced dues.

School of instruction will be held in St. Thomas, Edna Lodge, on April 9. D.D.P. Ruth Paupst, St. Thomas, will make her official visit on April 15.

Following the next lodge meeting on Monday, April 1, a demonstration will be held and everyone is invited.

A letter from Centennial Lodge, Brantford, announced the

visit of the Danish Brothers and Sisters to Brantford on May 17 - May 31.

An invitation was read from the Floral Lodge, Princeton, to open Lodge at their 48th birthday party.

The candles on the birthday cake were lit by Sister Alma Miners, D.D.P.

It was also noted Sister Emma Strudwick, P.N.G., has been a Rebekah for the past 49 years.

Birthday greetings were sung to Sister Alice Arthur, P.N.G., and Bro. Stanley Arthur.

Sister Alma Miners, P.D.P., spoke briefly, also Noble Grand Sister Hulet, Vigilant Lodge, Norwich; N.G. Sister Bertha Drinkwater, Fidelity Lodge, Delhi, and Sister Merle Payne, P.N.G., Myrtle Lodge.

A cake walk was held after Lodge and was enjoyed by the members. Noble Grand Sister Jean McClintock showed an oil painting which was the work of Mrs. Mae Leonard, Otterville, which is being donated by the Noble Grand and tickets will be sold to be drawn at the June tea sponsored by the Lodge.

## Norwich

Carl Howse Chaplain of Norwich Chapter 175 OES was honored at the March meeting of the Chapter held on Wednesday evening in the Chapter rooms.

The Worthy Matron Mrs. Fred Pearce and Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre presided for the meeting. Honored guests present were Grand Chaplain Christine Swatridge of Tillsonburg and Mrs. David Fife of Brantford, Past District Deputy Grand Matron, who were introduced, also several presiding Matrons.

The Worthy Matron assisted by the Star Points honored both the Grand Chaplain and Mr. Howse and presented them with a miniature basket of flowers and a miniature wheel barrow. The Norwich Chaplain introduced seven visiting Chaplains and presented them with a gift and on behalf of the Chapter the Worthy Matron presented both Chaplains with a gift.

During the meeting the charter was draped in memory of the late Mrs. Charles Mann.

A letter was received from the Slaght family in Calgary reporting that Mrs. Alex Slaght, a member of Norwich Chapter was a patient in a chronic hospital in Calgary and only slightly improved. *Mar 1974*

A social hour followed in the Chapter banquet room which was decorated in keeping with St. Patrick's day. An Irish stew supper was served under the convenership of Mrs. William Hanson.

## Prayer service at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Einar Egilsson, wife of the minister of the Otterville United Church pastoral charge was speaker at the World Day of Prayer Service, held in the Otterville United Church on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Egilsson speaking on the theme of the service, "Make Us Builders of Peace," and said "To be builders of peace we must first strive to have peace within ourselves. This can only happen as we accept our responsibility to God and to our fellow man."

The world has become a neighbourhood in the past few years and now must become a brotherhood if we are to survive, she said, Brotherhood belongs to peace as does bread and love. We need to challenge ourselves, our families and friends to give up part of their luxury expenditure to provide for other peoples if we are to be "Peace Builders."

The speaker was introduced and thanked by Mrs. Fred Cole.

Mrs. Fred Cole, President of the United Church Women, Mrs. Fred Hill, President of the Baptist Missionary Fellowship, and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, President of St. John's Church Anglican Guild, were the leaders throughout the service. Other leaders were Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. Earle Petch; Mrs. Paul Hill and Mrs. Hilda Stockmans, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong.

The ladies were met at the door by Mrs. Fred Cole, Mrs. Edward Arthur and Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

Mrs. Jack Walther was the soloist, who sang "Let There Be Peace," with Mrs. William A. McMullen at the piano.

Following the service the ladies were invited to the schoolroom where all enjoyed a cookie and a cup of tea.

## Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Percy Murray wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours for their floral tributes, memorial donations and expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement of their beloved husband, father, grandfather and son. Special thanks to pallbearers Rev. E. Egilsson and the Gleason Funeral Home. Your kindnesses will always be remembered. - Mary Murray and family.

*Died Mar 4/74*  
Words cannot express how much my family and I appreciate all the acts of kindness shown to us at the time of our loss of a dear husband and father Joseph Ash. To the Otterville community for their donations to the Otterville Swimming Pool, Heart and Cancer fund. Your very beautiful flowers and mass cards. To the Summerville Women's Institute and neighbours for the lovely lunch served and gifts of food sent to the house. My heartfelt thanks to all those who graciously helped me in our great sorrow. - Madelon, Karen, Michael and June Ash. *March 23/74*

## St. John's Guild hold meeting

OTTERVILLE — The regular meeting of the St. John's Anglican Guild met at the home of Mrs. Peter Gilchrist on Thursday afternoon. The president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided. The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. H. Herring. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Members decided to pack a box of good used clothing. The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall. Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer and a social time followed. *March 1974*

## Church Services

OTTERVILLE ANGLICAN  
OTTERVILLE (C) — Family Day of Prayer service, with the theme "Peace With Love," was held Sunday morning in St. John's Anglican Church. Lynn Furlong was the leader. Michael Furlong was first reader; Linda Ecker was second reader and Larry Hughes was the second reader. *Mar 1974*

In the Children's skit and song, parts were read by Christine Hughes and Shelly Hughes.

During the service a duet, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," was sung by Jane Furlong and Cheryl Furlong.

The offering was presented by Chuck Howes and Douglas Furlong. Mrs. Jack Freeland was the organist.



## Weather cuts W.I. attendance

OTTERVILLE — The Otterville Women's Institute met on Friday afternoon, March 8 at the home of Mrs. Jay Durkee. Weather conditions prevented a number of the members from attending.

The president, Mrs. William A. McMullen welcomed the members and thanked the convener, Mrs. Bert Hill and her committee and Mrs. Jay Durkee for opening her home. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode Mary Stewart Collect. Twelve members responded to the roll call "Your Favourite Bluechaser." The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The members decided to meet at the home of Mrs. Downing April 2nd at 1:30 p.m. to make the trilliums for the A.C.W.W. Conference. The convener to call their committees to remind them of the date and time.

Mrs. McMullen reported that there were 11 girls taking the 4H course, "Clothes for Leisure." Mrs. Bert Hill reported that an electric tea kettle and small percolator had been purchased for the community hall, and a large one is on order. Correspondence was read - a letter from the Home Economist

Mrs. Brenda Inggratta re-short courses. Leaders training schools and Nutrition workshop. The members decided not to apply for a short course this year and to apply for the training school - first choice, "The main dish makes the meal," second choice "Bakes in a Pie." A letter from Mrs. Zoeller chairman Erland Lee Home telling the members the committee planned to have June 10 to 14 as Ontario Women's Institute Week. During that week crafts would be demonstrated and other activities going on at the home.

A notice from the district secretary about the Spring Board meeting at Verschoyle United Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 26 for Branch District Director and the P.R.O. and a letter from Mrs. E. R. Cumming Secretary of Women's committee of War Memorial Children's Hospital with samples of baby jackets and pinafores that has proven to be the most suitable for the small patients and a card of appreciation from Mrs. Lorne Cooper and family.

The members decided to have a rummage sale April 6 at the community hall at 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. With Good Friday falling on the regular meeting day the members decided to meet April 5th in the community hall for a pot-luck dinner at noon and then prepare for the rummage sale.

Mrs. Harold Durkee volunteered to be responsible for the rummage sale.

The president asked the conveners to have their reports ready for the April meeting and the nominating committee Mrs. Bert Hill, Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Mrs. G. M. Downing to bring in their report.

Mrs. Jack Walther spoke on the plans she was making for the June meeting. It is to be a bus trip to the Erland Lee Home June 14 if that is available. If not, the closest to it and to visit the Rivermere Crafts at Vineland

and perhaps a short shopping trip. The members decided to serve refreshments to the ladies that participate in the Bike-athon from Otterville.

The Citizenship convener presided for the meeting. Mrs. Harry Lee gave a reading, "Old Home," and Mrs. Hill read an interesting article from the Woodstock Daily Sentinel-Review on the Otterville Centennial July 25th 1907 expressing the festivities of that day plus back history of the village.

Mrs. Hill then told of an interesting afternoon she had spent this past fall visiting several Mennonites at their home.

The president closed the meeting with "God Save the Queen" and Institute Grace. The committee served lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

## Green - Causyn

LANGTON (C) — Two arrangements of yellow roses, white daisies and baby's breath with two ferns, decorated Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Langton, on Wednesday, March 20, 1974, at 3 p.m. for the wedding of Sharon Anne Causyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Causyn of Langton, and Gary Lee Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Green of Brownsville. Bows decorating the pews were made by the groom's aunt, Elaine Van Evera, to match the bridesmaids' dresses. Rev. Fr. B. Robert of Langton and Rev. Arthur Hatcher of Milgrove officiated. Mrs. Audrey O'Grady played traditional wedding music, and accompanied the soloist, Mr. Grant McDonald of Tillsonburg, who sang More; Sunrise, Sunset; and Wedding Prayer during the service.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of crepe glaze and chantilly lace, featuring a lace appliqued fitted bodice, softly ruffled high neckline, full bishop sleeves scattered with lace appliques and lace ruffled cuffs. The A-line skirt was styled with a built-in, cathedral length train softly ruffled and appliqued with delicate chantilly lace. A softly draped lace edged mantilla complemented the gown and she carried a bouquet of yellow roses, white daisies and baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Sandra Causyn of Langton, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Annette Causyn and Christine Causyn, both of Langton, sisters of the bride, Marilyn Green of Brownsville, sister of the groom, Catherine Causyn of Port Burwell, cousin of the bride, and Mary Lou Lambert of Langton, friend of the bride. They wore

similar, floor-length gowns of georgette chiffon and chantilly lace, styled with fitted bodice, high, ruffled collar, short, puffed sleeve, square ruffled yoke and lace flounced hem bordering a flowing chiffon skirt, in yellow, mauve apricot, green, blue and pink respectively. A halo of small artificial roses in colours to match their gowns was worn in the hair, and they carried bouquets of white daisies and baby's breath.

Nancy Dow of Otterville, friend of the groom, was flower girl, and was gowned identically to the maid of honor. She carried a white basket of yellow roses, white daisies and baby's breath.

Randy Green, brother of the groom, was best man, and Randy Hallows, Archie Leach, Ed Sharp, Don Baird, all friends of the groom from Tillsonburg, and Dean Van Evera of Brantford, cousin of the groom, were ushers. Stephen Warner of Mississauga, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Dinner for 210 guests, and evening reception for 400, was held at the Delhi Belgian Club. Bride's table featured a round, white cake, on a white table cloth, candles, and arrangements of yellow roses, daisies and baby's breath. Guests' tables were set with gold tablecloths.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of orange ice polyester peau. The sleeveless gown featured an empire waist, scoop neckline, and was styled in a double breasted effect accented with beaded buttons and topped with a floor-length, double breasted, tailored coat, worn with silver accessories and a corsage of orange ice orchids. Groom's mother chose a floor-length gown of light mauve polyester peau, with long sleeves, styled with V-neckline, accented with beaded braid around the neck and down the front and on the cuff of the sleeve. Silver accessories and a corsage of mauve orchids, completed her ensemble.

Bride's gifts to her bridesmaids were silver evening bags; and to the flowergirl, a gold identification bracelet. Groom's gifts were horoscope medals on a chain.

For her wedding trip the bride chose a light blue print polyester dress with matching light blue and navy shoes and purse, worn with a yellow leather coat and daisy corsage. Unable to land in Montreal, the couple stayed in Toronto.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hamelinck from Belgium, and guests from Hamilton, Brantford and Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Green are residing in Guelph.



MR. AND MRS. GARY LEE GREEN  
(Ken Bannister Photo)



Mar 22 & 23  
1974

PROGRAMME

1. Welcome  
Violet Cole,  
President of U.C.W.
2. Chorus  
Explorers  
acc. Betty Walther
3. Dialogue  
"Buying Eggs"  
Characters  
Mrs. Hawley, a housewife  
Jane, the maid  
Mr. Perkins, a farmer  
Anne Egilsson  
Marion Pettigrew  
Ed Arthur
4. Cordovox solo  
Elsie McSpadden
5. Skit  
"Dr. Cureall and Dr. Wiseman"  
Characters  
Dr. Cureall  
Dr. Wiseman  
Moses  
Sambo  
Corpse  
David Barnim  
Wayne Murray  
Einar Egilsson  
Danny Barnim  
Mark Murray
6. Vocal solo  
Betty Walther  
acc. Jean McClintock
7. Trumpet solo  
Bentley White  
acc. by his Dad

INTERMISSION

1. Skit "Aunt Samantha's Photograph Album"  
Characters  
Aunt Samantha Benson  
Sister Lucy  
Cousin Liz  
Ebenezer Stebbins  
John S. E. Stebbins - child  
John S. E. Stebbins - man  
Cousin Arabella  
Hezekiah Stephens  
Alma  
John Benson & Samantha-  
Willie  
Nancy  
Baby and Mary-  
Sylvester Stebbins  
Susan  
Elsie McSpadden  
Shirley White  
Grace Squance  
Don Chisholm  
Bob Pettigrew  
George Douma  
Jo Douma  
Adam Oliver  
Bertha Gehring  
Jean and Irv Gehring  
John Walther  
Jean Little  
Dave Arthur  
Marion Taylor
2. Acrobatic Dance  
Wilma McMullen
3. Teeterville Men's Choir (Fri. night only)  
under the direction of Mr. Stan Seaton  
Scottish Songs  
(Sat. night only)  
Mr. Clarence Stover
4. Play  
Scene: compartment of a Pullman car  
"Here We Are"  
Characters  
He  
She  
Lave Mitchell  
Karen McSpadden
5. The Jolly Jeweller  
Al Munro
6. Closing remarks  
Rev. Egilsson



March 13, 1974

## St. John's Masonic Lodge holds annual ladies night March 8

Although the weather was not especially favorable guests travelled from Caledon, Vanessa, Scotland, Brantford and surrounding areas Friday evening, March 8 for the St. John's Masonic Lodge annual ladies night.

Worship Brother Victor Moore asked the blessing followed by a toast to our Queen, then everyone sat down to a most delicious roast beef dinner prepared and served by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Tom Hanson thanked the ladies for the meal and also welcomed all for coming to help make the night a success, he then called on Bro. Norm Marshall to introduce the head table guests and fellow officers of the lodge. Head table guests were: Wor. Bro. Victor Moore and Mrs. Moore, Bro. John Davis and Mrs. Davis, Ruling Master Carm Sweazey and Mrs. Sweazey, Bro. Leslie Dickson and Mrs. Dickson, Bro. Tom Hanson and Mrs. Hanson and Very Wor. Bro. Robert Fewster and Mrs. Fewster, fellow officers, Bro. Fred Pearce and Mrs. Pearce, Bro. Clark Dell and Mrs. Dell, Bro. Bob Knight and Mrs. Knight, Bro. Norm Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, Bro. Mike Kowalchuk and Mrs. Kowalchuk, Bro. Lorne Kienzle and Mrs. Kienzle.

Master Carm Sweazey then called on Bro. Leslie Dickson to propose a toast to the ladies which was replied by by Mrs. Robert Watkins.

During the evening several arrangements of flowers were won by the following lucky ladies

Mrs. Wray Hartley, Mrs. Boyd Little, Mrs. Clark Dell, Mrs. Dave Oliphant, Mrs. Archie Hanson, Mrs. Laverne Irving, Mrs. Carm Sweazey, Mrs. Ken McLay and Mrs. Sam Stevens. The remainder of the evening was thus spent playing cards for

those interested parties and dancing to the varied music of Jim Bickell records and tapes.

Once again on behalf of the officers of St. John's Lodge thanks to all who worked in any way to make this our Ladies Night for 1974 a great success.



# Officers named at Institute meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville Women's Institute met at the Community Hall on Friday afternoon, April 5. A potluck dinner was enjoyed. After the dinner, President Mrs. William A. McMullen opened the meeting.

Mrs. Murray Downing announced the members had made trilliums to be sent to the A.C.-W.W. Conference. Mrs. Jack Walther spoke on the June meeting, which is to be a trip to the Erland Lee Homestead and a visit to Rittermere Crafts. The bus leaves 8:30 a.m., June 10 and the members are to ask a guest. Summerville and Cornell Institutes are being invited to go. A box lunch is to be taken.

Mrs. Fred Cole announced the May meeting to be held in the Community Hall, Friday, May 10, at 8 p.m. The members are invited to bring a guest, and everyone is welcome. Mrs. Cole will have a display of her collection of antiques and will speak on them. Her daughter will demonstrate spinning wool.

Mrs. Irvin Gehring gave a splendid report on the district meeting she and Mrs. Murray Treffry had attended. She announced the district annual to be held in Tillsonburg First Baptist Church May 8. Two buses from the district are being chartered from the district May 25, leaving 7 a.m. to attend the Menonite Relief Sale at New Hamburg. The fall district board meeting will be held at Brownsville, and a hobby show at Burgessville April 17.

The members were reminded of Summary Day, "More Ideas for Sewing Knits," Thursday, April 25.

Mrs. Downing volunteered to be responsible for taking the display to Woodstock where the summary is to be held in the Legion Hall, 576 Brant St. The 4-H Girls' Achievement Day will be held April 20 at Huron Park Secondary School, Woodstock.

The secretary was instructed to send for commemorative spoons,

Christmas spoons and Mother's Day spoons.

Thank-you notes were read from Mrs. Oliver Clifford and Mrs. E. Pettigrew for get-well cards sent to them while ill.

Mrs. McMullen reported on a meeting she had attended regarding the Community Hall and the re-modelling that is hoped to be carried out. The treasurer's report was then given.

The conveners presented their reports: Mrs. Earle Petch, auditor's report; curator, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison; agriculture, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; Canadian industries, Mrs. Jack Walther; citizenship, Mrs. Bert Hill; education, Mrs. H. H. Batson; cultural affairs, Mrs. Fred Cole; consumer affairs, Mrs. J. Durkee; resolutions, Mrs. Harold Waring; public relations, Mrs. Murray Treffry.

Mrs. McMullen thanked the members for their co-operation in the past year and asked Mrs. Lorne Treffry, past district president, to conduct nomination of officers.

The convener of the nominating committee, Mrs. Bert Hill, brought in the following report:

Past president, Mrs. G. M. Downing; president, Mrs. William A. McMullen; first vice-president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; second vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Batson; secretary-treasurer, Miss Vera Welsh; assistant, Mrs. Jack Walther; district director, Mrs. G. M. Downing; alternate, Mrs. Bert Hill.

Branch directors, Mrs. Earle Petch, Mrs. Fred Moore, Miss Gladys Nobbs; delegate to area convention, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; alternate, Mrs. H. H. Batson.

Social committee, Mrs. Bert Hill and Mrs. Fred Moore; cards and flowers, Mrs. Earle Petch; park flower bed, Mrs. William McMullen Jr.; auditors, Mrs. Earle Petch and Miss Gladys Nobbs; press, Mrs. Harold

Waring; pianist, Mrs. Jack Walther.

Delegates to district annual, Mrs. William McMullen Jr., Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Mrs. Harold Waring; nominating committee, Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Mrs. G. M. Downing, Mrs. H. H. Batson; curators, Mrs. W. L. Addison; assistants, Mrs. William A. McMullen, Mrs. Rod Taylor, Mrs. Ken Mann.

After the meeting the members prepared for the rummage sale which was held on Saturday.

## Happy Bluebirds make donations

OTTERVILLE (C) <sup>1974</sup> April meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club was held at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring with 13 members present.

The members welcomed the president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, who has been ill for the past several months.

Minutes were read by secretary-treasurer Mrs. Stanley Davis. Members voted unanimously that a cash donation be made to Multiple Sclerosis Society, Otterville swimming pool and to Norwich Medical Centre.

Mrs. Waring invited the club to her home for the May meeting, when Otterville will be the hosts.

Members of the Milldale group were in charge of the evening. On behalf of the club, Mrs. Ida Rachar of Norwich presented Mrs. Waring with a lovely cup and saucer in appreciation of the meetings held at her home, and also a remembrance for her birthday of last month. The members sang "Happy Birthday."

The club was recognized for a birthday, which marked 26 years as an organization, and "Happy Birthday was sung again.

Mrs. Mary Vankerbroeck conducted a tulip contest and Mrs. Harold Pearce was the winner.

Several games of euchre were enjoyed. The hostess was assisted by the Milldale ladies in serving a dainty lunch.

Mrs. Ash gave courtesy remarks.

## Set date for '74 annual barbecue

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the parish hall Monday evening, April 22. Lion President Jim McLaren presided, and there was one guest present.

A report showed that about one third of the lottery tickets on the draw to raise funds for the Norwich Medical Centre were sold. There will be \$10,000 in prizes.

Reports also showed that preparations have been completed for the Walk-a-Thon on May 4th in Otterville. Walkers will leave Otterville at 8:30 a.m. travelling to Norwich, Burgessville, Holbrook, Springford, and back to Otterville, a total of 22 miles.

There will be several check points along the way offering refreshments, and Lion wives are requested to supply one loaf of sandwiches for this purpose.

Other swimming pool fund raising projects are also proceeding well.

Lion Murray Wardell presented the slate of officers for next years executive.

Third vice-president, Lion Bob Spek; two year directors, Lions Gord Shearer and Doug DeMontmorency; one year directors, Lions Norm Fidin and Dave Ramer. Five Lion delegates were appointed to attend the region rally in Delhi, Tuesday, April 30.

Lions annual barbecue will be held in the Park at Otterville on Saturday, June 15.

Convention draw winners were Lions Jim Scott, Mel Smith, Murray Wardell, Stan Palmer and Oscar Gare.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO April 8, 1954

The Springford cold storage plant, commonly known as the Springford Cheese factory, was destroyed in a \$25,000 fire Monday morning.

100 Years <sup>Apr 74</sup>

"The village of Otterville has a newspaper named The Argus, the first number of which is before us," The Expositor noted. "Its editor, whose name is not given, must be a modest fellow, as witness the following from his salutatory: 'We shall not insist upon Hon. A. MacKenzie adopting any particular method of government, nor shall we shape Sir John A. Macdonald's course in opposition. We have no present intention of disposing of Riel, or constructing the Pacific Railway, though we shall not offer any factious opposition to the immediate prosecution of either. Our principal object in printing this paper is to make money, and Riel et al may go hang if we can't make it pay.'"

OTTERVILLE (C) — Wayne Addison of Kitchener visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, on Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Jordan of Springford and Miss Ivy Pennington of Tillsonburg spent Monday afternoon with Miss Gladys Nobbs. Miss Pennington was a dinner guest with Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. In the evening Mrs. George Douma and Miss Edna Furlong of Otterville were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jordan and Miss Pennington for a surprise birthday party for Miss Pennington. <sup>April 174</sup>

## Plan euchre

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville Young People's held their regular meeting in the Sunday School room of the United Church on April 21. <sup>174</sup>

The business of the meeting was discussing the next euchre party on May 4 in the basement of the United Church. Lunch will be served.

A car wash was discussed. This will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds will go to the new swimming pool.

# Mr. and Mrs. Robert English celebrate 25th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) <sup>1974</sup> — Open house was held on Sunday afternoon, April 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert English (nee Helen Jull) when upwards of 100 relatives and friends from Sarnia, London, Detroit, Toronto, Ingersoll, Chatham, Stratford, Brantford, Simcoe, Galt and surrounding area called to extend best wishes.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. English, assisted by Mrs. Harold Waring, Mrs. J. P. Heatley and Mrs. Freeland, sisters of the bride of 25 years ago.

The tea table was centred with

a concert grand piano party cake, complete with wedding party on a red velvet revolving stand. The cake was decorated by a close friend of the family, Mrs. Evelyn Duffy of Otterville.

Serving in the tea room were Mrs. Russell Jull, Newark, Miss Joyce Jull, London, Miss Glenna Jull, Mount Elgin, and Mrs. Mike O'Neil, Chatham. The ladies were assisted by Mrs. Roy Rachar, Norwich, and Mrs. James Sqaunce, Otterville.

Mrs. Charles Boughner of Norwich was a special guest to honor her first piano pupil. Others who called were Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency of Norwich, one of the brides piano

pupils, along with former pupils.

Prior to the reception a family dinner was held in St. John's Parish Hall, Otterville, catered for by the members of the St. John's Guild.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was Jack Freeland.

Mrs. Michael O'Neil of Chatham, niece of Mr. and Mrs. English, presented them with a well-filled purse from the family. Mr. English thanked each and every one for their kindness.

To the waitresses, Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Paul Howse, and Mrs. Peter Gilchrist, Mr. Michael O'Neil expressed appreciation on behalf of the family.

Seated at the head table with Mr. and Mrs. English were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Beard of Brantford, who were attendants at the wedding on April 9, 1949, which took place in Eglinton United Church, Toronto.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull, Norwich; Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville; Mrs. J. P. Heatley, Sarnia; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull, Mount Elgin; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jull, Newark; Miss Joyce Jull, London; Mr. Ross McMullen, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Neil and daughters, Julie, Jennifer and Jacqueline of Chatham.

The happy couple were recipients of many gifts and cards for which each thanked their friends and invited them to their home at 899 Mary St., Oshawa.

We would like to thank our relatives and friends for the delicious dinner served to us on the occasion of our 45th wedding anniversary. Also for the many lovely gifts and messages of congratulations on the lovely cards which were so much appreciated. Thanks again in making our anniversary such a Happy Occasion. Ernie and Thelma Garnett. <sup>Apr 21/74</sup>



**DONALD FREEMAN MOORE**

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dr. Donald F. Moore, former Dean of the College of Medicine and head of the Department of Pathology at University of Saskatchewan, died on Friday, April 26, 1974. His surviving family includes his wife, Jean; a daughter, Dr. Dianne Smith; a son, John; and two step-daughters, Mrs. Nanci Riblet and Miss Sue Harrington.

Born in Norwich, Dr. Moore received his M.D. degree from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1934, followed by the B.Sc. (Medicine) degree three years later.

Dr. Moore began his distinguished professional career as an assistant pathologist at Toronto General and Vancouver General Hospitals. After serving as a pathologist at the Regina and Grey Nuns' Hospitals, he was appointed associated professor of pathology at the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine in 1945. He served as consulting pathologist to the Veterans' Hospital, and to the Saskatchewan Cancer Commission, and as Pathologist to St. Paul's Hospital, where he became Chief of Medicine in 1950. Following promotion to Professor in 1947, he served as Head of the Department of Pathology from 1952 until late in 1973, and as Dean of the College of Medicine from 1967 until 1970. Dr. Moore served on the Project Planning Committee of University Hospital and on the Planning Committee for the University.

From 1951 until his death, Dr. Moore was variously president of both the Canadian and Saskatchewan Associations of Pathologists; Fellow of the College of American Pathologists and the American Society of Clinical Pathologists; Executive Council member of the International Academy of Pathologists; Chairman of the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Approval of Schools for Laboratory Technology, and member of the Board of Nursing Education. Dr. Moore was especially active in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, having served as a member of the executive council; examiner for Fellowship applicants in Surgery; chairman of the Committee on Pathology; member of the Committee on Approval of Hospitals and the Sub-Committee on Standards; chief examiner for Fellowship examinations and in Laboratory medicine, and member of the overall examination committee of the Royal College.

The body was cremated in Saskatoon, and the ashes were brought to the family plot in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville, on Saturday afternoon.

Attending the burial were Mrs. Donald Moore of Saskatoon, John Moore of Montreal, and Edward Moore of Otterville, who were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland following the service.



*April 1974*  
Mrs. Grant Mountain secretary-treasurer of the Sunshine Club, Otterville, presents a cash donation of \$200. to Gordon Shearer, secretary-treasurer of the Swimming Pool Fund. The proud president of the club, Mrs. Frank Doyle, looks on. The money was realized from the members serving pancake dinners on Shrove Tuesday in the Parish Hall, Otterville. This event has been practiced for the last several years and each time a substantial donation has been given to the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club for a worthy cause in the community park.



*April 1974*  
Mrs. Harry Lee, president of the Otterville Leisure Club, presents a cash donation of \$25 to Gordon Shearer, secretary-treasurer of the Swimming Pool Fund, while club first vice-president, Mrs. Earl Petch, stands by. Money was raised through memberships and collections only. The club has a membership of 30 and meets each Wednesday afternoon in the council chamber of the township office.

## Manning - Van Acker

Aylmer Baptist Church was the setting on Saturday, April 20, 1974, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Barbara Louise Van Acker and George Richard Manning. Rev. Babcock officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Van Acker of RR 2, Aylmer, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Manning of RR 1, Norwich.

Maid of honor was Mary Jane Prendergast, friend of the bride,

and bridesmaids were Deborah Wilson, cousin of the bride, and Gwen, Joan and Emily Ann Manning, sisters of the groom.

Best man was Trevor Manning, brother of the groom. Ushers were Bill Muchie, Larry Peat, David Saunders and David O'Reilly.

After a reception held at the Columbus Club, Aylmer, the couple left for a wedding trip to Florida.

## Celebrate 25th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Leo Krohe of Otterville, upon the occasion of their silver anniversary, were pleasantly surprised at the Town Gate Inn, Tillsonburg, on Sunday afternoon, April 21, 1974.

Festivities were co-hosted by the couple's family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krohe, Miss Louanna Krohe and Ronald Krohe. Guests were present from Paris, LaSalette, Tillsonburg, Otterville, Kitchener and London. Toasts honoring Mr. and Mrs.

Krohe were extended by Tom Powell and Rick Krohe.

After the delicious dinner, the anniversary cake was cut by the couple. Gifts were later opened and displayed.

A presentation bouquet of roses was given to grandparents by Miss Angela Krohe.

The evening honoring the couple was a most enjoyable and festive one.

Best wishes and many more happy years of married life to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Krohe.

## AUCTION SALE

**Furniture, Antiques & Household Items**

Selling for the estate of the late Agnes Graves of Norwich and other estate additions; sale held at Shackleton Auctions, five miles north of Aylmer and three miles east or eight miles south of 401 highway on Putnam Road.

**THURSDAY EVE.,**

**APRIL 4, 7 P.M. 1974**

27 cubic foot deep freeze, 30" Leonard electric stove, colour T.V., two continental single beds (like new), double dresser and chest of drawers like new, two Lazy boy chairs, victrola, drop leaf table, ornate old rocker, Paris Shuyler jug, brass and iron bed, several dressers, old radio, vacuum cleaner, coal oil lamps, two chesterfield suites, drum top table; silverware, some Old Colony; chrome table and chairs, Singer treadle sewing machine; metal beds, copper boiler; set of dishes; quantity of glass and china, modern and old; high chair; pictures, lamps; and numerous other household items; power lawn mower; motor and emery, iron kettles, bench vice, hand and garden tools and many other items.

Terms - Cash night of sale.

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# Displays antiques at Institute meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Fred Cole, convener of cultural affairs, had an excellent display of the antiques she had collected and gave a very interesting talk at the May meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute held in Otterville Community Hall on Friday evening.

Mrs. Cole's daughter, Mrs. Gill Durham of Barrie, also spoke and gave a demonstration on carding and spinning wool.

Mrs. Adam Oliver thanked Mrs. Durham for coming from Barrie and presented her with a gift.

The members admired the display Mrs. Cole had and also the Tweedsmuir history books which Curator Mrs. Addison had on display.

The president thanked Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Gill Durham and Mrs. Addison for their displays.

Mrs. G. M. Downing spoke on the 4-H Girls, commending the president, Mrs. McMullen, for the work she was doing with the girls. Two of the members, Christine McMullen and Mary Ellen Gleason, had achieved Oxford county honors. Mrs. Downing presented the girls with trillium dishes. Mary Ellen Gleason was unable to be present and will receive hers at a later date.

Mrs. McMullen thanked Mrs. David Arthur, her assistant, and spoke on future projects for the girls.

Mrs. Jack Walter reminded the members of the bus trip to the Erland Lee Home and Rittersmere Crafts June 14, the bus leaving at 8:30 a.m., and each one to bring a box lunch.

Mrs. McMullen welcomed

members and visitors. Twenty members and ten visitors responded to the roll call, "My Most Treasured Antique."

Mrs. McMullen thanked the members for their co-operation with the rummage sale and it was moved that \$175 be donated to the swimming pool.

Correspondence included a letter from the Junior Farmers re the bottle drive July 20. War Memorial Children's Hospital thanked the Institute for the baby jackets and pinafores and a letter from S. Pearl Clarke, acknowledged receipt for the spoons. The secretary now has the spoons for sale. Mrs. Harold Durkee thanked the Institute for their get-well card, also for the help they had given her at the

rummage sale, also a thank-you card from Mrs. Gladys Goodale.

Mrs. Downing spoke on the summary day "More Ideas for Knits."

Mrs. Fred Moore and Miss Gladys Nobbs volunteered to make two quilt blocks for the quilts which the Institute are making one for the Ontario Science Centre, Toronto, to be on display this summer and one for the Erland Lee Home.



LUMBER YARD - OTTERVILLE -- Two acre lot-- includes land and buildings--call for further details-- PRICE: \$62,000.--M.L.S.

## Church Club holds dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) — Approximately 250 persons were fed at the turkey dinner served in the St. John's Parish Hall on Sunday, May 5, 1974.

The serving started at 4:30 and the dinner continued until 6:30 p.m.

The dinner was sponsored by the St. John's Church Club, of which Mrs. Carl Howse is president. They were assisted by the members of the Church Guild, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president.

Mrs. Nate McMullen, treasurer of the Guild, and her daughter, Mrs. Ken Mann, were clerks at the door where tickets were purchased for the dinner.

Neither the Church Club nor the Church Guild have a large membership but with the younger generation of the Church assisting the ladies had many complimentary remarks on the delicious turkey dinner.



Hanging of a large, framed photograph of the late Harold Innis, noted Canadian economist, featured the first annual picnic of the Harold Innis Foundation at Innisfree Farm on Saturday. Shown with the photograph are sisters and brother of Mr. Innis, Mrs. R. Brayley of Otterville, Mrs. Marshall Malcolm of Teeterville and Sam Innis of Norwich.

## Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Teddy Smith a former resident of Otterville who has for the past eighteen months been a resident in Stonecrest Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, had the misfortune to fall, breaking her hip. Mrs. Smith observed her 90th birthday on Sunday, May 19, 1974.

Miss Gladys Nobbs was a guest at the Ellington-Broughton wedding in Bethel Baptist Church, Simcoe, and also the reception held at the Canadian Legion Hall, Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull of Norwich spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Harold Waring.

Mrs. Edna Pearce, Miss Eva Deveney and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville, accompanied by Mrs. George Redman of Woodstock, were Wednesday guests with Miss Maude Hussey at 9 Carmine Place, Guelph. Miss Hussey was a former resident of Otterville and was the operator in the Bell Telephone office here.

Mrs. Jack Heatley of Sarnia has been a visitor with her sisters, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland and Mrs. Harold Waring. During the weekend Mrs. Heatley and Mrs. Waring called on Mrs. Frank Fidlin and friends in Elgin View Nursing Home, Norwich, and Mrs. Albert Jull and family in Teeterville.

## Innis Foundation holds first picnic

The Harold Innis Foundation held its first annual picnic for members and their friends at Innisfree Farm, Otterville, on May 11.

Although distribution of invitations was almost fatally handicapped by the recent postal strike, word-of-mouth canvassing brought 35 guests to the affair. They toured the grounds, inspected the modern conference centre, and enjoyed a chicken barbecue organized and prepared by Grant and Doreen Mountain of Otterville. Also assisting in the arrangements were Susie and Josephine Mountain, Bob and Ella Scott of Norwich, and the resident managers at Innisfree, Rob and Stefanie Sebastian.

Visitors included Prof. Kenneth Bryden of Toronto, a former MPP recently elected to the Foundation Board, and his wife, Marion, an economist. While birdwatching on the edge of the farm woodlot, the Brydens spotted a bobcat. Also making their first visit to the district were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rupert of Toronto, who suggested that the conference centre would be a

good headquarters for parties of hikers and nature enthusiasts.

Two high school teachers, Mary-Ellen Anglin of North York and Paul Pageloma of Scarborough were impressed by the possibilities of the area for the fast-growing sport of cross-country skiing. A large party of friends was invited to the picnic by the Foundation treasurer, John Mulholland, a Toronto chartered accountant. They came from London, Bright, Hamilton and Toronto, and expressed interest in promoting a diversity of uses for the farm's facilities.

Honored guests were the late Professor Innis's sisters and brother, Mrs. Marshall Malcolm of Teeterville, Mrs. R. Brayley of Otterville, and Samuel Innis of Norwich. Foundation president Donald Millard, an Ontario Hydro engineer, welcomed them to the picnic, and the hanging of a large framed photograph of Harold Innis in the main room of the conference centre. He declared that the Foundation is aiming to beautify the farm property, improve the accommodation and services of the centre, and expand the educational activities of the

organization as an enduring memorial to Canada's greatest economic historian.

In the days before the picnic, the Foundation was involved in two other important events. In co-operation with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, a day-long seminar was held on May 9 at Hart House, University of Toronto, on The Legacy of Harold Innis. Recordings made at the seminar will be used to prepare a radio program to be broadcast next autumn. The following day, the Foundation's research committee met to plan the forthcoming publication of a book which will be based on papers and discussions from the weekend conference held at Innisfree Farm in May, 1972, on The Significance of Harold Innis.



# Minor ball in Otterville

Over 60 boys have registered to play ball in Otterville for the 1974 season, according to Lois Rachar, secretary-treasurer of the Otterville Minor Ball Association.

President for the 1974 season is Don Ryder.

Registrations were held for squirt, peewee and bantam in the boys' division, while midget, juvenile, junior and senior teams will not be entered.

Squirt registrations include Dennis Walters, Cam Pettigrew, Duanne Barnim, Marty Jardine, Richard Barnim, Randy Grey, Paul Dow, Sandy Thompson, David Caughill, Robert Davis, Louis Kovacs, John Davis, Peter Davis, Hugh Arthur, Dale Arthur, Allen Arthur, Scott Lee, Duanne VanBesien, Richard Kicksee, Robbie Kovacs, Walter Frie, Danny VanBesien and Tracey Finch.

Coaches for the squirts are Danny VanHooren and Lyle Davis.

Peewee registrations include Ronny Wells, Troy Miller, Paul Arthur, Don Hussey, Paul Babcock, Ted Briggs, Kevin Church, Gil White, Darren Clifford, Chuck Howse, Paul Finch, Kenny DeRoo, Gord Pathy, Larry Hansford, Burke Neale, Brian Sherman, Bentley White, Danny VanHooren, Brian Mudge, Randy Haskett and Steve Hanson.

Peewee coaches are Gary Rachar and Aubrey Babcock.

Bantam registrations include Dean Clifford, David Davis, Rob Davis, Doug Furlong, Mike Furlong, Mark Holbrook, Gene Jones, Colby Miller, Pat Pinnoy, Bill Richardson, Randy Mudge, Randy Ryder, Jim Thompson, Phil Thompson, Joe Webb and Fred White.

Bantam coaches are George Davis, Bill Butler, Bob Butler and Ted McElhone.

The house league team roster will be released shortly. House league boys coaches will be Ross Dow, Lee Richardson and the South Norwich fire department while the girls will be coached by

Two girls teams have been entered this year in the South Oxford League.

On the Peewee team are Brenda Barnim, Joanne Barnim, Carolyn Blayney, Marlene Christo, Kelly Davis, Nancy Davis, Ilene Finch, Cheryl Furlong, Jane Furlong, Susan Gould, Wilma McMullen, Susan Mountain, Connie Richardson, Darlene Smith and Joanne Thompson.

Peewee girls coaches are Frances Richardson and Betty Jean Davis.

The midget team, known as the Otter Belles, include Karen Arthur, Bonnie Briggs, Donna Christo, Sheila Cowan, Julie Davis, Patti Davis, Mary Ellen Gleason, Tammy Gould, Lorrie Gould, Tracey Gray, Christine Kramer, Christine McMullen, Shelley Oenema, Deb Shearer, Deb Singer, Jill Stewart, Karen VanPaiys, Marianne Wells and Brenda Zaharchuk.

The Otter Belles coaches are Bonnie Redman, Bill Redman and Madelaine Cowan.

Results in the first week of play in Otterville are as follows:

## SQUIRT

Thursday, May 23 (Exhibition) - Otterville 7, Mount Elgin 7; Saturday, May 25, (league) Straffordville 22, Otterville 13.

## PEEWEE

Boys - Monday, May 20 (exhibition) Otterville 18, Norwich 7; Wednesday, May 22 (league) Otterville 36, Courtland 1; Saturday, May 25 (league) Otterville 30, Norwich 19. Girls - Thursday, May 23 (league) Norwich 43, Otterville 37.

## BANTAM

Boys - Tuesday, May 21 (league) Otterville 12, Courtland 2; Friday, May 24 (league) Otterville 10, Norwich 9.

## MIDGET OTTER BELLES

Monday, May 20 (exhibition) Norwich 16, Otterville 7; Thursday, May 23 (league) Otterville 27, Courtland 12; Sunday, May 26 (league) Innerkip 23, Otterville 13.



Donations for the Otterville Lions swimming pool fund continue to come in. Top, Gordon Shearer, secretary-treasurer of the pool committee, accept a \$100 donation from Marjorie Pearce, worthy matron of Norwich Eastern Star chapter. Bottom, Fred Thompson presents \$200 on behalf of Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, *May 1974*

The closing dance for the season of the Youth Group ranging in age from 10 to 16 years, of Otterville and district was held on Friday evening in the Otterville Public School with 150 in attendance from Tillsonburg, Norwich, Delhi and Otterville. Music for the evening was supplied by a three piece Band "Just-Us" from Tillsonburg.

Door prizes were won by Carolyn Kish, Karen Yeo, Pat Davis, Donnie Hussey, Ron Wilson, Darlene Smith, and Charlotte Rosehart.

This was the concluding dance in a series held every two weeks

during the winter. Regular chaperones were: Mrs. and Mrs. Jay Hetherington of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Danny Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cowan.

Mr. Hetherington expressed thanks and appreciation to principal Boyd Little for the use of the school, to Carl Howse for his help, to the chaperones, the band and most of all to the young people who have been so great and co-operative during the year. *May 1974*

## Walkers raise \$9,500 for Otterville pool

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville pool walkathon, staged by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club on Saturday, was a smashing... or maybe blistering... success. A total of 232 walkers started the 22-mile course, and a good percentage—188 finished the circuit. Walk officials estimated that pledges

to the walkers will total \$9,500.

The pool walkathon attracted the usual variety of hikers. Oldest walker was Charles Bradford of Otterville, 67 years old. The youngest walker, eight-year-old Allen Arthur, completed the 22-mile course.

Walkers started at 8:30 a.m. in Otterville, travelled through Norwich, Burgessville, Holbrook and Springford, and trudged back into Otterville for a much-deserved snack and cold drink.

First back was Cornelius VanVliet, of Albert Street in Norwich, who obviously did a little more than walk. He started at 8:30 a.m., and was back in Otterville by 12:40 p.m. Next across the line were three Otterville walkers—Tony Drescher, Eugene Jones and Phillip Thompson, who arrived back at 12:55 p.m.

Walkers then kept turning up at the finish line until almost 6 p.m.

Chairing the walkathon was Lion Murray Wardell, past president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions. All money raised will go to the Otterville pool, which is already under construction, and should be open to area swimmers this summer.

## Medical Centre fund drive

Medical centre contributions have reached a total of \$1,625. The amount pledged for special projects is \$3,450.

For this week's contributions, we thank the following contributors:

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Mrs. Mae Chambers  
Mr. Ken Avey  
Mr. H. W. Clayton  
Mr. C. H. Bradford

Anyone wishing to make donations should get in touch with Mr. George Friesen.

The Lions Club Lottery Draw will be June 8.



# Garnetts honored at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first evening of its kind sponsored by the businessmen of Otterville, accompanied by their wives, was held in the form of a roast beef dinner at the Har-Bar Restaurant, Otterville, on Monday evening. Prior to the dinner Adam Oliver returned thanks.

The evening honored Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garnett, who owned

and operated the grocery store and service station on Main St. for the past 38 years, and are now retired and taking life leisurely.

Mr. Adam Oliver, on behalf of the association, expressed appreciation to Thelma and Ernie for their many years of service with the public and presented them with two lawn lounge chairs for which they each thanked the Association.

Miss Bowden of Bell Canada, Brantford, was guest speaker for the evening and in her informative talk on Canada Bell showed a film on "How to Lose Business without trying" which was humorous. The speaker was introduced by Mel Smith, president of the association, and

thanked by Dr. Murray Downing.

Douglas DeMontmorency of Norwich was another guest of the evening and was presented with a purse of money by Mel Smith for taking part in the Walk-a-thon. Mel also expressed appreciation to the genial hosts, Harvey and Barbara Miller, who were assisted by Mrs. Nip Christo and daughter, Donna, in serving the dinner.

The president introduced the head table guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garnett, Miss Bowden of Brantford, Douglas DeMontmorency, Fred Zaharchuck and Mel Smith.

The speaker passed out pamphlets and personal telephone books. *May '74*

## 21-verse hymn did him in after playing 682

Free Press St. Thomas Bureau

AYLMER — A hymn with 21 verses would tire any organ player — especially since it was the 682nd hymn he had played since beginning over a day before.

The hymn ended Trinity Anglican Church organist John B. Slauson's attempt to play every verse of every hymn — at total of 848 in the Anglican hymn book, but not before he set a "hymnathon" record and raised about \$1,500 for the church.

Mr. Slauson began his assault on the

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JOHN B. SLAUSON

... raised \$1,500 for church



hymns at 6 p.m. Friday and continued to play until 6:30 p.m. Saturday when the 21-verse hymn finally did him in.

The 29-year-old assistant editor of the Aylmer Express broke the record of 21½ hours by three hours.

Two years ago, he played for 20 hours to raise money for St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg.

Members of the Trinity congregation pledged \$1.27 for every hymn. He also received about \$660 in donations.

The money will be used for church renovation and a new organ.

## Fireworks planned by Lions

OTTERVILLE (C) — A meeting of the Lions Park Committee was held at the home of Lion George Davis recently with ten members present.

Gord Shearer presided.

The following were appointed to committees: chairman and in charge of the pool, George Davis; secretary-treasurer, Gord Shearer; ball diamond, William Butler; park management, Jim Auger; booth, Jim Auger and Gordon Shearer.

To date no one has applied for looking after cutting of grass and the booth. If anyone is interested, please contact secretary-treasurer, Gord Shearer.

The annual display of fireworks will be held in the Park, May 20. The admission is \$1 for each adult.

Mel Smith and Tony Drescher will be clerks at the gate. Jim Auger and Gord Shearer will be in charge of the booth.

The members of the Lions Club are being solicited to help in the booth on the 20th.

William Butler will arrange for the ballgame to be played before the fireworks.

Members of the Lions Club are still on the lookout for lifeguards, instructors, bath house attendant. Anyone interested is asked to contact the secretary of the Lions Park Committee at their earliest convenience.

The new pool is well underway and the suggested date of completion is by the end of June.

Be prepared all you workers and those that participated in the Walkathon, we may have a nice cool swim for you.

## Machine 'gobbles up' sewage

OTTERVILLE (CP) — Johann Sollinger, a 44-year-old Toronto engineer, has developed a waste disposal machine that "gobbles up so much animal manure and sewage, you wouldn't believe it."

"It has taken eight years to perfect the process and now the machine is running 24 hours a day," he said in an interview. "All the bugs are ironed out."

Mr. Sollinger's plant in this community, 32 miles southeast of London, employs 12 persons and converts 120 tons of animal manure a day into 90 tons of high-grade fertilizer, bagged and ready for shipment.

Mr. Sollinger said his machine, one of about 30 waste-disposal systems the Ontario government is studying for use in conjunction with Metropolitan Toronto's sewage treatment plants, heats the waste to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, killing all the bacteria without combustion.

That is the patented secret behind the process, he said. It uses intense heat without allowing any burning to occur.

"However, there still is a problem to be worked out, the hesitation the government is showing about my work," he said.

"All kinds of American organizations are offering me money to set up plants in their cities but the Ontario government—which first looked at the process two years ago—is taking a long time to complete its report on my work.

"We had a visit recently from a Chinese trade delegation. They want to use the process in Asia. And Omaha, Neb., with the world's largest stockyards, also wants it."

The Swiss-born engineer said his company plans to establish a plant at the Ontario stock yards in Toronto, but he is waiting for financial assistance promised by the province before he starts construction of the Toronto plant.

Mr. Sollinger said he hopes the Toronto plant will also "show what we can do with methane."

Methane gas is produced in large quantities from human and animal wastes. It will be drawn off during processing of manure at the stockyards.

"We'll get enough methane—from six to 10 cubic feet of the gas from every pound of manure—eventually to run the plant entirely without electricity," Mr. Sollinger said.

"There will even be a surplus and that might be used to heat homes in the area at a very low cost."



# Toronto engineer's machine turns manure into money

By DAVID QUINTNER  
Star staff writer

## OTTERVILLE

Johanns Sollinger gives the giant, spinning drum a proprietary pat. "This is the one that really does the job," he says.

"This machine can gobble up so much animal manure and sewage, you wouldn't believe it. But you can see for yourself—it works."

Work it does, with a clank and a rumble, and keeps a staff of 12 busy in this tiny town 32 miles southeast of London.

Its two swiftly turning cylinders—both 8 feet across, one 80 feet long, the other 40 feet long—churn 120 tons of animal manure a day into 90 tons of high-grade fertilizer, bagged and ready for shipment.

This is one of about 30 waste-disposal systems the Ontario government says it is studying for use in conjunction with Metro's sewage treatment plants. But it's one of the few that is already in operation, not just a drawing-board proposal.

There are a number of fertilizer processes around that use animal manure as their base. But Sollinger's giant machine—which he says he could miniaturize for apartment-block use—heats the wastes to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit, kills all bacteria, and remarkably, does so without combustion.

That's the patented secret behind the process: It uses intense heat without allowing any burning to occur.

## Like gold

The 44-year-old Swiss-born engineer, who lives in Toronto, runs his hands through the granules of fertilizer like a Midas cherishing gold.

"It's taken eight years to perfect this process," he says, "and now the machine is running 24 hours a day—all the bugs are ironed out."

But problems yet remain.

"It's strange, you know, the hesitation the government is showing over my work," Sollinger says. "All kinds of American organizations are offering me money to set up plants in their cities, but the Ontario government—which first looked at the

process two years ago—is taking a long time to complete its report on my work.

"We had a visit last month from a Chinese trade delegation. They want to use the process in Asia. Omaha, Nebraska, with the world's largest stockyards, wants it. So does Los Angeles.

"I've already announced my own country comes first, but I'm getting impatient," Sollinger grumbles.

His company, Sollinger Industries Ltd., has signed a contract to build a plant at the Ontario Stock Yards in Toronto, where three acres of land have been leased to Sollinger for \$1.

Outside the Otterville plant, scattered around the 10-acre site, lie the great steel cylinders that will be used in the stockyards, and Sollinger hopes construction of the plant can begin shortly.

But he's waiting for the financial assistance he says he's been promised by Ontario before he'll start construction in Toronto.

He announced details of the process six months ago, then ran into delays while waiting for delivery of a custom-built, \$70,000 air-purification system at Otterville, where the plant is the community's biggest single employer.

## Fine dust

The purification system collects an additional salable product: fine fertilizer dust, which is bagged for sale to apartment dwellers and others who require small amounts of fertilizer for flowers and shrubs.

Canadian Industries Ltd. (CIL), principal distributor of the Sollinger fertilizer, calls it "a good quality product. It's won consumer acceptance—we can take all he'll sell."

The spokesman said the Sollinger fertilizer is sold principally in Ontario and Quebec, but also sells across Canada, wherever CIL products are sold.

Sollinger said the demand for his product now was so great that a company from Lowell, Mass., had placed a tentative order for 200,000 tons of fertilizer—if Sollinger can assure supply.

"With the plant in Toronto, or in another major centre for cattle feedlots, like Omaha, we will be able to supply them—no trouble."

## 'More economical'

Fred Knelman, a professor at Sir George Williams University in Montreal, noted Canadian environmentalist and adviser to the Science Council of Canada, said in a letter last month to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment:

"The Sollinger process is already more economical than traditional waste treatment and disposal, and, of course, has intrinsically greater social value and long-run stability."

Sollinger hopes the Toronto stockyards plant also will "show what we can do with methane."

Methane, a gas produced by decomposition of organic matter, exists in large quantities in human and animal wastes. It will be drawn off during processing of manure at the stock yards.

"We'll get enough methane—from 6 to 10 cubic feet of the gas from every pound of manure—eventually to run the plant entirely without needing to use electricity," Sollinger said. "There will even be a surplus of the gas and that could be

used to heat homes in the area at a very low cost."

Fred Campbell, general manager of the stockyards, sees the new process as a partial solution to his particular problem—space.

The stockyards, fifth largest in North America, produce about 16,000 tons of manure annually. By moving the manure off the premises and into the Sollinger plant, Campbell hopes to be able to handle thousands of extra cattle at the yards.

Sollinger has explained his interest in sewage treatment like this: "Well, it's like so much else. No one happened to have done it be-

fore. I saw the need. But not many people want to concern themselves with excrement."

A man who shudders at the mention of fame, Sollinger is hoping to perfect a number of inventions.

One of his oddest plans concerns the destruction, by sound waves, of gallstones or other stones that form in the body. It's been the subject of humor in the past—the late British comedian Tony Hancock once drew laughs on a broadcast by talking about "a little black box that shatters your gallstones."

But Sollinger isn't being funny. "All you have to do is determine the consistency of the stones you want to smash, direct the high-frequency sound at an appropriate wavelength, and the disintegration will inevitably occur."

No less odd is his idea that rust is really caused by a minute form of life that literally eats away the metal. He hopes one day to discover the "bug" that causes so much destruction.

He says that "given a week," he could finish perfecting a blood-analysis unit that "for a very small cost can determine a person's blood type and do 11 other tests on a sample of dried blood," working from a portable kit the size of an attache case.

But he hasn't touched his other inventions in a couple of years since testing began on the plant at Otterville.

"As soon as the Otterville system is approved by the government, I can go back to my other work," he says rather wistfully.

"Right now, we're waiting for Ontario to come forward with the money we were promised two years ago.

"Every day we're kept waiting the cost of building the stockyard's plant goes up. Last year, it was to have cost \$3.5 million. It's obviously going to be more than that now."



JOHANN SOLLINGER

"See for yourself—it works."



INSIGHT PAGE



THE FINISHED PRODUCT at the Otterville, Ont. plant of Sollinger Industries Ltd. is fertilizer, bagged and ready for shipment. The raw

material is animal manure, treated by a process that heats it to 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit without combustion. Above, a worker stacks bags.

—Star photos by Victor Aziz



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# Seniors visit Niagara Falls

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club in Otterville, along with members of the Golden Age Group in Norwich and friends and a number from the 50-60 Club in Tillsonburg, with members of the Friendship group in Delhi, enjoyed a wonderful day at Niagara Falls.

The event was planned by the members of the Leisure Club and once the news broke of a bus trip to Niagara Falls the bus limited to 48 passengers was soon filled and at 8:15 on Thursday the members were on their way.

The first stop was at Burlington where the members stopped to see the lovely roses and after this stop the bus was on its way to Queenston Heights, where the members, taking a box lunch, enjoyed their repast in picnic style.

Passengers all enjoyed the time spent at the falls. Several more stops were made on their return. They stopped in Brantford for dinner.

On behalf of the passengers, appreciation was expressed to the bus driver by Max Avey and to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee in making arrangements and also to Max in his assistance, all along the way.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Harold Waring was a dinner

guest on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad, Springford. Mrs. Florence Wiskill of Springford was also a guest with her sister, Mrs. Broad and Mr. Broad.

A speedy recovery is wished for all the Otterville folk who are patients in the Victoria Hospital in London and these include Mrs. Doris Clifford, Mr. Bert Pauli and Mr. Richard Picknell.

Mrs. Jack P. Heatley returned to her home in Sarnia on Monday after several days visit in Otterville with her sisters, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mr. Freeland and Mrs. H.A. Waring.

Mrs. Willard Myrick and son, Douglas, of Tillsonburg called on Mrs. H.A. Waring on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H.A. Waring spent Friday evening with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. William Waring, Norwich.

Mrs. John McSkimming has returned to her home from the District Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Richard Saunders is convalescing at his home after receiving treatment in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Dennis and Michael Haley of Brantford spent the holiday week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson

have sold their home west of the village and moved to their new home in Sweaburg. Mr. Johnson was the Postmaster in Otterville and Mrs. Johnson was a bookkeeper at the Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barnard of Dereham Centre purchased the lovely new home from Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and moved last week. They were accompanied by the latter's mother, Mrs. Archie MacDonald, who will be living with them.

Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Halliday of Tavistock were recent dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Many of the members of the Otterville United Church have received letters from former members and friends of the church congregation expressing their appreciation in being invited back to the anniversary and choir reunion, which was held on Sunday, June 16. Special mention was made of the guest speaker, former ministers, the music in duet, anthem and quartet selections. The quartet composed of Douglas Babbey of Springford, John Davis, George Davis and Melville Beecroft gave a selection in the afternoon as well. The letters also expressed appreciation to all the committees.



Elizabeth Jean Colver graduated Friday, May 31, 1974, from Fanshawe College, London, as a medical record technician. She is the daughter of Mrs. Ronald Colver, Otterville, and has accepted a position at Woodstock General Hospital. She was a student at the Norwich District High School. Miss Colver will commence duties July 2. *June 74*



Dr. Wayne Arthur Beecroft received his degree cum laude on June 7 from the School of Medicine of the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Beecroft, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft of Otterville attended Norwich High School, graduated from Upper Canada College and received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Toronto in 1970. He is presently doing his internship at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto. *June 74*

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# South Norwich taxes rise slightly despite

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — Tax increases for South Norwich Township ratepayers this year have been held down despite a \$29,500 expenditure for the township's share in the \$100,000 Otterville pool program, clerk-treasurer M. M. Howse said Tuesday.

Mr. Howse said 5.27 mills from the gen-

eral township rate will go toward rebuilding the pool.

The ministry of treasury, economics and inter-governmental affairs, he said, has recommended using \$20,000 from the township's working fund reserves for the program. The township paid \$4,474 last year for design work.

Mr. Howse said Norwich Otterville Lions Club has propped to raise \$25,000. Also expected are \$20,000 in community centre grants and \$5,600 from South Norwich Park Board.

Farm and residential rate for public school supporters has been set at 85.2 mills, an increase of 1.5 mills over the 83.7-mill

levy of 1973. Township commercial rate for public school supporters is 94.25, up from 92.69 last year.

Oxford County separate school supporters will pay 89.52 mills, up 2.8 mills from last year's rate of 86.723. Commercial rate has increased to 99.01 from 96.032 in 1973.

Haldimand-Norfolk separate school supporters face a farm and residential rate of 86.25, an increase of 5.97 from the 80.7-mill rate a year ago. This group has no commercial assessment in the township.

Otterville residents will pay 92.7 mills for farm and residential, compared with 91.2 last year. Commercial rate has increased to 101.75 from 101.1 mills.

The rate for township purposes (a portion of the total rate) has been set at 20.79 mills for farm and residential and 24.49 for commercial compared with 13.16 and 16.45, respectively, in 1973.

Mr. Howse said due dates for taxes have been set for July 15 and Dec. 15. The levy, he said, will be less the interim payment which was due March 29.

pool obligation

### Guild plans floral tea *June 1974*

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the St. John's Church Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Miss Edna Furlong with a good attendance.

President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill presided.

In the business session, partial plans were made for the annual Floral Tea which will be held in the Parish Hall June 27.

The social hour completed the afternoon when the members met and visited with a guest at the meeting from Essex, England.

### Brownies end first year *June 74*

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first year of 1st Otterville Brownie Pack has been completed successfully. All 19 Brownies received their native lore and craft badges, and would like to thank the badge testers, Mrs. Gordon Leonard and Mrs. George Douma for their assistance.

They attended the Camporee at Brownville where they viewed Indian relics and a film on totem poles which helped prepare them for the native lore badge.

### Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank all our friends, neighbours and family for their thoughtfulness flowers and sympathy conveyed in the loss of a beloved father Robert E. Maloney. Special thanks to Arns Funeral home, Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and Norwich Legion and Rev. Flint.

Jim and Betty McLaren,  
*June 74* Gladys Maloney



# Bousada - Downing nuptials spoken

OTTERVILLE (C) — A single basket arrangement of white mums and carnations with yellow shasta daisies, flanked by candelabra with white tapers, and guest pews marked with white bows and trailing ivy, decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, June 1, 1974, at 5 p.m. for the wedding of Joan Lorraine Downing of Otterville, and Nabil Bousada of Ottawa. Rev. Cyril Leach of Brantford, former minister of Otterville United Church who is now retired, officiated at the early summer wedding. Organist, Mrs. W. McMullen played Love Divine - Day By Day, with the congregation joining in singing hymns and The Lord's Prayer.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Downing of Otterville, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. Bousada of Ottawa.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length, white chiffon gown with lace bodice, styled on empire lines. The neckline and waist were trimmed with Brussels lace and miniature blue flowers, as were the full sleeves and cuffs. Her Juliet cap was lace trimmed with miniature blue flowers and held a silk illusion, shoulder-length veil in place, and she carried white carnations, blue cymbidiums and English ivy.

The bride's only attendant was her ten-year-old sister, Janet Downing, who wore a floor-length gown of delph-blue chiffon, styled with long sleeves and a full skirt with a deep frill at the bottom. She wore miniature blue and white flowers in her hair and carried an arrangement of white carnations, blue cymbidiums and English ivy.

Victor Bousada of Ottawa, brother of the groom, was best man, and ushers were Ken Downing and David Downing, both of London, brothers of the bride, Moses Bousada, and Sam Bousada, both brothers of the groom, of Ottawa.

Reception for 124 guests was held at the Tillsonburg Curling Club. The bride's table was covered with a white, hand-made, cutwork cloth embroidered by the bride's maternal grandmother. It was also decorated with red roses and white candles in silver containers, and a wedding cake in white and silver. Guests' tables were decorated with red roses in bud vases.

Wynn Downing of London, brother of the bride, was master of ceremonies.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of blue and green floral chiffon, worn with full length, matching coat and a corsage of white yellow-eyed daisies. Groom's mother chose a floor-length gown of sand and blue floral sheer, worn with a corsage of yellow baby mums.

For a wedding trip to the Middle East, the bride chose a light blue, brushed velvet pantsuit, worn with a corsage of baby mums and blue carnations.

Guests were present from Ottawa, Toronto, Halifax, Vancouver, Windsor, London, Ancaster, St. Thomas and Tillsonburg. Messages were also received from Switzerland and Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bousada are residing in Ottawa.

Prior to the wedding, showers were held for the bride, in Tillsonburg, hosted by Mrs. J. Mooney, Mrs. B. Jones, Mrs. H. Armstrong and Mrs. E. Shieck of London; in Otterville by friends and neighbors and Mrs. A. Oliver also gathered together high school friends for a reunion and shower.

A rehearsal dinner was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Downing for the out-of-town guests and relatives of the bride and groom.



Mr. and Mrs. Nabil Bousada are shown with their attendant, Miss Janet Downing, following their wedding on Saturday, June 1, 1974, at Otterville United Church. The bride is the former Joan Lorraine Downing, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. Downing of Otterville, and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. M. Bousada of Ottawa. Following a wedding trip to the Middle East, the couple are residing in Ottawa.

Rev. J.T.M. Swan



The Reverend John Towler Maurice Swan, L. Th., has been appointed Rector of the Parish of Essex and Cottam.

Mr. Swan has been Rector of Hanover and Durham since 1962. He has taken an active part in municipal affairs there, and served as Mayor of Hanover for three years.

A graduate of Huron College, Mr. Swan has been a parish priest in the Diocese of Huron throughout his ministry. Before moving to Hanover, he had been Incumbent of St. Alban's, London, for three years. His first appointment was in the city of Galt, where he served as Assistant Curate at Trinity Church, and organized St. David's Parish in that city as a Church Extension project. He was Incumbent of this new parish for six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Swan will be moving to St. Paul's Rectory in Essex early in September. Mr. Swan, whose appointment dates from September 8th, succeeds the Reverend R. Maurice Dobson who is now doing social service work in Windsor.

## Engagements

Dr. and Mrs. Murray Downing, Otterville, announce the forthcoming marriage of their elder daughter Joan to Nabil Bousada, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bousada of Ottawa. The wedding will take place at Otterville in the United Church, June 1, 1974.

## Group holds grad night

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Explorer group of Otterville United Church met in the schoolroom of the church on Tuesday, May 28, for their graduation night. There were 16 members and a number of mothers present.

Mrs. Einar Egillson of Otterville conducted the ceremony, and gave a splendid message.

Certificates were presented by Mrs. Harold Arthur to Joanne Barnim, Kelly Davis, Jane Furlong, Carolyn Hanson, Wilma McMullen and Darlene Smith.

Mrs. Harold Arthur, who has been the capable leader in the Explorer group and has now completed 20 years of service, was presented with a gift by Carolyn Hanson on behalf of members.

During worship, the group sang two songs "Joy Is like the Rain," and "Do Lord."

In the past year 16 meetings were held. The offering of \$41. was sent to U.N.I.C.E.F. and calendars were sold.

It was decided that the Explorers would donate \$10. to the world development and relief fund and \$10. to the local swimming pool fund.

Games were played and lunch and social time was enjoyed.

## Elect officers at area Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge Number 330 met in the IOOF hall with Sister Jean McClintock, Noble Grand, and Sister Wilma Butler, vice-grand, presiding.

All officers were present. Minutes were read, and sympathy and get-well cards sent out.

Election of officers was held and resulted as follows: Noble Grand, Sister Wilma Butler, Vice-Grand, Sister Violet Cole; recording secretary, Sister Olive Pickersgill; financial secretary, Sister Anna Treffry; treasurer, Sister Winnie McMullen; trustee for three years - Sister Edith Avey. Sister Vera Welsh was presented with her 25-year jewel by past district deputy Sister Helen Thompson.

Birthday greetings were sung to Sisters Carrie Moore, Violet Howse and Dorothy Redman.

Lunch was served by Sisters Vera Welsh and Violet Howse.

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## Letters to the Editor

### HELP! MINOR BALL

Dear Otterville Parents: It would be a pleasure to be able to give all parents of the Otterville Peewee Girls Softball team a thank-you for coming to the ball game Monday, June 17th, in Norwich. Since there were no parents present, I can not do this.

As parents of these children, I hope you now realize that the ball game was called because of rain. When the downpour started, I had 15 players, one base ump, one assistant coach, one scorekeeper, two enthusiastic fans and two bags of equipment to put in one car. Yes, impossible.

I took 12 in one load to friends in Norwich (Special thanks to Keith and Deb). I came back, picked up the remainder. By this time, each and everyone had gotten their share of rain.

Very likely by this time you are defending yourself and saying a little rain won't hurt anyone. I will agree with you, in fact the children thought it was great fun. But it made me realize that it is about time more parents showed some interest in what their children are doing.

Minor Ball Day is being held in Otterville Saturday, June 22. How about you as a parent, coming out to support our children, they need YOU!

Peewee Coach  
F. Richardson.

P.S. The other two drivers (teenagers) that helped take the children over had left to attend a political meeting. They did come back when the rain started, thanks to Rick and Cathy Lynn. I made only one trip back to Otterville.

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Otterville (C) — A version of the new Maple Leaf Flag was placed at the top of the water tower Saturday night or early Sunday morning.



# Steam show draws 10,000

Old father time visited Norwich over the week-end, and turned the clock back to the steam and gas era. Visitors to the fourth annual Norwich historical show were estimated at 10,000. From the farthest away were those visiting from England and Australia.

Musical entertainment was provided from several sources throughout the week-end. In the arena, organ music was heard, and the Norwich band played on Sunday. Outside the calliope from the Minnie Thomson museum in Stratford, and the band organ owned by Captain Leonard of St. Catharines were heard now and again. On the stage, music was provided by Big Al's Variety show from Kitchener, Bruce Jakeman, and tapes being played over the loud speaker.

Inside the arena, starting on the right-hand side and going north, the displays included Bill, David and Larry Messenger with their Indian artifacts from Ingersoll. Then Lyle Cassidy of Norwich had his replicas of an old village band stand, and a calliope on a circus wagon of the 1890's.

The Elgin View Nursing home had hand crafts for sale and on display, and then Harvey Day of Norwich had his miniature horses and sleighs. Giza and Magda Toth of Ingersoll had minerals, jewelry, and gifts. The Norwich Utility club had on

display many quilts they had made. By Sunday afternoon, the quilt they had been working on the day before, had been finished, sold, and was on its way to Massachusetts.

Ducks and goats were present at the Norwich Nature Club display, with different bird cages hanging from the wall. Willa Hiele of Ayr exhibited textile painting, and Mrs. E. M. DeMontmorency had wrenches and tools.

Harry and Bertha Lee had carving in wood, and needle work. Then on Sunday the Fields had Scottish imports. Next on the east wall was George H. Dielan of Toronto, who had made small engines from scrap. He was trying to get the young kids interested, to use their ingenuity. "If they get a taste of it they'll enjoy it."

Alex Zelando, and Everett Longrod both had scale models. Then next were the model cars starting back south, still on the east side. Ken Peer had a Model T sedan, 1926, Mr. B. Purdon a Dodge coupe, and on to a general display of old stuff by J. E. Smith of Simcoe.

Sam Pascoe, a great help to the show, had silver tea services, and pictures, one of them his foster home when he first came to Canada. Then a row of collectables, Jerry Howard with his bottles, Charles B. Laister and his collection of money, Adolf Kunkel with watch fobs, and belt

buckles, Ruth McMillen with her hand crafts of another day, Maggie and Fred Newton and their bottles, and Luella Butler, who sold subscriptions to the Iron Magazine, spoons and charms. The flea market took up the south end of the centre island.

Going back north, on the west side of the island, Mrs. Georgina Simmons had her brass collection from Woodstock, Mrs. Clarence Parkhill her salt and peppers, and spoons from Burgessville, Mrs. M. J. Emigh, her letter openers, also from Burgessville; Mrs. Edward Pite of Scotland showed her collection of yesterday, Joe Robertson his coins and lanterns from Woodstock, and Mr. Gustin of Simcoe had his phonograph and old washing machine on display.

The Mitchell Brothers of Cultus had a brass whistle collection. Then Frank McCall had guns from Vittoria, and Arthur Picknell of Otterville showed five restored motorcycles, the 1940 Indian, 1946 Indian Chief, 1939 Indian Sport Scout, 1951 Vincent Rapid, 1958 Ariel Square four, to a licensed 1974 Harley Davidson.

Back to the wall at the north end, were some more cars, such as the Albert and Marion Lewis Model A Ford coupe, and Len McGee's Chrysler Royal 1938 sedan.

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# Show draws 10,000

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Coming back south again on the outer ring, George Gray of Woodstock had a sellers table for coins and stamps. The Organ Loft from Tillsonburg had several organs there, and then from London, George Watts had wooden tools right next to Lavern Irving's bottle display. Walter Pullen of Sweaburg had Indian arrowheads, and a horse shoe chair that he had made from horseshoes he collected from all over the world.

A China display by Lettice Hover included chickens on the nest, mugs, and plates. She also had pictures by Miss Clutton the Norwich photographer, and quilts hanging behind the display. Next were Murray Penny's guns; Eula J. Clark's dolls and crafts, and some original paintings by Sara Moore.

Watch fobs from Ray Sadler's collection in Ingersoll, and Russell and Greta Sibbeck's clocks from Brantford finished off the west wall, and John and Greta Robinson of Ancaster had their Girandoles at the south end. The Girandole is a native of England, and was used as a garnish on the mantelpiece. They were originally the candlestick holder, but when gas lighting came in, they were made fancy to sell. Mr. Robinson claims to have the only collection of Girandoles in the world.

Outside the arena, it was more of a historical show than a steam show as in other years. Early gas engines puffed away, the steam engines just hissed, and the horse-run saw was the quietest machine there.

There were 11 steam engines, including a Baker and a Sawyer Massey of Clark Dell's; a Minneapolis owned by Dennis Webb of Beamsville; three Waterloos, owned by Mr. Grant of Eastwood, Mr. Pettinger and Willard Marshall of Cayuga. The Orth's Frick was there, along with the Buffalo Pitts owned by the MacPhersons of Norwich. Mr. Porter of Eastwood's Case, and three Whites owned by Bert Baty of London, Jack Calder of Jerseyville and Charlie Mitchell of Cultus.

There were five saws present, ranging from a gas and belt operated saw owned by Mr. Burson, to the steam operated saw mill owned by Fred Lucan of Dunnville. A drag saw belonging to the museum was run by the horses, and two buzz saws owned by Ken Karn of Sweaburg and Bruce Kipp of Princeton. From Stratford, the Minnie Thomson museum had a wood chopper, wagon pulled by oxen and the calliope.

Fred Mote of Bayfield demonstrated how shingles are made with his machine. Mr. Burson was cutting plaques with

his saw, and burned into it was the date for the current show.

Besides the Baker fan, and the first grader used by North Norwich township, and the threshing and separating machines, the rest were mainly antique tractors. Outstanding among them were two Silver Kings, an Oil Pull tractor, and a Co-Op tractor that had three of the original wheels on it. An oddity was the locomobile, a train on wheels that gave kids a ride, and fire engine, and a few other machines that gave rides around the track.

Parades were being held all the time, and there were several slow races, from which Wally Orth was declared the winner, because he could keep his Frick moving the slowest.

Fred Thomson and Sammy Goodwin, the ventriloquist, were always on hand to do the announcing, even during the few showers that invaded Norwich on Saturday. As for food there were booths operated by the Lions, the Optimists, and the Junior Farmers, and the Legion Ladies provided hot meals.

It was a good week-end, and next year's will probably be better, when they will celebrate the fifth anniversary.

## Otterville church marks anniversary

OTTERVILLE — Rev. George A. Shields of Littlewood, Ontario, was the guest speaker at the morning service in the Otterville United Church on Sunday in honor of the 112th Anniversary on Sunday June 16.

Mrs. E. Eglisson, wife of the minister of the Otterville Pastoral charge, presided for the service and was assisted by two former ministers Rev. Cyril Leach of Brantford who read the scripture.

Rev. Shields based his message on "A Happy Experience."

Mr. and Mrs. Harold MacDougall, former valued members of the choir, sang a duet. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Lorne Treffry sang for an anthem. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist.

A former minister, Rev. George Wylie of Oshawa, gave the Benediction. The ushers were Lorne Treffry, Stewart Godby, Jack Walther and Edward Arthur.

Entering the church, the congregation was met by Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. Edward Arthur who were in charge of the Guest Book, next meeting Mrs. Rod Taylor; and Mrs. Harold Ryder pinned a red rose on a former Choir member.

Dr. H. H. Batson and Edward Arthur welcomed the members and visitors in the church.

Immediately following the service the congregation, which filled the church to seating capacity with many chairs in the aisles, met outside on the lawn where friend met friend of yesteryear, interspersed with pictures being taken by Mr. Harold Ryder and many others clicking their cameras.

The members returned to the schoolroom where lunch was served by the members of the United Church Women which was convened by Mrs. Boyd Little.

At this time the visitors had the opportunity of viewing many pictures which had been given by the congregation to Mr. Ryder who placed them around the schoolroom and many happy memories were brought to mind.

Rev. Eglisson called the gathering to order and introduced a former choir member, Mr. Forrest Kent of Niagara-On-The-Lake. Mention must be made here of the effort put forth by Mr. Kent who was probably the first to suggest an event of this kind. A special time to honor a former choir leader, Ivy Pennington, 88 years of age.

Miss Pennington spryly stepped to the platform where Mr. Kent presented her with an Old England Plaque which conveyed this message - "In appreciation to Miss Ivy Pennington for her Love and Devotion to the Church and Choir of Otterville United Church for over 70 years. Ivy you have certainly exemplified John 3: 16. Presented this 16th day of June 1974 on our 112th Anniversary."

A sheaf of pink rose buds was also presented to her at this time. The recipient graciously thanked those folk for the lovely gifts. She reminisced briefly through the years of her leadership in the choir and in closing voiced appreciation to Rev. Eglisson for his many visits to see her at Maple Manor, Tillsonburg, where she is a resident.

## At choir reunion

OTTERVILLE — Miss Ialene Addison and her aunt, Miss Effie Addison of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Addison of Simcoe, Mr. and Mrs. Brock Addison of Dundas, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. James, Mr. and Mrs. Ev Crockett of Dorchester, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Addison of Kitchener spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison. Among the older members who attended the choir reunion at the United Church Sunday morning were Miss Effie Addison, who is 90, and Vern Addison, who is 85. Both are spry and enjoyed meeting many old friends.



# Graves - McSkimming

The United Church, Otterville, was the setting on Saturday, June 15, 1974, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Joan Margaret McSkimming and James Edward Graves. Rev. E. Egilsson performed the ceremony before a setting of two large containers on either side of the altar with yellow daisies and orange carnations. A bud vase of daisies and carnations decorated each window and the pews were marked with yellow daisies tied with plaid ribbon sent from Scotland for the occasion. Organist, Joyce Jull of Norwich, and pianist Betty Walther of Otterville, played the traditional wedding processional and recessional, and This Is Our Day, Wedding Prayer and The Lord's My Shepherd were sung by Ruth Colver.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McSkimming of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Graves of RR 3, Scotland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white, full length, semi-empire gown of norganza with full skirt extending to a chapel train, edged with a wide flounce of silk lace. The yolk and sleeves were also lace enhanced by seed pearls. Her four-tiered imported silk illusion, floor-length veil was held in place by a headpiece of tiny flowers, enhanced with seed pearls, and she carried an arrangement of orange roses, ivy, white orchids and baby's breath with plaid streamers.

The bride's only sister, Mrs. Violet I. Burton of Windsor, was matron of honour. Bridesmaids were Miss Jean Graves, sister of the groom, and Miss Louise Anderson of Ailsa Craig, friend of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length, coral coloured gowns of daisy patterned material, styled on princess lines, with short, puffed sleeves, standup collar and a wide flounce at the hem. Their headdresses were white floppy hats, trimmed with coral coloured daisies and they carried wicker parasols with yellow daisies, orange roses, orange starflowers and a good luck horseshoe.

Mr. Gerald R. Graves of Kitchener, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mr. N. Ross McMullen of Otterville, friend of the bride and groom, and Mr. Martin C. Wylie of Woodstock, friend of the groom.

The bride was presented with two good luck horseshoes from Scotland, one from her niece, Miss Heather Burton of Windsor, and one from her cousin, Miss Christine Sinclair of Scotland, U.K.

Reception for 250 guests was held at the Delhi German Home.

Two large containers of daisies and carnations were placed on either side of the stage. Bride's table featured a three-tiered, round wedding cake decorated by Mr. A. Johnson, friend of the bride and groom, also the bridal bouquets, candles, and daisies tied with plaid ribbon. Guests' tables were decorated with bud vases of daisies and carnations.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose an orchid pink, floor-length coat and dress ensemble, styled on princess lines. The sleeveless dress of norganza over taffeta featured a large daisy design. White accessories and a large pink orchid corsage completed her ensemble. Groom's mother chose a blue swirl patterned, long sleeve, full length gown of sheer over taffeta, worn with an orchid and pink rosebud corsage. Master of ceremonies was Glen Davis, friend of the bride, who read several telegrams from the bride's relatives in Scotland who were unable to attend.

Bride's gifts were an engraved gold charm to her matron of honour, and engraved silver charm to each bridesmaid. Groom's gifts were engraved sterling silver steins.

For a wedding trip by motor across the prairies to Vancouver Island, the bride chose a full length gown of 100 per cent polyester in white with large pink flowers, styled with cutaway shoulders and roll collar, worn with a white floppy hat enhanced by a large pink rose, white accessories and a large pink orchid wrist corsage.

Special guests at the wedding was the bride's aunt, Mrs. Jenny Robertson from New Abbey, Scotland, U.K., who travelled to Canada for the special occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves are residing at 73 North Park St., Apt. 401, Brantford.

Prior to her wedding the bride was guest at showers given by Marilyn Goodbrand and Liz Cunningham, friends of the bride; one by the bridesmaids; and a community shower by friends of the groom from Kelvin. The bride was also honored with a gift from her fellow employees in Medical Records at Brantford General Hospital. The groom was entertained at two stag parties, one by the best man at the home of the groom's family, and one by Bruce Bell of Brantford.



Dr. Harold Batson of Otterville with the Labor Minister John Munroe and Charlie Tatham at the Liberal Barbecue.

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## Otterville couple married 50 years

OTTERVILLE (C) — A family dinner marked the 50th wedding anniversary of Earle and Edith Petch, Otterville, on Sunday. About 50 relatives and a few close friends spent the afternoon at their home where their sons and daughter assisted in festivities.

The elements joined in the celebration. A severe electrical storm enabled the dinner to be served in candlelight. Yellow roses and mums decorated the house and also the church hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Petch were married at Agincourt, July 16, 1924, and lived at Trenton for nine years where Mr. Petch was operator on the C.N.R. He served at Mandauman for ten years as agent, and come to Otterville in 1943 where he was agent until the station closed and later at Norwich station until he retired in 1964. He also served as librarian in Otterville for seven years, and is a member of St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Norwich.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Petch were members of the Wyoming Rifle Club, and both of them were winners of Dominion Marksman Expert Shields. Mrs. Petch is a member of the U.C.W., the Women's Institute, and a past matron of Norwich Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a Star Point in Grand Chapter in 1958-59.

They received many gifts and scores of greetings from their many friends.

after which all enjoyed a turkey dinner served at the United church by the U.C.W.

Their son, Donald Petch, was toastmaster, and his mother,

lovely in her long blue gown, with orchid corsage, responded graciously to the first toast.

Mr. and Mrs. Petch have three sons and one daughter, Dr. Howard Petch of Kitchener, William Petch of Vancouver, B.C., Donald Petch of Ancaster, and Maureen (Mrs. Donald

Brodie) of St. Agatha, and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Two of the 75 guests at their wedding were also present for the Golden Wedding, Mrs. Petch's sister, Mrs. Mary Upton of Toronto, and the groomsman, Gordon Patterson of Markham.



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I am going to vote for Charlie Tatham, a man I have known for several years. I have not always voted Liberal, but I am convinced that Mr. Tatham is a most honest and reliable man, and can, and will do a great job for Oxford. You can be sure he will be ready to assist any resident of the county, regardless of creed, nationality or political affiliation.

July 8/74 Dr. H. H. Batson, Otterville



# Taught for 38 years

Mr. McSpadden has outlasted all teachers and four principals, so he decided he better quit because this one looked like a tough one.

The presentation to the retiring Mr. McSpadden and his speech was the highlight of the awards assembly at Norwich District

High School on Wednesday, June 19.

Mr. McSpadden was the last remaining original teacher that taught at the high school when it first opened in 1952. He has been a teacher for 38 years, and commented on the changing trends. He highly recommended drafting

to the girls, who may find it useful if they marry an intellectual.

The Blue, Black and White Society presented him with a leather chair, and three suitcases to use on all the trips he will be taking now that he is retired.

"You are all a terrific group of people, and yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear evil, for they are out to get me."

He wished everyone well, and hoped they achieved their goal. Then Mr. MacKenzie had the last word.

Several other teachers who were retiring or leaving Norwich high school were also presented with gifts from the society. These included Mrs. Symons, Mr. Mycroft, Mr. Clowes and Mr. Jopko.

The new students council was announced, with Cheryl Chambers as the new president; Tom Hamulecki as the vice; Deb Bowen and Wanda Harris as the Joint Treasurers; Francis Force as secretary; Suzanne Alexander as social representative, and John Stephens as president of the Blue, Black and White Society.

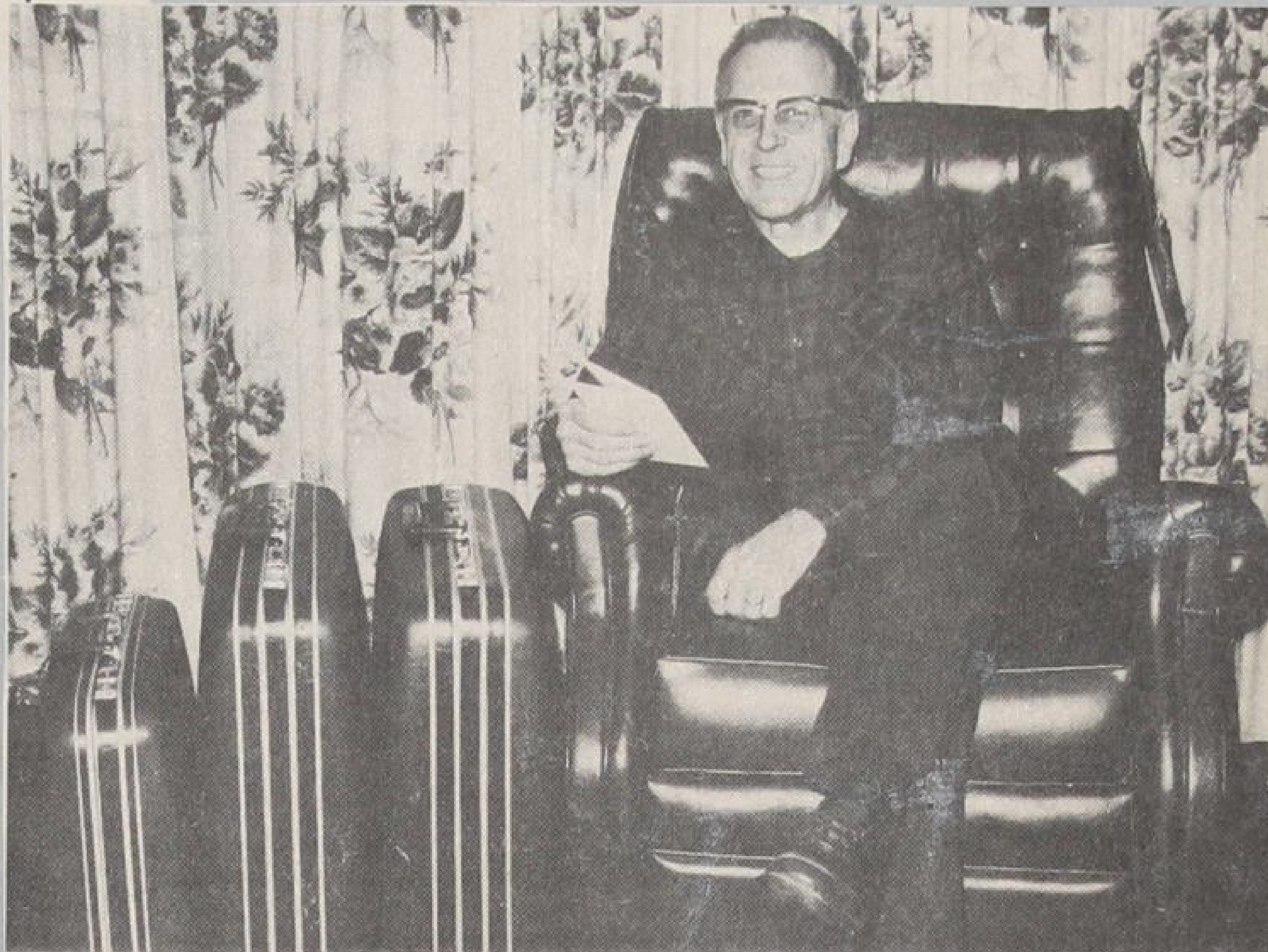
Proficiency awards were awarded to the typing classes, and Mr. Pearson announced the five students that have been recognized by the Math Letter as Diane Robb, Cheryl Chambers, Richard Jacques, Ross Mitchell and David Corless.

Ross Mitchell was awarded the Junior Math award for both 1973 and 1974. Doug Gee will receive an award for Mathematics at Commencement.

Mr. Engel gave out the driver certificates, and Catherine Lancaster received the driver of the year award. Martin Powell and Ross Pollock received a trophy for winning the car rally.

The final trophies presented were those for the U.N. assembly, and the best delegate, and best delegation.

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After 38 years as a teacher, Mr. S. McSpadden is retiring. Seated in the leather chair that the Norwich District High School's Blue, Black and White Society gave him, along with three suitcases, he looks forward to his retirement.



Quilting bees aren't dead. They're alive and well in Norwich. Members of the Norwich Utility Club, active since 1915, staged the bee as part of the fifth annual Norwich Historical Society Steam Days, Saturday. Working on the

quilt are, from the left, Mrs. Florence DeMontmorency, Mrs. Aletha Howard, Mrs. Vera Carroll and Mrs. Mindah Penny, all of Norwich. Steam machines were on display outside. (Photo by Williams).

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# 60th wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croker

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Croker, RR 3, Norwich, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 23, 1974.

Mrs. Croker was the former Beatrice Maude Phelps of Hereford, England, and Mr. Croker was also of Hereford.

They were married June 23, 1914, in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Norwich, by the Rev. H. H. Tancock, and were attended by Mrs. Tancock and Mrs. Terry.

Mr. Croker came to Canada in 1912 and when making arrangements for coming had booked passage on the Titanic. However, at the last minute his reservation was changed to a sister ship of the Titanic, the S.S. Cimeric, although he never knew the reason for the change. When he arrived in Canada he was advised of the fateful sinking of the Titanic.

After landing he went to Brownsville where he worked one year as a cheese maker. In November, 1913, he was employed by the Borden Milk Co. at Tillsonburg. In April 1914, he was transferred to the Borden plant at Norwich where he worked as

milk inspector until it closed in 1954, having the distinction of seeing the Norwich plant built and closed. After the plant closed, he was transferred to the Ingersoll plant where he worked until his retirement in 1957.

Mrs. Croker was lady-in-waiting to Lady Mary Trefusis in England prior to coming to Canada.

Both are members of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, and Norwich Chapter O.E.A. No. 175, where Mr. Croker is a past patron. He is also a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 104 and received his 50-year jewel in May. Mrs. Croker has always been a great church worker, especially in the Guild, and enjoys crocheting.

Mr. Croker was church warden; for several years treasurer and has been a lay delegate to the Synod for the past 38 years and expects to attend again this year. He has helped install eight Bishops in the church.

Both enjoy fairly good health and Mr. Croker takes great pride in his garden.

They have four children, Mrs. Gordon Statham (Iva) of Ingersoll, Gailer of Ingersoll, Leonard of St. Thomas and Mrs. Robert Day (Joyce) of Norwich, also nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Croker celebrated their diamond anniversary with open house at Holy Trinity Parish Hall, when 200 relatives and friends called to extend congratulations and best wishes.

Their son Gailer directed the people to the hall and greeting them were their two daughters Mrs. Statham and Mrs. Day and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Croker. Two great granddaughters, Miss Sherry Croker of Calgary and Miss Patty Croker of Kitchener, were in charge of the guest book.

Serving were four granddaughters, Mrs. Gail Croker of Kitchener, Mrs. Donna Day and Mrs. Pat Sandham, both of Norwich, and Mrs. Lois Day of

London. Serving were Mrs. Sadie Moran of Norwich and Mrs. Lilly Humphrey of Brownsville, also Miss Dorothy Stone and Mrs. Audrey Chambers.

The hall was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements. For receiving the guests, Mrs. Croker chose a street-length coat dress of turquoise with a large white corsage, the gift of the great grandchildren, and Mr. Croker wore a boutonniere, also the gift of the great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Croker were the recipients of many gifts, cards and messages of congratulations, including a message of congratulations from the Queen, also from Premier William Davis of Ontario, Prime Minister Trudeau and Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott, also a call from a grandson, Gary Croker of Calgary who was unable to attend.

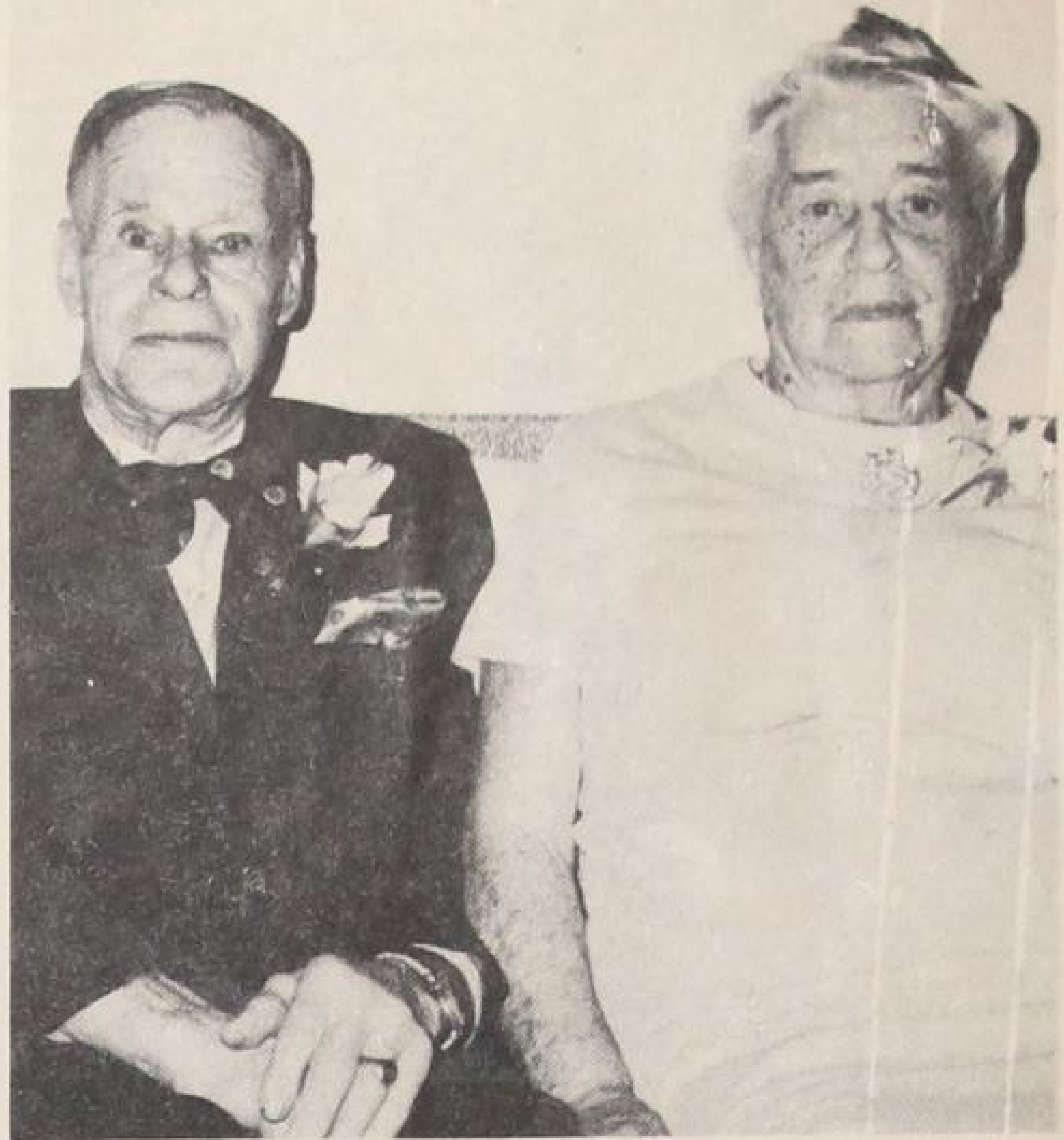
Guests were present from London, Owen Sound, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Brownsville, Brantford, Woodstock, Long Point, Scotland, St. Thomas, Norwich and surrounding district. Guests calling included Dr. and Mrs. Harry Parrott.

In the evening a family dinner was held at the Golden Leaf Restaurant, Delhi. Wayne Day of London was toastmaster, and spoke highly of his parents. Gordon Day proposed a toast to his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sandham of Norwich, who were celebrating their second wedding anniversary on June 24th. Gailer Croker proposed a toast to his sister, Mrs. Robert (Joyce) Day, for arranging the special occasion for their parents and for all she had done for them over the years.

## Bus service

The bus route operated by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club for the summer swimming program, will begin operations on July 9, following the same route as last year.

Watch for a further announcement next week.



MR. AND MRS. SAM CROKER

## Coming Events

60th Wedding Anniversary. In honour of Sam and Beatrice Croker, Norwich, who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary June 23, 1974. Their children are pleased to invite friends and neighbors to visit their parents at Holy Trinity Anglican Church Norwich, on Sunday June 23 from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Best wishes only.

## Appreciation

We would like to thank our many friends and neighbors for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts sent to us on our 60th anniversary. Also to our family for making our day such a special one. Also to the A.C.W. for looking after the reception. Special thanks to Mrs. Hilda Thompson and Mrs. Rilla Evans. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

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Sam and Beatrice Croker



## NURSES MEET OLD FRIENDS

Graduates of the Woodstock General Hospital's nursing school, some of them graduates of the class of 42 years ago, gathered in Woodstock Wednesday to meet old friends at

their annual reunion. From left: Woodstock; Evelyn Sipel, Woodstock; Emma Woods, Thorndale; Wilma Fallis, Woodstock; Pearl Hill, Kitchener; Ella Colclough, Brantford; Helen Town, Woodstock; Hannah Waldie,

Woodstock; Jessie Weir, Lion's Head; Florence Hahn, Warton; Olive Reeves, Stratford; Marie Osborne, Woodstock; Berva Wood, Willowdale. (Staff Photo)

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The Young People of Otterville United Church held a car wash recently with proceeds marked for the new Lions Pool. Shown presenting a cheque for \$85. to Gordon Shearer, treasurer of the pool committee, are David Barnim, left, and Donna Christo, centre.



Members of Otterville United Church Young People busily engaged in washing cars with proceeds earmarked for the new Lions Pool.

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For \$20,000. you can't go wrong on this fine old home with large lot and a workshop. Three bedrooms - large farm style kitchen - living room - four piece bath - den. M.L.S.

*Bill Foster - Ken Howell*



BUCHAN ST. - OTTERVILLE -- Two bedroom ranch home with family room -- lot 157 x 83 -- vacant -- you can move right in -- nicely landscaped secluded village lot -- PRICE: \$23,500. -- Mortgage available -- M.L.S.

*Andrew Childs June/74*



MILL ST. - OTTERVILLE -- newly covered with vinyl -- lot 66 x 188 -- new forced air furnace -- new 100 Amp. wiring -- needs some finishing on interior -- PRICE: \$16,500. -- Mortgage available -- M.L.S.

*Halcy Home*



MAIN ST. - OTTERVILLE -- Excellent opportunity for builder or small developer -- has four extra lots which could be severed and built on -- scenic hilltop location -- home recently re-modelled inside -- PRICE: \$35,000. -- M.L.S.

*Isla McFarlane Home June/74*



MAIN ST. - OTTERVILLE -- Older home in good condition--four bedrooms--lot 68' x 165'--PRICE: \$19,500.-- M.L.S.

OTTERVILLE -- A very good older home on lot 68' x 165', living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms (two upstairs), bath, sunroom, verandah, utility shed, landscaping, gas furnace. \$19,500. M.L.S.

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Winner of the 50-50 draw at the new Otterville Lions Pool was Mrs. Norman Portelance of RR 2, Tillsonburg. She is shown, centre, receiving her cheque in the amount of \$500 from Murray Wardell, chairman of the walkathon held in conjunction with the building of the new pool. Left is Gordon Shearer, treasurer of the pool committee.

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For someone who owns horses and loves to watch them race, the Queen Mother was right at home on Saturday when she was in Toronto for the 115th running of the Queen's Plate. The three men with her are, from left:

By Bill Ironside of The Free Press  
 John Kenney, secretary-treasurer of the Ontario Jockey Club; John Mooney, president of the club and Lt. Col. Charles Baker, chairman of the club's board. (More coverage is on Pages 2 and 25.)



## Hit by car local man badly hurt

Richard James Picknell, 20, of Otterville, an ambulance attendant at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, is in critical condition in University Hospital, London, after being struck by a car Sunday at Turkey Point.

The man was walking along Cedar Drive at about 12:45 a.m. The car was driven by Bradley K. Wright, 20, of Norwich.

He received multiple internal and external injuries and is reported paralyzed from the waist down.

Picknell was taken to Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe before being transferred to London.

Investigation was by OPP Constable Tom Yardley, of the Simcoe detachment.



The Happy Bluebirds of Otterville donated \$50 for the new Otterville pool. Presenting the cheque to Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Shearer is Mrs. Stanley Davis.



Mrs. William A. McMullen, president Otterville Women's Institute, is shown presenting a cheque for \$175 to Secretary-Treasurer Gordon Shearer for the new pool in Otterville.



Left Stanley Arthur, secretary-treasurer for the CP&T Fund of Tecumseh Lodge, IOOF, No. 182, hands a cheque for \$1,000 to Bill Butler, manager of the new pool in Otterville. Looking on is Gordon Shearer, far left, secretary-treasurer for the pool, and Fred Moore, far right, chairman of the CP&T fund.



Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 also made a donation for the new pool in Otterville. Noble Grand Mrs. Norma McClintock passes cheque to Secretary-treasurer Gordon Shearer.



Ted McElhone, first vice-president of Powell Agri Systems, is shown presenting \$100 cheque to Gordon Shearer, secretary-treasurer of the pool fund.

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### ENGLI - JORDAN

SPRINGFORD (C) — On July 13, 1974, the wedding of Heather Jordan and Claude Engli was solemnized by Rev. Clifford G. Park in Wesley - Knox United Church, London. Heather was given to be married by her father, Thomas D. Jordan.

Jennifer Jordan and Mark Warren were the attendants in the ceremony.

Heather and Claude are presently residing in London. In September they will be moving to Evanston, Illinois, where they will be continuing their studies as graduate students in the School of Music, Northwestern University.

## Honored on 94th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Frank Duffy of Otterville was honoured by his family and friends at his home in honour of his 94th birthday, which was July 7, 1974.

The day following the happy event Mr. Duffy, whose eyesight is not so keen, went to Victoria Hospital, London, where surgery was performed on Tuesday on one eye and he was able to return to his home, being cared for by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Evelyn Duffy, with whom he lives, and other members of his family.

Mr. Duffy, who has enjoyed his minor market garden, has made brief visits to it since his return home.

# Ward system for new Norwich

The new rural municipality of Norwich will have four wards as of January 1, the official date that it will come into existence.

Reeve of North Norwich Darwen Scott went on to say that the four wards will cover the same areas as the present three townships and village of Norwich: East Oxford Ward will have two representatives, North Norwich Ward will have two, the village of Norwich Ward will have two, and South Norwich Ward will have three representatives.

There will be nine councillors, and two who will run from anywhere in the new township. Reeve of South Norwich, William

Martin, said that they will be called mayor and deputy-mayor according to the new amendment, and sit on county council.

Reeve Scott commented that all employees presently employed with the municipality will be retained for a year, unless they wish to resign. He went on to say that what will probably happen is that county employees will be regulated to a specified section to look after. There will be a head clerk for the new township, and he will have assistants.

"It will take a lot of setting up for the new office administration policies. I hope the local em-

ployees can continue to work in their own areas. And whatever council gets in, we can only hope that they will curtail their expenses in the change over."

Reeve Scott also said that there will be a head superintendent for the roads, and if at any time there is any capital project, the working crews will work together to complete this without hiring outside help.

Further for the roads, a study may be set up to assess the needs within the municipality, such as Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville. Possibly a yearly program for improving the roads and streets of the new municipality will be set up.

For the future Reeve Scott said that the county will probably take over the police force and fire departments eventually. That, he said, is where the big expenditure will be.

Candidates still have to be nominated and have ten signatures, and Reeve Stewart Miles Reeve of Norwich village said that nomination dates are September 12, 13, and 16. Elections will be held October 7. He also said that the townships and village will retain their names for voting, but when it comes time for taxes it will be on numbered tax roles.

The deputy returning officer in

this area will be Robert Watkins, the North Norwich township clerk.

Reeve William Martin said that the new council will also have to decide where to have their meetings. When asked for his opinion of the new system, he commented that "it remains to be seen whether it could be good or bad, but it will be a change that's for sure."

He said that the ward system will mean uniform representation from each municipality.

Reeve Martin also said that the county council may be too big, but that will probably change in the future.



# 300 attend opening of Medical Centre

Norwich Medical Centre is now officially open, the ribbon has been cut, and the keys passed to the doctors.

The opening ceremonies were held on Monday at 7:30 p.m. The Norwich Band entertained the spectators before the program started, then James Butler called the assembled crowd to attention and asked Rev. D. Flint to lead in prayer.

Mr. Butler then gave a brief history of how the centre got started and the committees that worked on it. He praised the co-operation between the two councils concerned, those of North Norwich and Norwich Village, and also the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club for the interest they created by their fund-raising lottery.

Mr. Butler introduced the guests standing in front of the centre individually as the people who had worked so hard to establish the centre.

Dr. Bruce Halliday was then asked to speak. He said that this was his first official duty, as he had been sworn in as the Member of Parliament for Oxford just nine hours before in Ottawa. Dr. Halliday said he was especially pleased to be in attendance, because a few years ago they went through the same thing in Tavistock and he was looking forward to the tour through the building so he could compare the two centres.

Dr. Harry Parrott, Oxford MPP, was then asked to speak, and he wished the centre well, and also commented that "if anything goes wrong in the election of 1975, and you still need a dentist, I may be looking for a job." He also said that he was sure that the dedicated people who brought this project to a close were concerned with the well being of the community.

Dr. Fisbee from the Ministry of Health spoke, and then Wes Dew, reeve of East Oxford, representing Warden Perry C. Sibbick, spoke of how well the centre will serve the community.

Mr. Butler then said that after the cutting of the ribbon, the finance community was all set up inside, and they would be glad to accept donations.

Mr. Van Gurp, the construction contractor, was then called forward to present the key to the architect, Len Dickson of Dickson-Ventin in Woodstock. He then turned the key over to Dr. Russell Hall of the Medical Centre.

The two Reeves, Darwen Scott of North Norwich township and Stewart Miles of Norwich Village, snipped the red ribbon

and declared the centre open for business.

People then stepped up to get name tags and entered the building for a tour. Coffee and cookies were set out for people to enjoy as they admired the modern central waiting room.

Both Dr. R. Hall and Dr. C. Westmacott, the medical doctors,

were in their office areas to meet the people. Dr. D. Clapp, the optometrist, was also there to meet the people of the community. The two doctors from Otterville, Dr. Murray Downing and Dr. Harold Batson, were there also.

It was estimated that a crowd of 300 attended the opening.



Stewart Miles, reeve of Norwich, and Darwen Scott, reeve of North Norwich, pose just before snipping the ribbon and declaring the Medical Centre officially open on Monday.

## Medical Centre fund climbing

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# Medical Centre Opening Monday

The Norwich Medical Centre will be open for business July 8.

Staffing the centre are Dr. R. M. Hall, general practitioner in Norwich for 22 years; Dr. Clare Westmacott, the new doctor in town; Dr. Douglas Clapp, the optometrist from Delhi, and a dentist who has not been appointed yet.

Although the official opening date has not been set yet, citizens will welcome the business opening after ten years of hard work. Dr. Hall and Dr. Westmacott will cover for each other when the other is away.



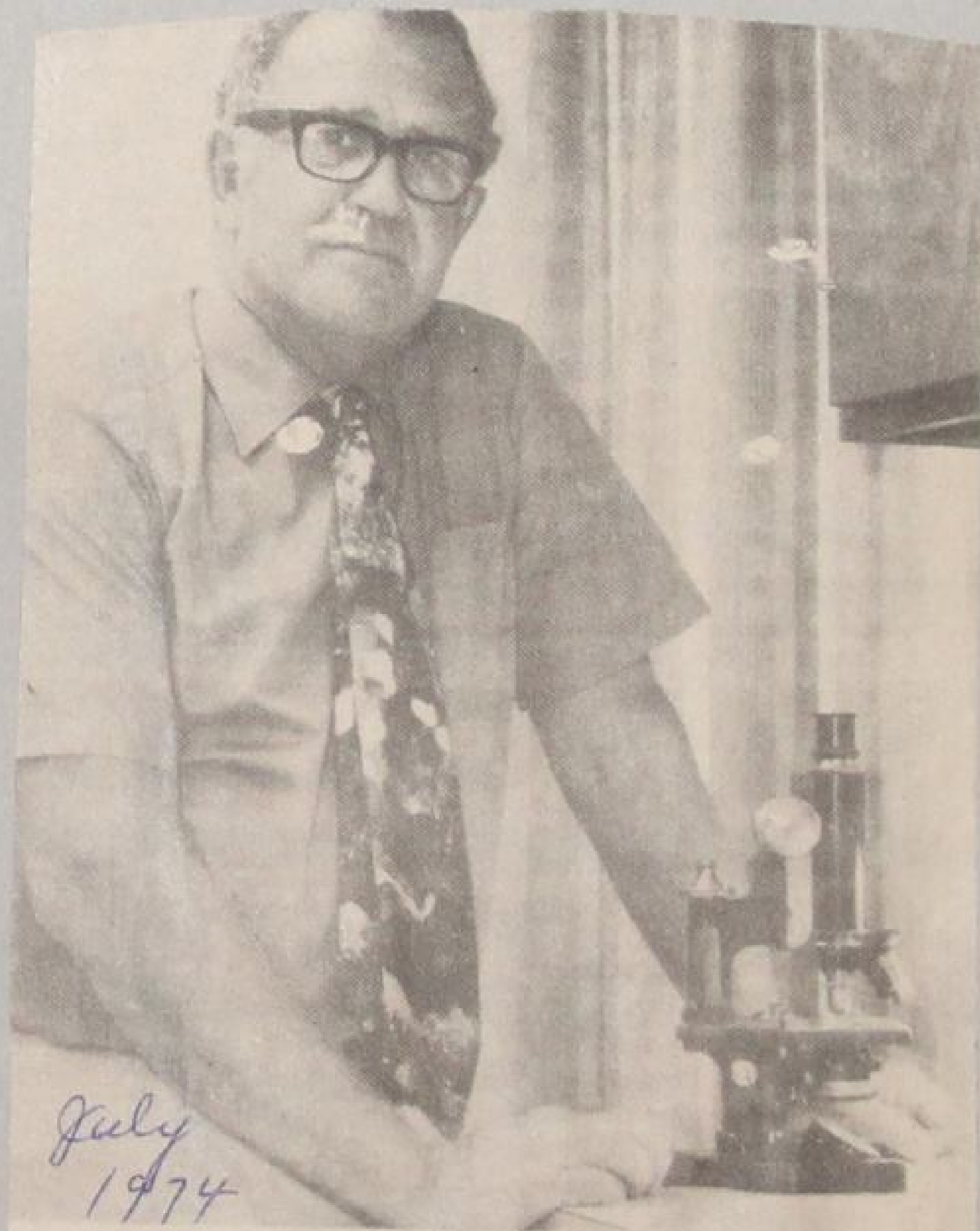
Dr. Clare Westmacott

Dr. Westmacott is a recent graduate of University of Western Ontario. He did his internship at St. Joseph's hospital in London, where he has lived for the past 11 years. He attended high school at South Collegiate in London. Before that he lived in Abbotsford, B.C., for five years, Regina, Sask. five years before, and Victoria, B.C., for five years before that.

He married the former Carol Gillespie of Kitchener, a medical secretary. After six years of marriage they have two daughters, Cassandra 3½ years old, and Tamara 19 months.

Dr. Westmacott has stated that he is starting his own private practice, and appointments can be made at the present through his home phone of 863-2725. He will have basic office hours of 9-5, with extra on Tuesday evening from 7-9:30, and Wednesday afternoon off, except for emergency calls on Wednesday and on Weekends.

A laboratory with a blood technician will be at the centre every day, and Dr. Westmacott pointed out that neither he nor Dr. Hall have any financial interest in it. There will also be a public health nurse on duty on specific days.



Dr. Russell Hall at work in the new Medical Centre. The centre will serve the public of Norwich and area well in all medical fields.





Dr. Bruce Halliday, Oxford's new MP is the speaker at the microphone and behind him are the people who worked hard for the opening of a medical centre in Norwich.

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These members of the Norwich Lawn Bowling Club competed in provincial ladies' trebles playdowns for District 9, PLBA, at Woodstock recently. Shown are Mrs. Nellie Taylor, vice-skip; Mrs. Ollie Marshall, skip, and Mrs. Florence Moore, lead.

## Picnic held by Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their meeting and picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste on Thursday, which was well attended. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill opened the meeting, welcomed members and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Riste for opening their home.

Minutes were read by Miss Edna Furlong. The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen from the floral tea and bake sale.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in playing games. Mrs. Percy Slaght, a valued member of the Guild, was honored on the occasion of her 80th birthday and was presented with a corsage of rosebuds and a pretty hankie by the president. "Happy Birthday" was sung and a potluck supper was enjoyed along with a social time.

Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lottie Armstrong will be the joint hosts for the August meeting and picnic and the regular meetings will start again in September.

A prettily decorated birthday cake was enjoyed in the social hour.



Photo Bill Ironside London Free Press

## 83 yr. old elects eighth bishop

If some of the lay delegates were feeling it was just a bit too much to elect three Bishops in one year what about 83 yr. old Samuel Croker of Norwich?

Samuel Croker was helping elect his eighth bishop on June 26. Mr. Croker made his first synod appearance way back in 1926 in the time of Archbishop Williams. He helped elect Bishop Seager in 1931, Bishop Luxton in 1948 and Bishop Townshend in 1955.

Back again in 1960 he was a lay delegate when Bishop Apleyard was elected and again in 1966 when Bishop Queen was elected suffragan. In 1970

he was in London again for an election synod this time to vote Bishop Queen as Diocesan.

Three years later Mr. Croker was in St. Paul's to elect Bishop Ragg as suffragan, Bishop Ragg as Diocesan and on June 26, Archdeacon Morse Robinson as suffragan.

Mr. and Mrs. Croker celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Sunday June 23.

Will he be back for the next election? Mr. Croker says he will, but added that he sincerely hopes that it will be a long time before another election synod has to be held.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weeks of Otterville are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Pauline Mary, to Douglas Arthur Jull, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jull of Norwich. The wedding will take place on Saturday, July 13, 1974, at 4 o'clock in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg.



# Teeterville wife-swapping deal included double-barrelled rifle

July 27/74

By RICHARD LOESCH  
of The Free Press

TEETERVILLE — Of all things, wife-swapping isn't a practice of a decadent modern society after all.

Residents of this Norfolk County village of 200 know it's been going on for a long time.

They have proof of it hanging on their museum wall, in the form of an old double-barrelled rifle.

It seems there were two brothers who lived near here in the early years of this century. They were married and the two couples lived next door to each other.

As time went by, each brother came to the conclusion he preferred the other's wife to his own. They agreed to make a swap.

However, one brother not only coveted the other's wife, he yearned for his kin's rifle too.

So, presumably after some diligent negotiating, the deal was consummated.

The rifle now hangs in the Windham Township Pioneer Museum, which is right behind the Women's Institute hall.

Teeterville is a place you've got to make a bit of an effort to find. It's in the heart of the tobacco country, about 10 miles northeast of Delhi or 14 miles northwest of Simcoe.

It used to be in Windham Township, but with regional government last April 1, the community now is part of the township of Delhi.

The museum is a homey kind of place — not impersonal like some big city museums. There's a good likelihood your guide will have personal, intimate knowledge of the items on display.

Chances are, they belonged to a relative.

For instance, Mrs. John Malcolm, chairman of the museum advisory board, is able to talk with authority about a grocery bill of 1872 made out to her husband's grandfather.

The list, in the meticulous script of that era, attests to purchases of a gallon of whiskey at \$1.15, a pound of rice for 10 cents and a barrel of salt for \$1.50.

The museum was opened as a centennial project in 1967. Some 600 catalogued items are on display in three buildings.

Two of the structures are log cabins reconstructed on the site. One belonged to the pioneer Mason family; the other, a smaller one, was the home of John Maricle, the first white man in the district.

The museum is open Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 1 to 5 p.m. But if you can't make it during those hours, you can make an appointment and one of the obliging board members will unlock the doors for you.



Mrs. John Malcolm, chairman of the Windham Township Pioneer Museum, Teeterville, holds the rifle which was part of a wife-swapping transaction in the area.

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In just three minutes Mrs. Stanley Cooper had enough to feed an army. Mrs. Cooper was the lucky winner in the Tillsonburg I.G.A. shopping spree draw. On her left is District Manager Paul Ellyatt of M. Loeb Ltd., and on her right I.G.A. manager Chub Sangster. Her winnings totalled \$290.63.



# Rice-Walther vows spoken in Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Baskets of yellow daisies, blue mums, white mums, daisies and fujis decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, July 27, 1974, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Dorie Elizabeth Walther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walther of RR 1, Otterville, and James Edmund Rice, son of Mrs. Edith Rice of Trenton, and the late Harold Rice. Rev. E. E. Egilsson officiated. Organist, Mrs. William A. McMullen, Jr., played traditional wedding music including "Crimond" (Grant), "One Hand, One Heart" (Bernstein), theme from "The Godfather", and "Bless This House." The guests sang O Perfect Love during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown of lace over satin. Her headdress was a small arrangement of pale yellow flowers and ivory ribbon, and she carried an arrangement of orchids, yellow roses and baby's breath with white ribbons.

Bridesmaids were Miss Moira Watts of Norwich, friend of the bride, and Miss Trudy Walther of Otterville, sister of the bride. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of pale yellow, satin striped cotton with small blue flowers, styled on princess lines. Their headdresses were small

arrangements of blue flowers and pale yellow ribbons, and they each carried a nosegay of baby's breath, yellow daisies and blue and white mums.

Best man was Mr. Robert Braun of RR 1, Otterville, cousin of the groom, and ushers were Mr. John Walther of RR 1, Otterville, brother of the bride, and Mr. William Kuchar of Delhi, cousin of the groom.

A beef barbecue for 130 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents. Bride's table was centred with a wedding cake, the bridal bouquets and yellow candles, and Gary Walther, brother of the bride, was master of ceremonies. Members of Otterville U.C.W., assisted by cousins of the bride, were waitresses.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a full length gown and jacket of shrimp jersey, worn with a white orchid corsage. Groom's mother chose a full length gown of figured and plain purple double knit with full length, purple, lace coat, worn with a white orchid corsage.

Following a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the couple are residing in London.

Guests were present from Trenton, Toronto, Napanee, Florida, Kitchener, Woodstock, Stratford, Simcoe and St. Catharines.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walther, RR 1, Otterville wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Dorie Elizabeth, to James Edmund Rice, son of Mrs. Edith Rice, Trenton, Ont. Marriage to take place Saturday, July 27th at the United Church, Otterville. 1974





MR. AND MRS. GLENFORD ALLEN HILL

## Hill - Riddle vows

OTTERVILLE (C) — Purple gladioli, yellow daisies, white mums, and yellow ribbons and candles decorated the Baptist Church, Otterville, on Saturday, August 3, 1974, at 5 p.m. for the wedding of Marie Hazel Riddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Riddle of RR 2, Harley, and Glenford Allen Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill, of RR 1, Norwich. Rev. David Blayney officiated, and pianist, Wilma Butler of Otterville, played the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin, Oh Perfect Love and The Wedding Prayer during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length, empire styled gown with a lantern sleeve, and a daisy trim emphasizing the lines of the gown. A waist-length veil and blusher of nylon illusion was held in place by a peaked cap of ripple lace and she carried yellow rosebuds and baby's breath.

Loretta Murray of RR 1, Hydepark, girl friend of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor-length gown styled with ivory bodice with pinch pleats, and sheer, ivory sleeves. The sleeves and bodice center were accented with mauve rose trim. The skirt was of mauve sheer over acetate. A large purple bow with mauve and pink flowers formed her headdress and she carried an arrangement of chrysanthemums variegated in shades of purple, pink and mauve.

Donna Dymont of Courtland, and Shirley Ferris of Simcoe, both girlfriends of the bride, Edith Riddle of London, sister of the bride, and Heather McKay of RR 2, Harley, neighbor of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore identical floor-length gowns with empire waist and full cape sleeve in mauve floral sheer over

arnel. All the bride's attendants had the same headdresses and carried identical flowers.

Douglas Murray of RR 1, Hydepark, friend of the groom, was best man, and ushers were Larry Dymont of Courtland, Lyle Ferris of Simcoe, both friends of the groom, Don Riddle of Toronto, brother of the bride, and Kevin Hill of RR 1, Norwich, brother of the groom.

Reception for 125 guests was held at the Norwich Legion Hall. Roses decorated the hall for the occasion, and waitresses were members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion.

The bride's mother received guests in a mauve, street-length gown of crepe jacquard in princess lines, worn with a cream colored orchid corsage. Groom's mother chose a blue, floor-length, long sleeved gown styled on empire lines. The bodice and sleeves of the latticed sheer over arnel gown was highlighted with diamond shaped jewel appliques and she wore a cream coloured orchid corsage.

For a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride chose a floor-length, blue, halter dress with coloured flowers, worn with black and white accessories and a corsage of cream coloured orchids.

Guests were present from Guelph, Beamsville, Oshawa, Dundas, Brantford, Woodstock, Toronto, Ancaster and Oakville. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are residing at 50 Main St., W., Norwich.

## Estate AUCTION SALE

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, commencing at 1 p.m. sharp

Trucks - 1971 ½ ton GMC pick up, selling with certificate; 1963 - 3 ton Dodge with hoist flat and racks, without certificate; 1961 Chev. ½ ton pick up, with topper without certificate; all trucks in good running condition.

Equipment - large desk, swivel chair, 3 filing cabinets. Olivetti - Underwood adding machine calculator, typewriter, canender brass scales, large planer with 10 hp electric motor, Cowan heavy duty tilt top rip saw, Delta Rockwell radial arm saw, Wellfield Universal Radial arm saw. Star cement nailing gun, Rotary cement troweler with Briggs and stratton motor. Table saw, Band saw, Monarch cement mixer, Aluminum ladder, wheel barrow, Vibrating screed, stapling guns, good transit level, gas space heater, shop heater and fan.

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I would like to thank my customers for taking part in our Grand Opening. To all those who helped make this on scheduled time, not forgetting to mention my helpers Dot, Min, Elsie and Tracy, my family for flowers, Har Bar and Mrs. Sherman. Last but not least, my sign painters. Thanks a million. A. Gray, Gray's Variety. Door prizes not claimed are numbers, 170574 and 170581. Another draw to be made on Sunday if prizes are not picked up.

### Correction

An attempt to pass a counterfeit \$50 bill at Otterville on Saturday took place at the C. L. Finch and Son store and not Homes and Taylor Hardware. An alert Frank Finch was checking the serial number of the bill when the man left the store, taking the bill with him. He left the village on an orange colored motorcycle. The serial number, B-H 5837037 proved to be on the Ontario Provincial Police list of counterfeit bills. Area merchants have been warned to watch out for the phony fifties *Aug 174*

## Open House held for Honour family

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. George Honour, a native of Otterville, Mrs. Honour and daughter, Ann, of Leask, Sask. spent a couple of days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen. *Aug 12 1974*

While here Open House was held for them on Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McMullen when members of St. John's Anglican Church, school chums and friends, numbering about 30, called to renew memories of the past.

Assisting Mrs. McMullen for the social hour was Mrs. Kenneth Mann, Mrs. Carl Howse and Miss Eva Deveney.

Rev. Honour and family, along with Mr. and Mrs. McMullen, were later entertained at the home of Mrs. McMullen's sister, Mrs. Jack Riste, and Mr. Riste.

## Leisure Club on 'Act Fast'

OTTERVILLE (C) — Fifty members and friends of the Otterville Leisure Club enjoyed a bus trip to London on Sunday afternoon where they were taped for the weekly program "Act Fast" from CFPL-TV, London. *Aug 25 1974*

Mrs. Harry Lee and Mr. Lee took part in the program which will be shown on TV Sunday, September 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Following the program the members and friends enjoyed a sight-seeing tour around the Storybook Gardens which was most interesting.

All enjoyed a dinner in London before returning home. On behalf of the company, Mr. Lee expressed appreciation to those who were responsible for arranging the trip and appreciation was expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Lee for taking part on the program.

## Decoration Services

OTTERVILLE (C) — Cemeteries in South Norwich Township were all decorated with floral arrangements on Sunday, August 18, when relatives and friends in their particular area visited the grave to leave a remembrance there. Cemeteries decorated were Otterville, Springford, New Road and Milldale. Many relatives and friends from out of town visited the cemetery and many fine comments were heard of the splendid upkeep. *Aug 18/74*

Members of St. John's Anglican Guild held their get-together and picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen with her next-door neighbour, Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, as joint hostess. *Aug 21/74*  
Weather conditions and holiday time lowered the attendance for the afternoon which was spent socially by the members. Later in the afternoon a picnic supper was enjoyed on the lawn and the regular meetings will be starting in September.



# Official Opening of the South Norwich Community Park Swimming Pool

OTTERVILLE

Monday, August 5—2:00 p.m.

by Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP Oxford

9:30 a.m. — Parade

10:30 a.m. — Bike Rodeo

2:00 p.m. — Opening

Free Swimming after Opening to 3:00 p.m.

Also from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

3:00 p.m. — Swimming

"Everyone Welcome"

# Opening new pool Monday

Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP for Oxford County, will be on hand to officiate at the opening of the new Otterville outdoor swimming pool during South Norwich Sports Day, scheduled for Monday, August 5, at 2 p.m. <sup>1974</sup>

The new pool is on the same site as the former facility, and is a joint venture of the Township of

South Norwich and the Norwich-Otterville Lions club.

The official opening of the pool will be only one of many activities taking place in Otterville during the South Norwich Sport Day, which will get underway at 9 a.m. with a parade down Main Street.

The parade will line up at the

South Norwich Road Department garage and will move off down Main Street beginning at 9:30 a.m., to Dover Street and over to the park. Anyone may enter as long as they have a decorated bike, cart or anything on wheels.

At 10:30 a.m. the program will continue with a bike rodeo with Constable Vern Fleming, of the Tillsonburg OPP detachment, in charge.

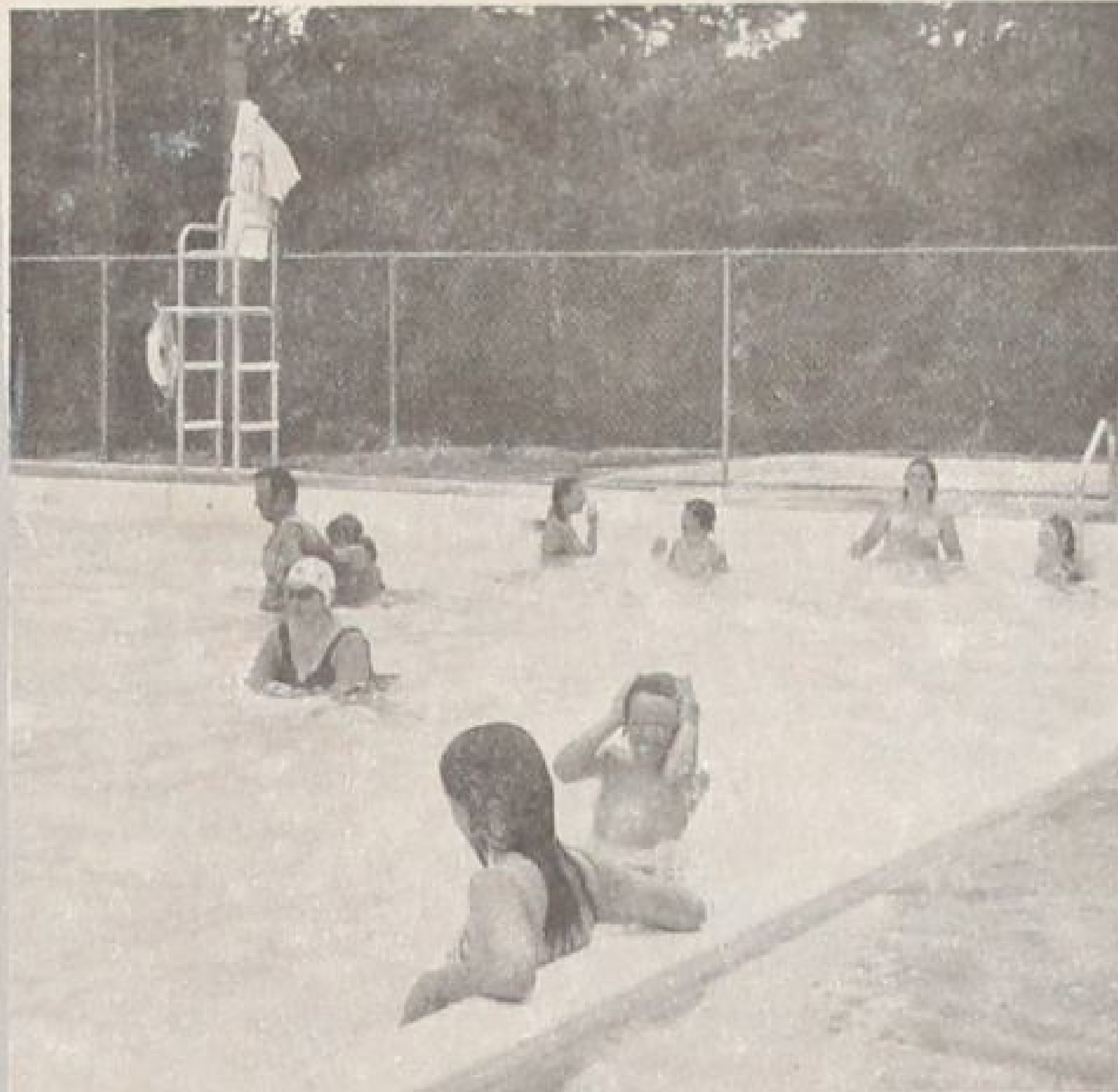
The rodeo will take place behind the township office on the parking lot. Bicycles must pass a safety inspection before they will be allowed to enter the rodeo and the winners will receive a boy's bike, donated by Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., and a girl's bike, donated by C.L. Finch and Son.

For those not entered in the bicycle rodeo, races for all ages will be held in the park, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

At 2 p.m., MPP Dr. Harry Parrott will officially open the new swimming facility followed by a free swim from 2:15 to 3 p.m. and swimming pool events will run from 3 to 5 p.m.

Always a popular event at the South Norwich Sports Day is the mothers' ball game, featuring a softball game between the Otter Belles and hosted by the mothers. Game time 7 p.m.

A second free swim period will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. followed by a Teen Dance at the pavillion in the park from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring the "Just Us" band.



Although it isn't officially open yet, the Norwich-Otterville Lions swimming pool is being enjoyed anyhow. The pool will be officially opened on Monday, August 5, when Dr. Harry Parrott cuts the ribbon.

## Pool opening features annual sports day

"The community that plays together stays together," said Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott as he cut the ribbon to officially open the new Otterville pool on Monday.

The pool opening was a highlight of the South Norwich Sports Day program.

Enthusiasm was displayed throughout the day, starting off with a parade down Main street. Highlighting the parade were over 80 decorated bikes, with entries from every age in every disguise, but identities were soon revealed when the winners names were called.

The prize for the best decorated bike went to Paul Dow and his sister, Nancy, won for best costume. Dave and Mike Jull won for the most comical bike and the prize for the youngest entry went to five-month-old Francine Countryman. Her father, James Countryman, accepted her prize.

The Otterville Girls 4-H Homemakers club won first prize in the float competition.

As soon as the prizes were handed out, the kids jumped on their bikes and were off to the bicycle rodeo at the South Norwich township office. OPP Constable Vern Fleming was in charge, checking brakes and steering and directing the riders through the course.

First prize winners were Stewart Fleming of Springford

and Joanne Thompson of Otterville. The two winners were awarded new bicycles on behalf of the Otterville Businessman's Association, the Township of South Norwich and the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

Also present to congratulate Otterville on their efforts was Oxford MP Dr. Bruce Halliday.

As soon as the ribbon was cut, swimmers dashed into the pool for an hour of free swimming and a spectacular diving display hosted by the Tillsonburg Diving team.

More free swimming was enjoyed in the evening as well, plus a softball game where the Otter Belles licked the Mothers 22 to 11.



Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott officiated at the opening ceremonies of the new Otterville pool on Monday. He is shown with MC Dr. Murray Downing.

## Otterville pool fund grows

After four years of planning and financing the new Otterville Pool has materialized says Lion Gordon Shearer, secretary-treasurer of the project. The total cost of the new 50' by 100' pool was \$105,000. The largest proportion of cost was funded by the Ontario government. The township of South Norwich contributed \$23,000 and almost every service group in the community made a donation, Mr. Shearer said.

In May a walkathon was held to raise money for the pool, and almost \$9,200 was raised. Four years ago when the project was in its first stages, a swimathon was held at the old pool. Over \$3,000 was pledged by sponsors, and today that sum has increased to \$5,000. Donations from clubs have amounted to \$6,604.25.

Mr. Shearer said letters were also mailed out during the first stages of the project requesting donations. The returns amounted to \$4,191.64.

The official opening of the pool will be the highlight of the South Norwich Sports Day in Otterville on Monday. A parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by a bike rodeo at 10:30. The official opening of the pool will commence at 2 p.m. with Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott officiating. The remaining part of the afternoon will feature free swimming, baseball games and a teen dance at the pavillion in the park, featuring "Just Us" band.

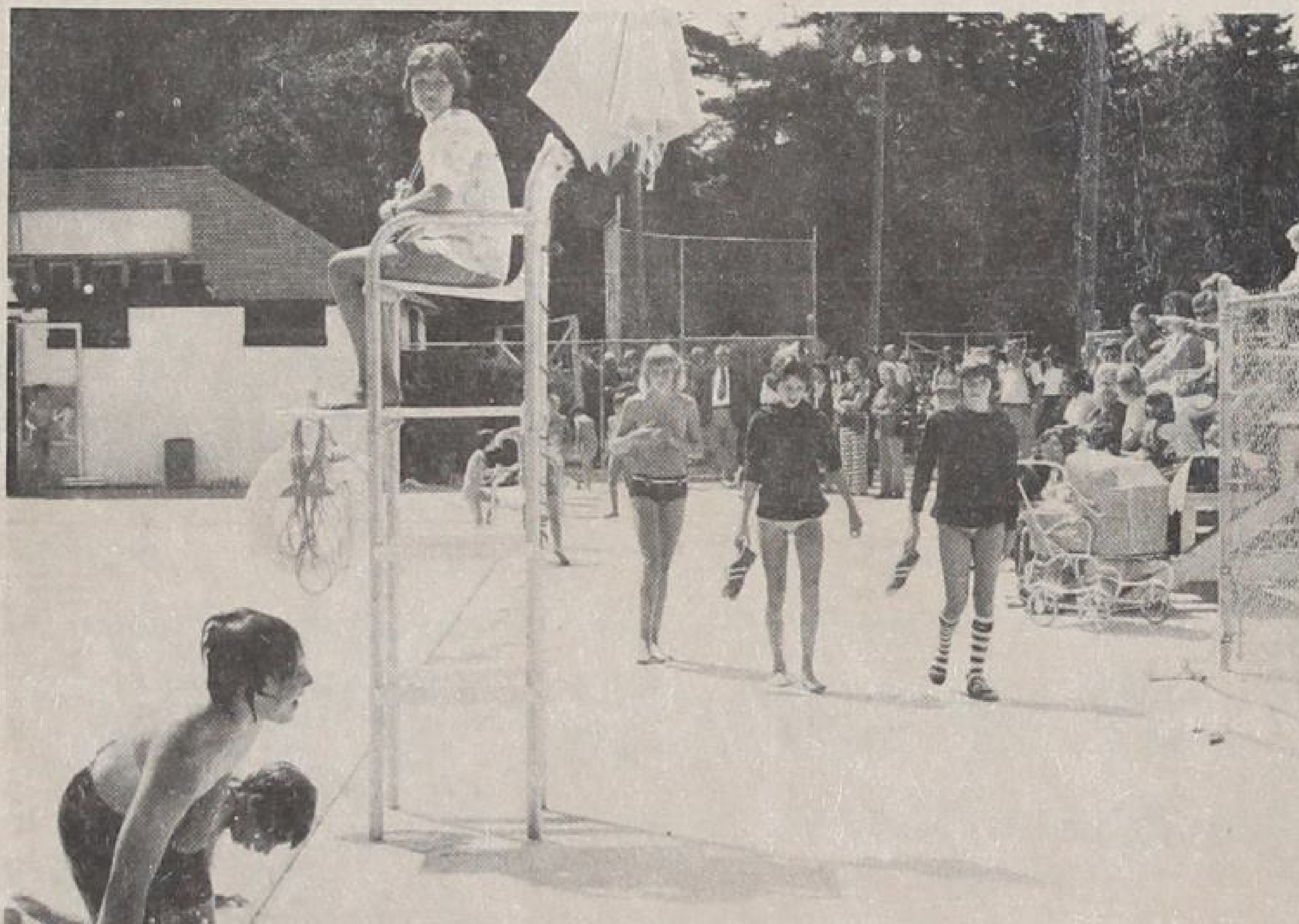




The prize for the best costume went to Nancy Dow of Otterville, left. Mrs. Harry Robbins of Norwich placed third, and Kerry and Sherry McElhone of Otterville placed second at the South Norwich Sports Day on Monday in Otterville.



Luckily this primitive's game wasn't included in the South Norwich Sports day held in Otterville on Monday.



Quite a crowd turned out for the official opening of the new Otterville pool on Monday. After the official opening, the community enjoyed a few hours of free swimming.



Included in the South Norwich sports day was a Bicycle Safety Rodeo. In the background you see Trevor the Safety Bug float, which was constructed by the pupils of Springford Public School.



The prize for the youngest entry in the Sports Day parade at Otterville went to five-month-old Francine Countryman. Giving her a hand with her prize is her father, James Countryman.





Nancy Dow of Otterville, left, had the best costume, Mrs. Harry Robbins, Norwich, placed third and Kerry and Sherry McElhone of Otterville teamed up for second place at the South Oxford Sports Day Monday. (Photo by Williams). *Aug 5/74*

## Pool opening calls for festive day

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE—Monday was a day of festivities here to celebrate the opening of the \$105,000 swimming pool in Otterville Municipal Park.

Oxford MPP Dr. Harry Parrott officiated at the opening ceremonies at the pool which has been under construction since early summer. It replaces one in operation since 1958.

The provincial government, South Norwich parks board, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and the township shared construction costs.

Included in the program was a children's parade consisting of more than 80 decorated tricycles, two-wheelers, wagons and buggies and several floats.

The best decorated bicycle award went to Paul Dow of Otterville. His sister Nancy won an award for the best costume.

The bicycle rodeo first prize winners were Stewart Fleming of Springford and Joanne Thompson of Otterville.

The Otterville Girls' 4-H Homemakers Club won first prize in the float competition and David and Mike Jolly won the best comic costume award.

Negotiable bonds valued at \$12,400 were stolen from the residence of Clarence W. Tichbourne, Otterville, some time Saturday.

The theft was reported at 10:10 p.m. Police said entry had been made through a locked rear door.

Missing are 13 Canada Savings Bonds and four Government of Canada perpetual bonds.

OPP Constable R.A. Parsons is in charge of the investigation.

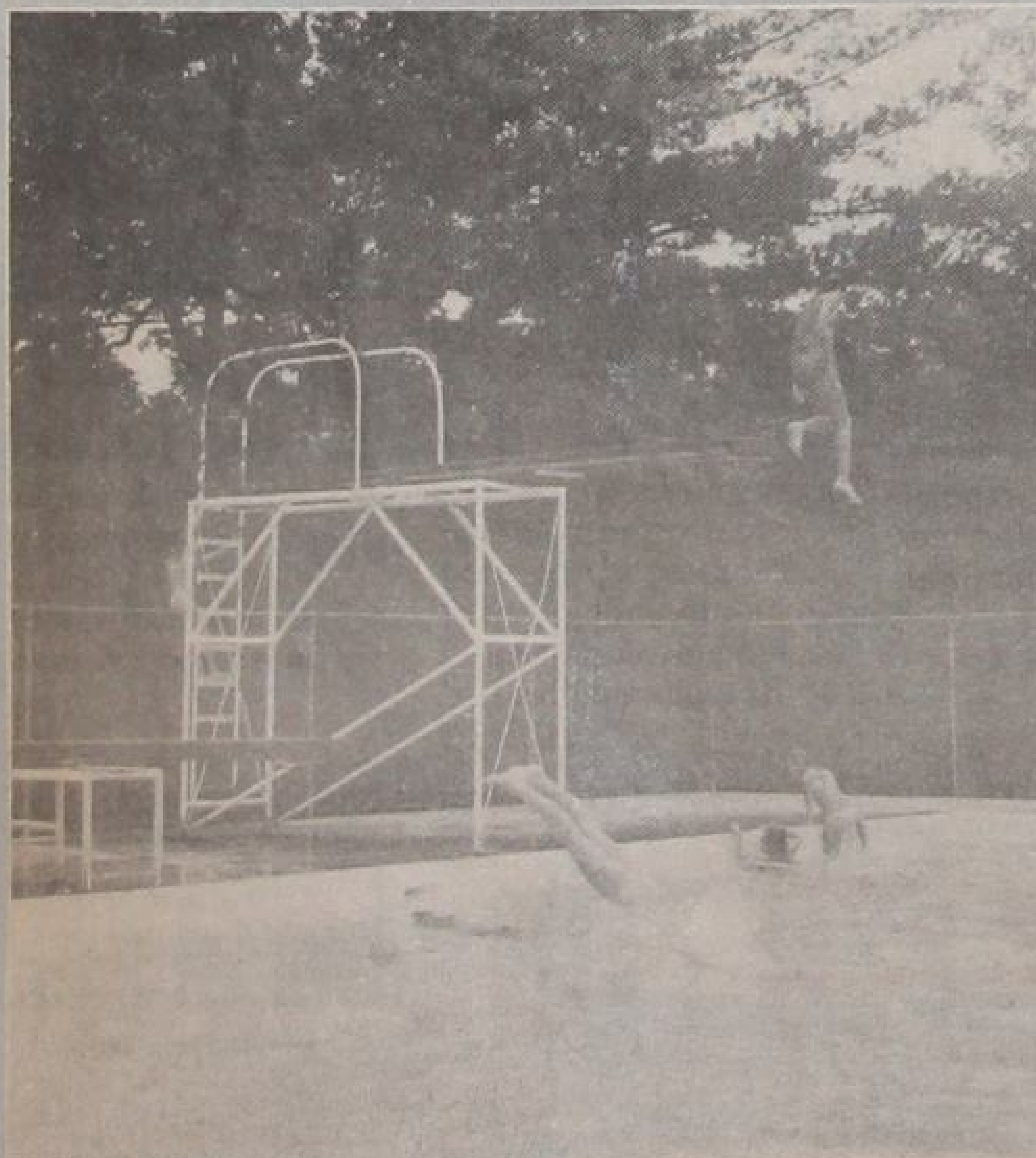
Savings bonds worth \$12,400, reported stolen by an Otterville man, have been located, provincial police said yesterday.

The bonds, property of Clarence W. Tichbourne, were reported stolen Saturday night from his residence.

Whether they had been mislaid or had been taken and returned remains a mystery.

The bonds, at first reported as being fully negotiable, were found to be registered to Mr. Tichbourne.

*Sept 8/74 2 dls. news*



Diving into the Lions Swimming Pool at Otterville is one way of enjoying the pool before its official opening on Monday, August 5, 1974.



# Aviation hero Charles Lindbergh

HANA, Hawaii (AP) — Charles Augustus Lindbergh, 72, the Lone Eagle who electrified the world in 1927 with his solo New York-to-Paris flight in the single-engine Spirit of St. Louis, died Monday in this small Hawaii community.

Dr. Milton Howell, a longtime friend, said the aviation pioneer died of cancer of the lymphatic system. Lindbergh's wife, Ann Morrow, and son, Land, were with him at the time of death.

Lindbergh had spent the last eight days

here following a month-long stay in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centre in New York for treatment of his illness.

"When he knew that he would not recover, Mr. Lindbergh requested that he be taken here from Columbia so he could die," said Howell. "He had made his vacation home

here for many years and wanted to die here."

Howell, the only physician in this remote community of 800, said Lindbergh's two other sons, Scott of Paris and Jon of Washington state, had been with their father last week but were not here when he died.

Pan American World Airways, whose routes across the Atlantic and Pacific were pioneered by Lindbergh, said he decided to return to his home in Hana a week ago Saturday "when he realized things were desperate."

Lindbergh's epochal flight catapulted the tousle-haired, then-25-year-old former wing-walker, barnstormer and mail pilot to international fame. He was the toast of two continents, followed by much publicity, honors, adoration and, eventually, tragedy and controversy.

He went into self-imposed exile following the sensational trial and conviction of Bruno Hauptmann for the 1932 kidnap-murder of Lindbergh's infant son, Charles Augustus Jr.

He emerged again to campaign against United States entry into the Second World War, alienating many. He resigned his colonel's commission in the U.S. Army Air Corps after President Franklin D. Roosevelt indirectly but publicly questioned his patriotism.

After unheralded heroism as a civilian fighter instructor during the war, Lindbergh settled down to seclusion at his home in Darien, Conn., appearing only infrequently to stump for the idea of the United Nations, international control of atomic weapons and, later, to work quietly for wildlife conservation.

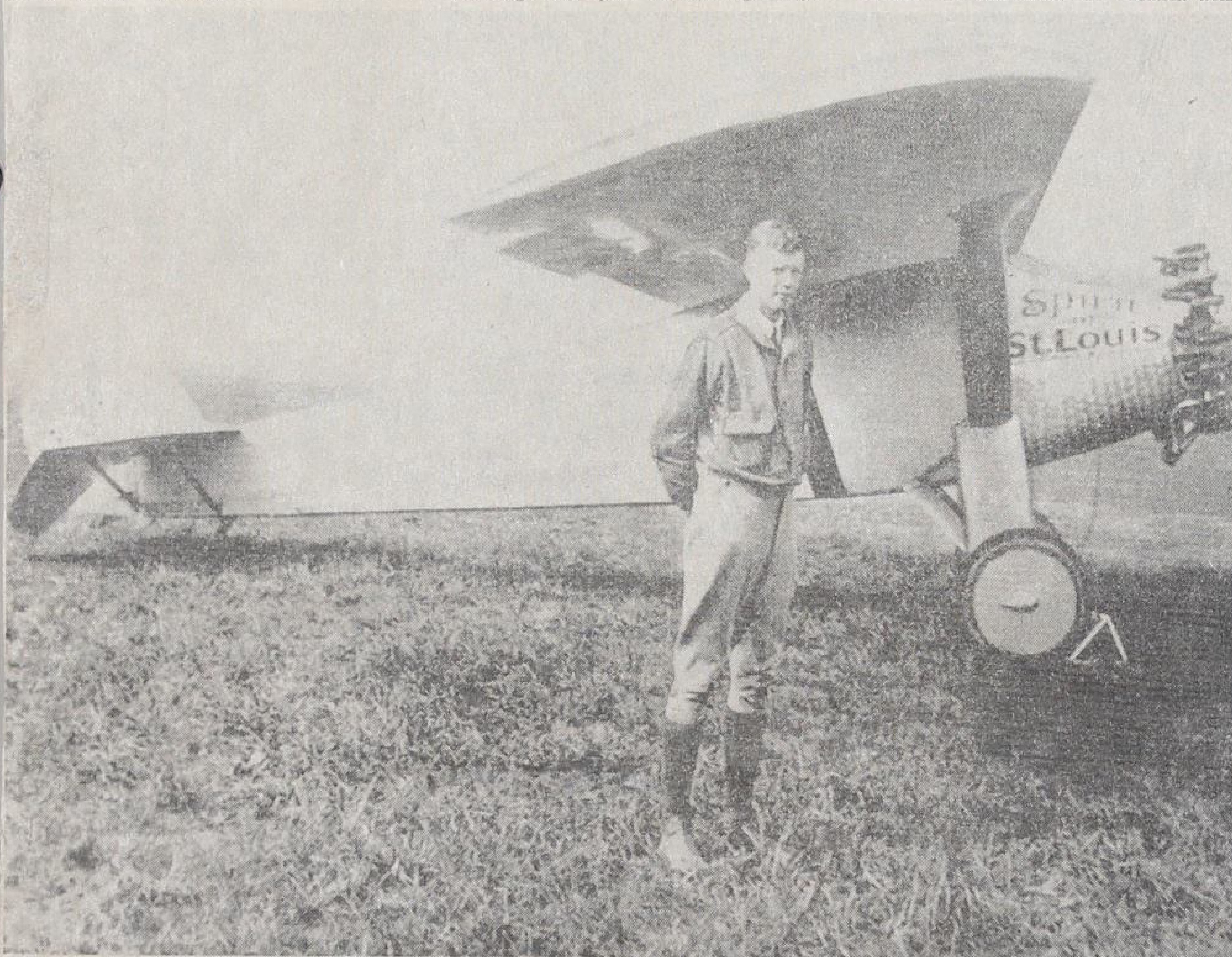
His retreat took him so far from the public eye that in his later years he could walk, casually and unrecognized, on the sidewalks of New York City where an estimated four million once turned out to welcome him in the biggest ticker-tape parade the city ever saw, before or since.

A private funeral was scheduled for Monday.

In 1970, Lindbergh published his Wartime Journals, in which he said he still believed

he had been right in urging that the U.S. stay out of the Second World War.

In 1972, Lindbergh went with an expedition to a southern Phillipines rain forest where they found the Stone Age Tasaday band living in caves. A U.S. Air Force helicopter lifted Lindbergh and other members of the



Charles A. Lindbergh is shown in this 1927 photo with his plane, the Spirit of St. Louis, with which he made the first solo crossing of the Atlantic from west to east, the same

year. Lindbergh died Monday in a small Hawaiian community of cancer of the lymphatic system. A private funeral is scheduled for Monday. (AP)

## CHARLES LINDBERGH

... the Lone Eagle



expedition to safety out of the forest, where they were stranded and running low on food.

Lindbergh opposed development of the supersonic transport, on environmental grounds. In a 1972 newspaper article, he scored the British, French and Soviet decision to proceed with the development of the supersonic transport. Aviation, he said, should be of value only to the extent that it contributes to the quality of human life.

Born in Detroit and reared in Little Falls, Minn., Lindbergh journeyed periodically to Washington, D.C., with his father, a congressman for whom he was named.

His college career, as a mechanical engineering student at the University of Wisconsin, ended when an airplane landed near campus one day and he signed up at a flying school.

He decided on a solo New York-to-Paris flight while flying night mail between St. Louis, Mo., and Chicago. With the backing of a St. Louis group, he supervised construction of the radically-designed Ryan plane at San Diego, Calif.

Lindbergh was not the first man to fly the Atlantic. That had been accomplished in 1919 when Lieut. Arthur Whitten Brown and John Alcock flew their twin-engine biplane nonstop from St. John's, Nfld., to Ireland landing in a bog in County Galway and claiming a £10,000 prize offered by the London Daily Mail.

At stake for Lindbergh was the \$25,000 Orteig prize for the first New York-to-Paris nonstop flight. Becoming the first man to fly the Atlantic solo was a bonus.

Six men already had died trying for the prize, four when their fuel-heavy planes crashed on takeoffs. Lindbergh's own plane, 1,000 pounds heavier than he had ever flown it, cleared the wires at the end of Roosevelt Field's runway by only 10 feet in the early-morning mists of May 20, 1927. Left behind were two rival contenders for the prize, one of them the polar explorer Richard Byrd.

For the next 33½ hours the world thirsted for reports of Lindbergh's progress. There was elation in Paris when he was reported over Ireland, then crossing the English Channel. After a lonely fight against sleep, fear and a 1,000-mile stretch of rain, sleet and fog, Lindbergh was nearing Paris.

A crowd of 25,000 welcomed him at Le Bourget field outside Paris. "I'm Charles Lindbergh," he said when he stepped from his plane, as though some introduction were needed.

He was an instant hero, showered with honors and feted in Paris, London and Brussels. U.S. President Calvin Coolidge invited him to be a guest in Washington and put the cruiser Memphis at his disposal for the return of him and his plane.

Lindbergh was greeted wildly in Washington, New York, St. Louis—wherever he went. Honors were heaped on him.

After the official receptions, Lindbergh made an air tour of 75 U.S. cities to promote aviation.

It was on a subsequent tour as "goodwill ambassador" to Latin American that he stayed at the home of Dwight Morrow, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico and father of Lindbergh's wife-to-be, Anne Spencer Morrow. Their highly publicized courtship culminated in marriage May 27, 1929.

The Lindberghs, tiring of the constant attentions of the press and public, built a home in a secluded section of New Jersey near the village of Hopewell. On March 1, 1932, a stormy night, their 19-month-old son was taken from his crib on the second floor.

A \$50,000 ransom note was found on the window sill. There were footprints in the muddy ground. A manhunt proved fruitless.

Lindbergh did not pay the ransom until a month later, April 2. John F. Condon, a former school teacher, acted as intermediary. His initials, pronounced as one word—"Jaf-sie"—were used to identify him.

Condon threw the money over a cemetery hedge in the New York City borough of the Bronx and was told the baby was alive on a boat off Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Lindbergh flew there on a heartbreakingly futile quest.

Finally, on May 12, a truck driver stumbled onto the infant's shallow grave in a thicket less than five miles from the house. The child's skull was shattered. He evidently had been killed within a day or two, or perhaps on the night of the kidnapping. The child's nurse identified the body by the clothing.

Hauptmann, a German-born carpenter, was arrested after he tried to pass \$10 of the ransom money at a gasoline station. The serial numbers of the bills had been recorded. More than \$13,000 of the ransom was found in his Bronx home and garage.

Lindbergh attended every session of the six-week trial in early 1935. Hauptmann was convicted, on the basis of damning but circumstantial evidence. After a series of grievances he was electrocuted on April 3, 1936. He never admitted the kidnapping.

A few months before the execution, the Lindberghs left for England with their second baby son, Jon. Except for a three-month visit in 1937, they remained overseas until April 1939, just a few months before the outbreak of the Second World War.



Lindbergh emerged from seclusion to oppose vigorously United States entry into the war. He said U.S. support for the Allies would only prolong the war, and that modern air power precluded any possibility of successful intervention by the U.S.

He said he advocated "a negotiated peace" and that the U.S. "may have to deal with a Europe dominated by Germany."

Reaction was bitter. The Veterans of Foreign Wars called some of his statements "un-American." Interior Secretary Harold Ickes said that if Lindbergh were "an up-standing American" he would long before have returned a decoration—the Order of the German Eagle—given him during a pre-war trip to Germany by Nazi Hermann Goering.

Then, in a news conference in the spring of 1941, Roosevelt criticized Lindbergh.

Lindbergh turned in his colonel's commission in the Air Corps Reserve. Three days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor he quietly volunteered to rejoin, but Roosevelt would not have it, said air force Gen. H. H. Arnold's later account.

Lindbergh went to war anyway, as a civilian. He was credited publicly with more than doubling the 400-mile range of the gas-gulping P-38 fighter planes by teaching Pacific-area combat pilots fuel conservation techniques like those that helped him nurse the Spirit of St. Louis across the Atlantic.

What was not known until years later was that Lindbergh had shot down two Japanese Zeros in unsought dogfights.

He wrote three books: *We*, written shortly after his 1927 flight; *Of Flight and Life*, and *The Spirit of St. Louis*, the 1954 autobiography that won him the Pulitzer Prize. Movie rights were sold for an estimated \$1 million.





Mr. and Mrs. John Roger Dehondt

## Dehondt - Mann

Families and friends gathered at St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, on Friday evening, September 6, when Shirley Carolyn Mann became the bride of John Roger Dehondt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Van Hooren, Tillsonburg.

Rev. W. J. Hockin conducted the service. The bride's youngest sister, Tena, arranged the white mums, the candelabra, and prepared the altar for the communion. Mr. Casey Van Brugge, the organist, played traditional music for the procession.

Shirley was escorted by her father, and stopped by her mother to present her with a long stemmed orange delight rose. Then the bride was given in marriage by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Mann. She chose her mother's wedding dress, which was a floor-length gown neckline and long sleeves. The waist was accented with paniers. The bride created her ivory veil and Juliet satin cap. She carried her nurses' Testament which was adorned with a white cymbidium orchid with purple shafted petals. The white cascading streamers were knotted with stephanotis and ming fern.

Miss Elsie Mann, her sister's only attendant, wore a becoming blue flowered gown, with an engraved silver locket, to accent the square neckline. A basket of

white daisies, which were tinted ice blue, completed her ensemble.

Mr. Gary Van den Neucker was the groom's attendant.

After the signing of the register, Rev. Hockin preceded the couple and their attendants from the chancel to the church doors to the joyful strains of "Nun Dunket."

A dinner for 50 guests was served in the parish hall by friends, Mrs. M. Montgomery, Mrs. G. Santchi and Misses P. Dawson, M. Shea, and L. Thompson. Master of ceremonies for the occasion was the bride's uncle, Mr. Carl Howse, Otterville. He read congratulatory telegrams from the bride's great uncle and aunt of Melbourne, Australia, and from an uncle and aunt in Hamilton. A reception was held later in the evening at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride's mother received guests in a becoming, floor-length gown of brown, orange and turquoise, flowered polyester sheer, while the groom's mother assisted in these duties, too. Mrs. Van Hooren selected a delightful mint and beige crepe gown with a corsage of mint-toned carnations.

For a honeymoon to Montreal, Shirley chose a navy flowered silk dress, featuring a smocked yoke, and a white cybidium orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Dehondt are residing at 3905 Riverside Drive, Windsor.

*...and two  
shall become one*



*Dinner Immediately Following*

*St. John's Parish Hall*

*Afterwards*

*Reception at: 28 Joseph Street*

*Tillsonburg, Ontario*



Uncle Ken



Aunt Catherine



# Church Services

**ST. CHARLES ANGLICAN** 1974 sermon, texts from Psalm 147: 1 Harvest Thanksgiving service was held at St. Charles, September 22. The Rev. H. Herring had asked Rev. W. R. Parson, a retired clergyman in Woodstock, to be speaker. Being a great grandson of Mr. John Burn, a pioneer who was influential in establishing St. Charles, he has a warm interest in this old church which is in its 130th year, and having assembled some very historical clippings, he kindly presented a framed copy to the congregation. The rector's warden, Mr. William Cole, accepted this on their behalf with words of appreciation. The speaker chose for his

"A joyful and a pleasant thing it is to be thankful," also Psalm 100:3 "Go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise."

The general theme being "Thanksgiving as a way of life."

First we should recognize that thanksgiving is a natural human response of joy and appreciation that we make spontaneously to experiences of beauty, goodness and generosity.

The Harvest Festival, and the season of autumn hold their own attractive appeal to the human spirit. The earth gives back its answer to man's labor in terms of abundance. Our appropriate response is in the spirit of Thanksgiving. This response helps to keep us in proper relationship with providence, with our fellow humans, and the world of nature.

Today's crisis in conservation and problems of ecology call for a radical revision of man's relationship to his environment. It calls for due recognition of our stewardship for the good earth. Generations come and go before the face of God, but the land, our rivers and lakes remain if we have not unduly exploited them.

We should remember that the nation and the church are great corporate bodies, "mystical unions" of past generations, those presently alive, and those as yet unborn.

In our self-centredness there is always a tendency to live as if we were the last people on earth. Each generation, therefore, is called upon to be good stewards for the good earth, and our natural resources. Today's lesson, therefore, on occasions such as this, is to realize our entire dependence on the Providence of God; to take stock of our material and spiritual values, and also to remember our interdependence in winning our daily bread. In place of arrogance, we must learn humility, and in place of greed, gratitude.

With the threat of famine, and the immense losses from floods and tornadoes, we must be more conscious and willing to share our daily bread. And give generous support for World Hunger Relief appeals."

The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and fruits. The junior choir presented a suitable selection for the day, and once again the congregation and friends of St. Charles were happy in Thanksgiving.

Owing to Harvest Festival at Otterville and Norwich, services at St. Charles will be cancelled until October 13th when the service hour will revert to 2 p.m.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**OTTERVILLE ANGLICAN**  
OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. William Anderson of Oxford Centre and East Oxford was speaker at the Harvest Thanksgiving service held in the St. John's Church on Sunday morning. The congregations of St. Charles, Dereham, and Holy Trinity, Norwich, joined in the service. *Sept 29/74*

The speaker pointed out that we should be thankful to be living in Canada, for the plenteous blessings that we have and need not fear of world hunger.

During the service, Jack Riste sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art." The offering was presented by Arthur Picknell and Jack Freeland.

Rev. H. G. C. Crosby of Mooretown, a former rector of the parish, placed grapes on the altar, the first fruits of the harvest, the bread and grapes symbolic of the grain and wine in keeping with the harvest.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist for the service.

*Flowers all frozen*

## Beef dinner, bazaar dates set by Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Guild resumed their regular meetings on Thursday when they met in the Parish Hall. President, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presided and the meeting opened with Prayer. Secretary, Miss Edna Furlong, read minutes and gave roll call. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

Date for the annual roast beef supper was set to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 10, and the Christmas bazaar will be held November 28.

Mrs. Peter Gilchrist invited the ladies to her home in two weeks time.

Meeting closed and a social time completed the afternoon.



The new pool at Otterville was another major project in the area this year, with the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club spearheading the project.

## Lions raised \$27,221 for pool

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club raised a total of \$27,221.11 for the Swimming Pool in the South Norwich Community Park. Of this amount, they turned over to the Township of South Norwich Council \$23,381.33. The amount originally pledged to the Township was \$22,500.00.

This is a break down of where the money came from:

Memorial for Joe Ash	276.90
50-50 ticket sales	1,049.00
Sunshine Club	200.00
Leisure Club	25.00
Canvass by mail	4,191.64
Swimmathon (1970)	5,505.45
Bluebirds	25.00
Memorial for E. Almost	166.45
Eastern Star	150.00
Mutual Life Assoc. Co.	200.00
The Town & Country Club	25.00
Springford Women's Institute	25.00
Young People Car Wash (U.C.)	85.25
Dowells' Agri-Systems	100.00
Norwich Gore Community Club	1,204.00
Otterville Women's Institute	175.00
Otterville Explorer's	10.00

Oddfellows Lodge	1,000.00
Lions Club	2,500.00
Royal Bank-Otterville	500.00
Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330	100.00
Otter Dorchester Mutual Ins. Co.	250.00
Walkathon	9,119.79
Misc. Receipts	337.63
Total	27,221.11

Although a few walkers have not turned in their money (if they collected it) the amount of money raised in the Walkathon was a huge success. They took in more than was anticipated. Every

person that contributed to the Swimming Pool fund was greatly appreciated, and I am sure the children really enjoyed the new pool this summer. The new filter system is the most modern system and has greatly reduced the expenses of the operation of the pool. The new system uses less chemicals and we no longer have to spend hundreds of dollars every year for repairs etc.

Gordon Shearer  
Sec. Treas.  
Lions Park Committee



The Leisure Club of the Senior Citizens of Otterville were guests at a recent taping of Act Fast at the CFPL-TV studios. The show was aired Sunday, September 22. The group raised a total of \$100. Pictured in the photo with Host Bill Brady are left, Mr. Harry Lee and right Mrs. Harry Lee. *1974*

## Pool popular attraction *Sept/74*

OTTERVILLE (C) — The beautiful new swimming pool, which measures 100' x 50', was opened on Civic Holiday in the community park, though it was enjoyed by many children in July.

The chief place of attraction in the park has had scores of admirers throughout the summer. Visitors from many parts of Ontario were keen to note the

pure, clean water, paying many complimentary remarks to the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club who have estimated the cost of the pool at \$106,000., as well as paying cost of transportation to bring children to the pool during each week.

Efficient help has always been on hand which has added much to the success of the pool. Those in charge were: instructor and life

guard, Gayle Kowalchuk, Janice Fleming, Lois Lamont, and Christine McMullen; cashier for bath and checkout, Kathy Davis; park attendant, Emery Harvev.

Special mention must also be made of the general manager of the pool, George Smith.

Many picnics have been held this past summer at the park, where there is no parking problem, and already many reservations for family gatherings during 1975 have been made.



# Presents \$20,000 grant for pool project

The annual two-night Norwich-Otterville Lions Club carnival, the first project of the year 1974-75, held Thursday and Friday evening in the Norwich arena, was declared very successful by carnival chairman John Sandham, with the many activities keeping everyone busy and interested.

Friday evening was kids' night. Two bicycles were given away, with the draws being made from complimentary tickets which had been distributed throughout the Norwich-Otterville school area.

Kathy McClelland of RR 3, Norwich, a pupil at Maple Heights school, Burgessville, won the girl's bicycle and Stephen Orlicky, RR 3, Harley, who attends Harley School, won the boy's bicycle. Lucky winner of the doll dressed in 50, one dollar

bills was Sharon Manicom of Norwich.

Dr. Harry Parrott M.P.P. (Oxford) was master of ceremonies on Saturday evening, and presented the club with a provincial grant in excess of \$20,000 for the new Lions Club swimming pool in Otterville Park.

The big draw of the evening for the Gran Torino Elite car was won by Mrs. Luanne Hobbs of Guelph. The lucky ticket No. 692 was sold by Lion Fred Thompson, to Mrs. Hobbs' mother, Mrs.

Mary C. Vanerbroeck, 11 Tidy St., Norwich, who had given the ticket to her daughter as a gift.

Winner of the doll on Saturday evening was Jim Taylor of RR 3, Norwich. The eight-track stereo was won by Mike Kutzscher of Norwich.

President George Davis stated the carnival is the major money-making project of the club for the year. Proceeds are used for community work, bussing children to the Otterville swimming pool, donations to minor ball and hockey, Scout

work, etc. He would like to thank all for their generous support, also everyone who helped to make it a success.

## 286 pupils at Otterville public school

OTTERVILLE (C) — Otterville public school re-opened Tuesday, Sept. 3, after the summer vacation with 286 pupils in classes.

The teaching staff with principal, Mr. Boyd Little, is: kindergarden, Miss Mary Ann Silverthorn; grade 1, Mrs. Elaine Coleman; grade 2, Mrs. Janice Buchner; grade 3, Mrs. Linda Fitzsimmons; grade 4, Mrs. Dianne Hutchinson; grade 5, Mrs. Myrtle Namsoo; grade 6, Mrs. Muriel Bowman; grade 7, Mr. Bradley Kempston of Mitchell; grade 8, Mr. Jack Rosien of Eganville; and special class, Mrs. Johan Hopkins.

Custodians for the school are Mr. Carl Howse and Mrs. Daniel Vanhooren; and bus drivers are: Alvin Rachar, Mrs. Dorothy Scott and Mrs. Jack Freeland.



Rev. Carl Brearley of Burlington was given the honor of cutting the cake modelled on the original Newark Church before it collapsed in 1953. Rev. Brearley was raised in the Newark area. Mrs. Helen Burrill made the iced cake.

# Charlie Weaver dead at 68

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Comedian Cliff Arquette, 68, the Charlie Weaver character on television, died Monday of a heart attack. Arquette entered hospital late Saturday



CHARLIE WEAVER

... heart attack claims comedian

night complaining of heart trouble, an NBC spokesman said. He had suffered a heart attack in his car two years ago.

Arquette lived in the shadow of the television character he created—'Charlie Weaver,' whom he called a 'rube' and a 'dirty old man.'

He introduced the rural character while on the Dennis Day show in 1953 and later took it onto the Jack Paar and Hollywood Squares television shows.

'Charlie Weaver,' telling highly exaggerated homespun yarns and reading 'letters from Mama,' became better known than Arquette.

Born Dec. 28, 1905, in Toledo, Ohio, Arquette quit school at 14 to get into show business. For the next three years he played in a band at Cleveland's Euclid Beach, then went into vaudeville.

Arquette did his first radio network show

with Fred Astaire and Charlie Butterworth and later worked with Burns and Allen, and Rudy Vallee.

His first television appearance was on NBC's Dave and Charlie show, an ad lib comedy show.

He was on the Monday-through-Friday daytime game show Hollywood Squares from its inception in 1966.

Aside from the entertainment field, Arquette's main interest was military history.

In 1959, he opened a museum in a 125-year-old house on the American Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa. It featured 12-inch models of soldiers depicting the history of military uniforms.

Arquette, who had spent 25 years researching the subject, carved each of the models and made the uniforms.

A son, Lewis, survives.



# In praise of the old pump organ

1974  
by Derwyn Jones

Recently I was driving through our lovely Ontario rural countryside, and stopped in at one of our older and lovelier country churches. Fortunately it was not locked, so that the casual passer-by, like myself, might go in and share its quiet beauty. This I did. But one sad sight therein reminded me forcibly that we have fallen victim to the modern ad-men, in thinking that we must have the new and latest gadgets, because they are unquestionably superior to the old.

What caused this inner ruminating was the sight at one side of the Church of a recently acquired electronic organ (locked, for some security reason that eluded me), and across the nave from it, and gloriously open, was the older foot pumped reed organ that was its obvious predecessor. I sat down to play the old organ, silently reflecting as I did so of the various services and occasions it had accompanied through many past years. I thought of the succession of faithful souls that had played it - or perhaps just one, who had started as a young girl and coaxed music out of it until the recent day when it was given its honourable discharge.

But when I played the instrument, I was struck by the firmness of its action, the full resonance of its chorus, and the delightful purr of its soft stops. And I said to myself: "In the name of what modern deity, did the congregation feel called upon to pension off this magnificent old musical warhorse in order to replace it with that other collection of tubes, transistors and woofers?"

The new one, being locked, could not be heard for com-

parison, but I am sure of what the judgment would have been. The new manual-and-a-half with 8 pedal sticks, rejoicing under the name of "Spinet model" would have none of the mellowness or the resonant crescendo of the ancient reed organ. It would only have the instant attack, and the ear-irritating blare of the amplifier, to say nothing of the nauseous quaver of the tremulant knob, which has an 'off' position, but seldom stays there.

And the sad thing is, that all up and down the country, churches are hastening to cast off their old reed organs, to buy these new-fangled electronic substitutes, which may resist the chewing of the churchmice on the bellow-straps, but which fail to calm the spirits of those who worship to their accompaniment. Let me hasten to say to the irate salesmen of such instruments (some of whom advertise in this paper) that their spinet models do sometimes serve a useful purpose. They provide music at a price that perhaps is the only one attainable by a small congregation though a good piano would do the same.

But if you are contemplating the purchase of such an instrument, do not do it at the greater cost of losing a fine old reed organ. Be assured that collectors will snap up your old model, and will laugh at your folly as they take their treasure home. But in the vain desire to be a part of the electronic age, be assured in your own mind that you are not throwing out a reed organ that was great when you bought it; that has served your congregation well like an old friend, and would go on doing so into the future, as long as your organist's legs hold out.



# Otterville Leisure club election date set

Oct 2/74

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club held their regular meeting in the council chamber of the township office on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance.

Following the games, the president, Mrs. Harry Lee, called the gathering to order and welcomed members.

Correspondence included the official affiliation of the Leisure Club with the United Senior Citizens of Ontario, Inc.

It was decided that in the following meetings the cup of tea would accompany the business session and then the members would have several games of card bingo for which prizes are given.

The election of officers will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30, when the nominating committee will present the new slate for 1975.

The club has received their certificate declaring them as a link with the Senior Citizens of Ontario.

Announcement was made that

the V.O.N. will be in the village the last Monday of the month and the clinic for foot treatment will be at the home of Mrs. Harry Lee, Dover St., Otterville.

Members expressed their desire to attend the Fall Rally, which is being held at Brantford, October 16.

The social hour completed the afternoon, with Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Nate McMullen as the hosts.

## McMurchy - Van Parys

OTTERVILLE (C) — Duncan McMurchy and Jean Van Parys were married at the United Church parsonage, Otterville, on Saturday, October 18th, 1974. Rev. E. Egilsson, minister of the Otterville United Church, officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Parys of Otterville were the attendants. A reception for the family was held at the Town Gate Inn, Tillsonburg, following the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McMurchy are living on Main St. West in Otterville.

## Leisure Club meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club held their weekly meeting in the Council Chambers of the Township Office on Wednesday afternoon. Two tables of cards were in play.

Following the games minutes were read and roll call given. Due to the president and a number of others attending the fall rally for senior citizens in Brantford that day, business was brief. The social hour was convened by Mrs. James Squance, Mrs. Robert Martin and Mrs. Harold Waring. Members were very sorry to

learn of the sudden illness of Mrs. Wilfrid Addison,

number from the congregation of the United Church attended Anniversary Service, Sunday morning, in the New Road Church when service was withdrawn in Otterville.

Mrs. Jack P. Heatley spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mrs. H. A. Waring and also visited other friends.

Jack Furlong has returned to his home after spending the past four weeks in Tillsonburg Hospital.

## St. John's Club has euchre party

OTTERVILLE (C) — First evening for the season of progressive euchre was held in the parish hall on Wednesday evening with five tables of cards in play.

Prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Lochyear, while Mrs. Vera Davis and Mrs. Nate McMullen won consolation prizes. Miss Edna Furlong won the lucky draw.

Next card party will be held November 6 in St. John's Parish Hall. The parties are conducted by members of St. John's Church Club.

## Form 4-H club

The Otterville 4-H Homemaking Club has organized for their fall project, "Cereal Shelf." Ten members were present with Julie Davis elected as president, Kelly Davis as vice-president, Christine McMullen as secretary, Mary Agnes Webb as press reporter. Leaders are Lurene McMullen and Mrs. Joyce Hanson.

## Area U.C.W. hold dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) — An outstanding event which has been sponsored by the United Church Women with assistance from the congregation was held in the schoolroom of the church on Monday, October 28, when upwards of 500 persons enjoyed the annual turkey dinner.

At 7 p.m. members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club arrived in a body and before leaving thanked the ladies for the delicious repast.

Out-of-town guests attending the dinner were from Toronto, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Mount Elgin, and area.

Members of the UCW greatly appreciated the keen interest of the congregation, including the menfolk who set up the tables, and to the young ladies for serving.

Mrs. Fred Cole UCW president and Mrs. Lorne Treffry, social convener.

# Les Dickson elected first Norwich mayor

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It was a close election in all wards with 51 percent of the voters in Norwich Township electing their representatives Monday night.

Polls closed officially at 8 p.m., but voting was so heavy after supper that some voters waited in line to cast their ballots.

Returns from the 18 polls in the township began arriving at the North Norwich Township office shortly after 9, but the official final results weren't tabulated until 1 a.m.

Candidates and interested voters gathered in the office to wait for the results over coffee and more coffee supplied by the township and watched through the evening as first one, then another candidate would pull ahead as the polls reported.

Returning Officer Robert Watkins and Clerks Fred Lowes, Merlin Howse and Wayne Johnson were tabulating the poll results as they came into the office and posting the scores for the waiting crowd. At one point over 100 people were squeezed into the office to see who their representatives would be.

The advance polls told the story of the mayoral race. Les Dickson came out on top of Darwen Scott in those first results by three



LESLIE DICKSON



KEN PEERS

votes and finished ahead of him by 46 votes in the end. Mr. Scott's strength was in Ward Two where he doubled Mr. Dickson's total, but Mr. Dickson led in the other three wards and totalled 1394 to Mr. Scott's 1348. Lavern Irving received 656 of the votes cast.

Member at large was the closest race of the election with Ken Peers and Wes Dew side by side to the end. Mr. Dew polled his most votes in his home ward three, but it wasn't enough to beat Mr. Peers' steady margin in the other wards. Final total - Ken Peers, 1673 votes to Wes Dew, 1601.

Jim Alexander was defeated in the school board elections by Muriel Bishop and William Hogg.

Mr. Hogg topped the polls in this, his first election, with 2103 votes, while Mrs. Bishop was re-elected with 1521 votes. Mr. Alexander trailed in all the wards and failed in his re-election bid with 1294 votes.

Three councillors were elected in Ward One (South Norwich) - Carl Beal with 484 votes, John Walther with 464 and Robert Pettigrew with 453. Larry Harwood and Delbert Wrigglesworth were defeated.

Ward Two (Norwich Village) has two representatives on the new township council - James Butler and Stewart Miles. Norm Lusk was close behind with 401 (Continued on Page 2)



At the fall convocation at McMaster University, Hamilton, a scientist, Dr. Howard Petch, received an honorary degree, Doctor of Science. Dr. Petch, one time McMaster physicist and new president - designate of the University of Victoria, delivered the convocation address to the 688 graduating students. An alumnus of McMaster, Dr. Petch began a distinguished career on the university faculty in 1954. He developed the metalurgy department, rose to director of research in 1961 and later became principal of Hamilton College. He became vice-president of the University of Waterloo in 1967 and was acting president for one year. Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch of Otterville attended the fall convocation at McMaster.

## Lions to sponsor students at Norwich

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. Monday, October 28, following their attendance at the turkey dinner served in the United Church at 7 p.m.

Lion president, George Davis presided, and there was a large attendance with four visitors.

Four new members were introduced, Lion Dr. Clare Westmacott, Lion Fed Zaharchuck, Lion Russell Stargel and Lion Wayne Jenkins. Sponsors were Lion Dr. Tim Scott, Lion Mel Smith, Lion Gerry Christensen, and Lion Ralph Crittenden. The induction committee included Lion Fred Thompson, Lion Andy Vandenberghe, Lion Murray Wardell and Lion Abert Cornwell. Lion Darwin Scott led the Lions Roar.

Lion John Leitch reported that planning is still in progress for a second snowmobile race, and Lion Bob Scott reported that a new project for this area is underway.

The Club plans to sponsor

students to spend the 1975-76 school year attending Norwich District High School from a foreign land and also to send a similar number of students from our school to the country from which the students come. A vote showed the club in favour of sponsoring this project. Visiting students will spend periods of three months at four different area homes. The original plan has been handled through Rotary Clubs and they will also be handling this exchange.

After discussion it was decided that club meetings would be held at the Legion and Otterville parish hall as in the past.

Next meeting will be the annual Veteran's Night to be held in the Norwich Legion Hall on Monday evening, November 11.

Lion Jim Auger was in charge of the annual Hallowe'en Night.

There will be a blood donors clinic in Norwich United Church on Monday evening, November 25.

Convention draw was won by Dalt French.



# Lifetime hobby keeps Norwich fire-safe

By Deb Bedell

"The time of life to begin learning fire safety is at the school age," says Basil Baines, Norwich Fire Prevention Officer. Mr. Baines has been involved in fire fighting and prevention work for 62 years in the Norwich area.

During Fire Prevention Week every October, Mr. Baines makes a point of visiting all the schools in the area to check on their fire drills and sometimes lecture students on fire safety. Throughout the year he inspects stores, homes and industries in Norwich to insure they are all safe from fire hazards. He estimates it takes him about a year and a half to go through all the homes in Norwich.

Mr. Baines has been Fire Prevention Officer since he retired from the Norwich Fire Department in 1967. While chief of the department from 1941 until his retirement, Mr. Baines distinguished his fire fighters and the village alike by being awarded International Fire Prevention Contest awards nine years in a row.

But Mr. Baines can remember fire fighting and fire prevention from a lot further back than that. His father had been a fire fighter at the Ladywell Fire Station in England before he brought his family to Canada in 1903. And as soon as he noticed Basil doing nothing but writing about fire fighting in his school books when he was 16, he helped him get a part time job with the Ingersoll Fire Department while he was going to school.

World War I took Mr. Baines to Europe with the Canadian Armed Forces for five years and he came home from France sporting a beard and handle bar mustache. But it didn't last long. While fighting a fire from the roof of a building in Ingersoll, Mr. Baines fell through and had all the hair on his head burned off.

## Guild plans for suppers

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen. President Mrs. Harry Pickersgill opened the meeting with prayer.

Planning menus for future events was the main item on the program. Following the morning confirmation service on Sunday, the ladies served lunch, then coming up is the hot roast beef supper November 10; the Leisure Club Christmas dinner, to which the Guild are catering, and the preparing for the pre-Christmas bazaar. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report. The meeting concluded with prayer by Rev. H. Herring.

The members enjoyed a social repast.

# Party marks end of ball season

OTTERVILLE (C) — Seven Otterville ball teams attended a party in Otterville community park on Friday evening to close a successful year of ball.

Free hot dogs and refreshments were served, and special thanks was given to the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club who donated all the refreshments and some of the food for the evening. Later a social hour was enjoyed by all the children.

Chairman, Mr. Donald Ryder, thanked the coaches and managers of all teams for their good work during the year.

Trophies were presented by Mr. Ryder to the most valuable player on each team chosen by

the players themselves. Winners were Squirt Girls, Kelly Davis; Midget Girls, Mary Ann Wells; Squirt Boys, Cam Pettigrew; Pee Wee Boys, Ron Wells.

The Lorne Cooper Memorial Trophy, purchased this year, was presented to the Otterville Minor Ball Club by Mrs. Evelyn Cooper. The trophy goes to the team that went the farthest in League play, and since the Bantam Boys have not finished playing, the trophy was not presented to a particular team as yet.

Later in the evening coaches, managers and their wives met at the home of Gary and Lois Rachar for an enjoyable time.

## Installation ceremony held by Rebekah Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — Violet Rebekah Lodge opened in regular form October 21st for the installation of officers. D.D.P. Sister Clara Ashford and staff of Springfield installed the officers in a dignified manner, with the exception of the Noble Grand.

The drill work and the two soloists were beautiful. Guests were present from Norwich, Delhi, Tillsonburg and

Springfield.

Past President Mabel Mabee congratulated the installing staff and wished Violet Rebekah Lodge all the best for the coming year. Sister Clara Ashford, D.D.P., brought greetings from the president of Rebekah Assembly.

Lodge closed in regular form after which the committee served lunch.



Mr. and Mrs. Doug Pearce of Stratford, formerly of Otterville, are riding in style, in the new truck they won in the Ki-Anne truck draw last week-end. They are shown at left, receiving the keys to their new truck from Ki-Anne president Mrs. Shirley Franklin; and chairman of the draw, Kiwanian Terry Smith. Mr. Smith has also announced that the Kiwanis projects for ARC Industries have benefitted, since the winners have made a donation to the projects.

## Earle Petch honored on 75th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. Earle Petch was honoured by his family at a surprise party on Monday held at their home marking his 75th birthday.

The lovely birthday cake was made and decorated by his granddaughter, Heather Brodie, and was accompanied with all the trimmings for a birthday.

Those present for the happy event were Dr. and Mrs. Howard Petch of Kitchener, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Brodie and daughters, Heather and Tracey, of St. Agatha and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Petch of Ancaster.

A car driven by James C. Richardson, 30, of RR 1, LaSalette, was considered a writeoff after it left the road in Otterville Saturday night and struck a line of trees.

The driver told police he was eastbound when another car pulled from the curb into his path. He took evasive action and went up on a lawn, struck a tree, continued on and ended up wedged in a line of cedars.

Damage to his 1968 car was estimated at \$1,000.

The accident occurred just east of the township office at about 6:40 p.m. OPP Constable Joe Martin investigated.

## Halloween party held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Lions annual Hallowe'en party was held in South Norwich Fire Hall. Lion Jim Auger was in charge of the evening.

There were about 80 children present, about the largest number for any Lion Hallowe'en party.

Judges were Lions George Davis, Nelson Gleason and Murray Wardell. There were prizes for the best dressed and best comic in both the girls' and boys' divisions. Girls' prizes were won by Beth Blayney, and Eileen Finch; boys' prizes by Bradley Countryman and Terry Treffry.

Lions Gordon Shearer, Gerry Christensen, Murray Downing and the three judges helped serve hot dogs and apples to conclude the successful evening.

## Mrs. Waring winner on TV program

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Harold Waring received a happy surprise on Thanksgiving Sunday when she was informed by relatives and friends that they had heard her name as a winner of \$25 on the program "Act Fast" from CFPL-TV, Channel 10, London.

Mrs. Waring was not aware of the change in program at 2:30 p.m. but was awaiting the usual hour of 6:30 p.m.



# Separating flue rights from land

The tobacco board, in a crucial decision approved last Friday, has changed board regulations, separating tobacco rights from the land to which they have historically been attached.

The resolution separating the rights from the land, and approving the boards 1975-76 general regulations that attach rights to a person, was passed with 13 directors in favour, one opposed (district 11's John Szicklai) and one absent.

The separation of rights is a long-standing issue that has been precipitated by a change in assessment procedures in Ontario. Previously, tobacco land has been assessed at \$125 per acre, and other farm land as somewhat less.

Under new legislation, all farmland will have a basic assessment of \$300 per acre, but if tobacco rights remain attached to the land, tobacco farmers would face an additional assessment of \$1,100 for every acre of basic tobacco acreage.

The tobacco board therefore approved the separation of rights, and tobacco rights now become chattels of a person, not part of a farm.

However, the board has built in provisions to stop the purchasing of rights by speculators, who would hold the rights for several years and sell them at a profit.

Anyone holding tobacco rights must grow 75 per cent of their quota every second year, or those rights will disappear, ruled the tobacco board. That decision has already been appealed by one farm owner.

Tobacco board vice-chairman Remie Miggins says that such a provision is essential. He said that "there are already people wanting to get into the act for a fast buck," and said that the board must plug all speculation loopholes.

Director George Demeyere said that the mechanics of implementing the new system "are designed to help the man who wants to stay in the tobacco industry."

The basic changes in the regulations caused by the new approach to basic tobacco acreage shows up as references to rights or quotas "fixed and allotted to a person."

The board has approved a newsletter that will now be sent to all tobacco growers outlining

the changes, and signed by tobacco board chairman Ted Raytrowsky.

The letter, which includes a copy of the 1975-76 general regulations, says that there are three major differences in these regulations-

"First, General Regulations 1974-75 provided for the allotment of a basic tobacco acreage to a person in respect of a tobacco farm. In General Regulations 1975-76, 'a basic production quota' has been substituted for a basic tobacco acreage, and basic production quota is not allotted in respect of a tobacco farm.

"Second, under General Regulations 1974-75, a basic tobacco acreage could only be sold if the tobacco farm in respect of which it was allotted was also sold. Under section 12 of General Regulations 1975-76, a basic production quota may be sold unaccompanied by the sale of any lands.

"Third, General Regulations 1974-75 permitted the rental of the whole or part of a 1974 tobacco acreage. Under section 13 of General Regulations 1975-76, no more than 25 per cent of a 1975 production quota may be rented."

THE LONDON FREE PRESS, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1974

## Words of O Canada in for a change

The words of the new version:

O-Canada! Our home and native land!

True Patriot love in all they sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The true north strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God Keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## Reporter dies in crash

One woman was killed, and a man is in serious condition in Victoria Hospital in London following a single-car accident about four miles west of Norwich early this morning.

Dead is Deborah Bedell, 22, of Main Street, Norwich. Miss Bedell was a reporter with The Norwich Gazette, a sister paper to The Tillsonburg News. Taken to Victoria Hospital, and now listed in serious condition, was Douglas Buckley, of 63 Westmount Road in Guelph, the driver of the car.

The vehicle, a 1965 Meteor, was destroyed when it struck a bridge abutment on Oxford County Road 18, four miles west of Norwich, at about 2 a.m. on Friday. The car was eastbound on the road.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$600, a write-off.

The accident was investigated by Tillsonburg O.P.P. Constable Larry Killens.

The next-of-kin of Miss Bedell are from the Detroit area, and funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

## Letters to the Editor

### A TRIBUTE

The Editor: The News Bulletin coldly declared Miss Deborah Bedell, 22, was instantly killed in a traffic mishap a short distance from Norwich. Those who had met her were stunned. How could it be? I hereby am honored to write this tribute. She was receptionist in the Gazette office. She had an infectious smile. "Can I Help?" She inquired. We all at some time need help. I was in need. The memory of a few minutes spent with such a person as Debbie Bedell will take a long time to fade away, if ever. I will hold it close as I travel down memory's Lane. Because the hand of fate decreed I should meet her there for even a few minutes, I am sure the after flow will influence my behavior for the better to strive to be more friendly.

The radiance of such a personality on all the persons (the

short time she was in Norwich) is difficult to measure. No person could avoid the impact of such warmth of friendliness. She had the enthusiasm of youth, but the graciousness of maturity. She was not afraid to drop from her lips a few words of encouragement where she thought they would help.

After meeting Debbie, I was anxious that every person would have the privilege of meeting her, and have the same thrilling adventure of friendliness that I had. Debbie was not sophisticated, but she had a right to be, being a graduate in Journalism at Western University. However, she met everyone on the common ground of genuine friendliness.

I concluded that she was a follower of Christ. There was evidence of high Christian ideals and purposes. Now she is gone, like a beautiful, fragrant flower cut down by an early frost. So a lovely person has departed and Norwich will not have had the rare pleasure of meeting an especially nice person.

Sam A. Innis,  
Norwich, Ont.

## Flue price tops 93¢ Thursday

The average price on Thursday's sales at the tobacco auction exchanges just squeaked over the 93 cent mark, as the three markets closed after selling 1,713,136 pounds of tobacco, at 93.02 cents a pound.

The overall average, after four selling days, is 92.48 cents a pound, for 6,484,898 pounds of tobacco, out of a crop that could run up to 240 million pounds when selling ends next Spring.

The increase is a good sign for tobacco farmers, although everyone admits it is too early in the market to make any concrete judgements. After four days of selling, the price has risen .90 cents a pound, from the opening day figure of 92.12 cents.

Interestingly, after four selling days last year, the price had risen .92 cents a pound, from 70.09 cents to 71.01.

Tobacco board chairman Ted Raytrowsky has said that if prices follow last year's trend...as the market, at this early stage, seems to be doing...then this year's average price should finish at over \$1.00 a pound.

Mr. Raytrowsky has been calling for parity with American tobacco prices, which would mean an average of about \$1.04 a pound. However, there is no doubt that top tobacco officials will be happy if the price is about \$1.00.

One good sign for the tobacco farmers is that the cigarette manufacturers are talking about raising the price of cigarettes, one cent a pack. The companies are stating higher tobacco prices as a reason for the increase. The farmers do not object to the hike, if it is passed along to the growers.

However, the board chairman has noted that two previous raises this year, totalling four cents a pack, were not passed along proportionately at all.

The tobacco board is hoping to have sold 35 per cent of the tobacco crop from this year, by the Christmas break. That would mean that each grower will be able to ship twice before the recess.

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Two young airmen from Otterville, twins Ronald and Donald Wrigglesworth were among the honor guard for the Queen on her arrival in Canada at RCAF station Summerside on Monday.



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And down it comes. Demolition of the old Tillsonburg Public Library is now well underway, and the building lost its roof sometime yesterday. Demolition of the library, and construction of the new Tillsonburg Public Library on the same site, are being

handled by Gilvesy Construction of Tillsonburg. While all the hammering, sawing, and other construction activities are going on, the library is continuing to function in temporary quarters, in the basement of the post office building.



Arlington -- Home for Lions in early years.



## Leisure Club dinner set

OTTERVILLE (C) — Weekly meeting of the Leisure Club was held in the Council Chamber of the Community Hall Wednesday, Nov. 13, with three tables of progressive euchre and one table of marbles in play. Following the games card bingo was played.

A brief business meeting was held when a letter of appreciation was read from Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, who has returned to her home from the District Memorial Hospital where she has been a patient for the past four weeks. Tickets were sold for the dinner party which will be held December 4. Games of card bingo were played, after which Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Robert Martin served tea or coffee.

Accompanied with the tea was birthday cake, which was sent in from Mrs. Addison, who had a birthday on the 12th, and being a member of the club shared the treat with the members.

## Memorial service held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Otterville and South Norwich Memorial Service was held Sunday, Nov. 10, at 12:45 at the Community Park Cenotaph with a goodly number of citizens attending to honor the War Dead.

Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 190, of Norwich had charge of the military honors. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Miss Caroline Buckrell.

Rev. H. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church conducted the devotional part of the service after which wreaths were placed for Province of Ontario by George E. Davis, who also placed the wreath for the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club; Royal Canadian Legion, Howard Nix; Township of South Norwich, Jack Walther; Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. Jean Nix; Order of Eastern Star, William Hanson; Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, Mrs. William Butler; I.O.O.F., Bruce Adlington; Powell Agri-System, Donald Chisholm.

### CLARENCE MCKEE

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Clarence McKee, who passed away in district memorial hospital, Tillsonburg on Monday, November 18, 1974, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, and was largely attended.

Rev. Einar Egilsson conducted the service and Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Memorial donations, among the many lovely floral tributes, were in aid of the Intensive Care Unit in Tillsonburg hospital.

Pallbearers were John Sandham, Arthur Fletcher, William Bell, Bryce Smith, William Stroud and William Mowatt.

Interment was made in Springford Cemetery.

# Speaks on energy conservation

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Jay Durkee, Friday, November 8. President Mrs. William A. McMullen welcomed the members and thanked the hostess and convener, Mrs. Murray Downing and her committee. She announced that Mrs. Wilfrid Addison had returned home from the hospital that morning.

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of a past president, Mrs. J. McFee, who has passed away in Scotland, Sept. 24th, in her 93rd year, also the two minutes of silence was observed for the deaths of those during the war years.

Sixteen members responded to the roll call, "What have you done lately to be a good consumer?" Several thank-you notes were read and a notice was read of the "Brownie Used Toy Sale" and Bake Table, Nov. 23rd, from

10 a.m. to 12 p.m., in the Community Hall.

The president announced the Otterville School was collecting Campbell Soup labels and asked the members to save theirs. Also it was announced that the Institute has Commemorative spoons for sale and the area convention is to be held Nov. 27th and 28th at Stratford.

Special mention was made that three of our over 80 members had attended the County Conference, where they were specially honored. The members were reminded of the leaders training course, "Baked in a Pie," February 13th and 14th. Two leaders will be sent.

Mrs. Jack Walther and Mrs. Irvin Gehring volunteered to convene a rummage sale in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Saturday morning, Nov. 16th, from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Members were reminded that the December meeting would be the last Friday in the month and

to note the change in the date. There will be a tour to the Gladway Gardens, Burgessville.

The consumer affairs convener, Mrs. Murray Downing, took charge of the meeting, speaking on inflation. Mrs. Lorne Treffry gave a review of the Consumer Magazine. The convener introduced the speaker, Jack Voistan from the Ontario Hydro, who gave an interesting talk on the energy and conservation of hydro followed by a question and answer period. Mr. Voisten gave each member a pamphlet on the wise use of electricity.

Mrs. Max Avey, on behalf of the Institute, thanked the speaker and presented him with a gift.

The committee served lunch and a social time was enjoyed. During the social hour, several pamphlets were passed among the members "Look at the Label," "What to Eat to be Healthy" and a "Metrication guide for consumers."

Extra copies may be procured from the secretary.

# Institute hold conference

The entertainment was provided by Oxford South, and then a potluck dinner was served, with Uniondale, Kintore and Brownsville W.I. as the conveners. A display of Christmas decorations was set up by Mrs. Howard Budd for the members to view.

After lunch, the roll call was taken, and as each club leader got up to pay the dues, she announced the members in their club who were 80 or over.

The officers were installed by Mrs. Caffyn, and a collection was

taken. Mrs. Jack Hargraves introduced the speaker, Stafford Johnston, an editorial writer with the Kitchener-Waterloo Record. His topic was "Where have all the Indians gone?"

Courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Fred Shelton. Next year's meeting will be held on Nov. 4, at the Moose Hall.

Some of the over 80 members who weren't able to be present included Mrs. K. Hicks of Cornell W.I., Mrs. Kiah Clark of Mount Elgin W.I.; from Norwich Mrs.

John Ryder, Mrs. Norman Atkins, Mrs. Elgin Lossing; Springford, Florence Raymond, Mrs. Fred Lee; Tillsonburg, Mrs. Olie Brady, Mrs. Louise Bremner, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Maude Gray, Mrs. Winnifred Monk, Mrs. Maude Long, Mrs. Mabel Pearce, Mrs. Mabel Prouse, Mrs. Clara Griffen; Verschoyle, Mrs. Henry Albright; Zenda, Mrs. Stanley Pearson; Otterville, Ivey Pennington, and Mrs. Edith Treffry. These were all members of South Oxford Clubs.



The over 80 year old members of the Oxford South Women's Institute were honored at the annual conference at Woodstock. From the left, are Mrs. Stella Holbeck, Tillsonburg; Mrs. Josephine Clark, Mount Elgin; Mrs. Myrtle Stephenson, East Oxford; Gladys Nobbs, Otterville; and Mrs. Ada Osmond, Zenda; second row, Mrs. Laura Pettigrew, Otterville; Mrs. Caroline Wilson, Salford; Mrs. Gertrude Walther, Otterville and in front are Mrs. Mrytle Amos, Salford and Mrs. Lela Bucher, Brownsville.

## Wedding

The marriage of Mr. Harvey Armstrong and Mrs. Marjorie Barrie took place in First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, on Saturday November 23rd at 5 p.m. Attendants were Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mr. Harold Armstrong. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. James Taylor; organist Mr. James Mathews and soloist Mrs. Jack Walther. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. 1974

*Winkat m'kells song*  
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN  
OTTERVILLE C — Bishop M. Robinson, newly-elected Suffragan Bishop of Huron, will be conducting Confirmation service on Sunday morning, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m. then two churches in the Parish will be included, Norwich Trinity and St. Charles, Dereham.

Next Sunday will be the 20th Sunday after Trinity. Guest soloist will be Mr. John Avey of Norwich and Mrs. Nate McMullen will be organist.

Mr. Frank Chambers, Lay-Reader of Woodstock, was guest speaker in the Church on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 11 a.m.

Flowers were placed on the altar in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leith Howse.

Announcements included the hot beef supper to be served in the parish hall, Nov. 10, and the pre-Christmas bazaar to be held in the parish hall, Nov. 28.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was organist for the service.

## Toy, bake sale held

OTTERVILLE (C) — A committee of the parents of the 1st Brownie Pack sponsored a used toy sale and bake table in the community hall on Saturday morning. There was an excellent display of good quality toys which featured many lovely dolls, games, books, puzzles and many other notions.

Along with this, fresh home-baking was disposed of in a few minutes. The little time spent at the hall on Saturday morning netted the treasury \$90.

Parents of the Pack wish to thank all those who gave assistance in making this event a decided success, and hope to hold it annually.

Mrs. Jay Durkee introduced this organization and the parents are glad to assist. 12/74





Mrs. Ollie Douma is now the resident manager of Innisfree Farm, the University of Toronto conference centre east of Otterville. She breaks tradition at the facility, as she is the first local person (raised in Otterville) to manage the farm.

## Name local manager for Innisfree Farm

The governing body of Innisfree Farm, the University of Toronto conference and seminar centre about two miles east of Otterville, has taken a new step in the efforts to relate the facility to the surrounding community. For the first time in the history of Innisfree Farm, the resident manager is a local person, raised in Otterville.

Mrs. Ollie Douma, who was born in Woodstock and raised in Otterville, became resident manager of Innisfree Farm at the first of November. She lives in the farmhouse on the property, with her family.

Other managers have come mainly from Toronto, and there has been an acknowledged gap between the farm facility and modern conference centre, and

the surrounding community. This was less than an ideal situation, especially considering that the famed economist and historian for whom the farm is named, Harold Innis, was an Otterville native.

The farm is now funded from the Harold Innis Foundation.

Mrs. Douma says that the facilities are used both by university groups from Toronto, for conferences, study week-ends, and even nature studies; and by the local community, for church retreats, wedding receptions, and business conferences.

She says that local use of the conference centre is encouraged, although the centre is now booked for every week-end until the end of February.

## Make items for bazaar

*Nov 14/74*  
 OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Anglican Guild held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, with president, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, presiding.

Material was taken for sewing for the bazaar and completed articles were brought in. Several assisted with making salads for the benefit dance which was held in Tillsonburg for Richard Picknell, injured in a car accident during the summer.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen, and minutes and roll call by Miss Edna Furlong.

The afternoon was brought to a close with a tasty lunch in which a birthday cake was served in honor of the hostess who was celebrating a birthday that day.

## Guild holds annual bazaar

*Nov 28/74*  
 OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual pre-Christmas bazaar sponsored by members of St. John's Anglican Church Guild was held Thursday afternoon in the parish hall and was a decided success. Rev. Herring, Rector of the church, opened the afternoon with prayer and welcomed all.

The tables in each department were well filled, showing the work of the small membership throughout the year.

Counters were in charge of Mrs. Wellington Armstrong and Mrs. Edna Pearce, needlework and fancy goods; Mrs. Nate McMullen, cards and novelties; Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Touch and Take; bake table, Mrs. Derwood Spicer, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong; kitchen, Mrs. Pickersgill and Mrs. Howse.

A prettily made and decorated cake by Sherie Rachar was won by the social convener, Mrs. Fred Howse.

The tea tables were also well patronized.

## Over 225 attend supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — More than 225 persons attended the annual roast beef supper, which was held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday, Nov. 10, 1974.

Serving started promptly at 4:30 p.m. and visitors were welcomed at the door by Rev. H. Herring, rector of the church.

The dinner was sponsored by the members of the Church Guild, of which Mrs. Harry Pickersgill is president, and Mrs. Fred Howse, social convener. They received many compliments on the dinner and serviced the guests.

The Ladies Guild has only a membership of 20 and at their meetings which are held every two weeks the attendance is about 10. Still these faithful women are always ready to serve a tea, dinner, or otherwise and right now they are preparing for their pre-Christmas bazaar, which will be held in the Parish Hall, Nov. 28.

Also coming up will be the Christmas party for the members of the Leisure Club, the senior citizens, on Dec. 4th, for which the Guild members are catering a dinner at 1 p.m.

November 15, 1974 T

## Mark 77th birthday

OTTERVILLE (C) — A surprise party arranged by the members of the family, was given to James Squance, of Otterville, on Sunday, November 3rd, in honor of his 77th birthday, which was November 6th. Twenty members of the family

were present and a happy time was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Squance visited the former's sister, Mrs. Emma Almas, who celebrated her 93rd birthday, also November 6th, in the Mount Pleasant Nursing Home.

## Friendship Night held by area Lodge

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, was held in the IOOF rooms on Monday evening. Meeting opened with Sister Wilma Butler, Noble Grand, and Sister Violet Cole, Vice-Grand, presiding.

The evening featured friendship night. Each Sister who had brought a friend pinned the hand of friendship on her. These had been made by Sister Helen

Thompson. In place of exchanging gifts the Lodge donated money to the presidents project which is carpeting the IOOF and Rebekah Lodge Home at Barrie, Ontario.

A sympathy card was sent to past president Sister Mabel Mabee of Tillsonburg. Announcement was made of the Christmas party which was held in the IOOF hall, Dec. 2nd.

## Cards of Thanks

BUTLER - Words cannot express our deep appreciation to our neighbours, friends and relatives for the comfort given us by your expressions of sympathy with flowers, cards, donations to the Gideon Bibles, heart fund, cancer society, Otterville swimming pool and the Baptist Church and food sent to the house during the recent homegoing of a beloved husband, father and grandfather Bill Butler. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Wilma, Dianne and Bob Butler. Elanie and John Berst. Donna, Janette and Bret Butler. Heather, Jennifer and Julie Berst. *Nov 7/74*

## Tecumseh Lodge officers installed

OTTERVILLE (C) — On Wednesday evening, Oct. 23rd, Brother Bruce Rachar, District Deputy Grand Master and Staff of Otter District No. 17, installed the officers of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182 in a very efficient manner.

Officers are: P.G., Bro. Stanley Arthur; N.G., Bro. Bruce Adlington; V.G., Bro. Irvin Gehring; R.S., Bro. Carl Howse; F.S., Bro. Stuart Godby; Treasurer, Bro. Stanley Gehring; Warden, Bro. Alvin Rachar; Conductor, Bro. Gordon Gehring; R.S.N.G., Bro. Jim Squance; L.S.N.G., Bro. Clayton Arthur;

R.S.V.G., Bro. Bryce Smith; L.S.V.G., Bro. Fred Moore; R.S.S., Bro. Lorne Treffry; L.S.S., Bro. Nate McMullen; I.S.G., Bro. Robert Turnbull; O.S.S., Bro. Clark Dell; Chaplain, Bro. Max Avey.

Visitors were present from Simcoe, Tillsonburg and Norwich.





The Avey-Green Chorale will sing in First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, Sunday evening, December 8 at 7:15. This family group, directed by Mrs. Marion Avey, has sung in First Baptist Church, Cambridge (Galt), Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, and Burgessville Baptist Church. Back row, John Avey, William Green, Marion Avey, Phyllis Hinks, Elizabeth Schwartzentruber, Colleen Avey, Ena Avey, George Jeffery, Barbara Green, Dale Schwartzentruber. Front row, Diane Avey, Elmah Baines, Bonita Kotnik, Meta Avey, Marion Denison, Janet Avey, Joyce Green. Gwendolyn and David Butler, who were with the group for the first two performances, are absent from the picture, since moving to Sarnia. The Chorale is also going to sing in the Mennonite Church, Tavistock, Sunday, December 15, at 8 p.m. This picture was taken by Fay Bailey, in the Burgessville Baptist Church.



## Otterville

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The dinner was sponsored by the members of the church guild, of which Mrs. Harry Pickersgill is president and Mrs. Fred Howse social convener. They have much to be proud of receiving the many compliments on the dinner and service the guests received.

The Ladies Guild, has only a membership of 20 and at their meetings which meet every two weeks their attendance is about 10, still these faithful women are always ready to serve a tea, dinner, or otherwise, and right now they are preparing for their pre-Christmas bazaar which will be held in the Parish Hall Nov. 28.

Also coming up will be the Christmas party for the members of the Leisure Club and the Senior Citizens on Dec. 4 to which the members of the Guild are catering for the dinner at 1 p.m.

Mrs. James Twinem of Courtland was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. Twinem spoke on the responsibilities of each lady in her home, not only to provide for a healthy diet of food for the bodies of her family, but also to provide a balanced spiritual diet to meet the needs of their souls.

The president Mrs. Fred Hill expressed the appreciation of the group and presented Mrs. Twinem with a table arrangement of flowers.

Mrs. Hill also presided for the business session. A letter of thanks for a box of bandages was read from Elsie Lavery in Nigeria.

The weekly meeting of the Leisure club was held in the council chamber of the Community Hall with three tables of progressive euchre and one table of marbles in play.

Following the games, card bingo was played.

## Norwich

The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts was held on Monday evening in the United Church basement, and in the absence of scout master Bill Zimmer, scout councillors Jack Quinell and Herb Sandham were in charge.

George De Waele broke the flag to open the meeting.

Reeve Stewart Miles was present and addressed the scouts on his role in municipal and county government.

The November meeting of the Norwich chapter 175 OES was held on Wednesday evening with a good number in attendance.

Guests were present from Simcoe and Paris and included the district deputy grand matron, Hester Walker of Paris and past district deputy Margaret Knight of Simcoe.

The worthy matron and worthy patron Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson were in the east.

Plans were made for the Christmas party at the December meeting Dec. 11. A family pot-luck supper will be served in the banquet hall under the convenership of Mrs. Richard Saunders.

The flower committee reported sister Myrtle Addison improving and brother Jack Riste not well.

The November meeting of the Norwich and District Historical Society will be held on Monday evening Nov. 25 in the Community Centre at 8:30 p.m. It will be the Christmas meeting.

Mrs. Sam McSpadden will furnish Christmas music and Ed Bennett of Woodstock will speak on historical homes in Oxford.

There will be no December meeting, so let's make this meeting a good one.

## Yule services

OTTERVILLE (C) - Christmas services were held in Otterville United, Fellowship Baptist and St. John's Anglican and were all well attended.

Christmas Eve Service was held at St. John's Church and was well attended. Carols were sung. Mrs. N. McMullen was at the organ. *1974*

Members of the St. Charles Church, Dereham, joined with the congregation at St. John's Church in Otterville for their morning worship and will continue this practice through the cold weather.

Mrs. Mabel Hiller and son, Floyd, of Alexandria, Virginia, returned to their home after spending the Christmas holidays with the former's brother, Nate McMullen and Mrs. McMullen and other relatives in the area. *Dec/74*

Many thanks to the Ambulance Association of T.D.M.H. and all those that made the benefit dance such a success. Thanks again and a Merry Christmas. - Richard Picknell. *1974*

## Obituary

JOHN (JACK)  
FURLONG

OTTERVILLE - John Furlong, 73, died Monday December 9, 1974 at the Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital. He was a life-long resident of Otterville.

Mr. Furlong served in World War One, and was postmaster in Otterville for 27 years before retiring in 1967.

He was a sports enthusiast, interested in baseball and horse racing, and participated in bowling since retiring.

He was a member of St. John's Anglican Church.

He married the former Mary Priddle December 15, 1924.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five daughters, Jane Howse, Woodstock, Mrs. Ted (Mary) Church, Otterville, Wanda Jones, London, Mrs. Max (Barbara) Hart, Tillsonburg, and Sharon, Otterville; three sons, William, of Tillsonburg, Tom and Robert, Otterville; one sister, Edna of Otterville, and one brother, Charles, of Windsor.

Also surviving are 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A son, David, predeceased him in 1959.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, December 11, at 2 p.m.

Rector H. Herring conducted the service.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

JOHN FURLONG

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late John Furlong, who passed away on Dec. 8, 1974, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Wednesday Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. and was largely attended.

Rev. H. Herring, Rector of St. John's Anglican Church, conducted the service, and Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

The many floral tributes were indicative in which deceased was held and among them were donations to Gideon Bible, Canadian Cancer, Heart Foundation and Minor Ball.

Pallbearers were Derwood Spicer, Edward Arthur, Arthur Moore, Reginald Wavell, Paul Howse and Roy Rachar.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

## Appreciation

The family of the late John (Jack) Furlong wish to express their sincere thanks to their many friends, neighbours and relatives for their many acts of kindness, messages of sympathy, floral tributes and memorial donations received during their recent bereavement in the loss of a dear husband, father, brother and grandfather.

Special thanks to Rev. H. Herring, Dr. Chiu, Dr. Downing, Dr. Batson and Dr. McDermid and the nurses at the Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital. Also special thanks to the Nelson Gleason Funeral Home, pallbearers and the ladies who helped in the home.

Your kindness will always be remembered. *Dec 18/74*

Mary Furlong and family



A Christmas tea in honor of Mrs. H.A. Waring, prior to her vacation in Europe, was held at the home of Mrs. Christenden, Main Street, Otterville, and attended by relatives and friends. Mrs. Waring was presented with a money tree, by Mrs. G.M. Downing, accompanied with best wishes. Mrs. Waring, taken by surprise, replied thanking each and every one for their kindness.

## Money tree presented guest

OTTERVILLE (C) - A Christmas party was held at the home of Mrs. Gerald Christenden on Tuesday afternoon to honor Mrs. Harold Waring prior to her departure for Europe. *Dec/74*

After the social hour Mrs. G.M. Downing, a close friend of Mrs. Waring, spoke briefly and on behalf of the ladies presented Mrs. Waring with a well-laden miniature Christmas money tree.

Mrs. Waring, completely taken by surprise, found it most difficult to express thanks to the guests, but told them they would hear of her adventures on her return.

Guests were present from Norwich, Oshawa, Springford, and the village.

## Mount Elgin

MOUNT ELGIN (C) - Get well wishes are extended to Mrs. Stanley Nancekivell, a patient in Tillsonburg Hospital.

Mr. Arnold Belore has returned home after being a patient in Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and Glenna took the former's sister, Mrs. H. Waring of Otterville, to Malton for her flight to Europe for a three-week trip. *Dec/74*

## Gift exchange for Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE (C) - Violet Rebekah Lodge held its regular meeting which was well attended. Lodge opened in its regular form with Noble Grand Wilma Butler presiding and Vice Grand Violet Cole assisting. *Dec 74*

The roll was called and answered and minutes were read by Recording Secretary Olive Pickersgill.

Correspondence consisted of Christmas greetings from other Lodges, along with a card from President Grace Love of the Rebekah Assembly of Toronto.

Lodge closed in regular form.

The remainder of the evening was spent for social put on by the committee, with convener Sister Eva Hill. The table favors were made by Sister Olive Pickersgill. There was an exchange of gifts.



# Leisure Club holds party

OTTERVILLE (C) - Annual Christmas party of the Leisure Club, with friends from Norwich, Springford, Tillsonburg, Cambridge and Woodstock numbering 60, was held in St. John's parish hall with members of St. John's Guild catering.

Following the dinner of turkey to plum pudding, Mr. Harry Lee introduced the head table, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sullivan of Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Knowles of Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Ernest Pettigrew and Mrs. Harold Waring, all of Otterville.

After a lively sing-song of carols with Mrs. Jack Freeland at the piano, Mrs. Harry Lee, president of the club, presided for the program which opened with Mrs. Earle Petch giving the Christmas Story. Mrs. H.A. Waring gave whistling selections; Jack Riste vocal solos, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Nate McMullen; Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, a vocal duet; Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew a humorous reading "Ma and the Auto Ride."

Mr. Alfred Rhodes, president of Zone 3 of the Senior Citizens, spoke briefly, thanking the club for the invitation which he and Mrs. Rhodes had received. He congratulated the members for their interest in the Club work and wished them continued success. Mr. Rhodes was later heard in several harmonica numbers on the program.

Mrs. Fred Cole gave the Legend of the Poinsettia. "The Call of the Yukon" was another most instering number given by Mr. Harry Lee. Mrs. Harry Lee,

Mr. Bob Johnson of Tillsonburg and Mr. Rhodes gave a trio number on harmonica and mouth organ.

Mrs. James Squence gave a reading "A Hubly Is a Man After All."

Mr. Max Avey expressed appreciation to the waitresses, to the program committee, to those

who had taken part, and all who had helped in other ways to make the day very interesting. He invited the guests to take time to visit the table of crafts brought by members.

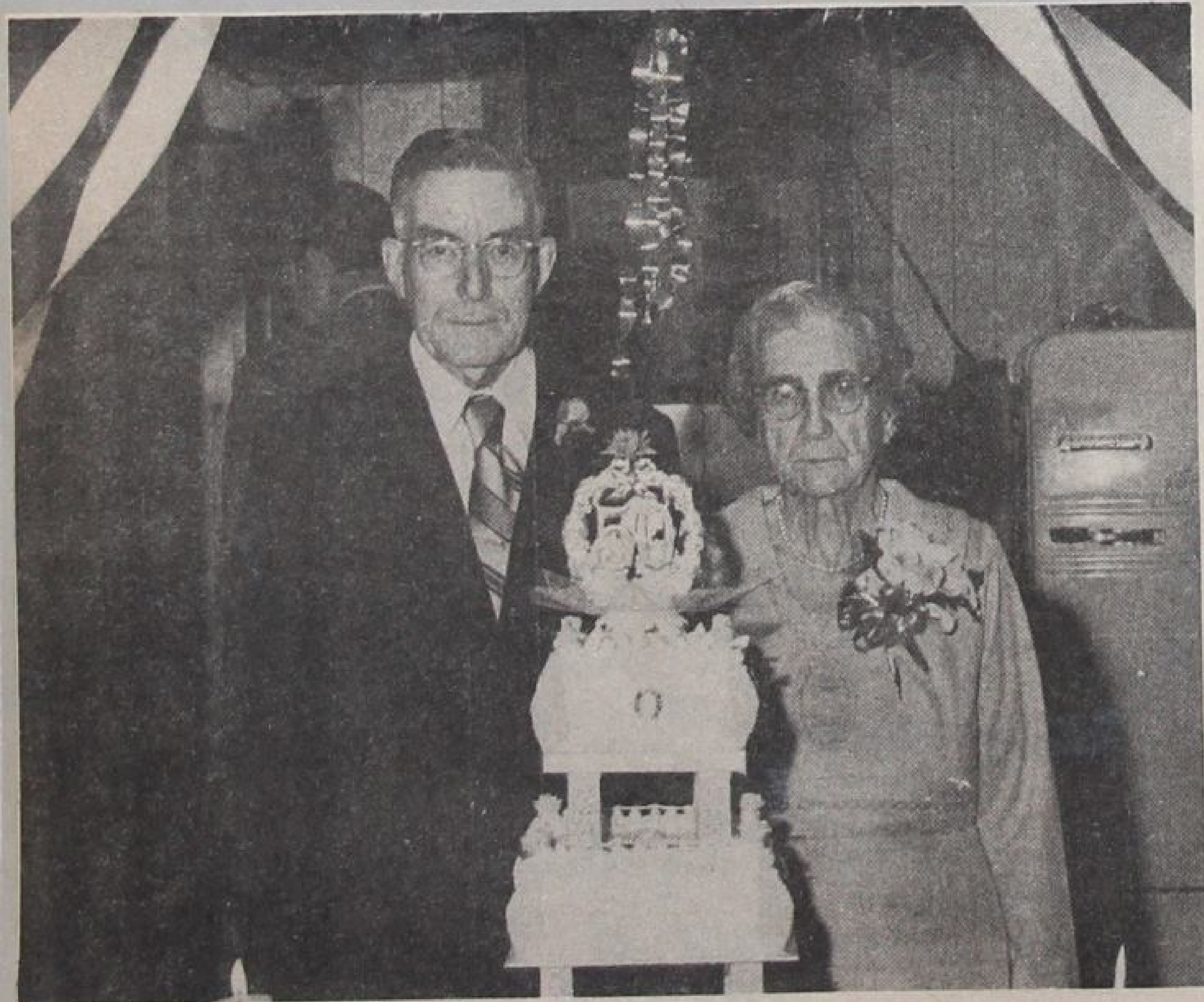
Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, president of the Guild, and Mrs. Fred Howse, social convener, each replied to Mr. Avey.



ALP HALL

The annual Christmas party of the Leisure Club of Otterville, with friends from Norwich, Delhi, Springford, Tillsonburg, Cambridge and Woodstock was held in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church with the members of the Church Guild catering. Sixty-five attended. After the bountiful Christmas dinner, including turkey and plum pudding, Harry Lee introduced the head table, at which Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sullivan of Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Cambridge, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Ernest Pettigrew and Mrs. Harold Waring were seated. Dec 4/74

December 18, 1974



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Deer of Burgessville celebrated 50 years of marriage on Sunday. They were married in the Baptist Parsonage, Springford, in 1924. They farmed in the Otterville area until coming to Burgessville 36 years ago. The open house was held at the Burgessville Baptist Church. Five children, Mary Deer, Dorothy Cysksey, Jean Cook, James Deer and Donald Deer along with six grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren, attended.



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The casket containing the body of Jack Benny is carried from Hillside Memorial Park Chapel in Culver City Sunday, with three of Hollywood's best

known entertainers among the pallbearers. On far side of casket, from left, are Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra and Milton Berle.

## Mrs. R. Saunders heads club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Church Club met at the home of Mrs. Jack Freeland on Monday evening with a good attendance.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Herring, followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Carl Howse, the meeting was in charge of first vice-president, Mrs. Richard Saunders.

Minutes were read by secretary, Miss Edna Furlong and treasurer's report given by Miss Eva Deveney, after which Rev. Herring presided for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: past president, Mrs. Carl Howse; president, Mrs. Richard Saunders; vice-president, Mrs. August DeWachter; secretary, Miss Edna Furlong; treasurer, Miss Eva Deveney; Good Cheer, Mrs. Harold Redman.

During business, plans were

made for the progressive euchre party to be held in the parish hall, February 26, at 8 p.m. to which the public are invited.

Also coming up will be the turkey supper to be held in the parish hall on April 27.

Next meeting will be at the parish hall, February 19.

The hostess conducted a contest and Mrs. Paul Howse was the winner. Mrs. Freeland, assisted by her sister Mrs. Heatley, served a light lunch and a social time was enjoyed.

# 2,000 fans join Hollywood elite to say farewell to Jack Benny

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LOS ANGELES — The show business world turned out Sunday to say goodbye to Jack Benny, the gentle comic who charmed millions of Americans over a long career that carried him through the top ranks of vaudeville, radio, movies and television.

It was the largest Hollywood funeral in nearly two decades, with more than 2,000 spectators crowding around a glass-walled funeral chapel to watch the parade of mourning celebrities.

Benny, whose self-effacing humor was keyed to a tight-fisted clutch of both a dollar and an untuned violin, died Thursday of cancer at the age of 80.

"He was stingy to the end," comedian Bob Hope said in a eulogy. "He only gave us 80 years and it wasn't enough."

Comedian George Burns, another member of that dwindling circle of ex-vaudevillians who successfully made the transition to films and the electronic media, could bring himself to say only a few

words about his friend of more than a half-century.

"I can't imagine my life without him," Burns said in a grave voice that cracked with age and grief. "I'll miss him very much."

In the front rows of mourners were other aged members of the old vaudeville-Broadway fraternity: Groucho Marx looking peaked in a black beret and maroon turtleneck sweater; Milton Berle and George Jessel.

The surviving members of the old Jack Benny radio show were there too, brought together perhaps for one last Sunday: Benny's widow, Mary Livingstone, his wife of 47 years; band leader Phil Harris, singer Dennis Day, announcer Don Wilson and Eddie (Rochester) Anderson.

After the 20-minute funeral service at Hillside Memorial Park, where some 300 of the Hollywood elite sat inside the chapel, Benny was entombed in a black-veined Italian marble sarcophagus inside a mausoleum on a rolling green hill. Comedian Eddy Cantor is also entombed in the mausoleum.

Pallbearers were Gregory Peck, Frank Sinatra, Milton Berle, directors Billy Wilder and Mervyn Leroy and Fred Decordova, producer of the Johnny Carson Show.

Other celebrities who attended the funeral included Danny Kaye, Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, Jimmy Stewart, Johnny Carson, Mel Blanc, Danny Thomas, Henry Fonda and Dinah Shore. Also there were former United States senator George Murphy, Gov. Ronald Reagan, Senator John Tunney, Mayor Tom Bradley of Los Angeles and Lew Wasserman, chairman of the Music Corporation of America.

Despite the fact that the noon funeral service was held while the Los Angeles Rams played the Minnesota Vikings in a televised championship football game, the public turnout was reported to be the largest for a star since the death of Humphrey Bogart in the mid-1950s.

People arrived in lumbering mobile homes and on 10-speed bicycles and young mothers pushed baby carriages through the cemetery's tall iron gates.

A woman in a mink coat climbed a small Myrtle tree to get a better view over the heads of the crowd that pressed together in buzzing reverence for the film and television personalities arriving for the service by limousine.

Inside the chapel, with the Benny family seated out of view in a side room, Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin said two prayers and left the farewells to Burns and Hope.

Burns was a gaunt figure, with a prayer shawl around his bowed shoulders. He spoke with great difficulty and when he could not go on he left the side of the solid copper casket and sat down.

"How do you say goodbye to a man who is just not a good friend, but a national treasure," said Hope, who opened by reading a telegram of sympathy that U.S. President Ford sent to Mary Livingstone.

"God keep him and enjoy him as we did for 80 years," Hope concluded.

And then the rabbi led the mourners in saying the kaddish for the dead and the service for Jack Benny, born Benjamin Kubelsky in 1894 on St. Valentine's Day in Waukegan, Ill., was over.



JACK BENNY  
- - - dies of cancer