

Scrapbook Collection of Catherine McMullen Mann

Book #13

1977 - 1978

By

Catherine McMullen Mann



Frozen froth

The recent cold snap has caused ice to form below the Otterville dam on Otter Creek, giving the stream a touch of beauty. (Photo by Williams).

Ladies Guild holds meeting

Jan 13/77

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen for the first meeting of 1977.

Meeting opened with prayer by president, Mrs. Violet Howse, and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read Scripture from Matthew 7. Roll call was answered with the word "Keep."

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. McMullen and Mrs. Pickersgill gave the Good Cheer report.

A donation was given to the Memorial Fund of the church, in memory of the late Clarence Tichbourne.

Seven members paid dues, and each member present was presented with a lovely bookmark by Mrs. Pickersgill.

Mrs. Jack Riste invited members to her home for the next meeting, January 27th, and roll call will be answered using the word "Meditate."

Meeting closed with prayer by the president followed with a social time and a lovely lunch.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 1957

Gettas Restaurant, one of the oldest in St. Thomas, has been sold. The restaurant was operated for over 25 years by George K. and Stanley Gettas.

Otterville - Ralph Vuylsteke of Tillsonburg has purchased the VanHooren service station one mile east of Otterville, and expects to take possession in February.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 1922

Wyecombe - A cheese meeting is being held in the Binbrook factory one day this week to see about starting the factory again.

Springford - Charles Addison of Otterville had the misfortune of a front wheel working loose from his auto. Fortunately he was not driving fast at the time, but suffered considerable delay trying to find the missing parts on the road covered with snow.

January 17, 1957

Windham Township moved into a first-place tie with Otterville in the Norwich District Hockey League by upsetting Putnam team 10-1.

Earle Petch has been transferred as station agent from Long Point to Norwich C.N.R. station. Mr. Petch came to Otterville from Manadumin and was agent at Otterville until going to Long Point.

Old Young Hotel

Commercial Property

RESTAURANT, Main St., Otterville, 11 room apartment above, \$48,500. Call 879-6981 anytime. *Jan-1977*

Jan 1977

15) PINE STREET - OTTERVILLE -- A real cutie -- two bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, living room on main floor -- laundry room and family room on lower level -- full basement -- F.A. gas furnace -- neat and tidy and ready to move in -- PRICE: \$34,500 -- Mtg available -- MLS 700-2400

Committee of Adjustment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of Application for Minor Variance from By-Law

The Planning Act, (R.S.O. 1970, chapter 349), section 42 (4) and (5)

To Mr. Nathan McMullen,
Main Street,
Otterville, Ontario, NOJ 1R0

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been made by

(a) Name and address of applicant.

(a) ESTATE OF CLARENCE WILSON TICHBOURNE
c/o Administrator William A. Tichbourne,
10 Indian Road, LONDON, Ontario.

(b) Name of municipality.

for a minor variance from the provisions of by-law No. 41-76 of the (b) Township

(c) Delete if not applicable.

of Norwich (c) as amended, [being a by-law

(d) State title of by-law.

to (d) REGULATE THE USE OF LANDS AND THE CHARACTER, LOCATION AND USE OF
BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH]

(e) Description of property.

in respect of (e) South Side of Main Street between John St. & Buchan St.

Part of 1 & 2 ~~Compass~~ No. --- or Reg'd. Plan No. 168

(f) City, town, village, township.

in the (f) Township of Norwich

(g) Summary of the nature and extent of relief applied for.

for the following reasons (g) Minor Variance requested with regard to the proximity
of the accessory building to the proposed rear lot line as shown on survey
plan. (Accessory building too close to proposed rear lot line).

450 JAMES STREET, DELHI, ONTARIO
N4B 2C1 - 582-1590

ESTATE SALE: 1977

HERMAN DE GEYTER REAL ESTATE wishes to announce that they have been selected to handle the sale of the Estate of the Late Clarence W. Tichbourne of the Village of Otterville, consisting of:

TOBACCO FARM: 72.25 acres of land with 34 acres B.P.O. - \$295,000.00

VACANT BUSH LOT: Approx. 4 acres in the Village of Otterville - \$56,000.00

1 Older Frame House on Lot 94' x 133' - \$20,000.00

1 Older Brick House on Lot 71' x 105' - \$18,000.00

Please direct your inquiries to:
Ron VandenBussche 582-2011
Sales Representative

Pettit - Little vows exchanged

OTTERVILLE (C) - Baskets of white mums edged with peach, and yellow carnations decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, January 22, 1977, at 12 noon for the wedding of Marguerite Ann Little, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Little of Otterville, and Ronald Wayne Pettit, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Pettit of 170 Rolph St., Tillsonburg. Rev. B. Crowe of Norwich officiated and Mrs. Jean McClintock, organist, played traditional wedding music, and during the signing of the register played "Wedding Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white satin, with bodice and sleeves of lace. A train fell from a gathering at the waistline. A headdress of pearls and rhinestones held her three layered, shoulder length veil in place and she carried an arrangement of peach roses and ivy centred with one white cymbidium.

Mrs. Ruth Fournie of London, friend of the bride, was matron of honor, and wore a floor-length gown of dark green velvet with empire waistline, and neck and sleeves trimmed with white malibou fur. Gowned identically were the bridesmaids, Shirley Little of Mississauga, and Judy Little of Delhi, both sisters-in-law of the bride. They wore fan-shaped hairpieces of peach roses and lily of the valley. The matron of honor carried a nosegay of yellow daisies, yellow miniature carnations edged with peach, peach roses and white baby's breath. The bridesmaids carried white malibou muffs with a nosegay of yellow miniatures edged with peach, and peach roses.

Best man was Fred Pettit of Delhi, and ushers were Randy Pettit, brother of the groom, and Gary Long of Tillsonburg.

Reception for 85 guests was held in the church parlor,

decorated for the occasion with containers of white and yellow baby mums, centred with a green candle. Bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake and guests' tables with bud vases of yellow mums, and champagne glasses with green velvet bow on the stem.

Bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of turquoise knit, worn with a mink stole and corsage of peach roses. Groom's mother chose a floor-length rust gown, worn with a mink stole and corsage of yellow roses.

Master of ceremonies was Bill Little, brother of the bride.

For a wedding trip to the United States, the bride wore a navy blue pantsuit and white cymbidium corsage.

Guests were present from Kitchener, London, Delhi, Orillia, Mississauga and Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Pettit are residing in Toronto.

Mrs. Jay Durkee heads Sunshine Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Sunshine Club held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Pearce. The president, Mrs. Jay Durkee, presided, and welcomed 13 members and one visitor.

The roll call, suggested by Mrs. Jim McMurchy, was "Hum Your Favourite Carol," and members guessing the tune.

A number of the members were in charge of delivering Christmas boxes to shut-ins. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Gifts were exchanged between the members.

The election of officers resulted as follows: past president, Mrs. Jim Auger; president, Mrs. Jay Durkee; 1st vice-president, Mrs. Jim McMurchy; 2nd vice, Mrs. Roland Harrison; secretary, Mrs. Eise Erie; special activities, Mrs. John McSkimmings and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew; Good Cheer, Mrs. Grant Mountain; press reporter, Mrs. Donald Neale; Christmas Cheer, Mrs. Ross Down, Mrs. Frank Gould and Miss Dorothy Wardell.

A social time was enjoyed, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Roland Harrison, Mrs. Grant Mountain and Mrs. Donald Chisholm.

Mrs. Robert Pettigrew ex-

pressed appreciation to the hostess and committee for the delightful evening.

CLARENCE TICHBOURNE

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Clarence Tichbourne, who passed away January 12, 1977, at the home of his neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Payne, John St., Otterville, was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Friday, January 14, conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring, Rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, of which deceased was a member. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Memorial donations were made to the St. John's Anglican Church Memorial Fund, Gideon Bible, Heart Foundation and Canadian Cancer.

The pallbearers were George Smith, Murray Cowie, Nate McMullen, Ted Church, Roy Rachar, and Harry Robinson.

The late Mr. Tichbourne, 76, was a lifelong resident of the village. He was a tobacco farmer and was keen on telling history of the village of former days.

Several cousins survive.

Political topic at Bluebirds

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club for 1977 was held at the home of Mrs. Daisy Ash and was well attended. The newly-elected president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided.

The roll call was answered with the paying of membership fees. The next meeting will be held on the third Thursday, and the Norwich Group will be the hosts. A card was signed for Mrs. May Chambers, a patient in Tillsonburg hospital.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Petunia McNally and Mrs. Josepha Rosehart in serving lunch and a social time was enjoyed. Mrs. Clarence Morris thanked Mrs. Ash and assistants for the pleasant afternoon.

The second meeting of the Sunshine Club was held at the home of Miss Dorothy Wardell, with a good attendance.

The second vice-president, Mrs. Roland Harrison, presided. The roll call, suggested by Mrs. John McSkimming, was "Our Views on the Quebec Separation." This brought many varied interests.

There were 11 members present and plans were started for the annual Pancake Day, which will be held in the Parish Hall, February 22, with dinner served from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.

An invitation was accepted to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Jim McMurchy, February 10.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Robert Pettigrew in serving refreshments.

On behalf of the members, appreciation was expressed to the host and Mrs. Pettigrew for the enjoyable time spent.

CORA MAE SLAGHT

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Cora Mae Slaght of Springford passed away at Woodstock General Hospital, Woodstock, on Tuesday, February 1, 1977, in her 76th year.

Surviving are four sisters, Mrs. Florence Winskill of Woodstock, Mrs. Fred (Beth) Broad of Springford, Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Kent of Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Mrs. Fred (Grace) Quance of Tillsonburg; and one brother George Slaght, of British Columbia.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home Otterville on Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. L.E. Mason, assisted by Rev. William R. Stanley of Tillsonburg.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist. Among the Memorial tributes were donations to the Heart Foundation, Arthritis-Rheumatism, and Compassion of Canada.

The committal service was held at the Funeral Home. Bearers were Peter Mowatt, Brian Hilliker, Howie Qinnel, Bill Hilliker, Bill Mowatt, and Nate McMullen.

MELBOURNE R. (BUNNY) WILSON

OTTERVILLE (C) - Funeral service for the late Melbourne R. (Bunny) Wilson of RR 1, Springford, who passed away on January 31, 1977, was held on February 2, from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, conducted by Rev. L. E. Mason. Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Pallbearers were Fred Lonsbary, Wilfrid Oatman, John Sandham, Ray O'Neil, Donald Pettigrew and Donald Kerridge.

Memorial donations were made to the Ontario Heart Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, Leprosy Fund, and Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital Memorial Fund.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Otterville Anglicans hold annual meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - Annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held on Sunday evening in the parish hall with 16 members present. Rev. H.D. Herring presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Carl Howse was re-appointed as vestry clerk.

Rector Herring gave an account of his pastoral services during the year.

The following financial reports were given, church report, Missionary, Church Club and memorial fund, all given by Miss Eva Deveney; Ladies Guild, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Chancel Guild, Mrs. Violet Howse; cemetery board and Sunday school Carl Howse.

Officers appointed for 1977 are: Rector's Warden, Carl Howse; people's Warden, Arthur Picknell; Deputy Warden, Martin Cowan; delegate to Synod, Peter Gilchrist; alternate Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; treasurer, Miss Eva Deveney; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Jack Freeland; board

of management, Jack Freeland, Tom Nant, Tim Moore, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Jack Riste, Richard Saunders, Mrs. Robert Furlong, Nate McMullen, Mrs. Harold Durkee, and Miss Edna Furlong; auditors, Mrs. Arthur Picknell and Mrs. Carl Howse.

A letter was read by the Vestry clerk from Mrs. Nate McMullen thanking the congregation for the gifts and honour bestowed upon her in July for her many years of service as organist.

It was decided to purchase a memorial book for donor's names to the St. John's Church memorial fund, which will be placed in the church with envelopes and cards printed.

Appreciation was given to Rev. Herring for his many services and kind acts during the past year and the Ladies Guild and Church Club were thanked for untiring efforts in their work for the church.

The evening closed with a social hour.

Euchre party

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first progressive euchre party of the season, sponsored by St. John's Church Club, was held in the community hall on Thursday evening, with four tables in play. Prizes were won by - ladies high, Mrs. Winnie Leach; low, Mrs. Ida Rachar; men's high, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, playing a man's card; low, David McKibbon. Door prize was won by Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Next euchre will be held in the community hall on Thursday evening January 27 at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Good prizes and lunch.

Gay Harris widow -

Jan 21/77



Marion McCormack, one of about 50 persons enrolled in the art classes at the Museum, is shown concentrating on her sketching. Although this is the first time she has taken the Museum course, Mrs. McCormack has had previous art lessons.

NOTICE

OTTERVILLE RESIDENTS

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT GARBAGE COLLECTION WILL COMMENCE ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1977.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS REQUESTED IN KEEPING DOGS RESTRAINED
ON GARBAGE COLLECTION DAY.

ROBERT C. WATKINS, CLERK,
TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH.

JANUARY 31, 1977
The worst form in memory
continues to play havoc with
transportation in the area. ✓



It was snow, snow and more snow for Tillsonburg and area residents last winter. Digging out required huge earth moving

machines in some cases and it was several weeks before area roads were all cleared.

Page 6 THE TILLSONBURG NEWS Monday, January 31, 1977



Ken Peer, Warden of Oxford County, drops the puck during a brief ceremony marking the first hockey game to be played in the new Township of Norwich Community Centre arena. Taking part in the ceremony, prior to Sunday's Junior "D" game were, from the left, Flamboro captain Ian McMachon, Fred Thompson,

chairman fund raising committee; Mr. Peers, Roger Orth, Councillor Ward three and Recreation Committee chairman; Jim Bickell, arena board chairman and Bill Hall, Norwich Merchant captain.

Jan 11/77.

DEAR HYDRO RATE PAYERS:

This is a notice which concerns every one of you!

Why are your hydro rates going up 31.9% while hydro rates in other towns are only being raised 25 - 26% and are as low as 23% in Burgessville?

The reason - poor management. Your hydro commission has already been informed that they are paying too much money for materials to Norwich P.U.C. and upon being told, they promptly replied that they could spend as much as they liked and no one was going to stop them.

EXAMPLES OF UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES:

1. 1/0 Triplex, cost price 43¢ per foot - your hydro commission paid Norwich P.U.C. 73¢ per foot plus 10% of the total cost.
2. Norwich sold used cross arms for the price of new cross arms.
3. Bolts and racks, all used, were sold to Otterville for list price plus 10% of the total price.

Norwich is paid for looking after your hydro system. If they had been doing their jobs, then how did they make the mistake in the Park on the transformers. The voltage for the filters of the old pool was 220 volts. New pumps for the new pool could have been bought on 220 volts, but the Norwich manager was too lazy to check on the voltage for the engineers and thus he gave them the wrong voltage as 550 volts.

Over the past few years these mistakes have cost you, the Hydro Rate Payer, thousands of dollars for no reason!

These commissioners have asked the Anti-inflation Board for a 100% increase in fees to be retroactive to September of 1975 - if you can imagine that!!

Now is the time for action! Throw these commissioners out and let's start saving money!

MORE TO COME IN FUTURE LETTERS
A CONCERNED CITIZEN.

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH - 1977 TAX DEMAND & MILL RATES

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Norwich has enacted that the following rates and taxes be levied and collected from all ratepayers of the Township of Norwich for the purposes listed below:

<u>WARD 1 (SOUTH NORWICH)</u>	<u>FARM & RESIDENTIAL</u>	<u>COMMERCIAL</u>
County of Oxford	7.788	9.163
Township General	41.092	48.346
Elementary	43.039	47.821
Secondary	35.639	39.599
Oxford Separate Schools	49.510	55.011
Norfolk-Haldimand - Separate School	45.360	-
Village of Otterville	6.664	7.840
<u>WARD 2 (VILLAGE OF NORWICH)</u>		
County of Oxford	4.922	5.791
Township General	79.901	94.003
Elementary	27.582	30.646
Secondary	22.824	25.360
Oxford Separate School	34.527	38.363
<u>WARD 3 (NORTH NORWICH)</u>		
County of Oxford	7.255	8.535
Township General	42.891	50.459
Elementary	41.808	46.453
Secondary	34.686	38.540
Oxford Separate	48.800	-
Haldimand Norfolk Separate	40.102	-
Village of Burgessville	6.804	8.005
<u>WARD 4 (EAST OXFORD)</u>		
County of Oxford	7.098	8.350
Township General	40.104	47.184
Elementary	41.134	45.705
Secondary	34.113	37.903
Oxford Separate	48.039	53.377
Brant Separate	48.039	-

DUE DATES

Taxes are due and payable in two installments, the first of which is due on SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1977 and the second due on NOVEMBER 22ND, 1977. The 2 interim tax levies due March 25th, 1977 and June 24, 1977 have been deducted from the enclosed Tax Demand whether paid or not.

PENALTY AND INTEREST

A penalty of 1% will be added on the first day of default and an additional 1% per month on the first day of every calendar month thereafter to amounts not paid when due until the end of the year 1977. Interest will then be added at the rate of 1% per calendar month after December 31, 1977

DISCOUNT

A Discount of 2% will be allowed on the November installment if paid in full with the September installment on or before the 20th day of September, 1977.

PAYABLE

All taxes are to be paid at the Township Office, Main Street, Otterville, or at the following banks: Royal Bank of Canada, Otterville Branch; Tillsonburg Branch, Woodstock Branch; Bank of Montreal, Norwich Branch; Imperial Bank of Commerce, Norwich Branch; Toronto-Dominion, Delhi Branch.

MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

Property owners that have payments made on their behalf by Mortgage Companies should forward the Tax Bills to the source of payment.

Where the money will come from in 1977 to pay for the cost of tax supported services in the Township of Norwich.

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>Realty and Business Taxes imposed for Municipal and School Board purposes.</u>	\$ 2,213,237	42.51
<u>Province of Ontario Contributions applied to reduce the taxes imposed for Municipal & School purposes.</u>	\$ 2,551,893	49.01
<u>Other Municipal and School Board Revenues</u>	\$ 440,867	8.48
	<u>\$ 5,205,997</u>	<u>100.00</u>

In 1977 Ontario will contribute \$1.15 for every dollar of Realty and Business Taxes imposed by the Township of Norwich. In addition, Ontario will contribute another \$350,000 toward the cost of capital projects.

FRED LOWES, Treasurer

Encourage industry, mayor urges

BY ANDREA DOUGLAS

Establishment of an industrial park near Norwich and revitalization of the downtown areas of Otterville and Norwich

are two areas requiring serious consideration by Norwich Township council, according to Mayor Ken Peers.

"We should encourage small

industries to come here," he said. "If there isn't any private land available, the municipality should look into acquiring land for industrial lots. We have to be

competitive with serviced land that is already available, for example, land in Tillsonburg." Mr. Peers said he would like to see local organizations

getting involved in renewing the villages of Otterville and Norwich, with council providing all possible assistance to any group willing to undertake the project.

Upgrading road equipment and maintaining the program of road construction and paving will be another concern during the next year. The township should prepare a roads needs study, Mr. Peers noted. He suggested that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications would be more generous in allocating funds for road work if they knew the township was following a five-year plan.

Ensuring a satisfactory water supply in the village of Norwich is also a priority item. Mr. Peers said a guaranteed water supply would encourage industry to locate there. He pointed out that water is available from the municipal gravel pit, northeast of Norwich, and council may have to consider piping it from there. In addition, the Public Utilities Commission is considering providing more storage space, in which case wells might be sufficient.

Fears that the new zoning by-law may be inhibiting growth in the township are unfounded, according to Mr. Peers. He pointed out that the number of building permits issued in the township last year for dwellings was almost equal to Woodstock's total, which is a "pretty good" situation.

The building report shows that 72 dwellings were constructed in 1976 costing \$2,626,750. Building construction in the four wards came to \$4,619,672. Total construction in Norwich Township reached \$7,246,422.



This group of men represent the Township of Norwich on council. Seated, from left to right are Councillors Carl Beal, Bob Pettigrew, Mayor Ken Peers and Councillor-at-Large Jack Burn. Standing, from the left, are Councillors Ross Warboys, Norm

Lusk, Roger Orth, Carman Sweazey, Clerk Bob Watkins and Deputy-Clerk Wayne Johnson. Absent from the picture are Councillors Jim McDowell, Jack Walther and Cecil Mingle.

BY ANDREA DOUGLAS

Renovations at the Norwich township office have provided more spacious council chambers and better office accommodation for the staff.

The council chambers were moved to the basement of the ten-year-old building and the former chambers were converted to office facilities. There is now room for spectators at the regular meetings and office space is now adequate for the municipality's needs. Reconstruction cost about \$3,500 and was completed in early summer.

Functions in the township office are split into two departments. A staff of four in the treasury section handle the financial end of the township, including budgets, tax collection, licensing and payroll. Three people in the clerk's office handle planning, drainage, by-laws, correspondence and other duties as well as all aspects of council operation.

Clerk Bob Watkins and Deputy Clerk Wayne Johnson have divided some of their duties so they can specialize in certain areas. "The township is so large now it has become more difficult all the time to keep abreast of situations. It used to be with a small municipality that one person could keep track of everything. That is not so now. We are four times bigger with four times as many things to deal with," Mr. Watkins explained.

As a result, Mr. Watkins handles, among other things, the protection to persons and property committee and public works. Mr. Johnson keeps tabs on recreation, community services and the agriculture committee. "Someone in the office is aware of everything,

but one of us is more familiar with the issue than the other," Mr. Watkins added.

Looking ahead, Mr. Watkins said council will discuss a proposed roads needs study. "There will be discussion, but how close council is to actually making the study, I don't know. It could benefit the municipality in that it does set priorities regarding bridges and roads construction."

Mr. Watkins explained that the study could show that funds allocated by the Ministry of Transportation and Com-

munications are not sufficient for the township's purposes. The MTC would pay 75 per cent of the cost of the study. The ministry pays 50 per cent of road maintenance costs and 80 per cent of the cost of major construction.

As yet, council has not dealt with objections to the zoning by-law which was introduced last year. These must be considered and then the by-law will be forwarded to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval. If the objections can not be resolved at the local level, an

OMB hearing will be held.

In the past there has been some debate on the location of the municipal office. While some have criticized it as not being centrally located in the township, it was the largest building available following restructuring and so best suited as the municipal office. A toll free line has been installed to provide service from the Woodstock and Burgessville areas. As well, the township has transferred its banking to Otterville from Norwich for convenience.



The pleasant voice you hear answering the telephone at the township office could belong to one of these women. From left to right are Agnes Savill, who is secretary for the two clerks; Donna

Moore, who helps keep financial affairs in order, and Marjories Watkins, who answers the telephone, radios road employees and looks after other duties. Absent from the picture is Jean Dow.



Feb. 11/77

Otterville in the winter

Sheila Johnston photo



The teeter-totter in Otterville Park lies under the snow, waiting for the coming of spring.

MAJOR Auction Sale

WED., FEB. 2nd
AT 7:00 P.M. 1977
at the
OTTER VALLEY
AUCTION ROOMS
Otterville, Ont.

Having given up housekeeping, Mrs. Edna Pearce has instructed us to sell the contents of her old Otterville home, with additions, without reserve - partial listing only; black and white TV, lovely walnut octagonal lamp table; coffee and end tables; sewing hassock; odd occasional chairs; eight piece solid oak dining room suite with round table (three leaves); old library table; solid oak china cabinet (glass on three sides); seven piece kitchen suite; three burner electric stove; fridge; old music cabinet; old pine benches; real nice three piece (rocker, chair and ornate table) wicker style set; odd wooden chairs; old radio (floor model); bedding and linens; old five piece bedroom suite; oil lamps; three piece walnut bedroom suite with four poster bed; single drawer lamp tables; old mantel clock; old hall mirror (with coat hooks); commode; odd garden and hand tools; Zenith colour TV; old scales; two wicker fern stands; old railroad lantern and R.R. oiler; set of four old bar room chairs; hall tables; old (solid oak) filing system cabinet; old Hoosier style kitchen cabinet; log cabin quilt; tea wagon; two nice drop leaf tables; portable electric sewing machine; old hall rack and umbrella stand; small chest freezer; lots of dishes, pots and pans, etc.; vacuum cleaner; four old dolls.

Glass and China: Noritake, Nippon, Artcut, Pressed, Depression, Occasional Japan, Carnival, dolls dishes (old); etc.

BOB CARNEY

Auctioneer — 879-6420
Missouri Auction School
Instructor and
Member of N.A.A.

For "Auctions with Action"
Call "Otter Valley Auctions"

THIRTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

February 1943

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Pepper have purchased the residence of the late Mrs. D.M. Colburn on Washington Grand Avenue, and expect to take up residence there in the near future.

February 11 - E.T. Petch is the new agent at the CNR office, Otterville, arriving on Tuesday of last week.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 1927

Mr. Roy Nix has purchased the butchering business formerly carried on by Mr. Deloss Hicks.

Oddy house restoration progresses

Restoration of a historical, octagonal house on the western entrance to Otterville is nearing the finishing stages.

The project is the work of a group of concerned citizens in Otterville area calling themselves the Norwich South Heritage Committee. They are responsible for moving and restoring the building, known as the Oddy House, which was built in 1860.

Committee Chairman Joyce Pettigrew says the house is now ready for plastering. "Since Christmas the wiring, plumbing, heating and insulation has been put in. Partitions have been changed and the trim has been stripped. It might not look it from the outside, but a lot of work has been done."

The project was financed largely through a grant of \$20,000 from the Ontario Heritage Foundation. A Wintario grant of \$12,833 was matched by local contributions from various community organizations.

The house was built in 1860 by Thomas Wright, who called it "Woodlawn." He was a native of Ireland and had arrived in Milldale after leaving a farm six miles north of London. After building a one-storey log and frame house at Milldale in 1852 for his wife and five children, he began construction of his octagonal cottage on a 20-acre site in 1861. No doubt he was very proud of the house as he signed and dated it in various places. (This was discovered during restoration).

When the building was bought in 1911 by John Oddy, it became known as the Oddy House. Subsequently, it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. McKay Davis of Milldale. They offered it to the township to be restored as an adult community centre. A site on the western edge of Otterville was provided by the township, where the first church in South Norwich was built in 1819 by Quakers, as a new location for the building.

The house contains a large meeting room, a small meeting room, craft room, large kitchen, cloakroom and washrooms. A full basement is being built to provide facilities for shuffleboard and other activities.

The building is 40 feet across the octagon. There is a 20-by-20 foot back shed that forms a trapezoidal porch at the side of the house. As well, the central chimney is octagonal. The exterior of the house is of board and batton construction with

triangular battons.

Dorothy Duncan with the Museums' Branch of the Ministry of Culture and

Recreation is in charge of finishing and decorating the Oddy House. Joyce Pettigrew is chairman of the Norwich South

Heritage Committee; Melville Beecroft, Otterville, is secretary-treasurer; Rod Taylor, Otterville, heads

restoration procedures; and Dr. Murray Downing, Otterville, heads the fund-raising committee.



The Oddy House has been moved to its new site on the western edge of Otterville. The 115-year-old building is being restored under the auspices of the Norwich South Heritage Committee to

be used primarily as a senior citizen's centre. The project is being financed through local organizations, Wintario and the Ontario Heritage Foundation.



Open House will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Mill St., Otterville, on Sunday, February 27, from 1-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., to mark the 50th anniversary of their wedding. The former Carrie Lee and Fred Moore were married in the parsonage at Kelvin by Rev. Mercer on February 23, 1927. Their attendants were Mrs. Jean (Smith) Baker of Woodstock and Mr. Roy Reavely of Harley. The couple has two daughters, Mrs. Velma Schooley of Delhi and Mrs. Frances Jenereaux of Waterford, four granddaughters and one grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Moore owned and operated a general farm at Bookton until 15 years ago then they moved to Otterville. They specifically request no gifts except the joy of seeing their family and friends.

Area couple wed 50 years

An open house was held on February 27 in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore, Mill St., Otterville, and in spite of the inclement weather, family and friends were present from London, Woodstock, Tavistock, Brantford, Simcoe, Tillsonburg and the surrounding area.

Congratulations were also received from Prime Minister Trudeau, Governor-General Legere, opposition leader Joe Clark, and Oxford County MP and MPP. The couple also received numerous wishes by phone and countless cards. They were also pleased to have their attendants of fifty years ago, Mrs. Jean Baker and Mr. Roy Reavely.

A delicious lunch was prepared by the Bookton Presbyterian Church Women and was served by granddaughters of the couple.

Tea was poured by Mrs. John McDougall, Mrs. Harvey Thompson, Mrs. Bus Mizon, Mrs. Harold Elgie, Miss Gladys Nobbs, Mrs. Jean Baker, Mrs. Bruce Lowrie and Mrs. Harry Cayley.

Irish Stew for St. Patrick's

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Church Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Feb. 17, 1977.

The meeting opened with prayer by the president, Mrs. Violet Howse. Rev. Herring read Scripture. The roll call was answered, using the word "meditate," by eight members.

A memorial book was purchased and placed in the church. Members were reminded of the World Day of Prayer service in the United Church at 2 p.m. March 4.

Plans were made for an Irish Stew dinner to be held in the Parish Hall, March 17, from 11:30 - 1:30.

An invitation was accepted to hold the next meeting March 3 at the home of the president, Mrs. Violet Howse. At this meeting, a bale will be packed. The roll call will be answered with the word "Water."

Rev. Herring asked each one to remember in our prayers the people of Uganda to which Sam Obel and his family will be returning in the spring. Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer.

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

Leisure Club has Valentine party

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Otterville Leisure Club honored St. Valentine's Day on Wednesday when 20 members met in the Community Hall for their regular meeting.

A potluck dinner was served at 12:30 and all sat down to well-laden table, supervised by Mrs. David Kennedy, who was assisted by the members.

Immediately following the dinner, Mrs. Fred Cole, who was convener of the names for Secret Pals, opened the prettily-decorated Valentine Mail Box, where Valentines to Secret Pals were placed. A gift accompanied some of the Valentines.

A soda biscuit contest proved that Mrs. Petunia McNally could eat the biscuit the fastest and whistle, but many of the members were close behind. A relay was enjoyed and then the members, finding their part-

ners for euchre, games were soon underway. The cards were conducted by Mrs. David Kennedy.

Prizes for the ladies were won by Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. George McElhine and for the men by Colin Robinson and Mrs. Max Avey, the latter playing a man's hand. The mystery prize was awarded to President Harry Lee.

Reports were given from members who are ill in their homes and to those on vacation. A letter was received from Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew in Florida, from Milo Hicks of Springford, who is convalescing at his home, Fred Moore, another convalescent at his home in Otterville. Other Senior Citizens were mentioned, too, who are not members of the Club, but were not forgotten.

The V.O.N. will be in the village at the home of Mrs. Waring the fourth Monday, February 28.



Merit awards were presented to four persons at the annual ladies' night of the Norwich Township Chamber of Commerce. Award recipients are shown with the speaker for the evening, Dr. Clifford Waite. Left to right are Lorne Parker; George Friesen; Mr. Waite; Mrs. Clarence Hoyt, who accepted the award for her husband, and Clifford Rachar.

Club holding pancake dinner ^{Feb} 1977 ^{Thinking Day} service held

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of the Sunshine Club was held at the home of President Mrs. James McMurchy John St.

Fourteen members responded to the roll call with their choice in a name for a baby.

The members wore something red in keeping with St. Valentine's and a prettily decorated cake, made by Mrs. John McSkimming, had ready sale for tickets. Mrs. Grant Mountain won the cake. Plans were completed for the pancake dinner in the Parish Hall of the Anglican Church, Tuesday, February 22, from 11:30-1:30. Mrs. David Hussey invited the members to her home for the next meeting, February 24.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Inga Erie and a social time was spent. Mrs. Fred Pearce gave the courtesy remarks.

Euchre party

OTTERVILLE (C) - Sponsored by the St. John's Church Club, the regular progressive euchre party was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening. There were seven tables of cards in play.

Prize for ladies' high was won by Mrs. Daisy Ash, and for ladies' low by Mrs. Myrtle Innis. The men's prizes were won by Nate McMullen for high and Mrs. Leona Bergman for low. Mrs. Richard Saunders won the door prize.

The next euchre party will be held in the Community Hall on Thursday, February 24, at 8 p.m.

Lunch was served following the games for a social time.

Thinking Day service held

OTTERVILLE (C) - First Otterville Brownie Pack attended St. John's Anglican Church service Sunday morning for a Thinking Day Service.

14 Brownies and their leaders, Brown Owl Mrs. Marion Dowds and Tawny Owl, Mrs. Loys McElhine were present.

Thinking Day is celebrated by Guides and Scouts around the world. It is the birthday of the founder of the movement, Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Olive.

Rector Rev. Herb Herring welcomed all present and spoke on the three getting ready Sundays before Easter and of the hungry people of the world who need our help.

The Brownies sang two hymns. The minister chose for his sermon the text 1st Corinthians 10:13.

Slips on ice

OTTERVILLE (C) - Word was received in the village that Mrs. Marion (Fish) Lee of Oakville had the misfortune to slip and fall on ice January 25. Mrs. Lee had plans finalized to visit her sister, Mrs. Norman Swift, and Mr. Swift in Florida. This vacation will be cancelled for a time at least. Mrs. Lee was a former resident of Otterville.



Mr. and Mrs. John Walther were married on February 5, 1977 at the Otterville United Church, Otterville, Ontario. Reception was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Tillsonburg. Following a honeymoon to points east the couple are residing at RR 1, Norwich.

DURKEE - Jay and Stephanie are pleased to announce the arrival of their son Lloyd Jay. Born Feb. 25, 1977 weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs. A brother for Harold. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burn.

ROBERT ARTHUR DAVIS

OTTERVILLE (C) - Robert Arthur Davis passed away at his home, Main St., Otterville, on Friday, February 11, 1977, in his 18th year.

He was very active in sports, playing minor ball in Otterville for a number of years, and was involved in minor hockey at Norwich. He attended Otterville public school and Norwich high school.

Surviving are his parents, George and Jean Davis; two sisters, Kathryn Davis and Patricia Davis, both at home; grandparents, Mrs. George Davis Sr., of Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Harrison of Tillsonburg.

A private family service was held Sunday, February 13, at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, conducted by Pastor D.R. Gorrie. Mrs. William McMullen, Jr. played hymns before and after the service.

Pallbearers were Don Pettigrew, Bob Butler, Tim Moore, Ross Dow, Doug Morrison and Ernie Gyori.

Interment in Otterville Cemetery.

Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or to Gideon Bibles would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Congregational meeting for Otterville United

OTTERVILLE (C) - Congregational meeting of the Otterville United Church was held in the Sunday School room of the church on Sunday evening with a fair attendance.

Irvin Gehring, chairman of the Board of Stewards, presided for the meeting.

On motion by Mrs. Lorne Treffry; seconded by Mrs. Harold Waring, Mrs. Harold Ryder acted as secretary.

The treasurer's report was given by Max Avey, who an-

swered various questions in regard to the report.

On behalf of the meeting, Mrs. Rod Taylor expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Avey for their work as treasurer's of the church.

Volunteers were asked for to replace Mr. and Mrs. Avey, who wish to retire. Up to the present time there has been no offers.

Renewing the Sunday School report, David Arthur, superintendent, responded to

questions asked by the members. The report of the Explorer group was checked and Mrs. Edward White noted that there was need for a C.G.I.T. group. The report of the United Church Women was given and Lorne Treffry paid tribute to the steady quilters.

Report of the manse was given by Stanley Arthur. A covering motion was made by Harold Arthur and seconded by Mrs. Carney.

Nominating report was given by Irvin Gehring and the Session will be the same as before.

Stewards: one-year, David Arthur, Boyd Little, Norman McClintock and Mrs. Donald Stewart; two-year, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Donald Neale, Colin Cope and John Davis.

Ushers re-elected, Stewart Godby, Lorne Treffry, Donald Chisholm and Jack Walther.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting January 22, 1978 the fourth Sunday of the month. Press reporter is Mrs. Harold

Waring; assistant, Mrs. Colin Cope. The Lenten Cards will be in charge of the Board of Stewards.

Mrs. Lorne Treffry was re-appointed as choir leader and Mrs. William A. McMullen as organist.

Mrs. Edward White expressed appreciation to Mrs. Jack Walther for her contributions on the piano prior to the church service.

Appreciation was expressed to David Arthur by Jack Walther for his leadership in the Sunday school as superintendent.

Mr. Max Avey read notes of appreciation.

The ladies served a light lunch and a social time completed an interesting meeting.



William Mowat of Springford, who had been the post master there for over 29 years, posed Monday by the counter of the office. To the left are the boxes from which Springford residents retrieved their mail. Mr. Mowat resigned from his position effective Monday. Springford currently does not have a post office at a competitor for the position of post master drew now bids. Oxford M.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday stated Monday that postal officials had agreed to reopen the competition. (Jeff Bennett Photo).

Springford postmaster ends 29 years service

Whether Springford will again have a post office remains to be seen. Tuesday morning the village residents began receiving their mail in group boxes on the front step of Mowat's General Store.

William Mowat, who had been the postmaster for over 29 years, resigned from that post effective Monday, February 28.

The government advertised without success in an attempt to keep a post office in the village but no applications were received in the competition.

When the announcement was made that the office would close, many Springford residents protested. One of the reasons for the protest was the rumour that Springford would no longer be their mailing address. Instead, the designation RR 1, Otterville, would be used.

This is not the case. The mailing address of Springford, along with an appropriate box number, will remain.

But the actual service provided by a post office is no longer available. Residents will no longer be able to purchase money orders, register mail or have parcels weighed in to determine the proper postage.

The competition for a post master for the village will be reopened but unless an

acceptable candidate comes forward to take on the post, the office will remain closed.

Mr. Mowat explained that operating the post office puts a heavy demand on the post master in a small centre such as Springford. The demand for services requires that someone be on duty for long hours but the demand is not heavy enough to justify a full-time employee.

Such an operation also requires some expertise in terms of sorting the incoming mail, routing the outgoing mail and taking the responsibility for the monies involved.

All of these functions demand the training of at least three people to insure the smooth delivery of services while allowing for holidays for employees.

These factors, combined with a heavier volume of mail which demanded more time, helped Mr. Mowat to make his decision to step down from the post.

Mr. Mowat will continue to operate his general store.

Oxford M.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday stated Monday that postal officials had agreed to reopen the competition for post master in the village. No further details were available regarding when a decision would be made on the competition, if bids are received.

New Minister for Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - In an Official Board meeting of the Otterville Pastoral charge, held in the school room of the church on Monday evening, Rev. Earl Moore of South Mountain, Eastern Ontario, was given a call as minister of the charge, his ministry to commence July 1, 1977.

Rev. Mary McNally, minister of the Mount Elgin United Church, presided for the meeting. Mrs. George McDerrough of Tillsonburg, a member of the manse committee for the Oxford Presbytery, was also present.

Appointments for the pastoral charge were made, which included: chairman of the manse committee, Clarence Stover; central treasurer, Max Avey; treasurer for the minister's salary, Mrs. John Davis.

Rev. Earl Moore succeeds Rev. Einar Egilsson, who was minister on the charge for five years, and who is now the minister at Sombra.

At the close of the meeting the ladies of the church served a lunch and a social time was enjoyed among the three congregations of the Otterville Pastoral charge.

Springford post office closing operations

As of February 28, the village of Springford will be without a post office, after 124 years of service.

William Mowat, storekeeper and postmaster for 27 years, is closing out the post office for "personal reasons." He has held the position of postmaster longer than any of 13 postmasters who served the village.

The new address for the village will be RR 1, Otterville, and many area residents have expressed concern that the village

will lose its identity, once Springford is no longer used in the mailing address. Many have said that they will continue to use the village name.

Those now served by the post office, 137 people, will receive their mail from a green group mailboxes. The post office has stated that a survey will be conducted to determine how many customers there are in the village and where the boxes should be placed.

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Lions club 40 years old

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club continues the Lions pledge of service to the community.

During the year 1976, two major projects were initiated by the club. Thirty thousand dollars was pledged to the Norwich Arena and \$3,000 was pledged to the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville. Both pledges will be spread out over three years.

Over the years, the Lions

have contributed substantially to the Otterville Park. In 1974, they provided the funds for a new pool in the park.

Other activities included sponsoring a blood donor clinic last fall.

The Lions are also actively involved in minor hockey, minor baseball and the boy scouts.

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club celebrated its 40th anniversary on February 5.

In retrospect, reaching back over the years that cover more than half a century of devotion, dedication, and compassionate concern, there emerges an image akin to the much loved, high Christian principled and famous country, family, doctor, Dr. Harold Batson, stands out as that special breed of rural practitioner. (Born and reared on a farm with all its special privileges).

His record of meeting the health needs of Otterville with its rural charm and unique type, earthy warmth of friendship leaves little to be desired. Over the years, as new life was ushered into a complex world, seeing the aged meet death with composure and youth with tragedy. The heartaches and heartbreak of ill health were met with deep concern.

Dr. Batson was a refreshing type of doctor, in that his medical knowledge was never a closed book. When difficult cases were met with an outreach for newer therapy and approach. Ever alert to the need for constant research of the medical text book facts, he would break away from a demanding practice to attend seminars where in consultation and discussion with fellow doctors, he would reach a consensus of the newer methods of prevention as well as cure.

Dr. Batson's patients returned that confidence which can only come to those with complete assurance that the very best was being done. His six days were filled with little thought for relaxation. The further search for knowledge pertaining to his profession took priority. Mornings filled up with hospital visitation, returning (so often) to an office filled with waiting patients. There were no appointments, first come, first served, but never a bias for millionaires over paupers. Equal time equal concern, so often.

The afternoon would extend into the evening when a new group would be on hand. He was indeed a rugged type, having those healthy ingredients of

farm life. Coming to Farm oriented Otterville in 1925 setting up practice in the residence of Mrs. D.R. Culver on corner of main and Dover. Otterville salutes with pride a doctor who gave his life in the pursuit of health for his fellow citizens.

Dr. Batson has vowed to not repeat the fatal error of his father by retiring, but prefers to die with boots on.

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Area couple wed 45 years

CORNELL (C) — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearce celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on March 12, 1977, with an "Open House" arranged by their family at the Cornell hall on Sunday, March 13.

The day began with a planned family dinner in which about 40 members of the family enjoyed a smorgasbord meal.

Present at the meal were some of the couples' brothers and sisters - Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gray, Mrs. Elsie Pearce, Mr. Fred Broad, Mrs. Marion Broad, Mr. Frank Broad, Mrs. Lillian Broad, Miss Mae Broad and Mrs. Edna Myrick.

Mrs. Pearce was the former Catherine Broad, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Philip Broad of Springfield.

They were married by the late Rev. George Shields and their attendants were Miss Gertrude Pearce, now Mrs. Jesse Gray and the late George Broad. Following the wedding they journeyed to Stratford then on to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have seven children, Arthur at home; Philip, who now owns the home farm; Earl of St. Thomas; Hugh of Sunnyvale, California; Mrs. Hank Cowenburg (Kaye) of Burgessville, Mrs. Joe Oatman (Lois) of Kitchener and Mrs. Doug Wardle (Linda) of Lucan.

The couple also have 17 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce have resided in Cornell all their married life.

About 200 guests attended the open house. Mrs. Clarence Stover and Mrs. Zuella Hicks poured tea, which was served by the granddaughters, and the grandsons were in charge of the guest book.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearce were recipients of many cards, beautiful flowers and gifts.

The immediate family presented their parents with a beautiful kitchen chrome set.

Arson suspected in Otterville fire

An early morning fire on Saturday in Otterville badly damaged the premises of the Adam Oliver Insurance Agency.

Fire Chief William McMullen, Jr., placed damage at about \$12,000 to the building and contents. He said back end and roof of the structure were badly burned, and the whole interior was extensively damaged.

Sixteen volunteer firemen from the Otterville station were called out at 4:55 a.m. and fought the blaze for about two hours.

Events surrounding the fire

are under investigation by provincial police. Evidence indicates that the building was broken into, and the office had been ransacked. Files and records had been strewn around, the fire chief reported.

OPP Constable Frank Berenz, Tillsonburg detachment, said possibility of arson is being investigated. Inspector Ron Chalmers of the Fire Marshall's office, Woodstock, was expected to be on the scene today. It is thought that the building was set afire after the breakin.

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I wish to thank my neighbours Mr. and Mrs. Collin Robinson for reporting to the Fire Department of the fire at the office of Adam Olliver's Insurance office which occurred Saturday morning, March 26 at which time I was away from home. This is coupled with thanks to the 16 members of the Otterville Fire Department who responded so quickly and had the fire under control before burning other buildings. "Good Neighbours should be treasured above all riches." Thank you. - Evelyn Waring.

Rifle stolen

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Provincial police are investigating a breakin and theft at the C.R. Finch Hardware in Otterville.

Reported Tuesday was the forced entry and theft of a high-powered rifle, ammunition and a small amount of cash.

Initial entry was gained by kicking in a door leading to the basement. Evidence showed that the intruder, after searching the basement and being unable to get to the main store from there, came back out and entered the store by cutting the glass in an east side door and unlocking it.

Lost was a Winchester 30-30 Model 94 rifle, valued at \$200, plus two boxes of ammunition and about two or three dollars in cash.

Provincial Constable Larry Gow, Tillsonburg detachment, assisted by Constable H. McNally, identification officer of London, is conducting the investigation.

THIRTY YEARS AGO March 1947

Ottawa - Effective today (March 27) meat rationing comes to an end in Canada.

Meatless days in public eating places, however, are to be continued.



Two rural postmen were honored with long service pins on Thursday at the Mount Elgin Post Office. Jack Freeland (left) and Harold Fleming (second from right) received their 25-year

pins from Geraldine Ritchie, postmistress. Ken Gagnon (far right), supervisory postmaster, Tillsonburg Post Office, looks on.

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Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew speaks to Society

The Norwich and District Historical Society held their March meeting on Monday evening in the Community Centre with around 70 in attendance.

President Don MacPherson, opened the meeting and welcomed all. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Donald Strachan, convener of the program who introduced the guest speaker Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew of Otterville.

Mrs. Pettigrew who spoke on the "Early Architecture of the Local Area" is one of the main persons working toward the restoration of the Oddy House in Otterville. She said the Ontario Government has come out with a Bill to restore and save older buildings. Young people today are becoming more interested in buying and restoring older

homes. "Investing in the Past" is a book published by the Heritage committee.

There are many homes in the area which should be preserved, if sound. The surveys show historic sites are important and should be saved as 29 per cent of the tourist money spent is on historic sites and museums.

Mrs. Pettigrew showed slides of many first buildings built of logs, and today some are being built. They are easier to heat and cooler in summer. Other slides shown were of homes built on the English and Regency style which are beautiful with fancy wood trimmings and architecture, also pictures of area homes, churches, old mills, including one at Otterville and the old Oddy House in its original state and how it looks today after

restoration. Mrs. Pettigrew was thanked by Marie Avey and presented with a gift.

Two speakers Bob Morgan and Ted Dougherty from the South Western Ontario Association were present and spoke on Tourism.

During the business session the secretary's report was given by Walter Haight and in the absence of the treasurer Mark Williams. The financial report was given by Paul M. Moore. The Society planned for a display and bake sale at

Blandford Mall May 12, 13, 14 to publicize the upcoming Steam Show.

John Heleniak presented the Museum curator Mrs. Winnie Hilliker with a picture of the Birdsall Jury Trial, to be placed in the Museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Orth, who were recently married were presented by Warden Ken Peers on behalf of the Society, with five pieces of lead crystal and Al McBay on behalf of the Golden Horse Shoe Society presented them with a pair of wall lamps.

Motion of adjournment closed the meeting and lunch was served by the committee in charge.

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Milldale once a busy spot

South Norwich Historical Society held its March meeting at the Firehall, Otterville. The group heard a most interesting account of the history of the community of Milldale, given by Mrs. Neil MacPherson of Norwich, and her son, Don MacPherson.

The information was taken from writings of early settlers,

which the MacPhersons have in their possession. These early descriptions are most valuable for the basic historical information, but also in revealing the social history.

Mrs. MacPherson is a descendant of James Barker, who came to Canada in 1822, with his family. He came first to Otterville, from Vermont, via

the Finger Lakes, to run William Cromwell's grist and saw mills at what was known then as Otter Creek Mills.

In 1826, William P. Barker (James' son) built and operated the first general store in Norwich.

In 1830, William P. Barker moved on to Milldale, building there grist, saw and woollen

mills on the Otter Creek. He called his new settlement Newtown. Besides the Mills, he built a store and several houses. In 1869, he renovated the store and the first meeting house was established in it.

In 1830 John and Alfred Dell came here from New York State as barn farmers, and worked for William Barker.

The grist mill remained in operation until 1916.

During the business part of the meeting plans were made for the 1977 Spring Faire to be held at the Otter Valley Auction Rooms, Otterville, April 23 and 24. This year's show will be an Antique and Craft show and sale with demonstrations of crafts on

JAMES FRANCIS DUFFY

James Francis (Frank) Duffy of Otterville, passed away at Norvilla Nursing Home, Norwich, on Wednesday, March 23, 1977, in his 97th year. He was the oldest resident of Otterville.

Born at Newark, Ont., he was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Duffy. He was predeceased by his wife, Ella Mae Purtill in 1937.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Carmen Scott (Marie) of Otterville, Mrs. Ernest Nold (Dorothy) of LaSalette, and Mrs. Clarence Rosehart (Helen) of Woodstock; a daughter-in-law Mrs. Evelyn Duffy of Otterville. He was predeceased by two daughters Ma.tena (1932), Margaret Marissen (1973), and by a son, Jerome (1965).

He is also survived by 40 grandchildren and 70 great-grandchildren.

Prayers were said at Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, Friday at 8:15 p.m. by Rev. Fr. G. F. Childs.

Funeral Mass was said at Our Lady of LaSalette R.C. Church, LaSalette, on Saturday, March 26, at 10 a.m. by Rev. Fr. G. F. Childs and Rev. Fr. J. J. McCormick of St. Mary's R.C. Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Parish Cemetery, LaSalette.

Memorial donations were made to Ontario Heart and Canadian Cancer Societies.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Dr. Ellis Scott, John Nold, Wayne Rosehart, Bruce Duffy, Jerry Marissen and Larry Duffy.

MRS. JOHN RYDER

Mrs. John Ryder of 21 Stover St. S., Norwich, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 29, 1977, in her 88th year.

The former Flossie Lois Yates, she was born in Burford Township, Brant County, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur William Yates. She was a lifelong resident of the Otterville area and was a life member of the Women's Missionary Society of Otterville, and a life member of the Women's Institute, Otterville. She was also a member of Norwich United Church; Norwich U.C.W. and Norwich Women's Institute. Mrs. Ryder was a collector of small bells.

On February 7, 1912, she married John Matthew Ryder in Otterville, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1962. Her husband predeceased her February 18, 1970.

Surviving are two sons, Harold Ryder of RR 1, Norwich, and Donald Ryder of RR 1, Otterville; five grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. James (Fern) McClelland of Brantford.

She was also predeceased by one sister, Mrs. Alma Deveney of Otterville, in 1956.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Thursday, March 31, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Burton Crowe of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Norwich Cemetery.

ROBERT HERSCHELL HUSSEY

Robert Herschell Hussey of RR 2, Norwich, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, March 2, 1977, in his 83rd year.

Born in South Norwich Township, he was a son of the late Reuben and Margaret Hussey. A farmer, he was a lifelong resident of the Norwich area. He was a member of Newark United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Flossie Mae Wilson; two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Beulah) McNally of RR 2 Scotland, and Mrs. Arthur (Lorriane) Tave of Windsor; one son, Macklin Arthur Hussey of RR 4, Walton; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Peter (Bonnie) Brown of Norwich; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Gladys Bowman in 1968.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Saturday, March 5, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Burton Crowe of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

HENRY DeBLOCK

Henry DeBlock of 57 Broadway, Tillsonburg, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, March 15, 1977, in his 71st year.

Born in Belgium, September 6, 1906, he was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alphons DeBlock. He came to Canada in 1926. His wife, the former Gertrude Lucy Ash, predeceased him on December 5, 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George (Leona) Leuszler of Sturgeon Falls and Mrs. Douglas (Lucy Jean) Jones of London; two sons, Jerry DeBlock of Woodstock and Henry DeBlock of RR 1, Borcholn; seven grandchildren; and three sisters in Hungary.

Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home until Thursday, March 17, thence to St. Mary's R.C. Church for Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. said by Rev. Fr. J.J. McCormick.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Prayers will be said tonight (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home.

Doug Arthur

When Doug Arthur dons his brown and gold driving suit, slides onto the sulky and heads onto the track, he's out to win. He knows his business and doesn't like to make mistakes. When he does, he does something about it. He's not a sore loser, but he doesn't like to lose a race.

He doesn't like to gamble. Although he has on the odd occasion, he claims he doesn't really enjoy it. He's not afraid of losing a few dollars, but he doesn't like to lose.

Doug Arthur is one of Canada's young, more successful harness race drivers, and intends to be best in his chosen profession. His stable is made up of some of the best bred standardbred horses on the North American continent. Annually his owners part with thousands and thousands of dollars to give Doug quality stock to train and race. Many of the young colts purchased carried a price tag in excess of \$50,000.

"You've got to be good to be lucky," he says, leaning back in the pine kitchen chair. He rests his arms on the table and allows his legs to spread out comfortably beneath him.

"If I had to rely on luck I'm afraid I wouldn't have much. It

takes knowledge of the business and a lot of hard work."

A glance at the 100 acre farm partially surrounded by brown board fence, at the half mile track and the modern stable that has a capacity of housing up to 60 horses, tells you Doug Arthur has filled many years with hard work.

During the spring and summer months Mr. Arthur spends an average of 18 hours daily, working with the horses. At this time of year some 10 hours a day are spent on the job.

"I put in as many hours as I am capable of," he says. He brushes his dark tanned hand across his forehead, pushing the wavy sandy-colored hair back. "Somedays I can put in more hours than other days. I just put in as many as I can, every day."

Mr. Arthur got into the harness racing business 12 years ago when his uncle, the late Ed Arthur, offered him a job as a groom and trainer. Having just completed a program in animal husbandry at Guelph University, Doug readily accepted his uncle's offer.

"He was an influence on me but what he taught me was more a philosophy of life. That was, to work hard, things don't come easy. He was a good man to work for, he taught me how to work

"Certainly I didn't realize the work that would be involved with this when I began. Or the amount of knowledge needed to get ahead in racing."

"I probably have copied his style to some extent but there are some things that come naturally too. Things that can't be taught."

"I always knew the opportunity was there," he says, "but I wasn't really interested until then. I gained a lot of experience during that time. I advanced quickly and was given the opportunity to advance under my uncle."

After three weeks of working for his uncle, Mr. Arthur was shown a photograph of his uncle's latest purchase, a Kentucky born colt named Right Dillon.

"I knew then I wanted," says Mr. Arthur. He explains how his

uncle carried an on-going joke about the ill mannered horse, saying whoever trained it would become the owner. Mr. Arthur did manage to train the colt and eventually ended up owning it.

In his first year of racing he won approximately 50 per cent of the races entered with Right Dillon.

After four year of working with his uncle and racing Right Dillon, Mr. Arthur decided to make a go of it on his own. Today the 31-year-old is one of Canada's most successful harness drivers.

Success surrounds him but it does not own him.

"With every success that you achieve you're looking into a greater success," he says. He cups his head into his hands and stares momentarily into space. "There are a lot of successful people. I hope I can someday look back and think I've been successful."



"I guess two drivers I admire are Keith Waples and Clint Hodgens. They seem to be really cool in a race and I think that's really necessary. And they seem to get the most out of a horse without driving it into the ground to do it."

For the past five years Mr. Arthur has been travelling and racing off and on in the Grand Circuit, a circuit that tours North America and one in which few drivers survive very long.

When not on the circuit he races in the Jockey Club circuit. "One reason why I have made the Jockey Club circuit my home base is because the competition is very keen. If you are competing with people who are as good or better than you, you'll become better yourself."

He likes the competition, better he likes the winning.

"I don't like to finish worse than third. And if I do, generally I do something about it." Doing something about it quite often means selling the horse; entering it into a lower class or simply working with the animal and finding out exactly what the problem is. In some cases it may mean putting the horse out to pasture until an ailment is cured.

He doesn't like to race a horse that is sore and if he thinks racing a particular horse will make it's ailment worse, he will generally have it scratched from the race.

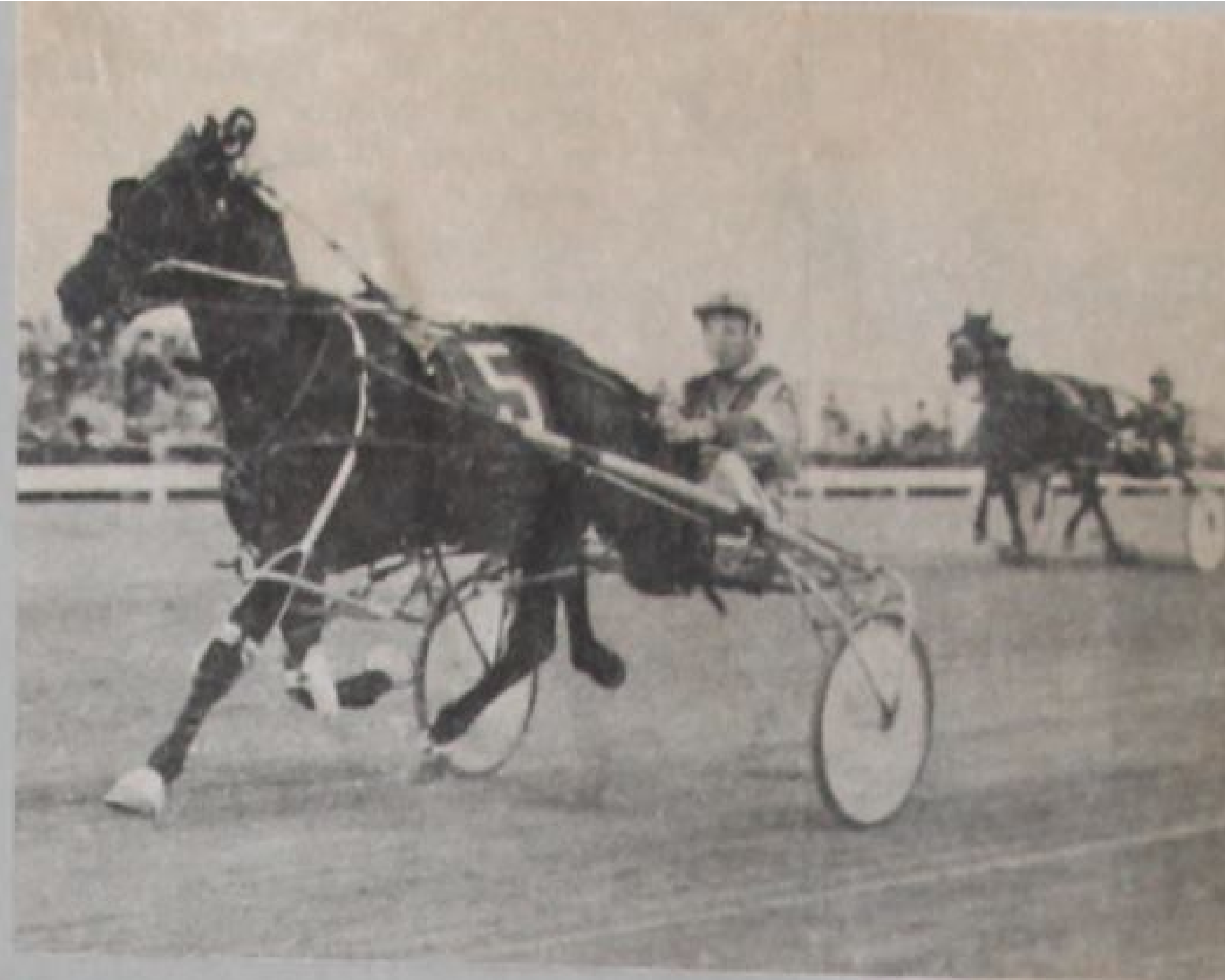
He is gentle with the animals and as you walk through the unusually clean barn, he tells you "some horses need the stimulus of a whip but most good horses don't need it. Ideally you should be able to win a race without a whip. He tosses his head back and laughs. "There are times though when it comes in handy."

Unlike most harness race drivers, Mr. Arthur does not gamble.

"I don't enjoy gambling mostly because I feel I work to hard for my money to lose it. I think if I gambled on a horse race I'd be afraid of it influencing my drive. I don't criticize people for gambling, if they can make money, great. But it's just not my bag."

Crime has traditionally been associated with the horse racing business but according to Mr. Arthur, there is very little.

"The business has a misguided reputation in the sense of crime. There's the odd incident that's brought up each year but it's not like many people think.



Illegal betting on the horses, or 'fixing' a race, is uncommon, he claims, but suggests for those who do participate in illegal gambling, penalties should be tightened.

"I really think the penalties should be more severe. The racing commission levelling the punishment isn't doing the job they should be doing. When something illegal does happen it hurts the spectators, the people who gamble, and if it gets national coverage, it hurts all horse owners.

"If you're not involved in anything like that you're not approached. I don't know that much about it. I've never been approached."

The infiltration of illegal drugs has also marred the business. However, Mr. Arthur claims it too has been over-exaggerated.

"If a horse is properly trained, if he's at his peak, you're not going to increase his speed with drugs." He suggests, however, that some drugs, such as pain killers, may be necessary at times. In several American states where pain killing drugs are legal, they are well controlled. "If they're not legal, it's hard to control though," he says.

He encourages young people to enter the business saying, "I think there's a tremendous future in it for young people.

We're always interested in starting someone new. The best of them go on to become drivers."

Employed on his 100 acre spread are two harness drivers and eight trainers and grooms. Mr. Arthur said most of his employees are young and approximately half are local people.

Anglicans hold Easter

OTTERVILLE (C) — Palm Sunday was fittingly observed in the morning service in the Parish Hall of St. John's Anglican Church on Sunday April 3rd.

Rev. H. Herring conducted the worship and following the opening and the distribution of Palms the new Sunday School room and kitchen were dedicated.

These rooms which are in the basement of the church have been more or less used for storage and uncared for through the past several years. With the cleaning up and careful plan-

ning these rooms were restored and built and donated by a member of the Church Peter Gilchrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist were honored by the congregation in a brief ceremony when Rector Herring addressed them at the front of the Parish Hall. At this time Mrs. Harry Pickersgill president of the St. John's Church Club presented Mrs. Gilchrist with a Limoge pin and Mrs. Violet Howse president of the St. John's Church Guild presented Mr. Gilchrist with a gold signet ring.

Both recipients were taken completely by surprise. The service closed with a hymn. Mrs. Jack Freeland was the organist. A social time was spent when the members enjoyed a cup of tea.

Service was held in the St. John's Parish Hall on Easter Sunday when members of the church and their families attended the morning service. Following the singing of the first hymn the preschoolers were taken to the new Sunday school room by the Cowan sisters during the church service.

Rev. Herring based his message on "Why Seek Ye the Living Among the Dead?" The impressive Holy Communion service followed the message. A duet was sung by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Jack Freeland "Blessed Redeemer" with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the console. Mr. Arthur Picknell and Mr. Carl Howse presented the offering.

Baptist Service

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. Bob Hansford opened the morning service with the hymn Crown Him with Many Crowns, with Dwight Davis as pianist. Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. William Hansford, Mrs. Brian Davis and Mrs. Paul Hill sang One Day and Lead Me to Calvary accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Wilma Butler.

The speaker Mr. John Judson of Toronto sang My Tribute. He chose Scripture reading from Phillippians 3: 7-13 and his Easter message Resurrection Power. The true meaning of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Saviour who was crucified, God has raised from the dead as Lord, is alive now and by faith in Him, His death has made possible our forgiveness and assurance of eternal life.

The Gospel is the power of Jesus Christ. Service closed with prayer.

Otterville progressive euchre party held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular progressive euchre party was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening with seven tables in

play.

Prizes for the ladies were won by Clara Foster and Mrs. Blaine Oatman and the men's prizes were won by Tom Hart and

William Mitchell. The mystery prize was won by Sam Croker.

The next party will be held in the Community Hall April 14 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Vera Walsh president of Otterville W.I.

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, on Friday afternoon and was preceded with a potluck dinner. There were twelve members present.

The president Mrs. Melville Beecroft presided for the business and announcements were The Food Forum - Poultry Please will be held in Tillsonburg April 26th. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Irvin Gehring May 13th and begin with a noon luncheon. A report of the Spring Board meeting was given by Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mrs. Jack Walther.

The Installation of officers for 1977-78 was conducted by Mrs. Lorne Treffry. The officers are as follows:

Past president - Mrs Melville Beecroft, president - Miss Vera Welsh, first vice-president - Mrs. Murray Treffry, secretary-treasurer - Mrs. Jack Walther, assistant - Mrs. Irvin Gehring.

District director - Mrs. Melville Beecroft, alternate - Mrs. William A. McMullen, public relations - Mrs. Melville Beecroft, curator - Mrs. Fred Cole, branch directors - Miss Gladys Nobbs, Mrs. Max Avey, and Mrs. Fred Moore, good cheer - Mrs. Harold Waring, auditors - Mrs. Earle Petch and Miss Gladys Nobbs. Social - Mrs. B. Barnard and Mrs. William A. McMullen, nominating committee - Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Mrs. William A. McMullen, pianist Mrs. William A. McMullen, conveners of standing committees: cultural affairs - Mrs. Murray Treffry, family affairs - Mrs. G.M. Downing, education - Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Canadian industries - Mrs. Irvin Gehring, resolutions - Mrs. Harold Waring, agriculture - Mrs. Harold Durkee, world affairs - Miss Vera Welsh, citizenship - Mrs. William A. McMullen.

The meeting closed and the members prepared for the annual Rummage Sale to be held the following day

Otterville UCW hold Easter Thanksgiving meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the United Church Women held their Easter Thankoffering meeting in the schoolroom of the Church on Friday evening, April 1st.

The president Mrs. Rod Taylor presided for the meeting and opened with a reading "The Radiance of Easter" and led in prayer.

Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist for the evening and as the members and guests assembled the pianist played Easter music. All joined in singing "Christ the Lord is Risen Today".

Mrs. Taylor welcomed the guests and Mrs. Barbara Cope read the correspondence.

Mrs. Shirley White modelled our purple shawl and explained it's significance to the visitors - that it showed our support of the South Koreans in their struggle for democracy.

The offering was presented by

Mrs. Anna Treffry and Mrs. Jean Hill. Mrs. Jean McClintock showed the film strip of the Passion Play from Oberammergau.

The narrative was read by Mrs. Nancy Walther and throughout the film, the members sang the hymns "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Go To Dark Gethsamne" and "The Strife Is O'er."

Three solos were beautifully sung during the showing two by guest artists Miss Janice Scott - "The King is Coming" and Miss Dianne Avey "Because He Lives." Our own Mrs. Ruth Colver sang "Alone". Mrs. Jean McClintock was the accompanist for all three ladies.

At the end of the film the two guest artists were introduced to everyone and thanked by Mrs. McClintock. The evening closed with a social time. There were 60 members and visitors present.

Happy Bluebird Club 29th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - Another milestone in the history of the Happy Bluebird Club was marked on Monday evening in the Cornell Hall when members along with their husbands and friends celebrated the 29 years of friendship in a birthday party.

During this period Mrs. Daisy Ash has been the strong ties of the club and has accepted the office as president and is now on her fourth term. Other members who have been very capable in accepting this office are Mrs. John Pritchard, Miss Lillian Oatman, Mrs. Zuella Hicks, Mrs. Fred Pearce, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Ialeen Almost, Mrs. Bristol Roswell, Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency, Mrs. Harold Pearce, Mrs. Daisy Ash, Mrs. Clarence Morris, and at the present time Mrs. Daisy Ash.

The president invited the members to the well filled tables which were well filled with a Potluck supper. Grace was sung and all enjoyed a hearty meal.

Following the supper a short business meeting was held when

Mrs. Ida Rachar invited the members to her home for the May meeting which will be held the third Monday in the month. It was with deep regret the members had learned of the illness of a valued member Mrs. Zuella Hicks who is confined to her home. A card was signed for her bearing the names of those at the party.

Two members were honoured having or going to celebrate wedding anniversaries. These were Mrs. Harold Pearce and Mrs. Earl Rice. They were presented gifts by Mrs. Douglas Carroll and Mrs. Jenny Mitchell.

Prizes for the euchre were won by Earl Rice, Helen Davis, Katie Pearce, Merla DeMontmorency, Mrs. Jenny Mitchell, Mrs. Hazel Edgeworth and William Lumsden.

Appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Harold Pearce who convened the evening with her assistants, and the members expressed their appreciation in attending and sharing in the evening marking the 29th Birthday party of the Happy Bluebird Club.

Cemetery Board holds meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The meeting of the Milldale Cemetery Board was held at the home of the president Mrs. Jack Freeland on Thursday evening. Mrs. Freeland presided for the meeting.

Owing to the passing of the late Mrs. Hughena Brayley who had been a valued member of the board as well as being secretary for the past ten years Donald MacPherson of Norwich was appointed to fill this vacancy.

Decoration Day Service was discussed for the cemetery and another meeting will be held in the near future to complete these plans.

Harold Brayley, Clarke and Myrtle Dell, Anna MacPherson and Jack Freeland were named as delegates. The hostess served lunch and a social time was spent.

All or nothing is Georges' way

When Georges L. J. Trottier of Tillsonburg offered his 30 percent share of the Hamilton Tiger Cats for sale, he didn't expect to receive national news coverage. The story was picked up by Canadian Press, however, and has appeared practically coast to coast.

The following column was written by Bob Hanley, of the Hamilton Spectator, and appeared in their March 30th issue.

TILLSONBURG — The way it is with the kid from Ansonville (40 miles north of Timmins) - if he can't run the trains sometimes, he'd rather not invest in your railroad.

Georges L. Trottier, who shortly takes his leave of Tiger-Cats, is making no angry waves of annoyance on departure - simply stating he's disposing of his 30 per cent share of club ownership because he hasn't found adequate involvement and participation in Tiger-Cat affairs.

He's a frank and fascinating gentleman, a multi-millionaire, a one-man conglomerate, a merchant, industrialist, land developer. He is the principal owner of eight companies. He has land banks, subdivisions and shopping plazas coming out of his ears. And he has this lasting, longing boyhood dream, to one day own a major sports franchise outright - from the first player contract to the last athletic supporter.

Once upon a time up north he cleaned bottles in a dairy for 80 cents a week and once he lugged 100-pound sacks of grain on his back at 10 cents the carry. Today, by virtue of ambition, hard work and initiative, he drives a \$44,000 Rolls Royce and owns a brand new 55-foot motor yacht worth \$300,000.

But sometime, somewhere, Georges L. Trottier is going to realize that remaining ambition - to be sole owner of a professional sports franchise and to be personally and totally involved.

SOUGHT ALL SHARES

In the late weeks of 1973, Georges thought he had an oral contract to buy all the shares of Tiger-Cats.

"I was much surprised a short time later to find that the club had been sold to Mike DeGroot," he says. "I was disappointed but I purchased a minority interest of 30 per cent - along with the right of first refusal if the DeGroot shares ever came available."

Although he later had warm and personal comment on some of Tiger-Cats' executive people, he had prepared the following statement to explain why his shares were now for sale...

"As a large shareholder and director of Tiger-Cats, I had not had an opportunity to take an active role in the club's business decisions.

"Normally I prefer to be involved in my business ventures. Therefore, I would like to have my investment in a project offering me more personal involvement. With the club's record last year, the prospects being good for this year, and with many corporations looking seriously at professional sports, it appears to be a matter of good timing to offer my shares for sale at this time.

"This would allow a new owner of my shares to be acquainted with the other shareholders of Tiger-Cats and operations of the club prior to the start of the season. I believe this decision has been made in the best interest of the Hamilton Tiger-Cat Football Club Limited."

The question was put to Georges... would he have run the club differently in the last few years if he had been in complete control?

"What I might have done is no longer important," he replied. "Business philosophies differ and if you had 10 different owners you might have had 10 different styles of operation."

And what about the shares... were they now worth more than what he paid for them?

"In an inflating economy, everything is worth more now than it was four years ago."

RESPECTS SAZIO

Georges said he respected Ralph Sazio "as a person and as a businessman" and that he had enjoyed his relationship with the other directors.

He said he had confidence in Bob Shaw and his coaching staff. "But do me a favor," he said, "make a note for Hal Soule (secretary-treasurer of Ticats). Tell him that I'm only a duffer but I can beat him at golf at least seven days a week."

A onetime Junior A winger out of Timmins (Porcupine Combines) he says he's still a Ticat fan and won't miss a game of the coming season.

HOW IT SNOWBALLED

As a young man, Georges took over a losing Co-op store up north and put the books in the black. He came south with meager savings and borrowed capital to open an IGA supermarket in Aylmer. He instituted new systems, solicited everybody in the telephone book, and business prospered.

Later came IGA markets in Delhi and Tillsonburg.

Then came land assembly in Southwestern Ontario and even in the Hamilton area. Right now he has five shopping centres in addition to his residential subdivisions. He has three manufacturing firms into everything from cement-making equipment to steel fabricating of all kinds, to appliance parts - even those "moon roofs" for Corvette automobiles.

This is the kind of guy that Georges is...

A new mall was being built in Tillsonburg and he couldn't be assured that they would take one of his IGA markets into it. So Georges went down the road a piece, bought a large farm for more than a million, has plans drafted for a larger \$6-million mall, and will soon have a complex to include a bigger IGA market, plus scores of other shops - even a motel.

ALL OR NOTHING

Another new project is a \$2.5 million industrial park in Tillsonburg, so you can understand from all of this that Georges isn't your average company director, dreaming wearily and offering occasional "yas" and "nays."

Georges wants the bull by the horns - he wants his hand on the throttle of the locomotive.

Four years he has waited to gain absolute control of Tiger-Cats, but the majority interest is not for sale.

So Georges is saying goodbye to Tiger-Cats - at least for now. The way it is with Georges. If he can't run the trains, you can keep your lousy old railway.

Norwich reserve funds suggested by auditor

The financial position of the Township of Norwich is adequate, but Robert Hetherington, accountant for Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, auditors for the township, told council Monday that they should improve their financial position in any way they could.

After presenting the auditor's report for 1976, Mr. Hetherington suggested to council that they set up reserve funds over a two to five-year period for capital expenditures to build up the strength of the township's position when making purchases.

Taxes in Norwich went up more than \$500,000 in 1976 compared to 1975. The total for last year was \$2,243,121 compared to \$1,663,521 the year before. The total revenue for the township in 1976 was \$2,695,161 and total expenditures for the year were \$2,642,721. This left Norwich with an operating surplus of \$52,440 compared to a deficit of \$99,719 in 1975.

The township's largest expenditure for the year was education at \$1,145,263.

A breakdown of taxation in Norwich shows that of each tax dollar, 50 cents goes toward education, 41 cents goes toward general township work, six cents goes to the county and three cents covers other charges.

Mr. Hetherington told council that Norwich had control over some areas that other municipalities no longer control.

In other business at the meeting, council approved accounts of \$375,487 for finance and administration, \$14,477 for agriculture, \$1,920 for protection of persons and property, \$8,734 for public works and \$10,756 for recreation and community services.

April 26 vote on poundage

Ontario Farm Products Marketing Board has set Tuesday, April 26, as the date for flue-cured tobacco producers to vote on poundage control.

Producers will have a choice of two poundage formulas - the system initiated last year, or the revised poundage system as outlined in the P. S. Ross & Partners report.

The Tobacco Board will be mailing information to quota holders this week, outlining what the different formulas will mean in terms of quota.

A public meeting is scheduled for April 21 at the Delhi auction exchange at 8 p.m., chaired by Dr. George Collin, OFPMB chairman, at which the systems will be discussed.

Turkey supper held at St. John's

OTTERVILLE (C) - Along with the many attractions in the village during the weekend and especially on Sunday St. John's Church Club sponsored and were assisted by the members of St. John's Guild in serving a delicious turkey supper in the St. John's Parish Hall on Sunday evening.

The serving started at 4:30 p.m. and the guests, welcomed

by Rector Herring, came from Kitchener, London, Oakville, Simcoe, Delhi, Ingersoll, Brantford, Tillsonburg, Mount Elgin and Norwich.

The members reported a crowd on record of more than 350 to which they catered with no fuss, muss or rush.

Clerks at the door were Peter Gilchrist, Jack Freeland, Martin Cowan and Arthur

Drive-in churches not quite like this

OTTERVILLE — Richard Joe Mitchell, 28, of Stover Street, Norwich, has been charged with careless driving after a car crashed through the doors of the Otterville United Church here Friday night, causing \$6,000 damage.

Provincial police at Tillsonburg said a west-bound vehicle on County Road 19 failed to negotiate a jog in the road and drove through the church's main glass doors, ending up completely inside the building.

Police said \$4,000 damage was done to the doors and \$2,000 to the vehicle. They said a brick wall was also damaged. There were no injuries.

Progressive euchre in the Parish Hall April 28th at 8 p.m. Church service on Sunday at 10 a.m.

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April 27, 1977

St. John's Guild meets

OTTERVILLE (C) - St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Winnie Leach with seven members answering the roll call.

President Violet Howse opened the meeting with prayer and all repeated the Lord's Prayer. Rev. Herring read the Scripture and spoke briefly from the Acts 13th chapter.

Minutes of the last meeting

were read and correspondence dealt with. The treasurer's report and good cheer reports were given. Next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on May 12th and the roll call will be responded to with the word "Kindness." Rev. Herring closed with prayer. Mrs. Leach was assisted by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill in serving lunch and a social time was spent.

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ING ON MY HEAD LIKE THIS, BUT LOOK
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Roger Verwaerde

Patrick Sanyis
Danny Van Daele

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George Zawack

John Eckhart
Charles Underhill Sr.

Ron Pettit
Mathew Leach

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Walter Aldrian
Frank Galaka
Remi Verwaerde

Herold Schibonker
Joe Antoszek J.
Frank Kestetter

Andy Wausak
George Mikala

MAYBE ALL THE
TREES AND PEOPLE
AND BUILDINGS
ARE REALLY
UPSIDE
DOWN.

Griffin - Collver

Otterville United Church was the setting on Friday, April 22, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. for the wedding of Elizabeth Jean (Beth) Collver, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Collver of Otterville, and the late Ronald Collver, and Jimmy Wayne Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Justin Griffin of Coolidge, Georgia. Rev. William G. Lindley of Toronto officiated at the evening ceremony and Mrs. Jean McClintock was organist. Soloist, Mrs. Betty Walthers, sang "One Hand, One Heart", and "This is Our Day", during the service.

Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Doug Collver, the bride chose a full length gown of white knit jersey with v-neckline, bouffant sleeves and empire waist accented with guipure lace and seed pearls, with a cathedral train falling from the fitted bodice. Her floor-length veil of silk illusion and matching headpiece were trimmed with seed pearls, and she carried a cascade of red silk roses and pink stephanotis, with baby's breath and fern.

Mrs. Karen Green of St. Williams, close and dear friend of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a floor length gown in soft pink, styled on A-lines. The sleeveless gown was enhanced with a flocked net bolero of matching floral design. She carried a basket of silk flowers, roses and sweet-peas, to match her gown.

Bridesmaid was Miss Cath

Rachar of Otterville, neighbor and lifelong friend of the bride, who wore a gown similar to that of the matron of honor, only in soft green.

Mr. James Medai of Brantford, close friend of the groom, was best man, and Mr. Tim Moore of Otterville, friend of the groom, was usher.

Reception for 135 guests was held at the Norwich Curling Club. For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of shrimp polyester crepe with butterfly pleated skirt and matching crushed velvet jacket, worn with a corsage of coral tinted silk roses.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a powder blue tailored pantsuit, worn with navy accessories and a matching corsage of blue roses and stephanotis.

Guests were present from Texas, St. Marys, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Toronto and Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin are residing at RR 1, Norwich.



Julie Davis of the Norwich High School business department is employed for the week under the Work Experience program. She is performing clerical duties at the Norwich Credit Union.

April 13, 1977

Taxes up \$.5 million Township told to improve finances

The financial position of the Township of Norwich is adequate, but Robert Hetherington, accountant for Millard, Rouse and Rosebrugh, auditors for the township, told council Monday that they should improve their financial position in any way they could.

After presenting the auditor's report for 1976, Mr. Hetherington suggested to council that they set up reserve funds over a two to five-year period for capital expenditures to build up the strength of the township's position when making purchases.

Taxes in Norwich went up more than \$500,000 in 1976 compared to 1975. The total for last year was \$2,243,121 compared to \$1,663,521 the year before. The total revenue for the township in 1976 was \$2,695,161 and total expenditures for the year were \$2,642,721. This left Norwich with an operating

surplus of \$52,440 compared to a deficit of \$99,719 in 1975.

The township's largest expenditure for the year was education at \$1,145,263.

A breakdown of taxation in Norwich shows that of each tax dollar, 50 cents goes toward education, 41 cents goes toward general township work, six cents goes to the county and three cents covers other charges.

Mr. Hetherington told council that Norwich had control over some areas that other municipalities no longer control.

In other business at the meeting, council approved accounts of \$375,487 for finance and administration, \$14,477 for agriculture, \$1,920 for protection of persons and property, \$8,734 for public works and \$10,756 for recreation and community services.

Appointments made in council

Norwich Township councillor Robert Pettigrew will represent the township on the Local Agriculture Manpower Board for the 1977 term.

Mr. Pettigrew, a dairy farmer, accepted the appointment Monday at a council meeting, on the recommendation of the agriculture committee.

Councillor Cecil Mingle said he suggested Mr. Pettigrew because there was only one other dairy farmer on the board.

Council also decided to appoint Bill McMullen Jr., as the fire chief of Norwich Township on a part-time basis.

MRS. DOROTHY FISH
OTTERVILLE (C)
Graveside service for the late Mrs. Dorothy Fish was held in the Otter Cemetery on Friday, April 1st, 1977. The late Mrs. Fish was the former Dorothy Winnifred Dickson beloved wife of the late Paul Fish formerly of Osler Court, Dundas.

Mrs. Fish was in her 73rd year. She was a former resident of Otterville and was a member of the teaching staff at the Otterville Continuation School. A member of the United Church Women and also a member of the United Church Women at Dundas. For the past several years she was a patient in the St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton where she passed away.

Surviving are two sons, Gordon of Ottawa, and Allan of Los Angeles, Calif., one brother Graham of Dundas, two sisters, Mrs. Howard (Ila) Sawyer, of Toronto, and Mrs. Lin Gemmil, Hamilton. One brother, Bertram, predeceased her. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

The service was held from the Cattel and Eaton Funeral Home, Dundas.

Following the service at Otter Cemetery, members of the Fish families and friends were invited to the schoolroom of the Otterville United Church where the members of the U.C.W. served a cup of tea.

MRS. EVA McKAY

Mrs. Douglas McKay, 29 Palmer St., Norwich, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, April 7th, 1977, in her 74th year.

The former Eva Patter, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Patter, she was born in Newark. Mrs. McKay was a member of the Norwich United Church, the U.C.W. and was a former member of the choir.

Surviving is her husband, one son Bruce of Kingston, one daughter Eleanor Sherman of Tillsonburg; two sisters, Mrs. Vernon (Jean) Murphy of Woodstock and Mrs. Ina Hassard of St. Catharines; and one brother Percy Patter of Toronto; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Monday, April 11th, at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence at 2 p.m. with Rev. Max Johnson of Burgessville United Church officiating.

The bearers were Crawford Palmer, George Tolman, Howard McCombs, Norman McIntyre, Alvah Lampman and Murray Rettie.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

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50 years in the printing trade

BY TED SHRUBB

Fifty years of working in the same trade, for the same company in the same building would, to most people, seem a long hard grind. But to "Doug" Avey who retired last Friday from the printing trade after half a century it "doesn't seem so long really."

Doug has worked for the weekly Norwich Gazette since 1927 for three different publishers. He said, "there have been a lot of changes over the years, the most significant is offset printing. I'm a letterpress man myself."

The first publisher he worked for was J. S. Winterburn and at that time when Doug came John Keough was in the shop. "A real fine printer and linotype man" said Doug, "he taught me the trade." The Gazette was running eight pages with a circulation of about 1,100 copies. The big flat bed No. 1 Meihle press that printed the paper was fired up every Wednesday morning to produce the paper. It would take a couple of hours to run off the required 1,100 copies.

Most of Monday and Tuesday was devoted to typesetting for the paper. Once the paper was put to bed the many jobs that came into the shop were run off on the smaller job presses. In the early days, and still today, many jobs required the hand setting of type for letter press. After so many years Doug can pick type from the case with fast and accomplished ease.

He recalls the "depression years" of the 30's as a tough time when there wasn't too much work in the printing business and working the odd days on area farms.

During the war years he served with the reserve army having been turned down for regular service. He served weekends and each year went to training camp during his holidays.

He remembers all the men who have worked at the Gazette, Jack Lynes, Syl Litton, Bob McKay, Ron Hart, Reg Gaskell but most of all he remembers Bill Tucker. "Old Bill" came to The Gazette in 1953 after Stan Manore became publisher and he retired last year, mainly for health reasons.

Doug and Bill worked together for 23 years and Doug says they were for him, "real good years, he was a good guy to work with and because he was master newspaperman and printer he was a big help to me, I really missed him when he retired."



Doug and Marion examine the stop watch presented by Otter Publishing when Doug retired last week.

When Otter Publishing took over the Gazette in 1973, Doug printed the last paper on the big Meihle press. He had produced nearly 2,400 weekly editions of the Gazette. Since 1973 the Gazette has been printed on a web offset press in Tillsonburg. The 2,000 copies required for regular circulation takes about 12 minutes to run.

Last Wednesday fellow workers and friends gathered at his home to honor him on his retirement. An avid follower of Standardbred horses, the publishers, Otter Publishing presented Doug with a special stop watch instead of the usual gold watch. Also, he received a bicycle from fellow employees at the plant along with many other mementos of his years in the trade. Both presentations were made by Ron Keller, manager of the print shop.

Although retired from actual printing Doug will still be associated with the paper. Elsewhere in this edition you will find the first of his "Along the Rail" columns about standardbred horses. Too, he will be covering special sport stories for the paper.

Doug's story would not be complete without a few words of his family. In 1947 he married Marion Green, the daughter of Rev. Green of the Baptist charge in Burgessville. Marion

was a nurse in the Army during the war. They have three children, Wade of London, Elizabeth in Stratford and Colleen at home.

So, Doug won't be at his old stand at the Heidelberg press at the plant anymore. You will probably see him pedalling his new bike around the area. More than likely with a stop watch in his hand timing his "first quarter."

Doug - we wish you well. Having looked forward to your retirement for some time now we know you will enjoy it.



Doug Avey happily contemplates the bicycle given him by the fellow employees at Otter Publishing at his retirement last week.

W.I. discuss 4-H courses

OTTERVILLE (C) - The March meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of the Citizenship Convener Mrs. William A. McMullen with 14 members present.

The president Mrs. Melville Beecroft opened the meeting with an appropriate spring poem. Information and plans were made for the needlepoint Summary Day March 15th.

There was a discussion and choices made of Training

Schools and Short Courses for the coming year.

The program was in charge of Mrs. William McMullen, one of the 4-H leaders and she gave a most interesting talk about the current 4-H Project "A World of Food in Canada." The members not only heard about some of these dishes but had the opportunity to sample them during the social hour. The committee in charge was Mrs. William McMullen, Mrs. James Squance and Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

OTTER LUMBER COMPANY

announces change of ownership



RICK CRAGGS

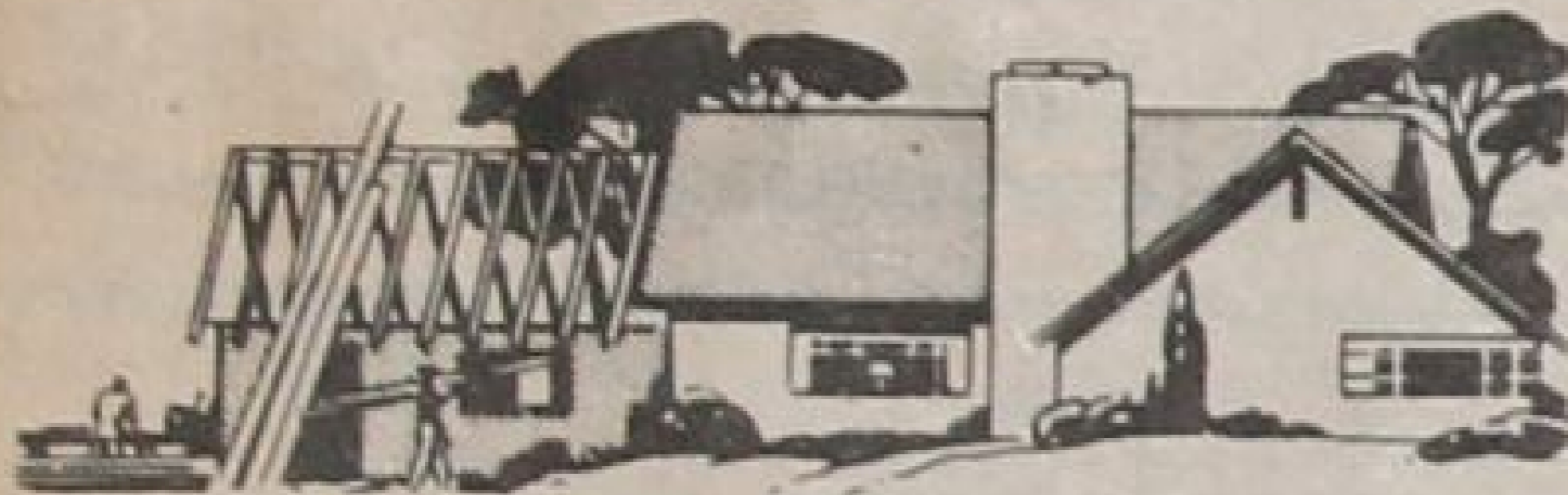
Art Moore associated with Otter Lumber for the past 40 years is pleased to announce that he has sold his business, Otter Lumber Company in Otterville to Rick Craggs of Vanessa. Mr. Craggs has been involved in the retail lumber business in Simcoe for the past four years and looks forward to operating his own business to serve people in the tobacco area.

Mr. Art Moore would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the people in the area for their loyal patronage during the past 40 years and hopes they will continue to have the new owners of Otter Lumber Co. look after their lumber and building supply needs.



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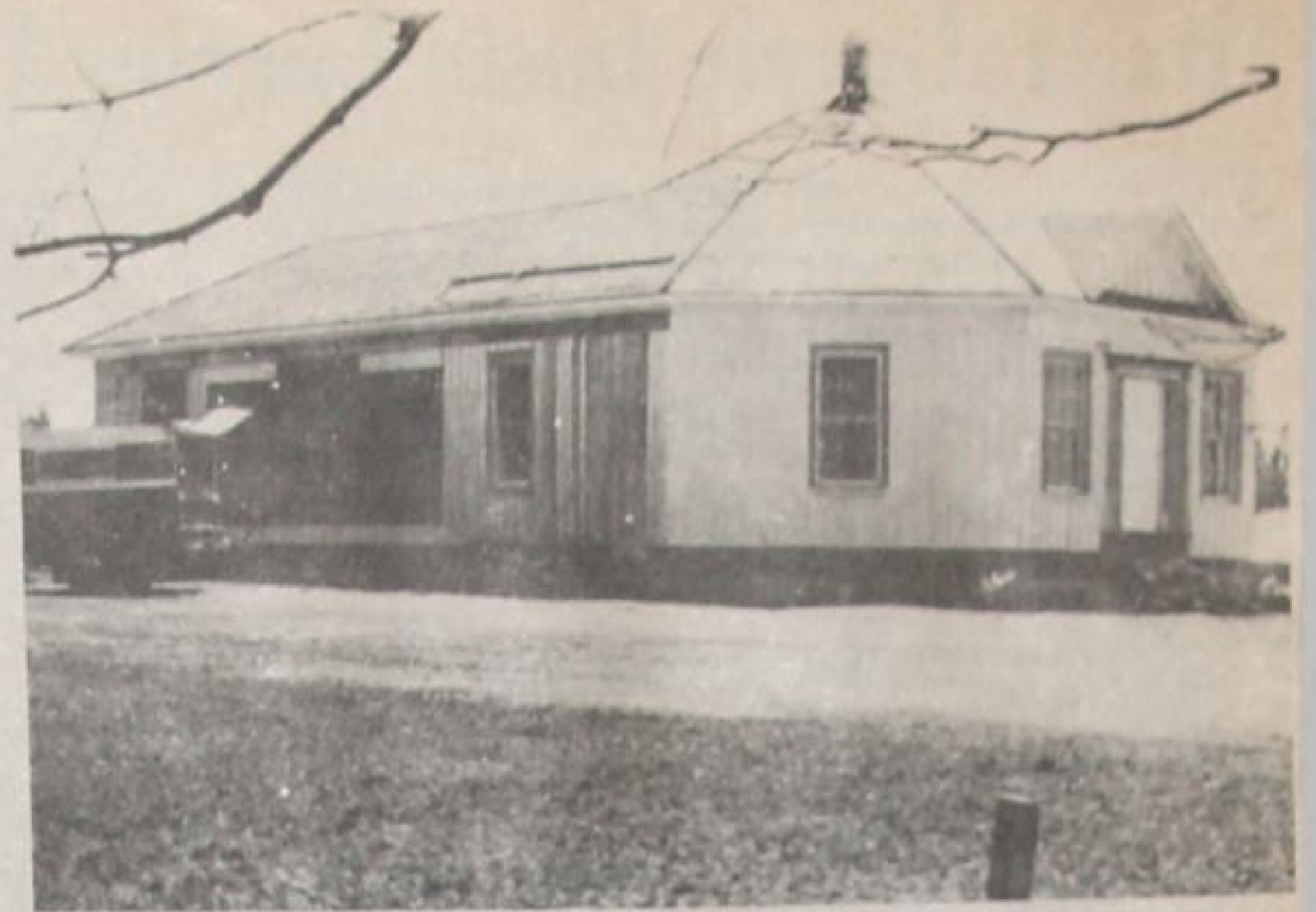
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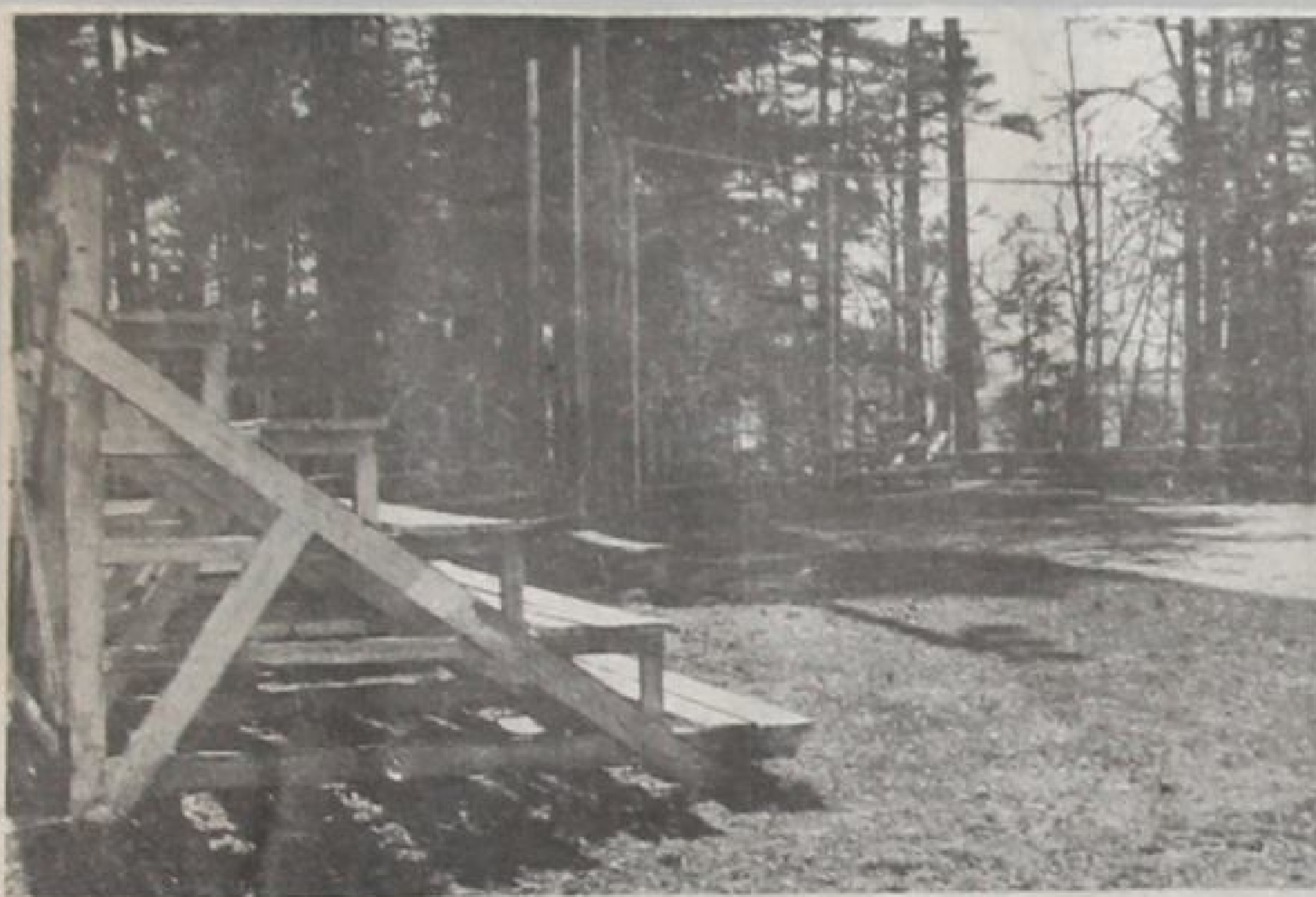




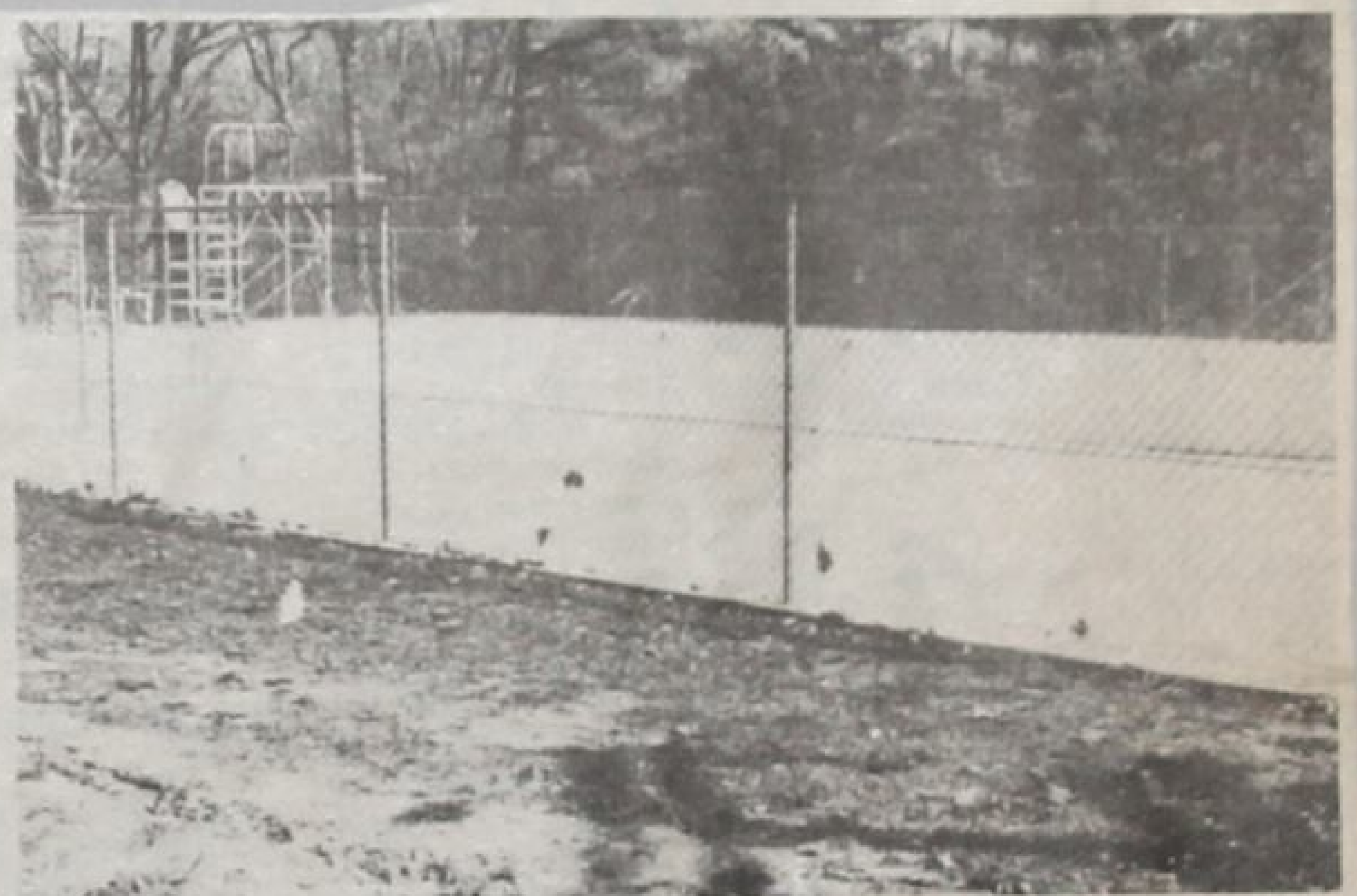
The Township of Norwich Municipal Hall is located in Otterville. It serves all the township.



The Oddy House on the west outskirts of the village is having a new roof installed prior to finishing the interior. It will house historical artifacts from the area.



Ball season will soon be here and these bleachers will be full and ringing to the sound of "Play Ball". Otterville Ball Park is well used during the season by minor ball clubs.



The Lions Swimming Pool looks forlorn when empty but with the summer coming along it will soon be alive with youngsters.



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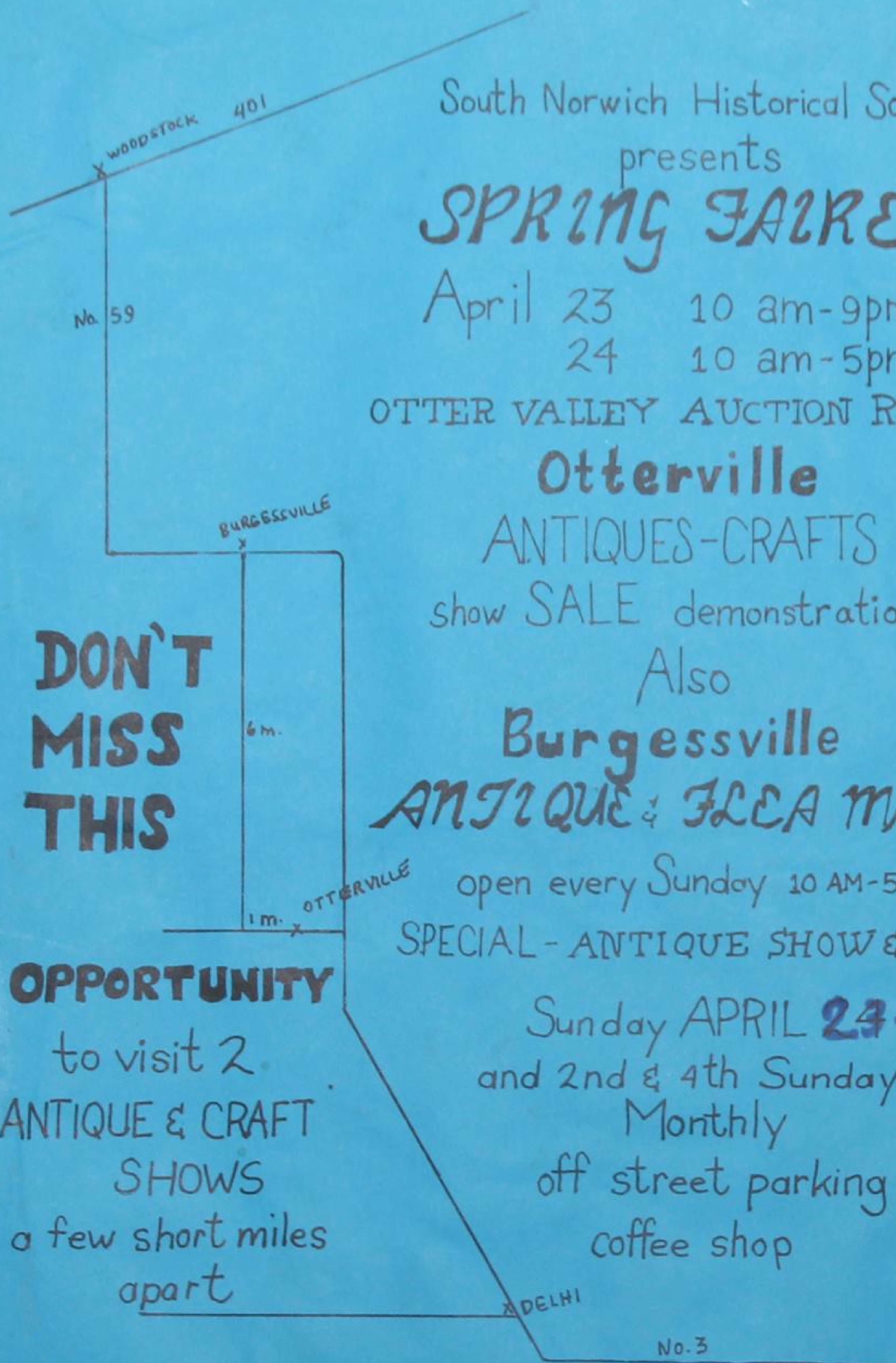
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Spring Faire held on weekend

OTTERVILLE (C) — Colder weather, returned with rain, strong east winds and below normal temperatures were probably reasons for lessening the number of craft enthusiasts from attending the opening day of the Spring Faire sponsored by the members of the South Norwich Historical Society on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. 1977

This two-day event was held in the Otter Valley Auction Rooms, Main St. East. Stalls were all filled and those showing their handiwork in crafts can be heartily congratulated on their accomplishments.

Visiting the stalls we found, Mary Lee, Brantford showing pottery; Harry Lee, Otterville, Woodcarving; Evelyn Picknell Otterville and her assistants, macrame; Mrs. Lawrence

Thompson, Courtland, gold wire jewellery; Mrs. Freda Hussey, Springford, liquid embroidery; Sandra Hussey and assistants, sewing, crochet, embroidery; Nicole Gibson of London, Weaver.

Ila Nant, needlework; Penny Curtis, Vienna, pine reproduction miniature furniture; Mrs. William G. McMullen, Otterville, knitting afghans, bedspreads, cushions and smaller items; Mae Leonard, Otterville, apple dolls; Fred Lonsbary and Mac Hicks, antique kitchen and living room display complete with Mrs. Arthur Budd spinning and Dianne Scott Fiddling and pump organ playing; rope making, Fred Lonsbary; the Proud Heritage, Aylmer; Rachael Bossy, Langton; Chuck Porter, Woodstock; J&L Antique Shop, Norwich; South Norwich

Historical Society, Rick Singer. Mrs. Lorne Treffry and Mrs. Jack Freeland proudly displayed and were busy clerks selling the many varieties of home baking while the quilt made by members of the club and other helpers had good sales for tickets. Also on display and in great demand were the newly printed hasti-notes. A fine work of art depicting the Springford school, United Church, Springford; Otterville Station and Woodlawn Community Centre.

Membership cards were also on sale for those wishing to join or renew their membership. This table was in charge of Mrs. Melville Beecroft and Mrs. Murray Downing.

Attendance on Sunday was not so large probably due to weather conditions and other events in the area.



Joyce Pettigrew, secretary of the South Norwich Historical Society, shows a few of the things that will be for show and sale at the society's second annual Spring Faire. The antique and craft show and sale will be held April 23 and 24 at the Otter Valley Auction Rooms in Otterville. Demonstrations of apple doll making, woodcarving and pottery making will take place during the weekend. Proceeds from the sale will go toward historical research and re-opening the museum, which was closed last year due to lack of housing. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. 1977

April 13, 1977

Missionary meet for Baptists

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their Easter meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry.

Mrs. Fred Hill brought the Easter devotional message speaking on the Women associated with Jesus Christ in His life at His crucifixion asking the question as Christian women today are we willing to be as dedicated, giving our best as they did.

Mrs. William Hansford was in charge of the devotional program. The Scripture reading was several short passages from the gospels read by different ladies, following through the last week of Jesus' earthly life the events as they occurred.

The president Mrs. Bruce Stover opened the meeting with a call to worship "He Is Not Here, He is Risen."

Missionary letters were read from the Pollards, Mary Taylor, Hazel Wrigglesworth, and Marguerite Hill for Christian Service Centres.

Missionary letter writers for this month are Mrs. Fred Hill and Mrs. Wilma Butler. The missionary prayer was offered by Mrs. Wilma Butler.

Mrs. William Hansford invited the ladies to her home for the May meeting. The offering at the May meeting will be for Hazel Wrigglesworth. Mrs.

Hilda Stockmans closed the meeting with prayer. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Jack Walters in serving lunch. Mrs. Ronald Goodale gave the courtesy remarks.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville United Church with their families as well as visitors formed the large congregation attending the Easter Sunday service in the Otterville United Church.

The service was unannounced, and without interruption and was led by Rev. Wright, David Arthur, Mrs. Harold Ryder and Mrs. Donald Stewart.

The theme of the service was "What Does Easter Mean to You?" Mrs. Jack Walther played several selections on the piano prior to the service. Bentley White gave as a election as a trumpet solo "The Old Rugged Cross."

The processional hymn was "Welcome Happy Morning." The choir sang for their anthems "Why" and "Tis the Very Same Jesus." Mrs. Colin Cope and Mrs. R. Carney sang a duet

"The Lord's My Shepherd."

The offering was presented by the ushers - Jack Walther, Donald Chisholm, John Walther and Lorne Treffry.

Easter Lilies were used in decorating the front of the church. The service closed with Rev. Wright giving the closing prayer and benediction.



Working with a keen blade and peeled apples, Mae Leonard, of Otterville, fashions lifelike doll's heads that shrink to less than half original size when dried. The dolls are then dressed in period costumes to make an attractive gift. A display of the craft work was on hand at the South Norwich 'Spring Faire' held Saturday and Sunday at Otterville. 1977

Erbtown history given

The South Norwich Historical Society held its April meeting at the firehall in Otterville. Ed Moore, a member of the Society, gave some of the results of his research on Erb-

town. Erbtown is at the west end of Otterville, centering around the intersection of 8th concession and a branch of the Otter.

The Moore family came to

this locality in 1851, about the same time as Samuel Erb came from Preston with his family and built saw and woollen mills on this stream. Samuel Erb had several sons who also eventually had land here and the community became known as Erbtown.

There had been farmers in the area since early in the century and the Quaker Church was established here in 1819. After Samuel Erb came he donated the land next to the Quaker Church and a Methodist Church was built. These churches were in operation until sometime around the turn of the century.

Between 1850 and 1860 Richard Talbot had a large saw mill south of the Moore farm on the river and also a brick yard. John Leader also had a shingle and patent siding mill. All these activities provided work for

people and a settlement built up. Ed Moore's farm was surveyed in lots at one time.

In 1865 the north west corner of the 8th and Middletown line became the Fairgrounds, due to the organization of the Agricultural Society. Great fairs were held for years here. The prize list for Otterville fair was the third largest in the county.

However, after all the huge pines were cut the stream's dried and all that was left for commerce was "poor sand," which since 1928 has been the basis of flourishing tobacco farms on the west and south edge of Otterville.

May meeting will be at the Firehall in Otterville on May 9, with Mr. Len Cole, Oxford County, historian, and former Oxford County Clerk, as speaker.

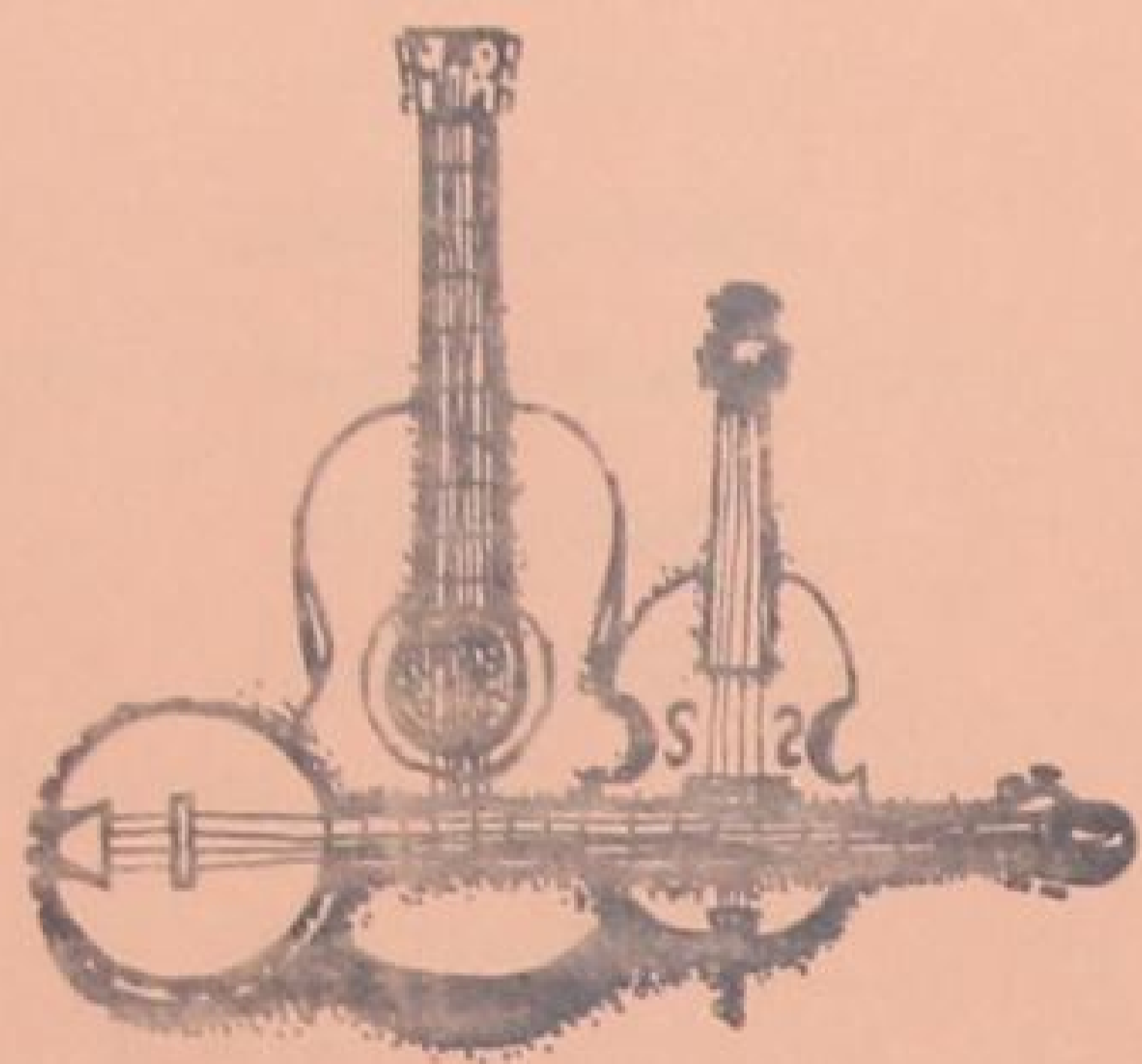
TILLSONBURG, ONTARIO, MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1977



Seen at the South Norwich 'Spring Faire' was the housewifely art of spinning being expertly demonstrated by Mrs. Arthur Budd, of Ingersoll. Mrs. Budd said she became interested in the craft during Centennial Year and has found it a relaxing past-time

ever since. From the raw fleece, Mrs. Budd washes, cards and spins the yarn, then knits or crochets it into garments. She has also recently tried her hand at dyeing the wool using natural dyes obtained from vegetables, flowers and nuts.

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Historical Society meets in Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - The South-Norwich Historical Society held its May meeting at the Firehall, Otterville on Monday evening, 1977.

Mr. Lem Coles of Ingersoll, former clerk of Oxford County was the speaker. He spoke on Oxford County History and South Norwich Township in particular. Mr. Coles was introduced by Mrs. Stanley Gehring, the convener.

Mr. Coles quoted considerably from Shinstone's Gazetteer, 1852, which lists Otterville as a beautiful, clean and flourishing village situated on Lot 12, Concession 8, the Otter Creek flowing throughout. Post every day. Population about 200.

Norwichville is a pretty little place situated on lots 7 and 8, on the fourth Concession. Post every day. Population 300. Norwichville Post Office was established in 1830 - the second in the County.

In 1832, Mr. D.D. Wilson had the contract for carrying mail once a week from Norwichville to Burford and return. He received \$10.80 a year for his services and he travelled at a rate of three miles per hour. Hawtrey Post Office was established in 1866. According to an early postmaster the name was given by the Post Office Dept. and he believed it was the name of a poetess.

Otterville Post Office was established in 1836. Rosanna Post Office was established in 1895. When the Post Office Department sent a list of names, the Postmaster selected Rosehill. The Department, however, named it Rosanna.

Springford Post Office was established in 1852. John Wood was the first postmaster. The name Springford came from a fording of Spring Brook which flows through the village.

Mr. Coles also spoke on the

Toll Roads of the area. One of the early Road companies was the Woodstock and Norwich Gravel Road Company which was formed in 1851. The original amount of stock subscribed was £2100. The road went direct from Woodstock to Springford and east to Otterville. Ten miles of road were completed in 1852 and two toll booths erected. The rest was completed in 1853. There were nine Toll Roads in Oxford County.

In 1910, the Toll Roads Expropriation Act was passed granting power to County Councils to purchase by agreement or arbitration, the Toll Roads within a county in order that Tolls on such roads may be abolished. These roads shall become County Roads. By 1904 Oxford County took over the nine Toll Roads.

The County hired Mr. F.J. Vre of Woodstock, Civil Engineer, to give a report on these roads and estimate the cost of building them up to Province of Ontario Standards. He reported that the road connecting Tillsonburg, Springford, Otterville and

Norwich had about 1-3 of the mileage with a light coat of gravel, the balance clay and sand. It was very flat as to crown and about five miles would require through drainage-estimated cost \$15,000. There was a 35 foot span wooden truss bridge, a 40 foot span stone abutment and wooden truss bridge both in good condition. There was also a 30 foot span and 5 smaller ones ranging from 12 - 16 feet all of wood and all requiring renewal at an estimated cost of \$3,000.

Mr. Coles has the original copy of the by-law dated June 4th, 1891, making Otterville a Police Village. Mr. Boyd Little thanked Mr. Coles for a most informative and interesting talk.

During the business the June trip was discussed. It is hoped the arrangement could be made to go to Dundurn Castle and Whitechurn House in Hamilton on June 11th.

The ticket for the quilt was drawn by Mr. Coles and the lucky winner was Alison Leitch of Norwich.

OTTERVILLE (C) - A dance-a-thon was the means of a money raising project sponsored by the members of the Junior Humane Society of Otterville.

The dance was held in the Community Hall starting at 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. The music was given by record player. More than 20 members and friends took part in the all-day program. May/77.

The president Miss Tammy Gould who has a keen desire for all animals convened this event of raising money with the main purpose to purchase jackets and bearing a Crest designed by the president being the picture of a racoon. After the payment of the jackets the balance will be sent to the Ontario Humane Society.

Other monies raised for the Club was from a Pet Carnival held in the Community Hall last fall. The members sold Christmas cards and also buttons and pins and Animal Welfare Lottery tickets. The net proceeds at the dance-a-thon netted \$400.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Estate of CLARENCE WILSON TICHBOURNE, late of the Township of Norwich, in the County of Oxford, Retired Farmer, deceased.

All persons having claims against the above estate are required to send full particulars of such claims to the Administrator on or before the 30th day of May, 1977, after which date the estate's assets will be distributed having regard only to claims that have been received.

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Page 20 THE NORWICH GAZETTE May 18, 1977



The Lord Mayor of Norwich in his robes, chain and tricorne hat, welcomes visitors from Norwich, Ontario, to the City Hall, on the balcony of which this photograph was taken, where a panoramic

view of Norwich, England can be had. In the foreground on the right is one of the floodlights used to illuminate the City Hall in common with most of the public buildings of the City.

Lions set barbecue date

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of Norwich-Otterville Lions Clubs was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville, on Tuesday evening, May 24 with Lion President, John Sandham, presiding.

A donation of \$500. was approved towards purchase of a bleacher for the new Burgessville ball park. The donation will be made to the Township in order to qualify for a corresponding Wintario Grant.

Preparations were made for the annual Nelson Park School barbecue to be held in Woodstock on June 4th with cooking to be done by the Lions Club.

Preparations are also underway for the annual Lions chicken barbecue to be held in the Park, Otterville, Saturday

evening, June 18th. Tickets will again be limited.

Joel Vermeesch, representing the Norwich Soccer Club, explained the new Clubs financial situation and requested assistance of the Lions Club. This is to be discussed at the next executive meeting.

There was a lengthy

discussion concerning the coming District A. Lions Convention in London.

Lion Mel Smith reported that the main section of concrete for the new wading pool had been installed.

Louis Neale of Tillsonburg was winner of "The Goat" Lottery drawn at the annual Lions Fireworks display held in the Park, Otterville, on May 25th. There was a good crowd present for the display.

Convention draw was won by Lion Alf Lossing.

Trinity ACW host spring deanery

The Anglican Church Women of Trinity Church, Norwich, played host to the women of Oxford at the annual Spring Deanery held here May 18th.

Registration, which began at 6:00 p.m., was handled by the representatives from St. John's Otterville.

A buffet style cold supper was served by the Trinity ladies in the Parish Hall followed by Devotions by the Huntingford representatives. Grace was said by Rev. H. Herring, the host Rector.

Introduction of head table dignitaries followed, and the guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Scott, chaplain of the London Psychiatric Hospital gave an inspiring talk stressing the role of the Church as "standing by" in times of need and distress, and describing his work at the Psychiatric Unit.

The annual meeting was convened in the Church and the business of the year was

discussed.

Illa Fallowfield of All Saints Woodstock elected Deanery Rep. President - Isobel Ward, St. James Ingersoll, 1st vice - Imogene Apps, Old St. Paul's Woodstock, secretary - Betty Yoeman, Huntingford, education - Elizabeth Reid, Good Sheperd Woodstock.

The Rural Dean, Rev. Tom Griffin, and Rev. Herb Herring judged the Name Tag contest. 1st - St. John's Otterville, 2nd - St. James Ingersoll, 3rd - Old St. Paul's Woodstock. The Rural Dean conducted the Service of Installation of the new officers for 1978.

St. James, Ingersoll offered to hold the 1978 Spring Deanery and October 26th was set for the Fall Deanery at Old St. Paul's, Woodstock.

A display of books was on hand, courtesy of the New Life Book Centre, London. Meeting was adjourned following the Dismissal.

Norwich-Otterville Lions ANNUAL



DISPLAY

Otterville Park

Monday, May 23rd/77

BASEBALL GAME AT 7:30

Otterville Ladies vs Springford Ladies

Fireworks at Dusk

Supervised by Otterville Fire Dept.

FREE PARKING

Admission - Adults \$1.50

DRAW FOR LIONS GOAT

Children Under 16 FREE

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Otterville Personals

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison attended the funeral service of their cousin Miss Ialene Addison at Hamilton. The service was held from the Westdale United Church, Hamilton, and interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. Fetterly of Iroquois were weekend guests with their daughter Mrs. Colin Cope and Mr. Cope and sons.

The Otterville Fire Depart-

ment were called twice to the farm of Johnny Vandenberges on Sunday afternoon and evening and would like to thank the local citizens who assisted them at the bush fire.



One of the many displays of miniature carvings at the show. This one shows various models of carts and buggies and teams of horses.

Large Auction

Property,
Restaurant Equipment,
Furniture
& Antiques
Selling for Harvey Miller,
Main St., Otterville,
Saturday, May 28, 1977
12:30 P.M.

Property — Large two storey 36' x 68' frame building on lot approx. 100' x 100' large store area with washrooms, 11 rooms upstairs. Property well located in heart of Otterville with possibilities as residence, business or apartment rentals. Selling subject to reasonable reserve bid at 2 o'clock. Terms - Given day of sale.

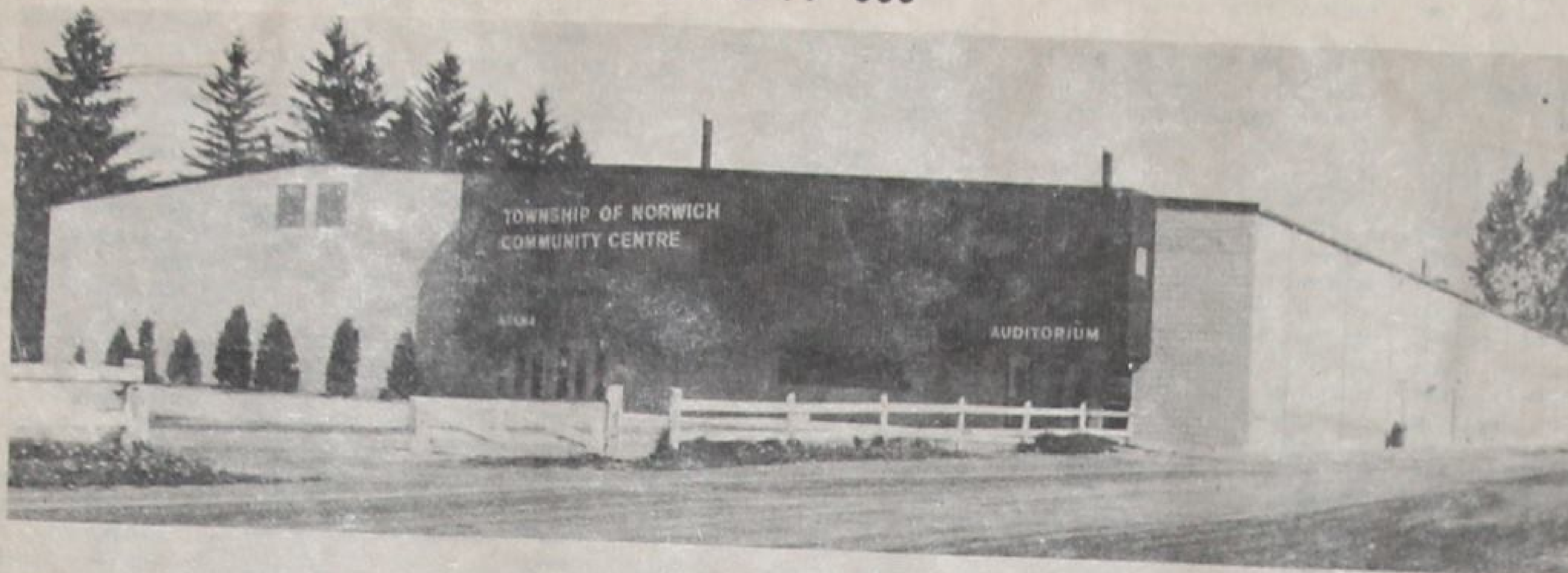
Furniture and Antiques — Selling at 12:30, nine piece walnut dining room suite, lovely old walnut spooled bed, platform rocker, reclining chair, ornate walnut bed, two antique small pot belly stoves, small box stove; trunk, partial commode sets, butter bowl and ladles, crock churn, milk bottles, nursing and other rockers, occasional chairs, rollaway cot, single bed, chest of drawers, Findlay 24" gas stove, wringer washer, wicker bassinette, walnut table, 20 cu. ft. deep freeze, chrome table and chairs, chest of drawers, old press iron, ice tongs, child's crib, 10 speed bicycle, cistern pump, quantity of dishes and miscellaneous items.

Restaurant Equipment — Six pot stainless steel wet hot electric food table, stainless steel three compartment sink, Coldstream two glass door large Coke cooler, stainless steel three shelf counter dish holder, two 15 lb. Pitco frylator, Kitchen Aid portable dishwasher, 30" natural gas cast iron grill, large aluminum hood vent fan, ice cream and syrup dispenser, freezer, Campbell's two head soup kitchen, Hamilton Beach three head milk shake mixer, McCain's touch-a-matic dispenser, 4' Hunter ventilating fan, Silex four burner coffee maker, Frigidaire refrigerator, six individual filling cabinets, six 30' x 48' Formica top stacking tables, two 30" x 30" tables, 13 CSC stacking chairs, 16 standard tube Stanflex chairs, restaurant dishes, display racks, etc.

Terms - Cash day of sale.

Harvey Miller
Proprietor
Phone — 879-6981
Les & John Shackelton
Auctioneers
Phone — 773-5141 or 773-9718

A Salute to the New ...



... A Farewell to the Old



BOX 100,
OTTERVILLE, ONT.

from the office of

MAYOR KEN PEERS

The Township of Norwich Arena Complex is now a landmark in the centre of the Township. In June of 1976 the old arena had to be monitored for possible wind damage and in less than a year a new building is in operation.

The official opening on May 27th will be the result of the efforts of many people and two levels of government. I congratulate all those who have worked so hard for the completion of this building.

Our work is not finished yet. I hope that the community at large will use the facilities to the greatest extent, and that the complex will be the hub of the area. People of all ages, clubs and societies can benefit from the new building.

The Council of the Township of Norwich realizes the value of this complex, especially to the young people in the area, and we urge everyone to give their support, both moral and financial, to keep the complex busy all year round.

We have one of the best Townships in the County - let's keep it that way.

Ken Peers, Mayor

**Official opening
Township of Norwich
Community Centre
Friday, May 27, 1977 7:00 P.M.**

New arena manager is a top class ice man

Norwich's new arena and community hall is one of the finest arenas in layout to provide a maximum of facilities for a minimum cost, arena manager Marcel DeWitte said.

Common sense is the key to running the complex, Mr. DeWitte said. It must be done as if the complex were a business.

"This is a place that belongs to the community," he said. "We have to try to operate self-supportingly. It's got to be run as a business, if it's not and we don't make money, the taxpayers will end up paying for it."

Mr. DeWitte is no stranger to running a business. Although new to arena management, for 14 years he was the icemaker at

the Ivanhoe Curling Club in London, a job that entailed more than making sure there was an ice surface for the game. He handled management, public relations and contracts with the leagues as well as supervising the ice staff for the 16-lane club.

Mr. DeWitte has been in a sports-related field for 19 years. Prior to being the icemaker for the Ivanhoe Curling Club, he was the icemaker at the Sarnia Curling Club and the Simcoe Curling Club, where he started in 1958.

Recognized as a Canadian expert in the field of icemaking, Mr. DeWitte still gives advice to his former employers and

people he has trained on icemaking, floor conditions and refrigeration. Last year Mr. DeWitte conducted a series of seminars for icemakers for the Ontario Curling Association.

Making ice for an arena or curling rink is not just a matter of freezing water, he said. There is no guesswork involved; everything is calculated.

Hockey ice is much rougher than curling ice, he said. Hockey surfaces could be compared to the fairway of a golf course where curling surfaces were the greens. Curling ice must be maintained within a degree but there is more leeway with hockey ice.

Mr. DeWitte has always been

involved with curling surfaces until his job in Norwich. His experience with icemaking and refrigeration landed him the job in December. Although he was supposed to start work in Norwich on Dec. 1, he had to wait until Dec. 6 because he was already committed to be the director of the 128-rink Ontario Medical Bonspiel Dec. 3 to 5 in London.

A resident of Burgessville since 1970, Mr. DeWitte applied for the job in Norwich to be closer to his home. He said he was "fed up" with driving to London every day.

Mr. DeWitte received a special award in 1974 from Macdonald's tobacco company

for his work as head icemaker at the Brier, Canadian men's championship curling competition. He was also on the steering committee for the event and started organizing it for London in 1969.

Mr. DeWitte's vacation for 1978 is already set since he told the township when they hired him that he was already committed to being the icemaker at the 1978 Lassie, Canadian women's championship competition, in Sault Ste. Marie. Prior to the 1977 Lassie in Halifax in February, officials of the competition wrote asking Mr. DeWitte for advice on icemaking for that competition.



Marcel DeWitte... .. Arena Manager

JOHN W. (JACK)
RISTE

OTTERVILLE (C) - A well known resident of Otterville, John William (Jack) Riste, passed away in his 78th year; in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg on Thursday, May 26, 1977, where he had been a patient for the past several months.

The late Mr. Riste was born in England and was the son of the late Fred Riste and Emma Freeston. Coming to Canada he lived for a time at Rock's Mills and after coming to Otterville was keenly interested in gardening and working among flowers. A devoted member of St. John's Anglican Church, Jack was interested in the upkeep of the church as long as health permitted.

In church worship he was a Lay Reader, a member of the choir and gave many messages in song. He was also Church Warden for many years, in the choir of New St. Pauls Woodstock and Masonic Choir at Woodstock. He was a member of Norwich Chapter Eastern Star and St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 104 AF and AM.

Besides his wife, the former Myrtle Young, he leaves one brother, Norman Riste of Woodstock, and one sister, Mrs. Edwin (Nora) Marchand, Waterford.

The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville and was conducted by the Rector H. Herring who paid fitting tributes. In his message he mentioned the assistance that he received from Jack Riste in service if it were not possible for him to do.

Miss Janice Acker, organist of St. Charles Church, was the organist for the service.

Memorial donations were to The Gideon Bible, Ontario Heart Foundation, St. John's Anglican Church (In Memoriam) Canadian Diabetic, Canadian Cancer, Tillsonburg District Mentally Retarded, Canadian Friends Service, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Pallbearers were Arthur Picknell, Peter Gilchrist, Carl Howse, Martin Cowan, Jack Freeland and Jim McCready.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Following the service, relatives and friends were served a cup of tea in the Parish Hall which was served by the members of the Guild. The lunch being prepared by the members of the OES.

Obituaries

MARY ELIZABETH SMILEY

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mary Elizabeth (Mame Marion) Smiley passed away at the home of her son Fred at Aurora on Tuesday, May 17 in her 97th year.

Born in London she was the daughter of the late Robert MacDougall and Mary Drainey.

Her husband, the late Homer Smiley, predeceased her in 1968.

Mrs. Smiley moved from Otterville in 1939 to Aurora to make her home with her son Fred.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. John (Maizie) Gray of Virginia; two sons, Fred of Aurora and David of Elora; also survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was held

from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville and was conducted by Rector H. Herring. Mrs. Nate McMullen organist of the church to which Mrs. Smiley was a member was the pianist.

Memorial donations were to the Ontario Heart Foundation, St. John's Church Memorial Fund, and to St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll.

The bearers were Ken Maloney, Wayne Robinson, Art Moore, Roy Rachar, Clifford Rachar, Dennis Grimes.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Following the service the relatives and friends were invited to the Parish Hall, Otterville where the ladies of the church served a cup of tea.

VIOLA McMULLEN

Mrs. Gordon McMullen of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Wednesday, May 11, 1977, in her 56th year.

She was the former Viola Williams.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. Richard (Juanita) DeRoo of Otterville; one grandson, Patrick DeRoo; a sister, Mrs. Maude Ellington of Aylmer; and a brother, Leonard Williams of Otterville.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Friday, May 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. Herring.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 1957

Port Burwell - Chatham street ladies, getting no direct action on complaints about the condition of the road, got a quick repair job after setting up a road block on Thursday.

Otterville - The two old cement water towers which served Otterville for many years, were brought down with resounding crashes this week to make way for a parking lot at the rear of the community hall.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 1957

Otterville - The Otterville Baptist Church is 99 years old, and anniversary services were held Sunday, May 26.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 1957

A topographical survey of the 700-acre Backus Conservation area, now owned by the Big Creek Conservation Authority, was started on Tuesday, May 14.

Two hundred dollars worth of reference books were donated by Phyllis Vair of Hamilton and Wallace Vair of Port Credit

to the local library in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Percival Vair.

The Erbs of Erbtown

BY EDWARD S. MOORE

Just as the south part of Norwich Village used to be called Palmertown (usually pronounced Parmertown) so the neighbourhood to the west of Otterville was known as Erbtown. This name comes from the Erb family who were important early residents of this area.

Although the Erbs gave their name to the locality they were by no means the first settlers here as they did not arrive in South Norwich until about 1850. By 1818 the local Quakers were organizing the Pine Street Meeting in what was later to be known as Erbtown, and by 1831 there was so large a coloured community that a coloured school was opened on the Middle town line.

Since slavery was not abolished in the United States until 1863 it would appear that the coloured children were the offspring of run-away slaves or those spirited out of slavery by the Underground Railway.

The first record that we have of the Erb family goes back to Nicholas Erb who was born in Switzerland in 1679. Although his father wished him to train for the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church he converted to the Mennonite faith and as a result found it necessary to take refuge in Germany to escape persecution.

In 1722 he came to America with his wife and five children and settled on the Hammar Creek in Warwick Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania where he built the first mill in that locality.

Nicholaus Erb, his children and grandchildren lived and died in Lancaster County but a great-grandson John Erb, born 1764, and a great-granddaughter Magdalena, born 1780, who married an Abraham Erb played a notable part in the migration of German Mennonites from Lancaster, Pa., to Waterloo, Ontario.

In 1800 German settlers from Pennsylvania pushed 30 miles beyond all settlement in Ontario to Waterloo township. At this time there was no settlement at either Hamilton or Buffalo. There was, however, the Beverly swamp which had to be crossed before they could reach the district chosen for settlement.

This Beverly swamp is mentioned over and over again as one of the great obstacles to be overcome on the migration. Some groups with good weather and stout four horse teams made the trip in four weeks - others took ten weeks.

Daniel and Jacob Erb as agents for a joint stock land company raised \$20,000 (all in silver dollars) and made the 500 mile trip with the money in a strong box in a buggy in 1804. The Company got 60,000 acres which was surveyed and divided to the shareholders by lot.

In 1805, John Erb made the trip in five weeks and settled where Preston now is; there he built the first sawmill closer than York or Niagara and later built a grist mill.

In 1806, Abraham Erb went on beyond all other settlers and bought 900 acres, all of which is now in the city of Waterloo. He also built a sawmill and grist mill. Historic plaques have been erected to these two men as the founders of Preston and Waterloo, respectively.

John Erb, the founder of Preston, had a son, Samuel, born in 1792, who married Mary Lewis and produced a family of 11. He and five of his sons moved to South Norwich. The exact date is not known but about 1854 the Erbs built a sawmill and a woolen mill.

The sawmill was located on the Spitler Creek between lots 15 and 16 in the 9th concession and the woolen mill was situated on Lot 14 in the 8th concession. This was on the north side of the road between Otterville and Springford on land which is still in the family and presently is owned by Paul S. Howse, a great, great, grandson of Samuel Erb.

The 1862 Directory of Oxford County lists the Erbs as holding land in Lot 15, Concession 9; Lot 14, Concession 8 and Lot 14, Concession 9 in South Norwich Township.

As the pine timber became exhausted all of the brothers moved on except Abraham who operated the woolen mill and the farm until the woolen mill burned. At some time Abraham Erb built the Erbtown Methodist Church, and set aside a plot of land for the church and graveyard from his own land.

In time both the Pine Street Meeting House of the Quakers and the Erbtown Methodist Church fell into disuse and were finally moved away. The Oddy house which is presently being restored sits between these two old burying grounds.

Abraham Erb had only one child, a daughter, Hannah, who married Absolum (Phil) Howse. They were the parents of five sons and one daughter, of whom Eroll and Leith made their homes in Otterville (or Erbtown) and Leith had five sons; Fred, Carl, Charles, Keith, and Paul Howse.

Paul lives on part of the land taken up by his ancestors about 125 years ago. Merlin, Doreen, Keith, Larry, Dale and Chuck Howse are great-grandchildren of Abraham Erb and the tenth generation from Nicholas. Two of the eleventh generation have made their appearance.

Notice Of Meeting

PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE WEST CEMETERY AT ERBTOWN. PLEASE MEET WITH SOUTH NORWICH CEMETERY BOARD AT THE CEMETERY AT 7:30 P.M. ON JUNE 30th, 1977.

MRS. ILEEN ALMOST
CHAIRPERSON.

Farewell held for bank manager

OTTERVILLE (C) — C. W. Christensen, manager of the Royal Bank, Otterville, has been transferred to the Royal Bank at Elms Dale, Nova Scotia, which is 20 miles north of Dartmouth. Mr. Christensen will be in office there June 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen and daughter, Sandra, 12, came to Otterville in 1973 from Aylmer and have made many friends here during that time.

Jerry was interested in many activities, among them as a past treasurer of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, member of the Otterville Businessmen's Association, campaign chairman of the Cancer Society, the Norwich Men's Curling Club, the Teeterville Men's choir, the Norwich Chamber of Commerce, and interested in ball games.

Jerry also found time for his favorite hobby with flowers and the lawn at the bank residence is a place of beauty.

Mrs. Christensen was also a busy lady about her home and always found time for the friendly visit with friends. She also took part in the Cancer campaign and was chairman this past year.

Sandra was a past member of the Brownie Pack and a member of the Junior Humane Society.

Members of the Royal Bank staff and their husbands spent a social time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Christensen on Friday evening. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. Wilma Butler presented Mr. and Mrs. Christensen with instant coffee maker. Jerry thanked the staff for their associations at the bank and expressed the thought there would be many happy memories of Otterville.

A cake bearing the thought of "Best Wishes," accompanied with ice-cream, was served.

On Sunday afternoon Sandra Christensen was guest of honor of a number of girl friends at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry. A decorated cake and ice-cream was served. Sandra thanked Mrs. Treffry and her friends for their kindness and happy times during her four years in Otterville.



Cathy Lynn Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Davis, RR 1, Otterville, received her Nursing Diploma at graduation exercises June 30, 1977 from Fanshawe College, School of Nursing, Woodstock Campus. She has accepted a position at Hendrick's Memorial Hospital, Abilene, Texas.



David Nelson Barnim graduated May 14 in Forest Technology from Sir Sanford Fleming College, Lindsay. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnim and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Walter and Mrs. Blanche Barnim, all of Otterville. David attended Delhi, Norwich and Glendale High Schools. Mr. Barnim is employed in photo interpretation with the Ministry of Natural Resources, Whitney Block, Queens Park, Toronto.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

June 1957

Alfred E. Moore, 87-year-old Otterville resident, built an outdoor fireplace in the community park which will be unveiled during the ceremonies on July 1st.

Leisure Club holds outing

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club had a day's outing on Monday when upwards of 20 members enjoyed their noonday meal at the Ponderosa Steak House in Woodstock.

Following the dinner, the members enjoyed the remainder of the afternoon in games of euchre.

Drivers for the day were Harry Lee, Max Avey, Fred Cole, James Squance and Frank Hicks.

The club is honoring Senior Citizens week and Sunday, June 19, a goodly number attended the Anglican Church service in a body. Monday, the 20th, they were entertained at the Holy Trinity Anglican Church as guests of the Golden Age group.

The V.O.N. will be at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring on Monday afternoon, June 27. On Wednesday, June 29, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole will be host and hostess at their cottage at Turkey Point. A bus trip is being planned for the early part of July and this will conclude the club activities until September. The ladies are asked to bring a salad and dessert.

Lodges hold annual church parade

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Tecumseh Lodge No. 182 and the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 Otterville held their annual church parade and service in the Fellowship Baptist Church, Otterville on Sunday evening June 5th at 7:30.

Pastor Donald Gorrie, minister of the church, conducted the service which was attended by visitors from Port Rowan, Delhi, and Norwich.

Pastor Gorrie graciously welcomed the members of both organizations and was pleased they chose to have service in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Wilma Butler was the pianist for the service.

The minister chose the scripture reading from John 4: 7-21 and based his message on three words a motto of the Lodge Friendship, Love and Truth. Rev. Gorrie stated the facts of Friendship, in the Lodge, to show kindness and stay with the Truth in all things.

During the service special messages were given in song, sung by Brenda Marshall, and Paul Babcock who sang "Mansion Over the Hilltop" and another selection was "Open My Eyes, That I May See" with Brenda Marshall, Lauree Stockmans, Glen Marshall and Paul Babcock taking part. Cheryl Hansford was the accompanist.

Following the service the congregation was invited to the I.O.O.F. Hall for a social time. Prior to dispersing Douglas Wilson, Vice Grand of the

Lodge, thanked the Minister, the young folk who sang, the pianists, and the congregation who came for the social time.

Mrs. Carl Howse carried the flag for the Rebekas and Robert Turnbull was flag bearer for the Oddfellows.

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Most people try to stay clear of skunks, but Lynne Engell shows no fear as he peers at this one entered in the most unusual category in the pet show held Saturday in Otterville as part of playday. The event was sponsored by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and the Otterville Businessmen's Association.

Otterville playday held

The annual Otterville playday, held on Saturday, was a tremendous success. Sponsored by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and the Otterville Businessmen's Association, the concept originated as part of centennial celebrations in 1967.

The program began at 9:30 a.m. with a parade featuring floats and over 70 costumed children from the Otterville area.

A pet show was the next item on the agenda, with a category for every type of pet imaginable - from the best mutt to the most unusual pet.

After the pet show there were skate board competitions, races in the park and a swim meet. At night, a dance was held at the park pavilion.



Moon Brownies cleverly disguised as the 1st Otterville Brownies are seen on a float in their parade in Otterville.

Picnics set for Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) - St. John's Ladies' Guild met in the Parish Hall on Thursday, June 16, with eight members answering roll call.

President Mrs. Violet Howse opened with prayers.

July and August, both being picnic time, there will be one Thursday, July 14, at 2 p.m., a potluck lunch at the home of Mrs. Jack Riste and August 11 at Mrs. H. Durkee's home.

Mrs. Pickersgill thanked the Guild for the cards sent to her. Fall Deanery meeting will be held on Oct. 16 at Old St. Paul's Church, Woodstock, and a beef supper in St. John's Church, Otterville, Sunday, Oct. 30.

Meeting closed with prayer by the president. Ice-cream and birthday cake were served, compliments of Mrs. Pickersgill and Mrs. Howse.

Council raises own salaries

Norwich Township councillors have voted themselves an eight per cent salary increase retroactive to Jan. 1 and subject to Anti-Inflation Board approval.

It will be the first increase in councillors' salaries since the restructuring of Oxford County in 1975.

Similar increases were also approved for township employees.

Since 1975 salaries have been \$70. for the mayor, \$65 for the county councillor and \$60. for councillors, per meeting.

The raise is broken down into a six per cent increase with an additional two per cent increase that must be submitted to the Anti-Inflation Board for approval.

A recorded vote on the raise showed Councillor Cecil Mingle and County Councillor Jack Burn against the raise. In favor were Mayor Ken Peers and councillors Ross Warboys, Jack Walther, Norman Lusk, Carl Beal, Carman Sweazey, Roger Orth and Jim McDowell.

The pleasure of your company is requested
at the **Wedding Reception**
of
Mary Ann and Murray Avey
on **Saturday, June the twenty-fifth**
nineteen hundred and seventy-seven
at **eight-thirty o'clock**
Hungarian Hall
Delhi, Ontario

Golden Age Club meets

June 22/77

The June meeting and annual picnic of the Golden Age Club was held on Monday afternoon June 20th in the Anglican Parish Hall with 48 present including 19 members of the Otterville Leisure Club, who were guests. The president Mrs. Fred Schell, welcomed all especially the members of The Otterville Club, who were given a hearty hand clap, and sang "The Queen". Mrs. Schell referred to the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebration and The Bible reading at the service Malachi 4

and Matthew 7, and requested everyone introduce themselves.

Each member of the Leisure Club was presented with a gold rose corsage, by Mrs. Ken Clark. Happy birthday was sung for Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Agnes McElhone of the Leisure Club and Miss Dorothy Stone of the Golden Age Club, with Mrs. H. Harvey at the piano.

Mrs. Harry Lee of Otterville, assisted by Mr. Lee, president of the Leisure Club, conducted a Bean Bag contest and a Pie

Plate elimination contest. Several other contests were enjoyed. Rev. David Houghland conducted a song humming and name the car contest. Mr. Houghland and Mrs. Clark, a pin the tail on the donkey contest and Mrs. Clark a balloon breaking contest. Rev. Arthur Scott a Cotton Ball contest and Mrs. Burton Crowe a clothes pin contest.

Mrs. Schell and Mrs. Ernest Daniels conducted a lucky draw with everyone receiving a gift.

A delicious pot-luck smorgasbord luncheon, with Rev. F.H. Cromey returning grace, brought a most enjoyable afternoon of friendship and fun to a close.

Mrs. Orpha Snyder gave the courtesy remarks. Serving were Mrs. K. Clark, Mrs. Norma Williams, Mrs. Dorothy Romanick, Mrs. Harry Mawhinney and Mrs. Gladys Cole.

June 29, 1977 THE



Officers and executive of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club were installed at a meeting in the Lions Park, Otterville. Left to right, front row, past president, John Sandham; president, Ed McFarlane; Mort Cooper of Tillsonburg and past governor of the district, who installed the officers; Ron Kiddie, first vice; Bob Spek, second vice; Gordon Shearer, third vice. Back row, left to

right, Gloyd Cole, one year director; Dave Ramer, two year director; Les Dickson, secretary; Don Miller, treasurer; Gord Hill, tail twister; Gary Walther, tail twister; Ron Cougler, bulletin editor. Absent were Don Pettigrew, one year director; Rene DeCooman, two year director and Lion tamers, Lou Ferraro and Clair Westmacott.

Lions install new officers and executives

OTTERVILLE (C) - The final and regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the park pavilion Otterville Monday evening June 27th. Lion president John Sandham presided.

Lion Bill Smith expressed thanks of the club to the ladies of the Eastern Star for serving meals throughout the year. Mrs. Richard Saunders replied.

Lion Clare Westmacott discussed tentative plans for a

new park in the north-east section of Norwich. The Lions Club executive is to look into this project at a later date.

A donation was approved to the War Memorial Children's Hospital in London.

Lion Dave Ramer in the absence of the chairman Fred Thompson, reported on the annual Chicken Barbecue, held in the Park, Otterville, June 18th. This was again a suc-

cessful project in all ways.

The Lions Club will again sponsor free buses for public school children to the pool, Otterville, on the same schedule and routes as last year. The services to begin Tuesday, July 5th.

The club will sponsor it's first Octoberfest in the Norwich Arena on Saturday October 22nd. Music has already been arranged.

Membership Awards were presented to Lions Tony Drescher and George Thompson for each sponsoring at least two new members each during the past year.

Lion Russell Stangel was presented with an award from District A for producing a prize-winning bulletin during the past year.

Lion President John Sandham expressed his thanks to the Club for the successful year. Lion John presented gifts of appreciation to past Lion secretary Murray Wardell and past Lion treasurer Dave

Ramer.

Lion presidents final act was to present the gavel to the incoming Lion president, Ed McFarlane.

Past District Governor Mort Cooper of the Tillsonburg Lions Club was in charge of installing the new officers for the coming year.

Past president - John Sandham, president - Ed McFarlane, first vice-president - Ron Kiddie, second vice-president - Bob Spek, third vice-president - Gord Shearer, secretary - Les Dickson, treasurer - Don Miller, Bulletin Editor - Ron Cougler, Lion Tamers, Lou Ferraro and Clair Westmacott, Tail Twisters, Gary Walther and Gordon Hill, first year directors - Gloyd Cole, Don Pettigrew, second year directors - Rene DeCooman and Dave Ramer.

The next regular meeting will be held at the home of Albert Cornwell as a Steak Barbecue on Monday evening, August 29th.

June 17

NOTICE

WE REGRET THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO RAISE THE WATER RATES BY \$ 10.00 PER YEAR IN ORDER TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED TO THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM.

40.00
5.00 yr

ALSO, ONCE AGAIN WE MUST ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM USING WATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF WATERING LAWNS AND GARDENS UNTIL THE HOURS OF 7:00 p.m. TO 9:00 p.m. THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION AS WELL AS OTHERS AGAINST A WATER SHORTAGE THAT COULD POSSIBLY CAUSE A SERIOUS FIRE HAZARD.

OTTERVILLE WATER WORKS SYSTEM

It's YOUR BIRTHDAY!

JUST THINK...NOT MANY YEARS AGO, YOU STARTED OUT LIKE A LITTLE ACORN, AND NOW YOU'VE GROWN





Happy Birthday, Mar! *(faint)*

Marianne
(Mary's sister)

Happy
me!

Mary Ellen

...iNTO a BIG NUT!

Shelley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chris
Kramer

Charlotte
Robert

David
Charlotte

Ronnie Gould
Lisa
Goff

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THE COUNTY OF OXFORD LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

July/77

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Application No. B-187/77

The County of Oxford Land Division Committee has received an application for consent from:

Mr. Wm. A. Tichbourne
10 Indian Road
LONDON, Ontario

Agent: Mr. Herman H. DeGeyter
Real Estate
450 James St.
DELHI, Ontario

and will consider the application at a public hearing to be held:

Date: July 26, 1977

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, Court House, Woodstock, Ontario.

You are invited to present comments regarding the application either in person at the Public Hearing, or in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer prior to the Public Hearing.

The purpose of the application is for consent to convey

a 9,673.2 sq.ft. parcel for an existing residence and retain a 30,219.2 sq.ft. parcel for an existing residence.

The subject property is located on the south side of Main Street lying between John Street and Buchan Street. Located in the Village of Otterville, Plan 168, Part of lot 1 & 2.

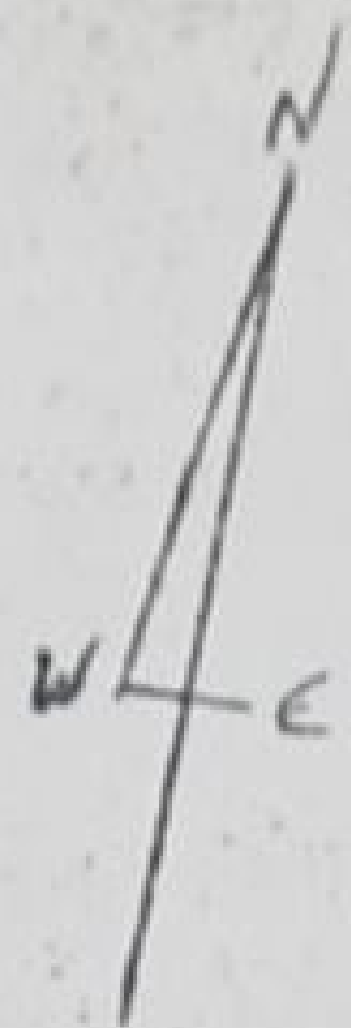
If you would like a copy of the decision of the Land Division Committee, please request a Notice of Decision from the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Committee encourages your participation and welcomes any comments or suggestions you may have. Please be advised that the applicant or agent should be in attendance for the application to be heard. However, if you do not attend or are not represented at this hearing, the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further participation in the proceedings.

Yours truly,



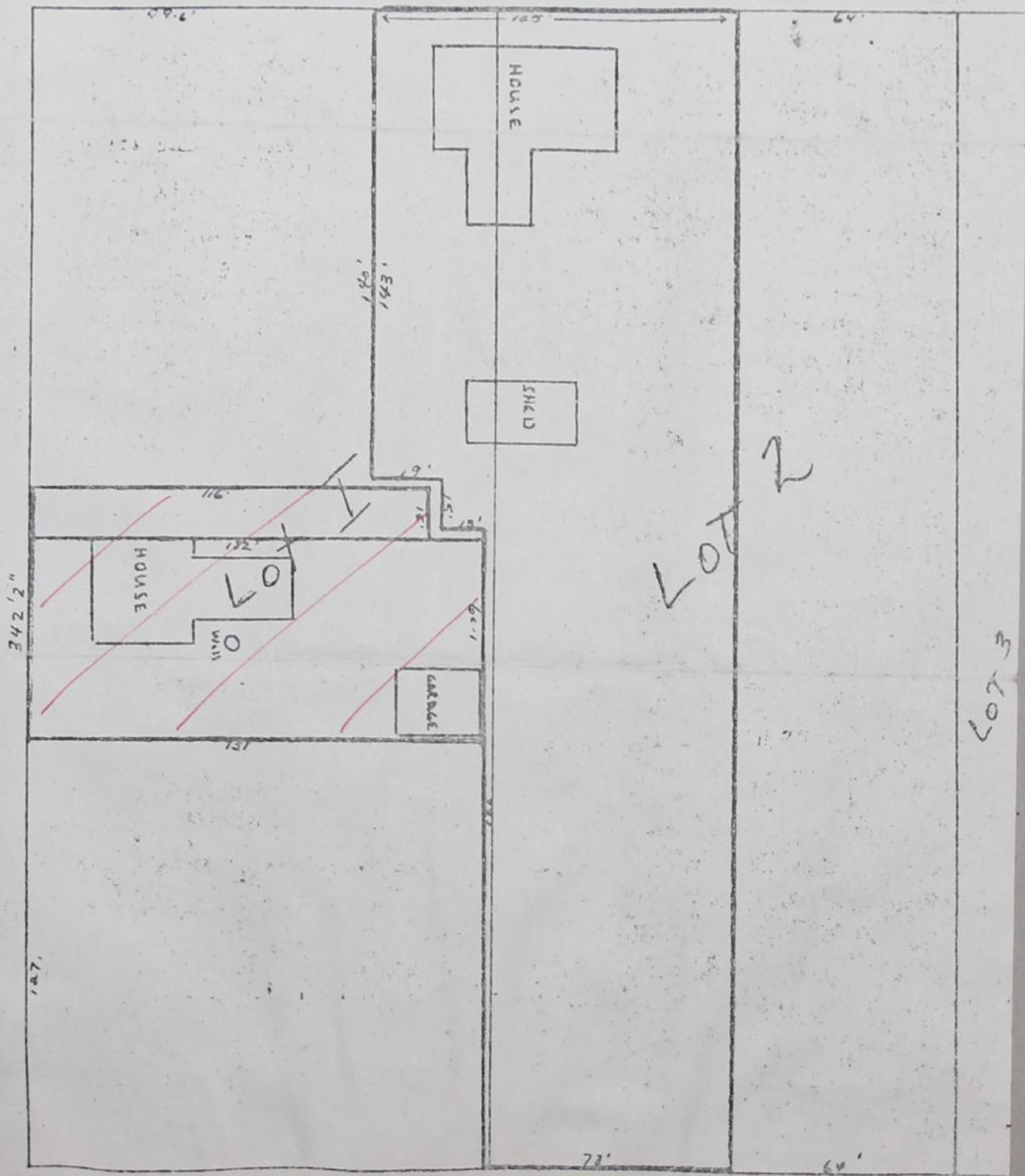
J.P. Atcheson,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Land Division Committee,
P.O. Box 397, Court House,
WOODSTOCK, Ontario N4S 7Y3



Scale 40' = 1"
Lot size 135'4" x 342'
Lots 1 & 2 Plan 168
South Norwich

MAIN STREET

JOHN STREET



Lot 2

Lot 3



Two students remove topsoil to get to the underlying sand bed that contains the remains of the Indian village south of Norwich.
at Ross & Hambers.

Dig near Norwich

Friday, July 8, 1977

Students uncovering 700-year-old village

South of Norwich village eight archeology and zoology students led by Milt Wright, a graduate of McMaster University, are digging in the site of an old Indian village.

The site was first discovered and checked out around 1920 and nothing much has been done on the site since. Mr. Wright who is working on a thesis for his Ph.D. has been hoping to get on the site for a couple of years.

So far, the digging team has uncovered the sites of a long-

house, palisades lines built around the village for protection against marauding bands of Indians. Some artifacts have been uncovered.

The six acre site is one of the larger villages found in this area. It is estimated to be about 700 years old and much the same as the Indian village that has been rebuilt at Midland, Ont.

Located in a field of rye, the village backs on to a deep gully that was the water supply for

the inhabitants, and the gully afforded some protection.

The diggers remove the top layer of soil and then carefully cut into the underlying sand with trowels. The structure, built of food, have long since rotted away leaving dark stains in the sand. These are marked until a whole structure has been plotted.

The students at the dig are from universities in Ontario and will be at the site for the summer. The project is funded by the Ontario government.



One digger unearths an artifact, one measures, and one records the exact location at the remains of an Indian village found south of Norwich.

Make drapes for centre

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Leisure Club, numbering more than 30, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole at their lovely cottage at Turkey Point on Wednesday afternoon.

Though heavy clouds overpowered the sunshine, the members enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Mrs. Harry Lee convened several relays and members enjoyed visiting as well.

Mr. Cole was assisted by Mr. Colin Robinson in preparing the barbecued hamburgs which were accompanied by a pot-luck variety of many goodies prepared by the ladies.

Following the supper, president Harry Lee voiced the appreciation of members to Mr. and Mrs. Cole for their invitation and the pleasant time spent. There was a brief business period when Mrs. Mel Beecroft reported on the shopping she had done in regard to drapes for the Oddy House, and said she is in need of assistance with the sewing and urged members to help make the drapes.

Mr. Lee impressed on the club that there was various kinds of work to be done both inside and outside.

Drivers for the day's outing were Harry Lee, Max Avey, Nate McMullen, Colin Robinson, Ivan Leitch, Mrs. Annie Pritchard, and Fred Moore.

Beaconsfield take bus trip *July 1977*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Temperatures in the 90's did not stop members of the Leisure Club, Otterville, and the Golden Age group of Norwich and friends enjoying their annual bus trip on Tuesday.

At 9:30 a.m. the group left the Otterville community hall bound for Aylmer to visit Pinecraft Pottery. The skilled owners fashioned out several pieces of Ceramics and the visitors had the opportunity to shop.

Next stop was Pinafore Park, St. Thomas and each with their box lunch enjoyed a picnic and a tour of the grounds.

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wedding anniversary, received congratulations. Mrs. Cole was also celebrating her birthday that day and Happy Birthday was sung for her.

Each expressed their thanks. The members expressed appreciation to Colin and Alice Robinson for convening the trip, assuring them that despite the heat the day was most enjoyable.

Club holds rummage sale

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Church Club sponsored a rummage sale in the Parish Hall, Otterville, on

Thursday afternoon.

Contents of the sale included ladies evening gowns, dresses for casual wear, slacks, tops, shoes and many items on the knick-knack table.

The sale resulted in a substantial amount being added to their treasury.

700-year-old Indian village 'unearthed'

By MARY NESBITT
of The Free Press

WOODSTOCK — Spending day after sultry summer day in a field of rye, patiently scraping away the sandy soil with a trowel, isn't the average person's idea of fun.

But that's what 10 men and women have been doing for seven weeks in a farmer's field a few miles south of Norwich.

The group, led by Milt Wright, a graduate student in archaeology at McMaster University, is excavating the three-acre site of a 700-year-old Iroquois village.

Wright estimates the village housed 700 to 800 natives in an oval area enclosed by palisades.

The site was chosen by the Indians for its natural defences, he says. A 25-foot ravine with a creek at the bottom — likely a full-fledged river then — would hamper marauding bands approaching from the north.

A single palisade of 25-foot poles sheathed with bark afforded additional protection on the river side, Wright says. Villagers could man shooting platforms "and throw anything they could lay their hands to" at the attackers.

The rest of the site was fortified by five or six lines of palisades, he says, some of which were likely joined at their ends to form inescapable cul-de-sacs.

The 20 longhouses inside the fortifications were built close together for defence purposes as well. They were constructed by sinking saplings — perhaps cedars — bent and lashed together at the top. The framework was then covered with bark, Wright says.

Iroquois housing arrangements were lineage-related and the size of the family group determined the size of the longhouse, he says. The largest of the dwellings excavated is 24 feet high and 150 feet long.

Also contained in the settlement were outside fireplaces for summer use, garbage pits

and drying racks for meat and hides, Wright says.

The villagers' basic diet of corn was augmented by meat, most often venison. Squash and probably beans were also grown, Wright says.

Bones of bear, beaver and fish have been found on the site. "But they likely would have travelled to Lake Erie for their fish, filleted it there and brought back the flesh," Wright says.

He estimates the site was in use as late as 1250 to 1300 A.D. but says the period has yet to be verified. Comparing the styles and decorations of pottery unearthed at this site with those at others will also help to pinpoint the village's age, he says.

Only 10 to 20 per cent of the site will have been excavated when the project, funded by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, winds up at the end of July, he says.

To lay bare the remains of the entire village would be a slow and meticulous process, because the location of each find has to be mapped out and every item catalogued. The time, money and manpower aren't available, he says.

The student archaeologists from Trent, McMaster and Carleton universities have unearthed 10,000-plus artifacts and pieces of rubbish.

The group is dealing mostly with "other people's garbage" as useful or valuable articles wouldn't be left on the site when the natives left or were conquered, so the finds haven't been too startling, Wright says.

They include ceramic pots, (some measuring two feet high), stone and bone tools, stone pendants and ornaments. No human remains were found within the site. According to Wright, it's a matter of speculation whether Iroquois in this area buried their dead in

grounds outside the village walls or near a lake.

What Wright finds exciting about the current dig is the extent and layout of the settlement, the number of dwellings and the location of garbage pits and hearths.

It's by comparing this kind of data with information from other sites that experts can determine cultural similarities and differences, relationships between Indian groups, trading patterns and mobility.

The work is related to Wright's PhD thesis, which in part will investigate the theory that Indian groups in this area (the so-called Glen Meyer Indians who flourished between 600 and 1250 A.D.) were conquered by the Pickering Indians, who originated near Toronto.

Wright says he's taking the next three years to sit down with other people's data and the information he gathered from this and other sites and try to prove or disprove the theory.

In the 700 years since the village was deserted, only two or three inches of topsoil have accumulated because the sandy soil in that area shifts and blows away.

Wright says the first foot of the settlement's remains were likely taken off by several generations of farmers. "But that can't be helped," he says. "If the land wasn't plowed, we likely wouldn't know the site was here."

The site's garbage dumps were excavated in 1920 by an archaeologist from the National Galley in Ottawa, but Wright's project is the first systematic attempt to determine the settlement's size and composition.

Wright says the fate of these Iroquois villagers is unknown. Perhaps the firewood supply in the immediate vicinity ran out, forcing them to move. The soil may have become depleted of nutrients from long use.

"Or maybe they were done in by a raiding party," he says.

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Archaeologist at Historical Society

Milt Wright presently working on an archaeology excavation on the Ash Farm south of Norwich was the guest speaker at the July meeting of the Norwich and District Historical Society on Monday evening in the Community Centre.

He was introduced by John Heleniak, who stated Mr. Wright is a well qualified archaeologist having attended the University of Alberta and McMaster University, where he obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Masters Degree and is presently enrolled at Simon Fraser University working toward his P.H.D. He has specialized in studying Ontario Iroquois people.

Mr. Wright chose for his slide presentation "What an Archaeologist finds on Prehistoric Sites."

In our society today conservation of non-renewable sources is an issue of great public concern. Heritage resources including archaeological sites such as the one on the Ash Farm are among the most fragile of these irreplaceable elements in our environment. It has been said "a nation with no past, is a nation with no future" and archaeology is one way of gaining knowledge from our heritage.

Milt has participated in excavations in Alberta, Northern and Southern Ontario, also the MacKenzie and Keewatin Districts of the North West Territories.

These represent time periods ranging from early plain hunters dating from 5000 B.C. to historic Hudson Bay trading in Northern Ontario.

He is specializing in studying the Ontario Iroquois from 500 A.D. to approximately 1300 A.D. and his research has involved

the Reed excavation near Port Rowan last year, and the one he is presently working on in South Norwich and has also conducted surveys along the Thames River drainage locating several sites. This time period is termed "the Glen Meyer Period of Ontario Pre History".

The Ash site which has been known since 1930 is around 700 years old and the one at Port Rowan was 200 years later.

Ploughing 10 inches below the sub soil is where the pits are found stains represent buildings solid walls and once you expand to see what event on, you find fire places, stockade lines, palisades, long house structures, houses, hearths for refuge places where food is stored in.

In the process of digging you destroy and one must be well qualified to record it and map the overall shape of the site.

At the Milldale site it is estimated there were around 700 people with perhaps 150 to a house as they lived in large settlements. They practiced agriculture, growing tobacco, corn, squash, and hunted deer different from those in Northern Ontario where drawings are on some stone, perhaps 2000 years old.

The people occupied a site for around 25 years and then moved on. A site found similar to Norwich has been reconstructed near Port Elgin.

Many hours are spent by the Archaeologists washing stones and artifacts and restructuring the fragments to catalogue. All artifacts are sent to McMaster and a copy of all activities sent to the owner of the land.

Mr. Wright was thanked by Murray Rettie and presented with a gift.

President Don MacPherson presided for the business. He spoke of the passing of Wilfred Bishop, one of the most active members of the Society, head of the archives, and a director.

James Butler was appointed to fill his uncompleted term as director and Helen Stover to

head of the archives committee with Marie Avey and Les Dickson added to committee.

The subject of incorporation of the Society was discussed. It would mean many advantages, given status and allow the Society to borrow money, hold land and safeguard the directors.

The Directors have agreed to contribute \$16,000 to the Community Complex Centre. Ten thousand at once, \$3000 in July '78 and further donations in July '79.

Bill Butler, Jim Butler, Russell Orch and Delmer Clinton, with more to add, were appointed a committee to arrange a tour to the Ford Museum and Greenfield Village some time in September or October. Tickets will be available from any of the committee.

Don announced the Caledonia Show this week-end when the Norwich Society will have a Carpenter shop and will also have a float at the Oxford County Day at the C.N.E., August 29th.

At the August meeting Bill, Luella Butler will show slides of their recent trip to England.

Induct Otterville minister

OTTERVILLE (C) — Rev. James Penhale of Princeton United Church was the guest speaker at the Induction Service for an ordained Minister, Rev. Earl Moore, into the Otterville pastoral charge.

Rev. Johnson chairman of Oxford Presbytery, conducted the service which was taken from the printed sheet with the congregation taking part throughout the service. Several portions of Scripture were read and the Gospel lesson was from John 2: 15-17.

Rev. Penhale pointed out the relationship from Minister to the Pastoral charge there being similar relationship to Man and Wife in marriage relative to communication, commitment and attitude.

Members of the Oxford Presbytery were also present and took part in the Induction ceremony.

The choir sang for their selection "Come, Christians Join to Sing." Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist. The service was closed by Rev. Moore.

The large congregation of the charge and visitors were invited to the schoolroom where a tasty lunch awaited them, prepared by members of the U.C.W.

Following the repast, Clarence Stover, chairman of the Pastoral relations committee, was master of ceremonies for the closing program when the ministers of the village were asked to speak. These were Pastor Donald Gorrie of Fellowship Baptist

and Rector H. Herring of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Mrs. Rod Taylor president of the United Church Women, Mr. Douglas Babbey of Springford and Mrs. Letha Stover of New Road all graciously welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Stover in his brief speech reminded members that while it took much time and thought prior to the arrival of Mr. Moore, members must keep working together and get things done.

He thanked all those who came, those who assisted

throughout the evening, and closed expressing the pleasure of welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Moore.

Rev. Moore thanked all who came and assisted throughout the service and dismissed the gathering.



After a year of operating with supply ministers, the United Church in Otterville again has a resident minister. Rev. Earl D. Moore was inducted as pastor of the church at a service Monday night. Mr. Moore was ordained in 1971 and entered the ministry through the lay supply. He is a native of Oxford County and farmed for 20 years north of Ingersoll. For the last four years he has been at the South Mountain-Hallville Church in the Seaway Valley Presbytery in the St. Lawrence Valley. Prior to that he spent two years in Louisville, Cape Breton Island. The last full-time minister at the church was Rev. Einar Egilsson, whose name still appears on the church sign in this picture. From left are: Burton Crowe, acting secretary of the Oxford Presbytery; Rev. Max Johnson, inducting officer; Mr. Moore; and Jim Penhale, who preached the induction sermon.

OTTERVILLE UNITED
OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. Earl Moore, who has been invited as minister to the Otterville Pastoral charge, conducted his first service in the United Church on Sunday morning at 11:15. *July 3/77*
A large attendance of members and several visitors graciously welcomed Rev. and Mrs. Moore.

The service opened with the call to worship, hymn and prayer. Psalm 692 from the Hymnary was read responsively and was followed with the Scripture reading from Ephesians 1: 3-10.

The choir sang for their selection "Jesus Loves".

Included in the announcements was the Induction service to be held in the church on Monday evening. Meeting of the Official Board on Sunday evening July 10th at 8 p.m., meeting for the purpose of organizing the time for vacation and other business matters of the church.

The offering was presented by Lorne Treffry and Colin Cope.

Rev. Moore, on behalf of Mrs. Moore, thanked the congregation for their generous response in moving them from South Mountain to Otterville and assisting them in getting settled, and also announced at some future date they were planning to have "Open House."

Rev. Moore chose for his inspiring and timely address "Days of Destiny" and pointed out that every generation has problems of the British Empire, Provincial Problems, and World Problems.

Service closed with a hymn and Rev. and Mrs. Moore met the congregation at the door, each introducing themselves and giving the minister and his wife a generous welcome to the village.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor have returned to their home after spending a three week vacation on the East Coast.

Mrs. Wilfrid Addison returned to her home on Friday after a stay in Tillsonburg Hospital where she underwent surgery.

Mrs. J.P. Heatley and granddaughter, Julie O'Neil of Chatham, were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Johnson and family of Cannington and Miss Velma Johnson of Toronto were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor.

Mrs. Leonard Lee of Oakville, Mrs. H.A. Waring and Miss Gladys Nobbs of Otterville were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Melville Becroft on Sunday.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Crockett of Dorchester visited their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller and son Joseph and daughter Barbara of Glen Meyer and Mrs. Katie Mics of Otterville were Saturday guests with Mrs. H. A. Waring.

Mrs. Bert Beaudry of Windsor visited Miss Edna Furlong and other friends in the village last week.

Mrs. W. L. Addison has returned to her home after a ten day stay in the District Memorial Hospital Tillsonburg where she underwent surgery. *1977-9 July or Aug*

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Edward Arthur and Mrs. Percy Murray have returned to their homes after a three-weeks holiday in England and Wales.

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Parkhill of Burgessville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morley of Burgessville on Wednesday and accompanied them to Stratford where they enjoyed a picnic dinner along the river and toured Shakespeareland. The day also marked the 48th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chambers and Mrs. Daisy Ash visited the latter's brother Elmer Gray who is a patient in the General Hospital in St. Thomas. Mr. Gray was spraying fruit trees on his farm when the ladder gave way, Mr. Gray falling on his back where he received serious injury.

Mrs. Clarence Chrysler of Woodstock spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. Mary Murray and attended the McKnight reunion which was held at Otterville Community Park on Saturday.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST
OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. Leslie Shiel of Tillsonburg was guest speaker in the Fellowship Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Mr. William Handsford opened the service with hymn "Standing on the Promises" with Dwight Davis as pianist. Responsive reading was from Hebrews 13: 1-25 and prayer by Rev. Leslie Shiel. Scripture lesson was chosen from 1 Thessalonians 5: 12-28.

Speaking on prayer, Mr. Shiel reminded us how very important prayer is. We need to realize the privilege we have in prayer, thanking God for his laborers, the pastor, and missionaries praying for one another. When fervent prayer is offered we see wonderful results.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was held at the close of the service.

Jack D. Childs, Otterville, pleaded guilty on a charge of impaired driving. Breathalyzer readings were .17 and .16. In light of a previous conviction of a similar nature, he was sentenced to 14 days in jail and had his licence suspended. *July 1977*

"Open House" at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - "Open House" was held at the Manse of the Otterville United Church on Sunday July 24th, 1977, when the members and adherents of the Pastoral charge were invited by Rev. and Mrs. Moore to visit and tour the parsonage and enjoy a social time.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore received the 100 guests who called afternoon and evening, and were invited to sign the "Guest Book."

Special guests invited were Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie and Rector and Mrs. H. Herring, the latter was unable to attend.

All were much impressed with the newly-decorated rooms. Members of the United Church Women of the charge were attentive in assisting throughout the afternoon and evening.

Pouring tea throughout the afternoon were Mrs. Clarence Swance of New Road, and Mrs. Eva Jones of Springford. Cookies were served by Mrs. Rod Taylor, Otterville.

Mrs. Donald Rice, Springford, Mrs. Jean Ronson, New Road and Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Otterville were in charge of the kitchen duties.

Pouring tea in the evening were Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Otterville and Mrs. Kathleen Stroud of Springford, Mrs. Colin Cope, Otterville served the cookies.

Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Harold Arthur, Otterville and Mrs. Clarence Swance, New Road.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore invites those who were unable to be present on Sunday to feel free to come and visit them at any time.

FLOSSIE E. EVERETT

Mrs. Flossie Evelyn Everett, aged 67 years, 29 Carmen St., Norwich, passed away Wednesday, July 13, 1977 at Woodstock General Hospital.

Born in Tillsonburg, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred McMullen and spent most of her life in the Norwich area. She was affiliated with Norwich United Church.

Surviving is a dear friend, Norman Byers, two daughters, Mrs. Mervin (Bertha) Burdge, Vancouver, Mrs. Howard (Helen) Collett, Woodstock; one son, Harold of Sudbury, and ten grandchildren also survive.

The funeral was held on Saturday, July 16th at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence,

KENNETH A. ATTLEBERY

Kenneth A. Attlebery of RR 1, Norwich, passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, July 7, 1977, in his 70th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Agnes Wager; four daughters, Mrs. Gordon (Elaine) Nichols of Byron, Mrs. Adam (Audrey) Wist, Mrs. William (Myrna) Aicken and Mrs. Leo (Madeline) Clifford, all of RR 1, Norwich; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Muriel Huffman of Teeterville, Mrs. Kathleen Drinkrow of Flint, Mich., and Mrs. Winnie Leach of Otterville; two brothers, Harold Attlebery of Simcoe and Morley Attlebery of Norwich; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a brother, Wilfred Attlebery, in 1968, and by a granddaughter, Joyce Aicken in 1963.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Saturday, July 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Fred Eatock.

Interment in Vanessa Cemetery.

Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

ALEXANDER THURLBY

OTTERVILLE (C)

Alexander Thurlby a former resident of Otterville passed away at the home of his son Mr. and Mrs. Basil Thurlby, Ingersoll, on Thursday, July 21st, in his 85th year. He was predeceased by his wife the former Pearl Mitts. 1977.

A resident of Otterville he was employed as foreman of the Tip Top Cannery.

Surviving are two sons, Basil Thurlby, Ingersoll, and Veno Thurlby, Pennsylvania; two daughters, Velma Kocher of London and Aileen Kochins of St. Thomas; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Monday, July 25th at 2 p.m. and was conducted by Pastor Donald Gorrie of the Otterville Baptist Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist. Memorial donations were to the Heart Foundation, Gideon Bible, and Canadian Cancer.

Bearers were Randy Warren, Marty Leslie, Frank Finch, Fred Thurlby, William McMullen and Edward White.

Interment was in Springford Cemetery.

Following the service relatives and friends met in the schoolroom of the Baptist Church where the ladies served a cup of tea.



Three retiring teachers at Otterville Public School were honored by fellow staff members last week at a noon luncheon, held in the school office. A specially decorated cake marked the event and each of the ladies was presented with a gift. From left: Mrs. Muriel Bowman, grade 6 teacher, who has taught for 27 years and has been at the Otterville school for seven years. Mrs. Linda Fitzsimmons, grade 3 teacher, has been at Otterville for 10 years and has a total of 12 years experience. She plans to be a homemaker. Mrs. Johan Hopkins, with 35 years of experience, has been on the Otterville staff for four years where she specialized in learning disabilities.

Otterville couple celebrate 40th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Walters, Otterville, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 31st, though the actual date of marriage was August 14th, 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters, the former Emily Rosehard, were married in the St. John's Church, Tillsonburg and since that time have lived in Otterville.

Mr. Walters is an employee of Norwich Township where he has been employed for the past 27 years.

On Sunday the happy couple received relatives and friends at the home of their daughter Margaret, and son-in-law Donald Barnim where more than 100 guests called to extend "Best Wishes."

Mr. and Mrs. Walters have seven children and eighteen grandchildren. Margaret - Mrs. Donald Barnim; William, Hagersville; Percy, Otterville; David, Otterville; Murray, Norwich; Barbara - Mrs. Richard Demarest, Delhi; and Gwen at home.

Mrs. Walters received wearing a peach floral floor length dress with an orchid corsage.

A buffet lunch was served by the family to guests from Owen Sound, Durham, Guelph, Woodstock, Tillsonburg and area.

Lovely arrangements of flowers were used in decorating the spacious rooms.



Mr. and Mrs. Ken Griffin, of 104 Lisgar Ave. celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Monday, July 11. On Sunday the couple were at home to friends and relatives from Detroit, Toronto, St. Thomas and Woodstock. Assisting were their three daughters, Ileen, at home; Nellie (Mrs. H. Chambers), of Woodstock, and Jean (Mrs. E. Smith), of Beachville. Special guests were Dr. Bruce Halliday, M.P., Oxford and Mrs. Halliday, who brought official greetings. Letters of congratulations were also received from Dr. Harry Parrott, MPP Oxford, and from Joe Clark, Leader of the Opposition. On Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin received a congratulatory cablegram from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

Wilfred Bishop passes

Word was received this morning of the sudden death in England of Wilfred Bishop of RR 3, Norwich.

Mr. Bishop, farm writer, was heading a tour group to that country.

He had given long and valued service to farm organizations and to the United Church and local organizations.

He was recently honored at the Ontario Pork Congress in Stratford where he was presented with a plaque as outstanding pork producer of the year for Oxford. With a handful of other dedicated men, he was instrumental in formation of the Ontario Pork Producers Marketing Board and served on the board for 36 years. He was the board's first secretary and was vice-president in 1961-62. This year saw publication of his book, *Men and Pork Chops*, telling the story of the founding and development of the OPPMB.

Mr. Bishop also gave long service to the Ontario

Federation of Agriculture, both at the provincial and county level. He was secretary of the Oxford Federation for 20 years. He had also been active in the Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers Association, and in the Otter Valley Milk Producers

Co-Op and later the New Dundee Co-Operative Creamery.

No details on funeral arrangements were available at press time.



WILFRED BISHOP

Last song



Marg Osburne, famous for 26 years as a singer with Don Messer on radio and TV, died Saturday of a heart attack after a show at Rocklyn, near Owen Sound 4

THOMAS ROY DENT

WOODSTOCK - Thomas Roy Dent, an 11-year Progressive Conservative member of the Ontario legislature for Oxford riding and a prominent Ontario dairy cattle breeder, died Monday, July 18, 1977, at Woodstock General Hospital. He was 86.

Dent, who lived at 278 Briarhill Road, Woodstock, was MPP for Oxford from 1943 to 1954, the first Conservative to be elected in the riding. He was deputy speaker of the house in 1954.

He was a past-president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada and raised Springbank Snow Countess, a Holstein cow which won the title of world champion butterfat producer. A statue in her honor was erected at Woodstock.

Dent was a member of the Old St. Paul's Anglican Church in Woodstock, the Masonic Lodge, the Woodstock Lions Club and the Woodstock Agricultural Society.

He was a past-president of the Western Ontario Progressive Conservative Association.

Services were held at the M.D. (Mac) Smith Funeral Home, Wednesday, at 3:30 p.m. with Rev. W.B. Whigamore of Old St. Paul's officiating. Entombment in Woodstock Mausoleum.



For the second year in a row the Norwich Angers of the MFL have won the Umpires Fastball Tournament, co-sponsored by the Tillsonburg and District Umpires Association and the Stratfordville Lions Club. Taking part in presentation ceremonies, following Sunday's final game at Stratfordville, were, from the left, Bob Todd, captain and coach Doc Todd of the Tillsonburg Merchants, Marty Hildebrant and Max Smith, of the Umpires Association, co-conveners of the event; coach Tom Furlong, captain Joe Kungl and Bob Furlong, of the Angers. Norwich won the final game 5-0 over the Merchants.

Singer Marg Osburne dies of heart attack

July 16 1977

ROCKLYN (CP) — Singer Marg Osburne collapsed after a show Saturday night and died on the way to hospital.

A post mortem performed Sunday at Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital showed that Miss Osburne suffered a heart attack.

Rocklyn is about 30 miles southeast of Owen Sound.

Miss Osburne, 49, started singing professionally as a teen-ager in her native Moncton, N.B., and joined Don Messer's group, The Islanders, in 1947. She remained with the group until Messer's death in 1973 by which time she had become a fixture on the Don Messer Jubilee, a popular television program.

She said in an interview last year that she auditioned for her first radio broadcast on a dare.

A New Brunswick radio station was auditioning performers and a cousin bet Marg she would not try out. But she called the cousin's bluff.

"I needed the money to go to the movies," she said.

It was on that radio show that Don Messer

first heard her and when his male vocalist had a car accident, he decided to take his chances with a female singer.

Tapings for 1973, her 26th year with the show, were under way when Messer died.

Since then, Miss Osburne has toured the West, doing guest shots, television appearances and clubs. She credited the West with removing her from the Don Messer package and making her an individual in the entertainment field.

She had no formal music training but had a good ear for music, tuning and sound. She is recognized as the first female Canadian to dub in her own voice, using two tape recorders, then putting melody and harmony together.

Her home was in Sussex, N.B. She is survived by her husband, Austin Squarebriggs, who was her manager, her son, David, 22, and a daughter, Melody, 16.

The body will be flown to Sussex today. Miss Osburne will be buried in Pioneer cemetery following a funeral service Wednesday afternoon at St. Paul's Church in Sussex.

Dog problems plague Norwich council

Sooner or later, Norwich Township council will have to do something about the problem of dogs barking and running loose in its built-up areas, township deputy-clerk Wayne Johnson said.

Council was visited by a

"surprise delegation" August 8 complaining of neighboring dogs misbehaving on their lawns and barking all night long, Mr. Johnson said. This is the second delegation in as many months to complain about the behavior of dogs within

built-up areas of the township.

Several councillors have noted that they receive many calls about the same problem and people expect them to bring it up at council.

The five-person delegation complained of two dogs which

run at large much of the time and bark all night. The dogs also get into garbage cans and leave nocturnal deposits of doggie-doo at neighboring houses, the delegation said.

Can council charge the owners under an anti-noise bylaw, or enact such a bylaw if none is currently on the books, the delegation wanted to know.

Council is hesitant of enacting an anti-noise bylaw because it would be difficult to enforce, council said. An officer must have sound-measuring equipment and the noise must be consistent for several minutes at a certain level, council has noted on past occasions.

Councillor Bob Pettigrew suggested a police officer lay a charge of disturbing the peace and property damage against the owners.

But Ontario Provincial Police have advised members of the

Otterville delegation that there is nothing they could do, the delegation said.

Councillor Carl Beal reiterated his stand that the problem lies with the owners of the dogs. The township should undertake an education program for owners, he said.

Mayor Ken Peers suggested that the township take the matter up with its lawyers to see if anything could be done. The clerk's office is in the process of polling other municipalities to see whether they control the number of pets in one household in a built-up area. Councillors have noted that the problems seem to occur most often with owners who have more than one dog.

Mr. Johnson said that although there is nothing council can do at the moment, the matter is sure to resurface in the future and council will have to act at some point.

Help Wanted

ORGANIST and choir leader for Otterville United Church. Two manual pipe organs, salary negotiable, duties to commence September 1, 1977, reply Mrs. J. Walther, RR 1, Otterville. 20

Norwich, Ontario, Wednesday, August 24, 1977

Noise bylaw passed

Spurred to action by complaints by township citizens of dogs creating noise problems at night, Norwich Township council passed an anti-noise bylaw Tuesday under which complaints may now take the form of charges laid against an offender.

Although the difficulties of enforcing such a bylaw have been extensively discussed by council, it was felt that something must be done to satisfy the citizens who have brought noise complaints to council without receiving any positive answer.

The bylaw extends a maximum penalty of \$1,000 fine or six months in jail. It was patterned after a similar bylaw in St. Thomas.

Specifically the bylaw was passed to "regulate or prohibit unusual noises or noises likely to disturb the inhabitants of the Township of Norwich."

Provision is made under the bylaw to allow some noises to be sanctioned by council, as in the instance of the annual steam and historical show.

Councillor Carl Beal pointed out that the key word in the bylaw is "unusual."

"It's going to be very tough to enforce," Councillor Roger Orth said.

Councillor Robert Pettigrew said the bylaw should stop people from lodging complaints unless they are annoyed and serious enough to take the matter to court and appear as a witness.

Enforcing the bylaw will require the township to have a man available who is qualified to measure noise levels for a certain period of time in order to compile evidence that would be admissible in court, clerk Bob Watkins said.

Any noise made by any animal or bird which disturbs the peace, quiet, comfort and repose of any individual in any dwelling, house, apartment, hotel or any type of residence, is prohibited under the bylaw.

Among other regulated or prohibited noises are loud bells, horns, radios, drums, discharging a gun, construction noises between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. and steam or air whistles except as approved by Norwich council.

Council discuss use of crest

The Norwich Township crest may yet emblazon something other than the chests of councillors.

Council decided Tuesday to allow engineer Ken Smart to use the township crest on the roads needs study booklet he is preparing.

At its Aug. 8 meeting, council would not consider the request of the Chamber of Commerce to use the crest to promote the township at Woodstock-Oxford Day at the Canadian National Exhibition because such use would "infringe" on the exclusive rights of councillors to

use the crest.

Council also decided Tuesday to ask Reg Hall and William Smith to submit cost quotes for production of the crests in metallic thread suitable for jackets.

Mayor Ken Peers said he looked into the policy of the county and South-West Oxford Township regarding the use of their crests. He said he has received comments "on the street" about council's decision to use the crest, exclusively.

Oxford County issues crests to councillors, the warden, the clerk and treasurer, Mr. Peers said. Permission was given to a

firm to produce 50 cast metal duplicates of the crest to be used in "ceremonies for special people on special occasions," he said.

"The county is not too free in handing them out," he said.

South-West Oxford Township gives crests to councillors, office staff and township employees, including firemen and roads department, Mr. Peers said.

Councillor Roger Orth suggested that council could allow display of the crest in halls, public buildings and schools in the township.



Staff of the Otterville pool pose for their picture at pool side. Kathy Davis, counter check, George Davis pool manager, Wilma McMullen, Elizabeth Rapley and Charlene Fry. SMITH

OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE (C) - Open-Air Worship service was held on Sunday in the Community Park with members of the Pastoral charge attending. Rev. Earl D. Moore, who has been on vacation, resumed his Pastoral duties.

The service opened with the Organ Prelude and Call to Worship. Hymn "Morning Has Broken" followed with Scripture lessons 1st Kings 3: 3-15, St. John 12: 27-36. Responsive Psalm 8. Mr. Don Oatman sang a solo. Hymn "Amazing Grace" was sung followed with the message for the morning "Communication With God" and the Benediction.

The hymns were taken from the Song Sheets and the announcements included, Sept. 4th S.S. starts in Otterville. Anyone wishing to take an interesting study of the Book of Revelations, please contact Mary Murray this week.

Rev. Moore is ready now to

take applications from anyone wishing to take a study in Church Membership and Confirmation. Classes to start in the last week in Sept.

Also it is hoped that a Bible Study group may be able to start mid-Oct. for a contracted study. There will be a Registration fee of \$20.00 for this course to provide materials. Limited to 10-12 persons. Please enroll as early as possible.

Appreciations were given to everyone who had helped to promote the service for the day, especially to the Tillsonburg Organ Centre, for the organ and P.A. System, Mr. Brad Scott, for playing; Mr. Nelson Gleason for the lectern, Mr. Don Oatman for his solos, Mrs. Doug Wilson, Mr. Colin Cope, for all their work in planning.



The mill is located along the Otter Creek, south of Main Street.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. George Davis who suffered a fall in her home during the summer in which she sustained injuries to her knee has been a patient in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg and returned to her home on Friday.

Mrs. Al Jardine returned to her home on Friday after spending two weeks in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg where she underwent surgery. We wish for these two ladies a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAlpine returned to their home in Maynooth after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland. They were also guests with their cousin Mr. Edward Moore and Mrs. Moore and other friends. Mrs. McAlpine the former Belle McLean was born at Milldale and she and her husband had several tours about the village and area bringing many memories of yester-year to mind.

Mrs. Winnifred Leach has returned to her home after spending a week in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg.

Miss Maude Hussey returned to her home in Guelph on Tuesday after having spent a couple of days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and calling on friends in the village.

Mrs. Joe Mics returned to her home last week after a holiday with friends in Hamilton.

Mrs. Bert Pauli is a patient in the District Memorial Hospital in Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey attended the Losee Reunion on Sunday August 7th which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Losee, stage Road near Woodstock.

A number from the village attended the Decoration service which was held at Bookton on Sunday. Owing to the weather conditions the service was held in the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Glenna Bowden of London was a recent guest with Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Mrs. Jack Freeland accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAlpine to Tillsonburg on Thursday when they were guests with Mrs. Willard Myrick and Miss May Broad.

It's been a 123-year grind for Otterville feed mill

BY JIM HEVENOR

All things change with time, at least that's what they say. But the Otterville Feed Mill, owned and operated by Lorne Treffry, is solid proof that this old proverb isn't always true.

The mill, built in 1854 by John Bullock, is one of few commercial mills in Canada that is run on water power.

Mr. Treffry has been the manager of the mill for the past 25 years. Before that it was run by his father, who bought it in 1942.

Although the mill, located south of the dam in Otterville, has been shut down at various times during its 123-year history, it still serves a valuable

function by providing custom work for area farmers.

Mr. Treffry said farmers bring in their grain and various concentrates are added after it has been chopped and mixed.

Changing trends in agriculture have affected the amount of business the mill does now. Mr. Treffry said. "Because so many farmers have gone to cash crops."

"There used to be two of us here all the time and sometimes three," he said. But today it is totally a one-man operation.

But it still keeps him busy. Mr. Treffry works in the mill from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and till noon on Saturday. In the past the mill was kept going into the night.

It isn't true to say the mill has completely escaped change. Approximately 75 years ago a turbine was installed, replacing the water wheel which provided the power to grind the grain, and the mill stones have also been replaced.

These slight changes have not affected the historical significance of the mill, however. It is representative of the kind of industry which once flourished in Otterville and most of southern Ontario in the mid-nineteenth century. When John Bullock bought the mill property from John Ferrie in 1854, he also built a custom woolen mill in addition to the feed mill.

The mills he constructed were made of white pine which was once common to the area. Between 1850 and 1860 in and around the village there were 12 steam and 14 water mills, all cutting lumber and nearly as many making shingles. The feed mill is the only one in Otterville that has survived until the present day.

In fact, the Long Point Region Conservation Authority has approached Mr. Treffry about buying the mill and converting the property into a park which would feature the mill in operation, similar to Backus mill in Norfolk Township. But that offer is still in limbo as far as Mr. Treffry is concerned.

Until that offer is finalized Mr. Treffry is content to run the mill as he has for the past 25 years. "You can't make any money at it anymore," he said, "But it's a living."

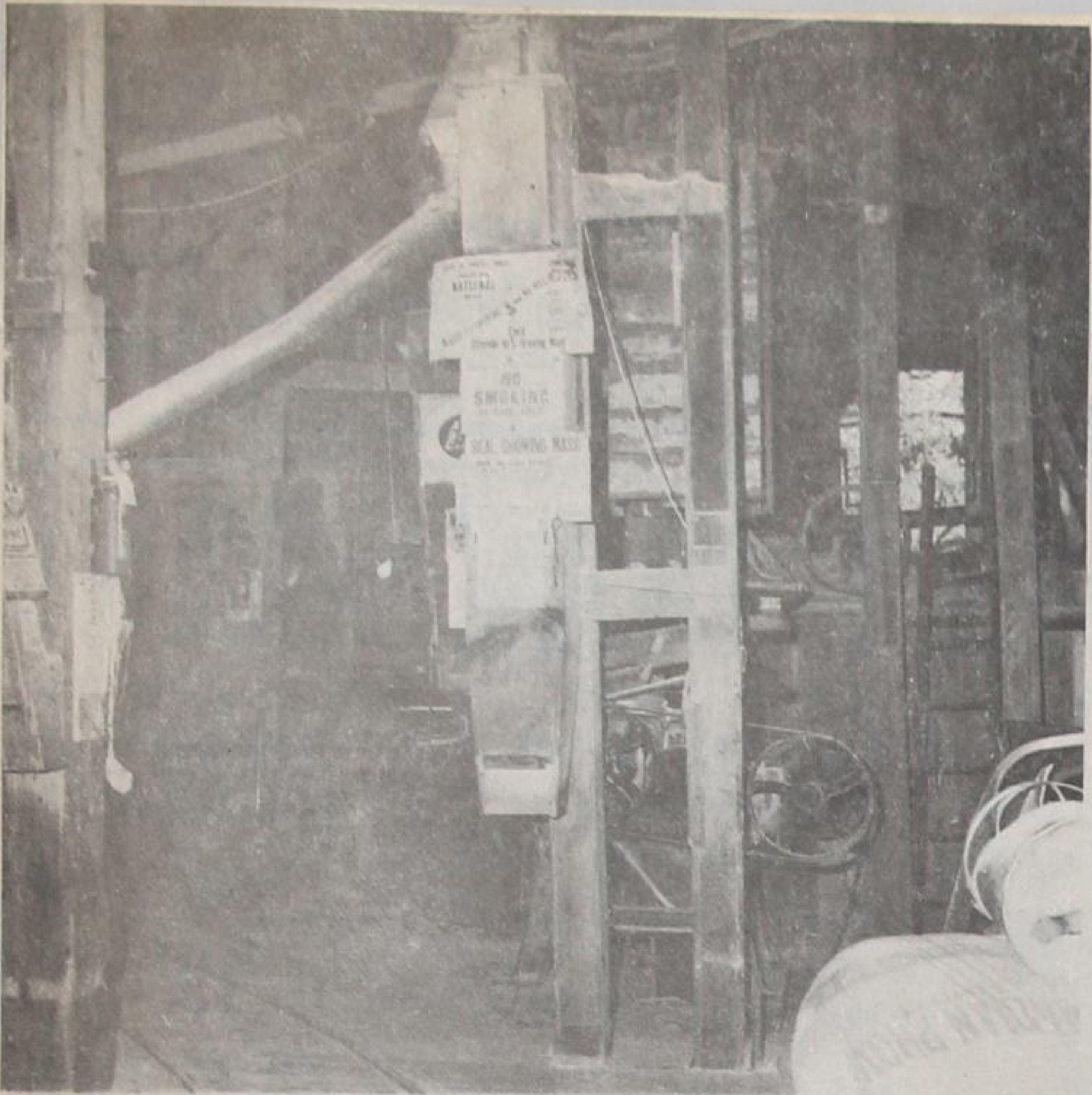
ST. JOHN'S OTTERVILLE
OTTERVILLE (C) - Morning worship was held in the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville on Sunday morning, Aug. 14th with a good attendance. Rector's Warden Carl Howse was in charge of the service. The service was in form of family prayers.

The Scripture reading was chosen from Mark 12: 18-44 and read by Jack Freeland.

Peter Gilchrist delegate of Synod was the speaker for the service and gave a very interesting talk on the Procedure of the Synod.

A most appreciated duet was sung by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Jack Freeland. The offering was presented by Martin Cowan. Flowers on the Altar were placed by Mr. and Mrs. Gilchrist in memory of their daughter.

Following the service a cup of tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mesdames Gilchrist and Freeland. At this time there was a "Question and Answer" period regarding the Synod. All questions were capably answered by Mr. Gilchrist.



Various grain shoots and pieces of machinery create a pleasant clutter inside the 123-year-old mill.



An assortment of antique saws are displayed in the upper storey of the mill.

The icing on the cake . . .



Lilian Broad, of Springford, with her favorite piece of personal art - a wedding cake in the form of a church. Many hours, and a lot of love, go into every cake that comes out of Lilian's kitchen.

Aug/77

BY PAUL KNOWLES

Lilian Broad's hobbies are, literally and figuratively, the icing on her cake. Most any evening of the week, you can find her in her Springford kitchen, baking a cake, or decorating one; mixing icing, or making several dozen rosettes.

She has become a much-in-demand cake decorator, since she took up the art about three years ago.

"Let me show you my book" she says, and produces a photo album that is also her catalogue ... picture after picture of a large variety of cake shapes and decorations she has produced.

There are dolls, and horses, and a Winnie The Pooh cake; a racetrack, a hockey rink, and a football; a Raggedy Ann, a guitar, and a piano; cakes with maps on them, cakes shaped like bells, or numerals, or books. And one cake decorated with the large likeness of a raccoon.

That was a special order, she explains.

Lilian Broad began decorating cakes on something of a forced dare from a Springford friend, May Burwell. Mrs. Burwell also continues her hobby, and the two women frequently collaborate.

One night, says Mrs. Broad, her friend called and said she needed help to produce several hundred roses. Mrs. Broad protested that although she admired the art, it was too difficult, and she didn't know how to make roses.

The reply was accurate - "By the time you're finished, you'll know how." She did, and has

Now, she says that she is "as busy as I want to be while I'm working." Lilian Broad is a staff member at Lloyd O'Grady Insurance in Tillsonburg, where she has worked for 11 years. She plans to retire from that post at the end of September. Then she says, she'll have more time to do all of her favorite things.

Like cakes? She admits that she'll enjoy spending time with her hobby - "with some hobbies, it's all pay out ... this one pays for itself" she says.

You start to suspect that money is not the key factor when she adds, "it is very rewarding when you see children being so thrilled at a birthday cake ... or a bride seeing her wedding cake."

Some weddings are occasion for Mrs. Broad to combine her talents - she often makes a wedding cake, usually styrofoam-based, not cake at all, and then participates in the ceremony as the pianist. She is very involved in music, often partnered by organist Dave Ebert, and plays piano for two local families involved in gospel music - Doug Humphrey's family; and Bill Popham and his family.

Weddings are also a time, sometimes, for Mrs. Broad's favorite bit of artistry - a cake in the form of a church, with bride, groom and attendants. She says, "I'm very fond of that cake. It's not just a wedding cake, but it always reminds me of Christ being the head of the church."



Mr. Treffry adjusts the flow of water which drives the mill's turbine.

Surprisingly, Lilian Broad's tools for decorating the elaborate and never repeated masterpieces are the same simple cake decorators that are found in most kitchens. The difference, it seems, is not in the implements.

Come the end of September, Lilian Broad will miss her friends from the business world, as she finishes many years in the insurance business. She says she'll miss her friends, the many people she has met, and her work. And she will miss them - if she has time, between making cakes, and making music.



JACK PARKER

Jack Parker named Ingersoll principal

Jack Parker, vice-principal of Annandale High School, has been appointed as principal of Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, effective August 15, 1977.

The appointment of John Finlay as superintendent of schools, created the vacancy at the school. Interviews were conducted at the end of June and a committee of trustees and administrators recommended Mr. Parker for the position.

Mr. Parker has been vice-principal at Annandale High School for four years. Prior to that, he was vice-principal at

Woodstock Collegiate Institute for three years. Mr. Parker also served at Glendale High School for five years, two as head of science and three as vice-principal. He began teaching in 1960 and spent five years teaching in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Mr. Parker graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and attended the Ontario College of Education the following year.

He was born in Tillsonburg and grew up in Norwich. *Ottawa*



Emile and Elsie request the pleasure
of your company at their wedding
on Saturday August 20, 1977 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Sacred Heart Church
Langton, Ontario

Leisure Club meet at Oddy House

OTTERVILLE (C) - Upwards of thirty members of the Leisure Club including visitors were welcomed by the president Harry and Mrs. Lee to the Adult Community Centre for the first meeting of the season on Wednesday Sept. 7th, 1977.

President Harry Lee presided for the meeting which opened with "O Canada" all singing with a note of pride and likewise the nearing accomplishment of the place of meeting.

Secretary Mrs. Fred Cole gave the roll call which was responded to with the members telling of their holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole who were delegates to the annual Senior Citizen Convention which was held in Hamilton. Mrs. Cole gave a most interesting account which was appreciated by the members in the usual way.

Mrs. Cole also gave briefly accounts of bus trips and picnics which the club had enjoyed throughout the holiday.

Treasurer Fred Cole reviewed the accounts of donations and expenditure. Announcements included the VON which will be in the village

Oddy House opening set 1977

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville Monday evening, Sept. 26. Lion President Ed McFarland presided. There were 39 members present and three guests.

Lion Don Miller reported that the recent Lions Carnival was financially very successful. The club extended thanks to Lion Bob Spek Carnival chairman.

October is "New Member Month" a Lions International and this and all Lions Clubs are encouraged to introduce potential new members.

The Official opening of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre (the restored Oddy House) will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, October 16. The Lions club has assisted fund-raising projects associated with this restoration.

Preparations are well advanced for the Club's first Oktoberfest to be held in the Community Centre October 22. It appears that tickets for this function will have to be limited.

The Convention draw was won by Lion Doug deMontmorency.

on Monday Sept. 26th at the home of Mrs. H.A. Waring and also the Zone 3 Rally which will be held at Ayr, Oct. 19th. Registration at 9 a.m.

Visitors who were invited to become members were welcomed by the members were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas of Cornell and Mrs. Aimie Cowie of Norwich.

"Happy Birthday" was sung for the September celebrants. A lovely floral arrangement, a donation of Mrs. Mae Leonard was much appreciated by the members and added much beauty to the rooms.

Mrs. David Kennedy, social convener of the club was

assisted by several of the members in serving a dainty lunch which featured a prettily decorated Birthday cake in honor of the rehabilitation of the Meeting place. President Harry Lee stated that both he and Mrs. Lee were justly proud of the major accomplishment which has developed in re-storing the Oddy House which was built by Mr. Wright.

The many days of free labor given by both men and women has become the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and through its spacious rooms bids welcome to the Leisure Club for their weekly meetings and social times.

Thesis on Quakers at historic society

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held Sept. 12, 1977 in the newly renovated Woodlawn Adult Community Centre with 30 in attendance.

Miss Gwen Manning was the guest speaker giving a very interesting resume of her thesis on the Quakers of Norwich Township.

The minutes of the past meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Catherine Mann took over the recording secretarial duties from Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew. Due to the absence of the treasurer no financial report was available, on the results of the Food Booth.

Announcement was made of the Harold Innis Night at the Innisfree Farm two miles east of Otterville October 3rd at 8 p.m. to which anyone is welcome to attend. A panel of members of the Innis Foundation will speak on "The Humor of Harold Innis and Its Place in Canadian Literature."

The panelists will be - Miss Mary Ellen Anglin, Eng. Spec., York Mills Coll.; Miss Mary McLean, History and Art, National Ballet School; Mrs. Alison Kemp Mitchell, S.S. Economist, International Monetary Fund; moderator - Mrs. Mary Millard, Innis Foundation; a book display will feature Canadian humor, Courtesy Merrifield's Book Store.

A motion was carried to purchase microfilm of historical data to be used with the Norwich Historical Society microfilm reader.

The secretary announced there were more Hasti Notes with local Historical building sketches with the members for sale.

Mrs. Muriel Gehring also has copies of the Gazateer available.

A lunch committee was set up for the next meeting. The meeting closed with refreshments.

Otterville W.I. hold first meet of season

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute for 77-78 was held at the home of Mrs. Ivan Leitch, North Court St., Norwich, on Friday evening, Sept. 16th at 8 p.m. with a good attendance.

The newly elected president Miss Vera Welsh presided and welcomed members and visitors.

Mrs. Clayton Arthur of Tillsonburg District president of the area was the guest speaker and gave a very timely address "Slow Down." Persons in

business, professional or all walks of life have that keen sense of feeling of being pushed. They are always on the go, and this so often causes heart attacks, strokes and a burden to other weaknesses of the human body. This talk had many worthwhile suggestions on "Slowing Down" and gave the members many things to think about.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. William McMullen and on behalf of the Institute was thanked by Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew who presented her with a gift.

The meeting opened with the Opening Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and "The Lord's Prayer." Members responded to the roll call each telling when they first became interested in the Institute meetings.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary-treasurer Mrs. Jack Walther who also gave the report of the treasury.

The correspondence was dealt with and announcement was made of the 63rd annual area convention which will be held at Clinton Sept. 28th and 29th. Members wishing to go are asked to contact Mrs. Jack Walther. The Fall Board meeting will be held at Mount Elgin Oct. 4th. Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mrs. G. M. Downing volunteered to take the course for leaders of the 4-H training school.

It was decided that the Institute would sponsor a Rummage Sale to be held in the Community Hall, Otterville on Saturday morning Oct. 15th from 9-11 a.m. The October meeting of the Institute will be held in the Community Hall Friday evening, Oct. 14th at 8 p.m. The guest speaker for this meeting will be Mr. Edward Moore of Otterville who will give first hand details of the history of Erbtown. This meeting is open to the public.

Mrs. Mel Beecroft is the convener of World Affairs and the roll call will be - An item of interest from another country.

The members decided to continue their subscription to "The Food Magazine." Mrs. Jack Walther read a resolution which will be presented at the Area Convention. Mrs. David Kennedy paid her membership to the Institute and was welcomed by the members. Several of the members paid their dues.

Highway signs to go metric starting Sept. 6

TORONTO (CP) - Ontario will convert all highway signs to metric distances from miles beginning Sept. 6. James Snow, minister of transportation and communications, announced Friday.

Replacement of existing speed signs with kilometre distances will take about two weeks, Snow said in a statement.

Ontario's 13,000-mile provincial highway network contains 42,000 signs.

Kilometres will replace miles on distance signs; kilometres per hour will replace miles per hour on speed-limit signs and metres will replace yards and feet on advisory signs, he said.

Snow said Ontario drivers "will soon discover that actual speed limits haven't changed, that distances between towns and cities are the same, that driving times haven't changed - just the method of measurement will change."

For example, 40 kilometres per hour replaces 25 miles per hour; 50 kilometres per hour replaces 30 miles per hour; 80 kilometres per hour replaces 50 miles per hour and 100 kilometres per hour replaces 60 miles per hour.

"Adoption of the metric system brings Ontario in line with all major countries outside of North America," he said.

Snow said motorists should have few problems adjusting to metric signs, adding that countries such as Australia and New Zealand have changed to the metric system in recent years with little difficulty.

TEN YEARS AGO September 1967

Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians, will be playing at the Tillsonburg tobacco auction exchange under the sponsorship of the Tillsonburg and Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.



Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur of Otterville marked their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House held in Otterville United Church on Sunday, Sept. 25. The couple were married at the home of the bride's parents on Sept. 21, 1927.

Celebrate 50th anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) - In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur of Otterville their family held "Open House" in Otterville United Church on Sept. 25th from 2-5 p.m.

Mrs. Arthur was the former Ethel Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Young of Durham, and Mr. Arthur is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arthur of RR 2, Otterville. They were married at the home of the bride's parents on Sept. 21st, 1927, with Rev. Smith officiating. The attendants were Hazel Young (Mrs. Roy Rawn), sister of the bride, and Mr. Clayton Arthur, brother of the groom, both of whom were present for the anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur farmed for 35 years at RR 3, Otterville before moving to Otterville. Both are members of Otterville

United Church.

They have three sons and two daughters, Keith of RR 2, Otterville; Dr. Clare of Cambridge; Donald of RR 2, Otterville; Mrs. Howard (Joyce) Sweazy of Sweaburg, and Mrs. Joseph (Joan) Moses of Woodstock. They have twelve grandsons and eleven granddaughters, and all were present. Mrs. Arthur wore a red and white floor length gown with a white and gold corsage.

The family assisted in welcoming the guests. The tea table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake and a silver tea service at each end. Tea was poured by Mrs. Roy Rawn and Mrs. Helen Cook, sisters of the bride, and Mrs. Kenneth Arthur, Mrs. Clayton Arthur, Mrs. James Arthur, Mrs. Donald Young, Mrs. Clifford Young, sisters-in-law, and a friend Mrs. Ann Farkas, and ten grand-

daughters served and attended the guestbook.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur were recipients of many cards, including an Ontario plaque from Premier William Davis and congratulation message from Dr. Bruce Halliday, M.P., and Dr. Harry Parrott, M.P.P., Prime Minister Trudeau, Joe Clark, Opposition Leader, and the Gov.-Gen. and Madame Leger.

Guests were present from London, Woodstock, Cambridge, Sweaburg, Owen Sound, Waterloo, Mississauga, St. Marys, St. Jacobs, St. Thomas, Caledon East, and the surrounding area.

Following the Open House the family held a buffet luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur.



MR. AND MRS. ANDREW D. RUSSELL

Russell - Cunningham

St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg, was the setting on Saturday, September 24, 1977, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Janice Lynn Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Cunningham of Tillsonburg, and Andrew D. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Russell of Brantford. Rev. Ross McCann of St. Pauls and Rev. Douglas Gordon of Brantford conducted the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white, French silk, organza, styled with tier cape-effect sleeves, a high neckline, and sheer yoke applied with guipure lace, which also trimmed the waistline. Her two-tiered, fingertip, silk illusion veil trimmed in matching guipure lace, was held in place by a headdress of silk organza set in lace and seed pearls, and she carried a bouquet of white jaffa orchids mixed with baby's breath, pheasant feathers, a sheaf of wheat and a sprig of heather from Scotland.

Miss Kathryn Hawkins of Tillsonburg was maid of honor and wore a floor-length gown of carabella satin in sun yellow, styled with mandarin collar and tier cape-effect sleeves of nylon sheer in rustic autumn print.

Bridesmaids, Mrs. James Raddatz of Tillsonburg, sister of the bride, and Mrs. David Ward of Toronto, wore similar gowns, only in pink sand and orange sherbert colours. The attendants carried chrysanthemums of burnt orange and yellow mixed with baby's breath and pheasant feathers.

Mr. James Robinson of Barrie, cousin of the groom, was best man and ushers were Mr. Fred Pinto and Mr. Mark Ryans, both of Toronto, friends of the groom.

For a reception at the Tillsonburg Golf and Country Club, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of brown, flowered organza with tiered skirt and cape, worn with a white orchid corsage. Groom's mother chose a floor-length gown of green polyester, worn with a purple orchid corsage.

For her wedding trip, the bride chose a beige and dark brown, street length, Italian knit dress, worn with dark brown accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell are residing at Apt. 316, 155 Balliol St., Toronto. The groom is attending the University of Toronto, Faculty of Forestry, and the bride is a Registered Nurse at Sunnybrook Medical Centre.



Stan - died next 2 hrs - buried Sept 24/77

!!Auction Sale!! ^{24/77}

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17th
AT 1 P.M.
Selling For
MR STAN NOELS
NORTH ST., OTTERVILLE
(Directly North of Otter
Lumber)**

Property - To be offered for sale subject to a reasonable reserve bid. A certain tract of land and premises situated in the Township of South Norwich in the County of Oxford and being composed of Lot 36 and the West 54' of Lot 37, and all of Lot 108 East of North extension of West limit of Lot 36 according to Reg. Plan 388 of the said Township of South Norwich. The improvements to the property being - A two storey frame home having three bedrooms, living room, large kitchen with built-in cupboards, full three piece bath (village water), partial basement, separate two car garage and separate workshop. The house has just been done over with aluminum siding, aluminum storms and screens and aluminum awnings. Both the house and garage have new roofs. The property has 120' frontage and backs up to the Otter River. This is a nice quiet and scenic location with

lots of nice trees, bushes, etc. in a lovely scenic village.

Household Goods - Real nice Phillips colour TV, stereo stand, small tables, Avon bottles, pictures, dishes, two piece living room suite, fans, three piece bedroom suite (complete), recliner chair, metal utility cabinet and table, vacuum cleaner, old washbowl, like new box spring and mattress, odd chairs, lawn chairs and lounge, assorted bedding, lamps, set of Wear-Ever cookware, Simplicity super twin washer-dryer (like new), Woods deep freeze, Westinghouse frost-free two door fridge, Moffat four burner gas range, seven piece kitchen suite, two wheel utility trailer, assorted hand and garden tools, extension ladder, wheel barrow, etc.

Terms - On property - 10 percent down day of sale - balance in 30 days. Terms on chattels - cash.

Property may be seen by arrangement with auctioneer.

BOB CARNEY
Auctioneer — 879-6420
For "Auctions With Action"
Call "Otter Valley Auctions"

**STANLEY BEECHER NOELS
OTTERVILLE (C)** — Stanley Beecher Noels of Otterville passed away at Markdale on Thursday, September 22 in his 66th year.

His wife the former Lela Coulter passed away in 1975.

Surviving are four sons Robert Noels of Sparta, William Noels of Brownsville, Basil Noels of Mississauga, and

Wayne Noels of London; one daughter Mrs. Betty Pruner on Calgary; five brothers Harry Noels of Forest, Archie Noels of Straffordville, Percy Noels of Exeter, Murray Noels and Wilfrid Noels, both of Tillsonburg. Two sisters Mrs. Jack (Vera) Palmer, and Mrs. Charles (Violet) Laforge, both of Straffordville; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister Hazel in 1932. Dear friend of Ada Timmins of Markdale.

Born in Richmond, Ontario, he was the son of the late Beecher Noels and the late May Pressey.

A member of the Otterville United Church and he was a member of the Tecumseh Lodge No. 182, of the I.O.O.F., the Canadian Legion Branch 190 Norwich, and of the Senior Citizens Leisure Club in Otterville.

The funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home in Otterville on Saturday at 2 p.m. and was conducted by Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the Otterville United Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

Memorial donations were given to the Gideon Bible Society, Canadian Cancer, Ontario Heart Foundation and Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

The bearers were Staney Gehring, Harry Lee, Roy Rachar, Donald Chisholm, William A. McMullen and Phineas Pressey.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

The service was very largely attended as well as the Memorial IOOF service on Friday evening which was conducted by members of the Tecumseh Lodge.

Following the service relatives and friends met in the United Church Hall where the members of the UCW served a cup of tea.

A Tillsonburg youth is in serious condition following a traffic accident near Petrolia that fatally injured two Sarnia brothers.

Donald Ralph Million, 16, a passenger in the car, was taken to Sarnia General Hospital and later transferred to University Hospital in London.

Killed in the crash were Basil Linds, 20, driver of the car, and Gordon Linds, 17. Paul Richard Linds, 18, was badly injured and is in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sarnia.

Sheila Christina Jones, 17, of London, another passenger, was taken to University Hospital with serious injuries.

Provincial police at Petrolia said a Sandrin Bros. semi-trailer, driven by Maurice Dubois, of Sarnia, had turned onto Highway 7 from a private driveway when it was struck in the rear by the 1967 Olds driven by Linds.

The accident occurred at 7:40 p.m. Saturday.

Sarnia crash ^{Sept 20/77} takes third life

Sheila Jones, 19, of 574 Dieppe St., London, died Tuesday bringing to three the death toll in a weekend car-truck crash near Sarnia.

Donald Ralph Million, 16, Tillsonburg, a passenger in a car which collided with a truck Saturday night on Highway 7, east of Sarnia, is now in satisfactory condition at University Hospital in London and.

Brothers William Basil Lynds, 20, Port Huron, and Gordon Lynds, 17, Sarnia, were killed in the crash.

A third Lynds brother, Paul, 18, Sarnia, has been discharged from hospital.

Truck driver Maurice J. Dubois, 21, Sarnia, was not hurt.

Wanda & Harry Jones dau.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS SLAGHT

George Augustus Slaght of 42 Lisgar Ave., Tillsonburg, passed away at his residence on Tuesday, September 6, 1977, in his 67th year.

Born April 23, 1911, in Windham Township, he was a son of the late Ainsley Slaght and the former Lenora Mercel.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Bill (Lenora) Hilliker of Tillsonburg; one son, Robert Slaght of Hamilton; six grandchildren; and four sisters, Mrs. Florence Winkler of Woodstock, Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth) Broad of Springford, Mrs. Forrest (Mary) Kent of Niagara-on-the-Lake and Mrs. Grace Quance of Tillsonburg.

He was predeceased by one sister, Miss Cora Slaght; and by two brothers, Ross Slaght and Alex Slaght.

Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Friday, September 9, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Jack McAvany of Avondale United Church.

Interment in British Columbia.

Donations to the Tillsonburg and District Association for the Mentally Retarded or the Heart Fund would be gratefully acknowledged by the family.

SHEILA CHRISTINE JONES

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on Thursday, September 22nd at 2 p.m. for the late Miss Sheila Christine Jones. The service was conducted by Rev. H.D. Herring Rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

Memorial donations were given toward St. John Anglican Church "In Memoriam" Fund, Canadian Cancer Society, North Broadway Baptist Church and Ontario Heart Foundation.

The pallbearers were Mike Furlong, Doug Furlong, Kevin Church, Pat Pinnoy, C.D. Richardson, Phil Thompson.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

The late Sheila Jones of 374 Dieppe St., London passed away in the University Hospital, London in her 17th year from a car accident in which she was involved.

Born in St. Thomas she was the daughter of Mrs. Wanda Pope of London and Mr. Harry Jones of London, sister of Tommy and Craig Jones of London, and Danny and Darcy at home. Granddaughter of Mrs. Nellie Jones of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Mary Furlong of Otterville.

Following the service relatives and friends met in the Parish Hall where the members of the Guild served a cup of tea.



This 1975 Camaro was damaged beyond repair early Saturday when it smashed down two hydro poles on Cedar St. Driver Allan

Jardine, 22, of Otterville, received only minor injuries. He was alone in the car at the time.

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A young Otterville man narrowly escaped serious injury early Saturday when his car smashed into two hydro poles on Cedar St.

Tillsonburg police said Allan Murray Jardine, 22, was driving north on Cedar, skidded out of control, crashed sideways into a pole, breaking it off, then skidded 91 feet sideways into the second pole, which was uprooted.

The 1975 Camaro received \$3,500 damage and was judged a writeoff.

Jardine was taken to Tillsonburg hospital by ambulance where he was treated for a cut to the left elbow and cuts to the left arm.

Police received the accident report a 1:19 a.m. Subsequently the PUC and town works department had to be called to clear up the debris and repair property damage.

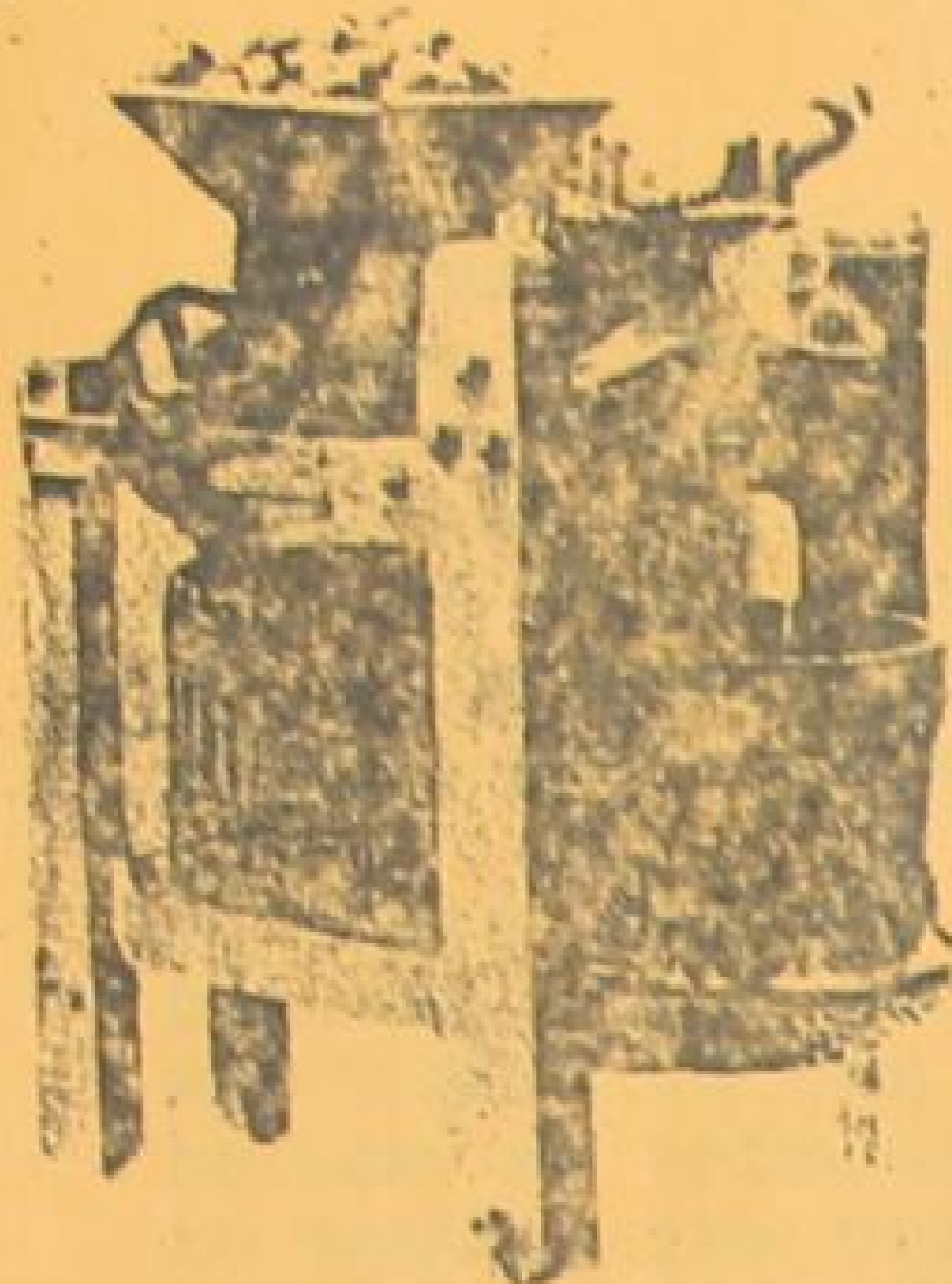
Investigation was conducted by Sgt. Mike Rusnak, Tillsonburg P.D.



Free Press Woodstock Bureau

Cathy Molnar, left, and Pat Pickersgill of Ingersoll have 1,000 copies of a special newspaper published in Memphis, Tenn., in memory of Elvis Presley. The housewives bought the papers for about 50 cents each while in Memphis to

visit Presley's grave and understand they are the only Canadians to have bought such a large quantity. They haven't set a sale price but say a number of area residents have expressed interest. (Story on Page 1.)



The Cider Press

NORWICH & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

INVESTIGATING OUR PAST IN WOOD AND BRICK

By Marie Avey

It's our good fortune that early residents of Norwich Township left to us so many items from their daily lives; hand made furniture, dainty needlework, cherished parlour glass, beautifully penned letters and diaries, all help us to picture earlier eras. But perhaps nothing that remains instructs us so dramatically in earlier modes of living as do the buildings erected as homes, places of work and worship.

In this Township we have many of these reminders of the past in wood and brick. They range from plain stout Quaker homes with basement kitchens to elegant town and farm homes with classic features. There are French Regency cottages and Gothic farmhouses. A wooden mill still in use, and accessory farm buildings that once sheltered horses and sheep tell of an earlier kind of rural life. Homes with two front doors and an apartment for elderly seniors remind us of changed social customs. The details of construction - the many paned windows, elaborate wood trim, intricate brickwork testify to a period when there was more time to do things than we seem to have.

Official opening for Otterville's Woodlawn Centre

1977
OTTERVILLE (C) — The Woodlawn Adult Community Centre will be officially opened Sunday, Oct. 16th at 2 p.m. Warden Ken Peers, Dr. Harry Parrott M.P.P., Oxford and Douglas Richardson representing the Ontario Heritage Foundation will be the speakers.

Douglas Richardson is a member of the Board of Directors of Ontario Heritage and a member of their Architectural Conservation Committee. He is a professor, Department of Fine Art, University of Toronto.

The Woodlawn Centre is the former Woodlawn Place of Milldale, an octagonal Regency cottage built by Thomas Wright in 1861. The building was donated to the Township of Norwich by Mr. and Mrs. McKay Davis to be moved and restored as an Adult Community Centre.

It is one of few remaining octagonal dwellings which was built in the mid-19th century following a flair which sprung up in New York State in the same period.

The Ontario Heritage Foundation sponsored the restoration with an initial grant of \$20,000. The possibilities of restoration were brought to their attention by the Norwich South Heritage Committee shortly after the Ontario Heritage Act was passed in February 1975. It is understood that this is the first official opening of a building sponsored by the foundation to take place since its formation.

It will display some of Thomas Wright's creative abilities such as the spinning

wheel believed to have been designed by him, a folding rocker donated by his descendants in Saskatchewan, his garden furniture, and burlle articles. Pictures of the restoration will be on display and the original sketches done for the newspaper of Norwich Township Heritage drawn by Joann Pettigrew.

The Regency Octagonal Cottage is of plank construction with board and batten siding. The battens are neatly triangular in shape. The house is 40' across the octagon with 20' x 20' (back shed) wing - is situated as to form a trapezoid umbrage at the side of the house complete with treillage. Wide overhang of the roof and deep fascia boards also suggested the Regency period.

The front of the house has a lovely gable. The door is flanked with narrow sidelights and doric pillastic completed by entablature above.

The original house had kitchen, sitting room or dining room and parlour plus four bedrooms around a short central hall. The heating was with stoves which were situated near the centre of the house. The stove pipes ran into a central octagonal chimney.

The house originally had just half a basement under the half of the octagon. It contained a large cistern.

The verticle plank construction is formed by large pine boards 1" thick there is 1" space between the two layers of rough plank - but there is no studs, just horizontal spacers. The board and batten siding formed the third layer.

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On the main floor, two main partitions were removed to provide large 20' x 30' meeting room and a smaller meeting or craft room. The summer kitchen is now a modern kitchen, the old step stairway had to be closed and the central hall became the new stairway.

The renovations proved interesting because they revealed original construction features which were returned - i.e. triangular rather than rectangular front entrance, the original back door frame and two additional later windows were removed. In addition they revealed Thomas Wright's signature accompanied by dates and sometimes notes on the weather. When the siding was removed in one spot to cut the house for moving there appeared A.D. 1861 T. Wright.



Joyce Pettigrew, chairman of the local citizens committee largely responsible for establishing the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, gave a short history of the octagonal-shaped building at its official opening Sunday. Mrs. Pettigrew was presented with a bouquet of roses and a plaque by Oxford Warden Ken Peers in recognition of her outstanding service on the committee.

Official opening held for Woodlawn centre

A capacity crowd was on hand for the official opening of Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville Sunday afternoon.

The master of ceremonies was Dr. Richard Dalby of Otterville. Warden Ken Peers, Dr. Harry Parrott and Douglas Richardson, representing the Ontario Heritage Foundation, were the speakers.

Joyce Pettigrew, chairman of the local citizens committee, was presented with an award in recognition of her part in the Woodlawn project by Warden Peers.

Mr. Richardson, a member of the architectural conservation committee of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, said the Woodlawn project was unique for a number of reasons.

He said it was the first time the foundation had been associated with a project such as the Woodlawn cottage which features an octagonal shape with board and batten construction.

Board and batten construction consists of

vertically placed boards with the joints covered with, in this case, almost triangularly-shaped battens. Underneath this layer of board and batten are two other layers of vertically placed planks.

"It is remarkable because of its simplicity and its quality," Mr. Richardson said.

It is one of the few remaining octagonal dwellings built in the mid-nineteenth century.

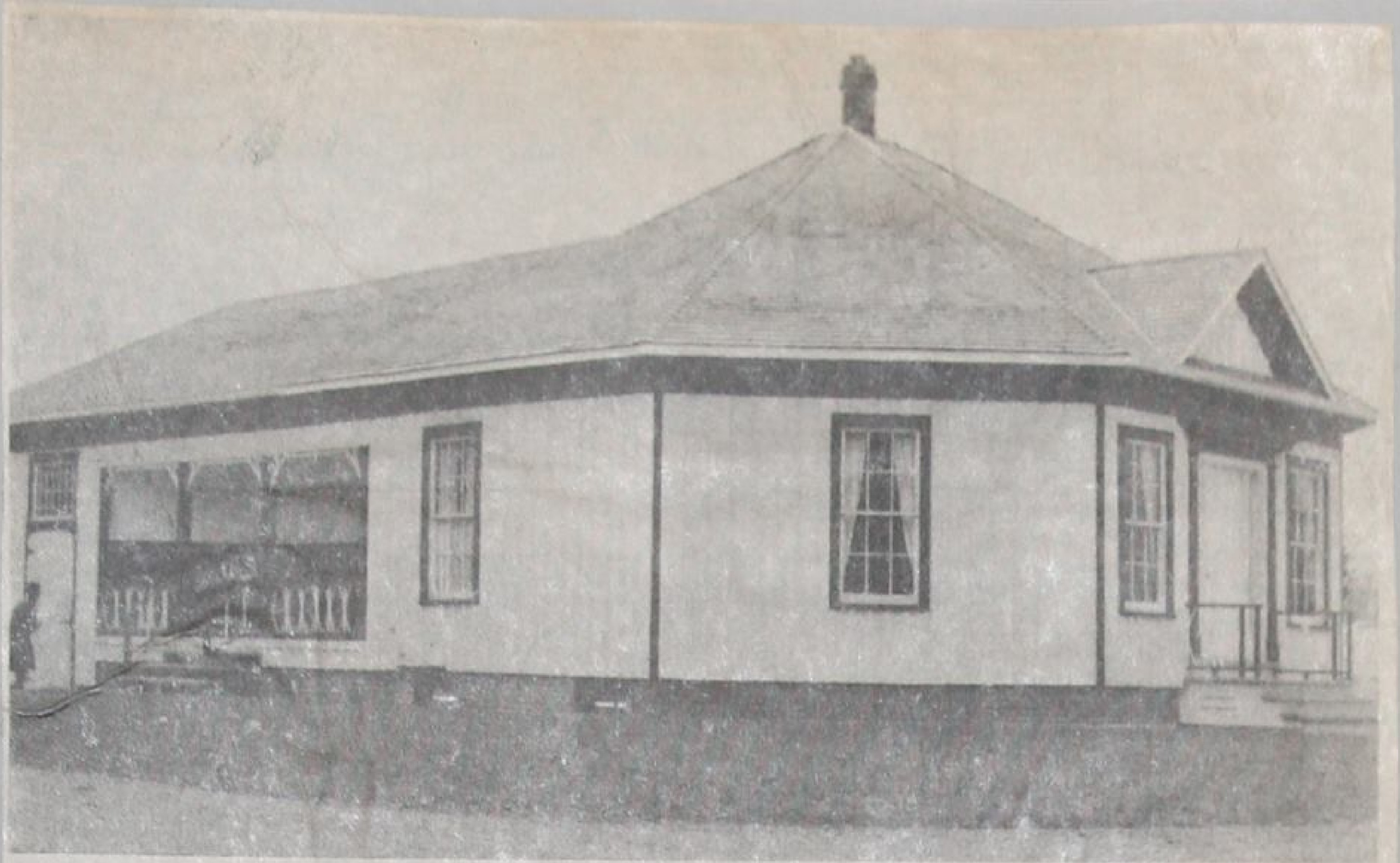
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NOTICE OF OFFICIAL OPENING

The Woodlawn Adult Centre Advisory Committee is pleased to announce the Official Opening of the restored octagonal dwelling (Oddy House), designated as the Woodlawn Adult Centre, on Sunday, October 16th, 1977 at 2:00 P.M., Otterville, Ontario.

Dr. Murray Downing
Committee Chairman



This restored eight-sided cottage, built in 1861, was moved to Otterville from Milldale and will be used as a community centre for senior citizens and other groups in the Otterville area. (Photo by Williams)

Restored cottage

Otterville reopens 'octagon' house

Free Press Woodstock Bureau

OTTERVILLE — An eight-sided cottage — restored over the last two years at a cost of about \$52,000 — was officially opened Sunday.

Built in 1861, the cottage will be used as a clubroom for area senior citizens and other local groups.

Concern about the deterioration of the old building was sparked by a group of area residents in 1975 when the cottage, then sited in Milldale, was given to Norwich Township.

The residents formed the Norwich South Heritage committee to discuss ways of saving the building, moving it the 16 kilometres from Milldale and finding a use for it.

Committee chairman Joyce Pettigrew said Sunday she was pleased with the result of the committee's efforts.

She said only about 40 of the eight-sided dwellings were built in Ontario after the concept of the structural shape using vertical wooden boards as siding became popular in the mid 1880s.

When the committee received a \$20,000

grant from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, the building was moved in three sections to its present site at the west end of Otterville — property that originally housed the area's first church from 1819 to 1903.

A new foundation was laid and restoration completed with a \$16,000 Wintario grant and another \$16,000 raised from area contributions.

Douglas Richardson of the Ontario Heritage Foundation said at Sunday's opening that the site represented firsts for the foundation in that it is the first worker's cottage restored and the first octagonal cottage restored. He said that far too many such houses are covered up with modern siding.

Mrs. Pettigrew was presented with a plaque by Warden Ken Peers, mayor of Norwich Township, in recognition of her part in helping restore the cottage.

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The Woodlawn Adult Community Centre at Otterville will have its official opening on Sunday afternoon.

Two year restoration complete

Otterville's 19th century cottage opened in style

By Evelyn Waring
Otterville Correspondent

OTTERVILLE (C) — The crowd was so large it seemed like most of Otterville turned out for the official opening of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre — a restored eight-sided cottage.

Babies to grandparents jammed inside the octagonal abode to hear opening remarks by Dr. Harry Parrot, MPP for Oxford, Township of Norwich

Mayor Ken Peers and Douglas Richardson, a director of Ontario Heritage Foundation.

The cottage will be a meeting place for senior citizens and other local groups. Use of the house is free of charge for public groups and private parties will pay a \$25 fee.

"The building is restricted to adult groups because we're afraid children might damage the wallpaper, woodwork and rugs which have all been

restored," said Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew, head of the restoration committee.

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Dr. Parrot said at the opening, "It's an interesting day for me as I carried the Heritage Act through the legislature not without some criticism. In this house I can see the fruits of my labour."

The committee used the \$20,000 grant to move the house in three sections 16 kilometres from Milldale to the present site on the west edge of Otterville. The area's first church was situated on the Otterville site from 1819 to 1903.

A foundation was laid for the house and restoration completed by a \$16,000 Wintario grant matched by \$16,000 area residents raised.

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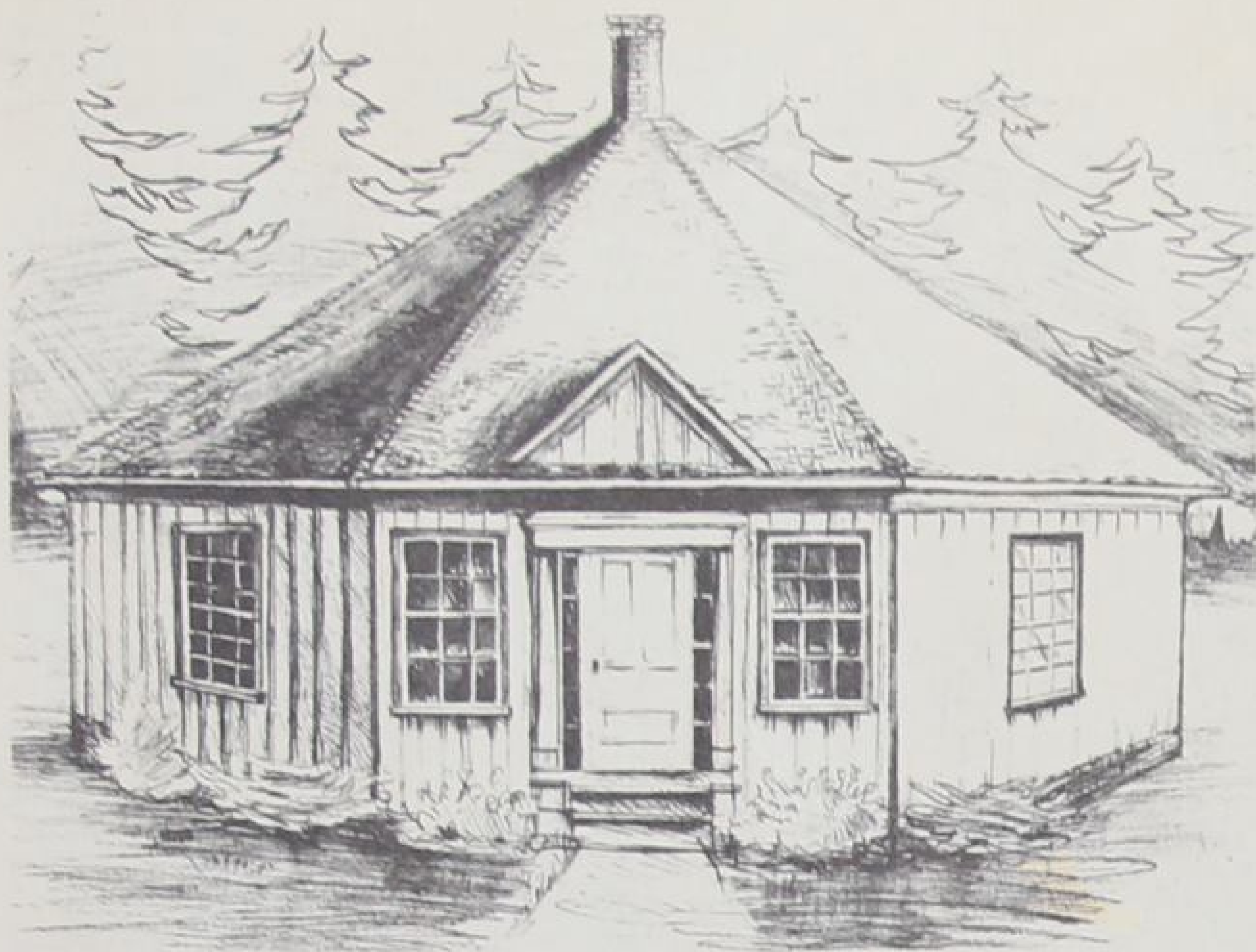
Dr. Harry Parrot may be considering spinning up new lines for his opposition in Queen's Park on this spinning wheel on display in the Woodland Adult Community Centre. Dr. Parrot, MPP for Oxford, was on hand for the official opening Sunday. (News-Record Photo).



Historical cemeteries lie on either side of the Woodlawn Centre. The graveyard on the right side was recently renovated and the stones mounted on this V-shaped concrete base. (News-Record Photo).



Don Pettigrew of Otterville demonstrates this folding rocker which belonged to the builder of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Thomas Wright. (News-Record)



Woodlawn Adult Community Centre

Humor of Harold Innis discussed at area meet

October meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held at The Innisfree Farm on October 3, and took the form of a panel discussion dealing with the humor of Harold Innis, with over 50 members and visitors present. Dr. Innis was a native of Otterville, being born on the Innis farm, and became head of the Department of Political Economy of the University of Toronto.

Panel moderator was Mrs. Mary Millard of the Innis Foundation. She and Mrs. Alison Kemp Mitchell, S.S. Economist, International Monetary Fund, the second panel member, were former students of Dr. Innis at the University of Toronto. They gave many examples of the quiet and kindly humour which so often occurred in Harold Innis' lectures. In many instances the humour would not be apparent at first, and was not used to produce a laugh, but rather arose from some aspect of his subject matter.

The Innis humour was compared with that of Stephen Leacock, who was a lecturer in Political Economy at McGill University, although better known as a writer of humorous books. Mention was also made of the humour of John Kenneth Galbraith, a native of Elgin County, who also attained international renown as an economist and is well-known for his sharp and sometimes biting humour.

Mrs. Millard also pointed out that during Harold Innis' lifetime the University faculty was under a good deal of pressure, in that they must never offend either government or large business interests in any of their utterances. She suggested that sometimes she felt Dr. Innis used humour to soften or mask criticisms which he felt constrained to make.

Miss Mary Ellen Anglin, Eng. Spec. York Mills College followed with a most interesting talk in which she suggested there was a distinctive type of Canadian humour quite unlike any other. Canadian humour is mainly characterized by our tendency to laugh at ourselves and to debunk, although in a comparatively gentle way. Rather than building heroic legends about our gentlemen, we tend to see the ridiculous.

Throughout the meeting many examples of the humour by different Canadian writers were quoted.

Panel members were in-

Mountain and thanked by Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew, for the effort put forth in coming to Otterville as it takes something like this discussion to bring the community together to learn more from Torontonians about Dr. Innis.

A book display of Canadian Humour was featured by the courtesy of Merrifield's Book store.

A short business session followed with President William McMullen presiding. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by secretary Mrs. Catherine Manne. An invitation to attend the official opening of the Woodlawn adult community centre on October 16, at 2 p.m. was extended to all. Nomination for treasurer followed with Mrs. Marjorie Pearce being elected.

It was announced the next monthly meeting would be held jointly at the Women's Institute Hall, Springford, on Tuesday, November 15, 1977 at 8 p.m. with histories of Springford area being the topic.

Following the meeting refreshments were served.

RESTORATION OF WOODLAWN PLACE

An octagonal, board and batten cottage once sat among the trees, on the edge of a high bank of the Otter River, at Milldale. Thomas Wright built the house in 1861, and named it "Woodlawn Place." It was occupied by the Wright family until the turn of the century. During this period, Milldale was a flourishing hamlet with mills, a Quaker Church, School, store and Thos. Wright's wood-turning shop. The road to the mills ran by his octagonal house.



The Octagonal House at its original site.

However, when the mills ceased to operate, the road was closed and the house was no longer in view of passers by. In the 1900's it was known mainly to the friends and neighbours of John Oddy and family who then lived in it. In 1959 John Oddy passed away, and Mrs. Oddy went to live with her son, leaving the house vacant.

Without the tender loving care, that its two owners had given it, it soon fell into disrepair; and such was its state when Mr. and Mrs. McKay Davis bought the property in 1969, in order to build their new home. Due to its location, this unique building has been unknown to historical architects, and relatively unknown to many local residents.

In the spring of 1975 a group of local citizens became interested in the house and approached the Davis' about its future. Mr. and Mrs. Davis offered to donate the house to Norwich Township to be restored in the area. With the guidance of Mrs. E. C. Smale, a director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, a study, was made on the possible uses and feasibility of moving and restoring the house.

A new site had to be found and it was provided by the township at the west end of Otterville. The land was historic, in itself, being the site of the first church in the area; the Quaker Church (1819-1903). It was decided that the house would be best suited for an adult community centre. With the co-operation of the South Norwich Leisure Club, and a grant for equipment from New Horizons, a permanent activity centre for the senior citizens of the area was underway.

Finally in September, a proposal was submitted to the Ontario Heritage Foundation for funding. On acceptance of the proposal a cheque for \$20,000 was forthcoming to commence moving and restoring in the autumn.

An application was made to Wintario for additional funding which had to be matched by local contributions. A bike-a-thon was held in June of 1976, and a community auction was held in the fall of the same year. With the help of both private donations and those from organizations, the local contributions were well underway.

The house was not moved until May 1976. After reaching its new site, in three pieces, it was reunited. A foundation was built under it, and restoration began. The windows had to be replaced with replicas, and the lath and plaster was removed to make way for insulation. Several minor alterations were made to accommodate the new use.

As this was being done, various original constructional features were revealed and these were reinstated. Also dates and signatures in the handwriting of Thomas Wright appeared in the plaster and on partitions, baseboard and trim.

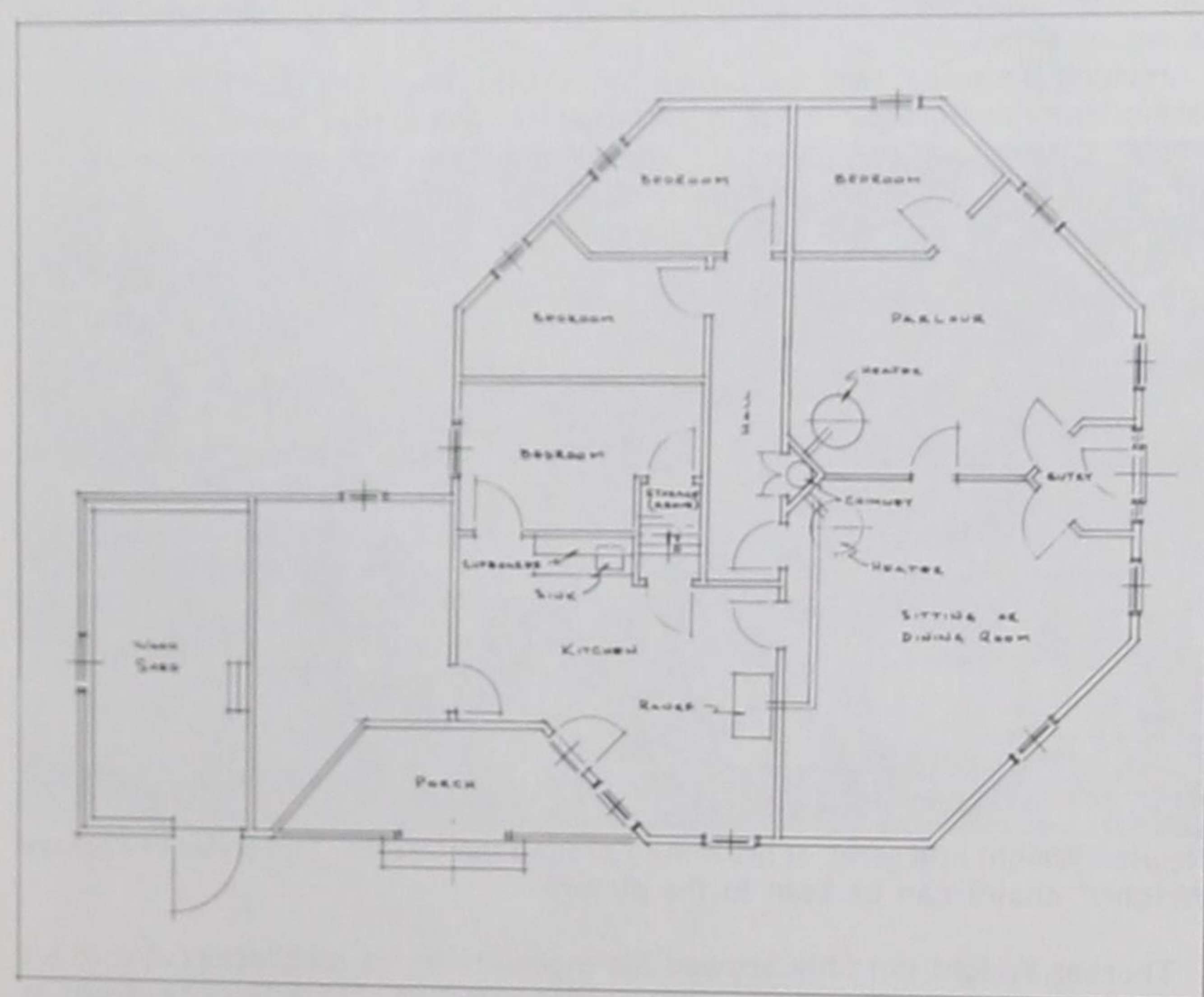
With advice from Ontario Heritage and Mrs. Duncan, the Ontario Museum's Advisor, along with the supervision of Mr. Rod Taylor, and the labour of local contractors and volunteer workers, the restoration was completed.

OCTAGONAL BUILDINGS & THOMAS WRIGHT

One might wonder why anyone would build an octagonal house, and perhaps, what sort of man built this unusual structure.

To help understand why, one would have to become acquainted with Dr. Orson Fowler's book, "The Octagon House - A Home for All," which was written in 1853. Dr. Fowler was a phrenologist who believed that every man could be his own architect. No apprenticeship was necessary according to Dr. Fowler as long as a man was endowed with, "phrenological organs of Inhabitiveness (love of home), and constructiveness (the ability to build)."

Orson Fowler felt that since nature makes 10,000 curvilinear figures to every one square figure, why not apply the spherical form to architecture. He believed spherical forms to be far more beautiful than square forms.



Believed to be Thomas Wright's original house plan. A door between two bedrooms and two windows were added later.

On the practical side, Dr. Fowler states that eight sided dwellings (the next best thing to spherical) contain 1-5th more room for the amount of wall than rectangular dwellings. The octagonal house requires fewer steps for housework, is easier to heat and receives more light from the sun. In addition the circular plan allows for cozy friendlier entertaining, and does not leave the poor housewife apart in the kitchen wing.

If these are not enough reasons for switching to Fowler's octagonal building, picture yourself with the new convenience of warming yourself facing your central heating, and having the light from the windows behind you to light your book for reading!

Consequently this book exerted a tremendous influence on American architecture. At least 1000 buildings sprung up, all embodying the ideas of the author, and bearing testimony to the powerful influence of the book.

It would seem that Thomas Wright, an Irish immigrant who married a Quaker from New York state, was also influenced by Fowler's book. Thomas Wright was described as a man, quiet in manner, and of a highly intellectual temperament. He was a lover of nature, and an amateur poet as demonstrated by his poem "To A Witch Hazel." He was also noted for his original mechanical genius, and especially for his craftsmanship with wood.

A study of Mr. Wright's house seems to point to the conclusion, that he was able to use the arguments of Fowler's that he thought practical for his purpose and means, while using his own creative ability.

Thomas Wright differed from Dr. Fowler on two main points. Firstly, he did not provide closets which Fowler advocated. Also, he built an extension, creating a trapezoid porch, and Dr. Fowler disliked extensions. The extension provided the traditional woodshed and summer kitchen, which Fowler designed in the basement storey.

Amongst the trees, near his home, Mr. Wright built a lovely little octagonal garden house or Gazebo. This later came to be known as the "Bee House."



Newton Wright and some of his family around the Gazebo. Two styles of Thomas Wrights' chairs can be seen in the picture.

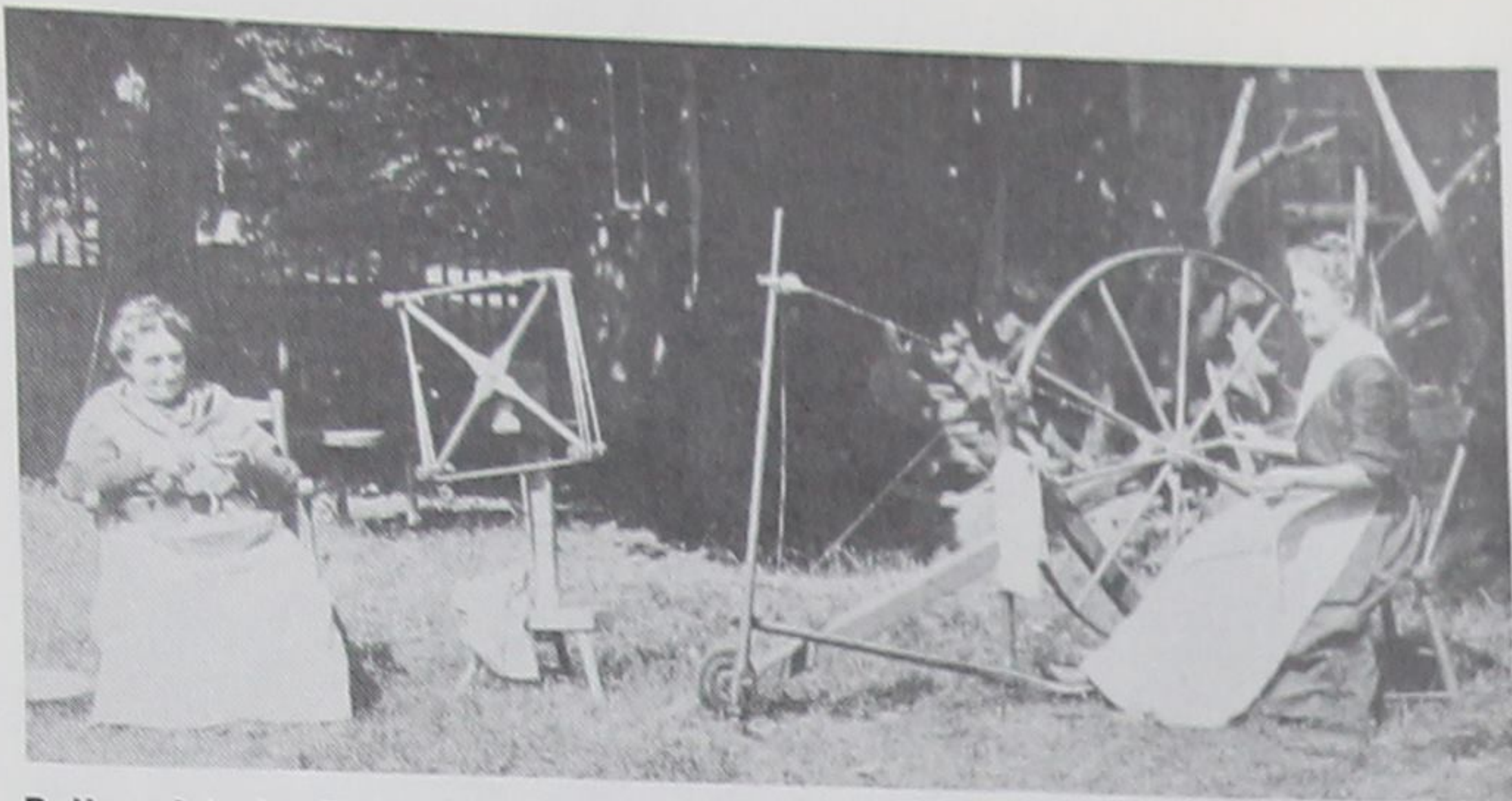
Thomas Wright not only showed his ingenuity in his architecture, but in his workshop, where he designed unique garden furniture of sliced boughs as well as fine furniture. Using burl wood, he created many useful and decorative articles. The machinery in his shop was turned by water power.



The river bank below the house. Two of Newton Wrights' daughters - Sadie and Edith beside the spring. A ram at this spring provided water for the house.

In Lovell's Directory of 1871, Thomas Wright was proprietor of the "New Dominion Spinning Wheel" business. Albert, his oldest son, was his agent. This spinning wheel is believed to be the one shown in an old family picture. The design allowed the spinner to sit at a large wool wheel, moving the spindle back and forth with a foot pedal.

Thomas Wright and his wife the former Mary Jane Barker came to Milldale in 1853. Mary Jane's brother William P. Barker was the owner of grist, saw and woollen mills here. With them came their four children - Albert, Ella, Emma, and



Believed to be Thomas Wrights' New Dominion Spinning Wheel. Mrs. Newton Wright is peeling apples.

Newton who were all born on a farm six miles north of London. The youngest child Elisa was born at Milldale.

Thomas was 45 years of age when he built his octagonal house. He died in 1898 at age 84. His wife predeceased him by three years.

Albert and Newton Wright had worked with their father for many years. Albert moved to Norwich after his father died. Newton and his family moved to Woodstock, about this time, where he and his oldest son Alvin continued to produce wagon hubs, spokes and other items.

TO
THE WITCH HAZEL.
 (IN AUTUMN.)
 BY T. WRIGHT.

Hail! latest bloom upon the forest bough!
 The leaves have put their parting glories on,
 Or fly before the gusty winds,—for now
 The maple on the hill is bare and lone.

The feathered songsters to a foreign shore
 Have winged their flight, and left the naked grove;
 The flowers have vanished, and we see no more
 The lilies raising thoughts of heavenly love.

But why, Witch Hazel, choose to bloom alone,
 When Autumn winds are sighing through the grove?
 Does this for thy neglect in Spring atone?
 Do'st thou not Flora's company approve?

Or art thou proud to spread thy petals four,
 To court the gaze of every passer-by—
 When Boreas tries his rude, tyrannic power,
 And threatening storm-clouds darken all the sky?

Perchance thou gloryest in thy stubborn will,
 Exulting thus to show endurance firm;
 And spread'st thy bloom the naked boughs to fill,
 And grace the scene till Flora's glad return.

Then hail, Witch Hazel! of the latest bloom,
 Thou cheer'st the dreary hours of Autumn old;
 Thou bring'st to mind the dark and silent tomb,
 And of that "Better Land" dost thoughts unfold:—

Speaking to us of Summer's vanished hours,—
 Our fleeting prime, whose moments speed so fast:—
 Our future life—our never-dying powers,
 When the dark winter of the tomb is past.

Otterville, October, 1865.

(a) Date and time of hearing

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the committee has appointed (h) _____

OCTOBER 11th, 1977.

at 10:30 A.M. in the fore/~~after~~noon for the purpose of a public hearing.

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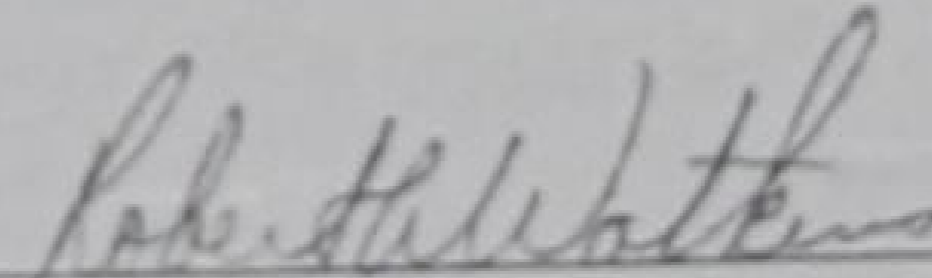
into this matter, to be held in (i) THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OTTERVILLE, ONT.

(e) State reason and office

This notice is sent to you because you are (j) within 200 feet of the subject property.

You are entitled to attend this public hearing in person to express your views about this application or you may be represented by counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the decision of the committee will be sent to the applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the hearing and who filed with the secretary-treasurer a written request for notice of the decision:


Secretary-Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF NORWICH

(k) Municipality

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Tells WI story of Erbtown

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mr. Edward S. Moore of Otterville was the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Women's Institute which was held in the Community Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Moore who was introduced by Mrs. Melville Beecroft, convener, gave an informal presentation of the story of Erbtown, where the original settlers first came to the community, intrigued and amused the audience. Mr. Moore traced the "Roots" of the Erb family from Switzerland to Germany, then to Pennsylvania and north to Welland, Waterloo and finally settling in South Norwich, where they built the first mills along the streams and harvested the magnificent White Pine forests.

A parallel story of the Moore's ancestors and the Howse family was of great interest as Mr. Moore and Mr. Bill Howse are still neighbours on the century farms at the West end of Otterville, known as Erbtown.

Mr. Moore has ancient deeds and atlases of the locality and has made a study interspersed with amusing personal tales of the confusion of records as told by the different people. There was a market for the timbers to be used as masts for the sailing ships and at one time the Otter River was considered for dredging as a route to Lake Erie. This would have changed our charming village where names like Durkee, McFarlane, Parsons bring back the past.

Here also during the American Revolution, the Quakers gave help to the negro slaves and many families settled in the area. Stories are told of the happy singing in their church and the sad sight of the bounty hunters looking for them.

Mr. Moore has a wealth of information about the familiar locations. Erbtown has taken a new look as the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre is located where the original church was built. Mrs. Fred Moore thanked the speaker and presented him with a gift.

The meeting opened with the president giving a gracious welcome to the members and many guests. This was followed with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect followed with "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. Jack Walther gave the minutes of the previous meeting, correspondence and the financial report.

The roll call was responded to

At a Turkey Shoot held recently near Stratford the Gould family of RR 2, Otterville came up the big winner with 10 turkeys. The high score of the day went to Tammy, who won five birds, followed by her father, Frank, with three and sister Sue with two.

by the members telling of an important product from another country. Information was given as to the County Conference which will be held Nov. 1st at Woodstock. Mrs. Downing reported on the Festival of Dairy Foods which she attended with Mrs. Irvin Gehring. The results of this course will be presented locally to all women interested Nov. 8th starting time at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Irvin Gehring.

The president distributed to the members reports on "On-

tario Status of Women" which was attended by Mrs. Jack Walther, "Fall Board Meeting" Mrs. Orris Beecroft, "Workshops on Education" and Cultural Affairs conducted by Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew; "London Area Convention" attended by Miss Vera Welsh.

These reports are much appreciated by the members for information and reference material.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen" and the Institute grace. Mrs. Jack

Walther was pianist.

The committee in charge served a dainty lunch and many memories were exchanged among members and visitors.

The tea table was most attractive being decorated in fall colours by the convener.



Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Harris and son, Ian, and daughter, Stephanie, of New Hamburg, have moved into their new home on Oxford St. in the village. Mr. Harris is manager of the Royal Bank here and succeeds W.G. Christensen, who was manager here for the past four years. A lovely new home was built by Mr. Harris in the past few months. We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Harris and family that they may enjoy meeting with the people in Otterville and area and extend to them a hearty welcome in their new home.

Children's Service speaker at UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The October meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the Otterville United Church on Thursday evening. The meeting was open to the congregation as well as the members of the St. John's Anglican Church and Baptist Fellowship.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jim Schofield of Burford from the Family Children's Service who was introduced by Mrs. Rod Taylor and thanked by Mrs. Earle Petch who also presented him with a gift.

The speaker in his informative talk gave a most interesting talk which was accompanied with pictures which was most impressive.

Mrs. Taylor opened the meeting with a reading in keeping with "Thanksgiving" followed with the UCW purpose. The president welcomed the members and visitors as well as the menfolk. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Correspondence was read by Mrs. Colin Cope which included a "Thank You Note"

from Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur who held their reception in the church hall on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Wilfred Addison presented the offering. Mrs. Melville Beecroft convener of the meeting presided for the worship service the theme being "Children." Mrs. Beecroft opened with a reading "A Special Friend" and hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children." The scripture lesson was Matt. 19: 13-15 and read by Mrs. Beecroft who also lead in the Litany of Thanksgiving followed with prayer.

"The People of the Prodigal Parents" was read by Mrs. Petch.

Mrs. Bert Hill was the pianist for the meeting, which closed with a hymn and prayer. A dainty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Mrs. Wilma Butler on behalf of the Baptist ladies expressed appreciation to the speaker and to the UCW for the invitation as did Mrs. Richard Saunders on behalf of the St. John's Church Guild.

The schoolroom was pretty with several arrangements of seasonal flowers bearing out the message that the fall season was near.

Otterville 4-H Club talks Achievement Day

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the 4-H Club held their meeting here on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Marilyn Treffry. The 4-H Club discussed what they were going to make for Achievement Day and what they would like to do with their leisure time and how to improve it.

Sherry Walters, Loralee Pettigrew, Rhonda Treffry and

her brother Terry played some instruments that they play in their leisure time.

After the club had completed their 4-H meeting No. 3 they had refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and family, Cathy and Jim of Otterville, Cindy Lu, John and Scott Williams of Simcoe, and Mrs. S. Burn of Tillsonburg attended the christening service at St. John's Anglican church, Otterville, when Lloyd Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durkee was christened.

Otterville Guild sets bazaar date

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Miss Edna Furlong on Thursday, Oct. 13. President Mrs. Violet Howse opened with prayer and all repeated "The

Lord's Prayer." Rev. Herring read the Scripture from St. Luke, 6th chapter.

Roll call was answered with the word "Thanksgiving" by eight members. Minutes were read and business dealt with. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the report of the treasury. Final plans were made for the Beef Supper, Sunday, Oct. 30th. It was moved and seconded that the Guild assist the A.C.W. of Norwich to cater to a banquet Nov. 19th at the Community Complex Centre.

Oxford Deanery meeting at Old St. Paul's, Woodstock on Tuesday, Oct. 25, registration 7:30 p.m. Open House at Saint Monica House at Kitchener Oct. 26. The bazaar date was set for Dec. 1 at the Community Hall, Otterville.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Herring and a social time was enjoyed by everyone.

Happy Bluebirds planning Christmas party

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Happy Bluebird Club met at the home of Mrs. Kenny Mitchell, Norwich on Tuesday evening for the October meeting.

The president Mrs. Daisy Ash presided and welcomed the members and visitors. The meeting opened with the Creed followed with "The Lord's Prayer" and the Bluebird chorus was sung. Mrs. Harold Waring gave the roll call which was responded to by the

members giving a joke or short quotes clipped from newspapers, which was in charge of the president.

Continuing plans for the Christmas party the former place and date were cancelled and Mrs. Jenny Mitchell invited the club to her home on Saturday evening, Dec. 10th at 6:30. Kentucky Fried chicken will be supplied and the remainder potluck. Members are asked to bring food, plate, cup, cutlery, serviette and a gift

to be priced at \$2.00. The gift to be marked lady or gent.

The members were entertained at games of Bingo with the Norwich group as hosts for the evening. Each player received a prize.

The hosts served a dainty lunch and was followed with a prettily decorated birthday cake made by Mrs. Ida Rachar in honor of Mrs. Petunia McNally whose birthday was that day. The members sang "Happy Birthday" and after the candles were blown out all shared with a piece of cake and coffee.

Mrs. Celia Rice on behalf of the club thanked the hostess and her helpers for the lovely time spent and also extended birthday greetings to Mrs. McNally a loyal member of the club on her 80th birthday.

Otterville Ladies' Guild meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Riste on Thursday, Oct. 20th. President Mrs. Violet Howse opened with prayer and all repeated "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. Herring read the Scripture from Ephesians 5th chapter.

Roll call was answered with the word "Spend" by eight members. Minutes were read and dealt with and correspondence filed. Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the treasurer's report.

The ladies were asked to meet at the Parish Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 25th at 10 a.m. to clean, have a potluck lunch and Oct. 29th, Saturday at 1 p.m. to prepare for beef supper. Anyone having large roasting pans please bring.

Next meeting Nov. 3rd to be held at the home of Mrs. Florence Church with the roll call word "Remembrance."

Cards were signed and sent to Mrs. W. Freeland and Mrs. Betty Cowan in hospital.

Rev. Herring closed with

prayer and lunch was served and a social time enjoyed by all present.

Churches sponsor annual suppers

OTTERVILLE (C) — More than 400 people were fed at the annual Turkey Supper which was sponsored by the United Church Women of which Mrs. Rod Taylor is president and Mrs. Lorne Treffry is the social convener.

Women and menfolk of the congregation all took a hand in helping where help was needed. Young ladies of the congregation were all on hand awaiting on the visitors at the table and also of the members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club who held their meeting that same night.

The newly renovated kitchen which has just been completed by Don Broad was a great help to the workers throughout the evening and the members feel this has been a great accomplishment and the supper a great success to which they are indebted to donors and canvassers for the ample provisions.

Another supper which featured Roast Beef was served in the St. John's Parish Hall on Sunday evening by the members of the St. John's Guild. Mrs. Fred Howse is the president and convened the evening.

Visitors from Brantford, Delhi, Dorchester, Tillsonburg, London, and Woodstock and area.

Peter Gilchrist and Arthur Picknell were the clerks at the table selling tickets for admittance.

This organization of the Ladies Guild has an average attendance of six to nine members at a meeting. With the help of the whole church congregation the supper was claimed a decided success.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Evelyn Duffy, Otterville, accompanied Mrs. Ted Kramer and Mrs. Walter Kramer of Delhi to Thorold recently where they attended a school reunion of the Thorold Park School of which these three ladies were pupils in 1928-29.

The party was formed as a surprise for their teacher Mr. Charles N. Elliott who was presented with a wallet filled with money.

Mrs. Elliott was also present and presented with roses in a container on which was inscribed "The Wise Old Owl."

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and son Peter returned to their home on Saturday after spending the past two weeks with their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith in Dagenham, Essex, England. While there they visited in Wales and the former's old home town, Chingford, Essex, the place of her birth and the church where she was christened. They were also guests in Bournemouth and their cousin Clifford Wilkinson in Kent. Mrs. Pickersgill and

son were delighted with their holiday in meeting relatives and friends but were also pleased with their return to Otterville.

Weekend guests with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Petch were their son Dr. Howard Petch of Victoria, B.C., their grandson Mr. Stephen Petch of Toronto and Miss Linda Gustafson of Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. William Sumner and family of Jacksonville, Florida returned to their home on Wednesday after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walters and family, and other relatives in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Walters entertained their guests to a dinner on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caldwell, Delhi, Mrs. Nellie Witts, Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Caldwell and family of Burgessville, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Caldwell and family of Otterville and Leslie and William Caldwell of Delhi.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clarke of Islic, New York, have returned to their home after visiting at the homes of Mrs. Daisy Ash and family.

Turkey Supper on Monday, Oct. 24th in United Church, Otterville at 5 p.m. Adults \$3.50, children over 12, \$1.75, pre-schoolers free.

Beef Supper at St. John's Anglican Church, Parish Hall, Otterville. Sunday, Oct. 30, 4 - 7:30 p.m., \$3.50 and \$1.75, pre-schoolers free.

Arena kitchen below standards

The Anglican Women's Guild of the Norwich, Otterville and Dereham churches will cater the Sports Recognition Banquet in Norwich Nov. 19, but it may never cater another event at the Community Centre.

Township deputy-clerk Wayne Johnson told council Tuesday the Guild had volunteered to cater the dinner without first inspecting the Community Centre kitchen.

"They were upset because there was no dishwasher," he said. The women will have to spend an additional four hours on cleanup if they have to wash all the dishes by hand.

The Guild agreed to provide 350 full course beef dinners for

the banquet at a cost of \$4.25 per plate.

The Guild admitted it was committed to catering the sports banquet but indicated it probably would not repeat the service without a dishwasher in the kitchen, Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson said arena manager Marcel DeWitte looked into the health regulations governing the kitchen facilities and found that if a commercial dishwasher were not installed, separate sinks would have to be provided for washing vegetable dishes, chinaware and other types of utensils.

"Quite frankly, our kitchen won't pass the ministry of

health standards," Mr. Johnson said.

"I think we've got to come up with a dishwasher real quick," Councillor Roger Orth said.

"We'd better just use paper plates," Councillor Jack Walter.

Mr. Johnson noted that the Guild also said that the two ovens available at the Community Centre kitchen were not really sufficient for providing dinner for 350 people.

Mr. Johnson also confirmed that Ferguson Jenkins will be the speaker for the evening, bringing his wife and family as well.

W. Leslie Dickson was appointed by council as the master of ceremonies for the evening.

Council decided to poll the managers of the championship ball teams to be honored at the banquet to find out how many tickets they require reserved prior to making outside commitments for ticket sales.

Councillor Jim McDowell noted that there are about 70 people to be honored at the banquet. He expressed the concern that if they were allowed to reserve too many tickets for their families and friends to attend, there would be few, if any, available for sale to the public.

Mr. Johnson said the ball managers would be polled for council's information. The township need not give them all the tickets they want if it would leave too few for public sale.

C.T.C. store to close

The Canadian Tire store in Norwich is to close operations early in the new year after seventeen years.

The franchise was originally started in Norwich by Harold Nethercott in 1960 in the building that now houses Munro Jewellers.

John Baker, present operator in Norwich, said that all employees will be given the opportunity to join other stores if they so desire.

In a statement the C.T.C. said that during the past few years, Canadian Tire has substantially

improved its retail facilities in the area surrounding Norwich. More specifically, our retail square footage in Woodstock, Delhi, Simcoe and Brantford has, in aggregate, more than quadrupled.

We are now in a position, therefore, to offer our Norwich customers attractive shopping alternatives, in any of these Associate Stores. For this reason we have decided to close the Canadian Tire Store in Norwich effective Saturday, January 14th, 1978.

Lions hold Halloween for children

Approximately 140 ghosts, goblins, and a wide variety of other costumed children attended the Lions Hallowe'en Party held at the Otterville Fire Hall on Monday evening. This was the largest crowd that has attended this annual event.

The prize winners are as follows:

Best dressed boy over six - Brian Caldwell; best dressed girl over six - Marty Smith; best dressed boy under six - Neil Smith; best dressed girl under six - Jodi Smith; most comical boy over six - Regan Wells; most comical girl over six - Cathy Gould; most comical boy under six - Ronnie Davis; most comical girl under six - Shannon Smith.

The Lions thank all those who helped and judged - and especially the children for making this event a success.

Jacques - Gray vows said

LA SALETTE - Gold daisies with bronze poms and yellow commercial mums decorated Our Lady of La Salette Church, on Friday, October 7, 1977, at 3 p.m., for the wedding of Tracy Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gray of North Street, Otterville, and Richard Jerome Jacques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michel Jacques, of RR 1, Norwich.

Fr. Francis X. Paul officiated and Mrs. Ann Loncke sang "Turn Around," "Prayer of St.

Francis," "Wedding Song," and "We've Only Just Begun," accompanied by Mrs. William McMullen, Jr., at the organ.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a formal gown of organza over taffeta with empire waist, high neckline and sheer yoke outlined with guipure lace, the shoulders having double layers of ruffles, and the hemline having a deep flounce which followed around into the full chapel train. Ribbon and

guipure lace encircled the waist and cascaded down the back of the train. Guipure lace and tiny fleurettes were scattered above the flounce and also encircled the neckband. The bride's silk illusion veil flowed from a bridal cap, and she carried a bouquet of gold silk lilies, brown poms, daisies and beige-tinted baby's breath.

Becky Hendricks of Otterville, friend of the bride, was maid of honor, and Laurie Lee Jacques, sister of the groom, Lynn Furlong, Sherry Nechelput and Connie Jacques, all friends of the bride, were bridesmaids.

The bride's attendants wore sleeveless, A-line, empire-style gowns of mint green polyester jersey, the bodices accented with a teardrop opening in front. Capes of chiffon in fall colour complemented their gowns and white pearlized hats with green ribbon around the brim and cascading down the back completed the attendants' outfits. They carried bouquets of orange silk lilies, bronze poms and green-tinted baby's breath.

Billy Jo Jacques of Otterville, cousin of the groom, was flower girl and wore a polyester sheer gown similar to the bride's. Her headress matched the flowers in her bouquet.

Best man was Richard DeCooman of Norwich, friend of the groom, and ushers were Adrian Jacques, Mark Vandenburg, cousins of the groom, Ken Van Jorre, and junior usher, Randy John Gray, brother of the bride. The ushers wore brown Windsor tuxedos with brown velvet lapels, contrasting with the groom's ivory beige tailcoat tuxedo.

Dinner for 200 and evening reception for 400 guests were held at Delhi German Home.

The bride's mother chose a gown of blue fine silk jersey and sheer organza with a deep V-neckline and full sheer sleeves caught at the wrist. Pink roses in her hair and corsage complemented the outfit. The mother of the groom wore an empire-style dress of brilliant pink chiffon with a panel of white running down the front. Pink and white silk lilies and green fern made up her corsage.

For a wedding trip to Nassau, Bahamas, the bride chose a royal blue pantsuit, accented with gold trim. Gold jewellery and a white shawl completed her travelling outfit, and she wore a corsage of orange silk mini-carnations and green fern.

Guests were present from Tillsonburg, Norwich, Otterville, Marathon, Wiarton, Chatham, Woodstock, Toronto, Ingersoll and Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacques are residing at RR 1, Norwich.



MR. AND MRS. WAYNE MURRAY
(Ryder Photography)

Murray - Christo

In an evening ceremony at Otterville United Church on October 1, 1977, Donna Jean Christo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Christo of Otterville, became the bride of Wayne Arthur Murray, son of Mrs. Mary Murray of RR 1, Norwich, and the late Percy Murray.

Rev. Earl Moore of Otterville conducted the service. Organist was Mrs. Lurene McMullen and soloist was Mrs. Betty Walther of RR 1, Otterville, who sang "Wedding Song" and "We've Only Just Begun."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white polyester satin, with lace bodice, sleeves and train, and empire waist. Her fingertip veil was caught to a lace cap. She carried a basket of assorted dried flowers.

Maid of honor was Julie Davis of Otterville, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Gail Vanooteghem of Norwich, a friend, and Marlene Christo, sister of the bride. They wore floor-length gowns in apricot polyester satin, with matching eyelet tops, and white picture hats with apricot trim. They carried baskets of dried flowers.

Flower girl, Cynthia Godelie of RR 1, Brownsville, cousin of the bride, wore a floor-length gown of apricot polyester satin,

with matching sheer, flower cape, and white picture hat with apricot trim. She carried an arrangement of dried flowers in a basket.

Best man was David Barnim of Otterville, friend of the groom, and ushers were Mark Murray and Brian Murray, brothers of the groom. Gary Chrysler of Woodstock, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

Reception for 250 guests was held at Tillsonburg Legion Hall.

Bride's mother chose a pale green, knit gown, with matching printed jacket. Her corsage was in baby blue and white. Groom's mother wore a printed, blue polyester gown, with blue corsage.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were engraved lockets, and groom's gifts were wallets and pen set.

For going away, the bride changed to a four-piece suit of white, red and black plaid, with white sandals, and wore a corsage of red roses.

After a wedding trip to North Eastern Ontario, they are making their home at RR 2, Otterville.

Out-of-town guests attended from Richmond Hill, Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Willowdale, Waterford, Thamesford and surrounding areas.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD JEROME JACQUES
(Ryder Photographs, Norwich)

Mark 25th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Wilson of Milldale celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Saturday evening October 15th when eight guests joined them at the Cornell Hall in honor of the occasion.

The evening was spent in dancing to the music of an orchestra and all enjoyed a smorgasbord supper.

Mrs. Wilson was the former Rosalee Ash, daughter of Mrs. Ash and the late Henry Ash of Milldale and Mr. Wilson's parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Wilson of Norwich.

They were married October 18, 1952 in the Norwich Baptist Church. Following their wedding trip to Detroit they moved to Milldale where they have since resided and have one daughter, Sandra.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were the recipients of many messages of congratulations, cards, flowers, and gifts. Guests were present from Woodstock, Sarnia, Tillsonburg, Denfield, Sudbury, Roseville, Mich., Norwich, Milldale and area.

Redman - Woodhouse vows

Beaconsfield Friends Church was the setting for a lovely candlelight wedding on October 8, 1977 at 6:30 p.m.

Reverend Dempster united Carol Kathleen Woodhouse to William Earl Redman, in a lovely autumn ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Horace and the late Delores Woodhouse of RR 2, Burgessville. The groom's family, Herbert and Dorothy Redman, reside at RR 2, Otterville.

Marion Avey played a lovely

medley of both traditional and modern wedding music, the piano adding a touch of charm to the rustic setting at the century old church.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was resplendent in an empire waisted gown of polyester satin. The neckline and sleeves were outlined with lace and seed pearls. A princess Anne cap held silk illusion, finger tip veil. She carried a white lace covered Bible with a cascade of yellow roses and baby's breath.

Bonnie Redman, sister of the groom, was maid of honour. She wore a polyester gown of mint green, with a matching cape and picture hat.

Lorna and Marlene Woodhouse, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids. They wore identical floor length gowns of yellow and also wore matching hats.

The bride's attendants carried bouquets of daisies, yellow and orange roses, and baby's breath.

Best man was Doug Byers of Tillsonburg, friend of the groom, and guests were ushered by Henry Innis and Daniel Groeneveld. The groom wore a tuxedo of forest green and the ushers wore mint.

The reception was held at the Norwich Legion. Guests danced to the music of Jim Harris of Brantford. A buffet lunch was served later in the evening by the Legion ladies.

Following a wedding trip to Ottawa, the couple are residing in Otterville.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM EARL REDMAN
(Photo by Ryder)

TEN YEARS AGO

October 1967

Otterville - The official opening of the South Norwich municipal offices was held at Otterville on Saturday, October 21, at 2 p.m. with Stanley Gehring, reeve of the township, as chairman.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

October 1947

Otterville - The Community Band has commenced a new class, and eight new members have been enrolled already. Bandleader is H.M. Watts of Tillsonburg.

FORTY YEARS AGO

October 1937

On Sunday morning a beautiful memorial window was unveiled in St. Pauls United Church to the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. William McGuire.

Lorne Parker of Otterville has purchased the dairy route that has been covered by the Keewadin Dairy of Tillsonburg, in Norwich and Otterville for several years past.

OCT. 31, 1957

The village of Otterville entertained their All-Ontario O.R.S.A. Champion Softball team to a banquet and dance at Mil-Mar-Manor. Manager Bill Butler, Captain Tom Furlong, Dick Kozuch and Joe McElhone responded on behalf of the club.

Former resident dies in one hundredth year

MRS. CATHARINE MARSHALL

One of the oldest former residents of Norwich, Mrs. Catharine Marshall passed away at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock on Friday, Oct. 28, 1977 in her 100th year.

The former Catharine McIntyre, daughter of the late Locklin and Mary McIntyre, she was born in Burford Township and had been a life-long resident of Norwich prior to going to Woodingford Lodge.

Mrs. Marshall was a good neighbor, a loving mother and always interested in Church and community affairs.

She was a staunch member of the Norwich Baptist Church, a member of the Carder Mission Circle and the Ladies Aid, a past Noble Grand of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge, a member of the Golden Age Club and the Women's Institute.

Surviving is one son N. M. (Ken) Marshall and one daughter, Mrs. Howard (Marion) Davison, both of Norwich; seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. (Mabel) Jones, Toronto, Mrs. Jack (Tina) Banford, Port Elgin, Mrs. Florence Wilson, Woodstock and Mrs. Margaret Lee of Durate, California.

Mrs. Marshall was predeceased by her husband, Walter Marshall in 1937 and one son Walter (Wally) in July 1971.

The funeral was held at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich on Monday, October 31 at 2 p.m. with Rev. David Houghland of Norwich Baptist Church officiating.

The bearers were Douglas Avey, Stacey Hinks, Howard McCombs, Donald Irvine and grandsons Norman Marshall and William Davison.

Interment was in Norwich Cemetery.

HENRY AARON LEACH

OTTERVILLE (C) - A well known resident of Otterville Henry Aaron Leach passed away in the Victoria Hospital, London on Friday, October 28, 1977 in his 74th year.

Born in South Norwich Township he was the son of the late Fred Leach and the late Della Daiken. The late Mr. Leach was a retired carpenter.

Besides his wife, the former Edna Knight, he is survived by one daughter Marion (Mrs. Vaughn Ward) of Norwich. He is also survived by three grandchildren and one great-grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Rachar of Norwich and Mrs. Ruby Christo of Tillsonburg; one brother Charles of Norwich.

The funeral service for the late Mr. Leach was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on Monday, October 31st at 2 p.m. and was conducted by Pastor D.R. Gorrie. Mrs. Wilma Butler was the pianist.

Memorial donations were to the Gideon Bible Society, Canadian Cancer, Heart Foundation, Arthritic and Rheumatism Society, Tillsonburg and District Mentally Retarded and Norwich Baptist Church.

The bearers were Richard Pick, Walter Cayley, Fred Zaharchuk, Harry Leach, Stanley Leach and Bruce Leach.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

IDA ROSE WRIGGLESWORTH

Mrs. Ida Rose Wrigglesworth aged 71 years of RR 1, Otterville passed away on Friday, October 7th, 1977 at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

She was born in Guelph, Ont., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pudge and had resided in the areas of Guelph, Fort Erie, and Welland, prior to moving to Milldale 31 years ago, where she has since resided.

Mrs. Wrigglesworth was an active member of the Otterville Baptist Church.

Surviving is her husband, Delbert Wrigglesworth, two daughters Mrs. Cecil (Marion) Pidgeon of Welland and Mrs. Stanley (Beverly) Learn of Fort Erie, twin sons Ronald and

Donald, both of Woodstock, also three sisters Madeline, Helen, and Gwen and two brothers Horace and William; fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

She was predeceased by a daughter Joyce in 1974 and by two sisters Florence and Edith also two brothers George and Raymond.

Rested at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich until Monday noon, October 10th and thence to the Otterville Baptist Church for service at 2 p.m. with Rev. D. R. Gorrie, minister of the Church officiating.

Interment was in the North Norwich Gore Cemetery.

Institute spearheads streetlight petition

OCT 1977

BY KAREN MONCK

Placing the onus on the petitioners to determine the public interest for streetlights in Springford may be responsible for errors in the method used to get the residents' response, Norwich Township clerk Robert Watkins said.

The "deal" was that the township would supply copies of a letter to poll the residents for their opinions, he said. The Springford Women's Institute would be responsible for making sure every resident received one. The completed form on each letter was to be returned to the township office for tally. A delegation of the Springford Women's

Institute approached township council asking to have streetlights erected in the hamlet. Council wanted some indication of the interest of the majority of residents before supporting the proposal.

Mr. Watkins agreed to draft a letter to be sent to each resident of Springford to get a reaction on the proposal. The letter outlined the cost of the project to the taxpayer for the installation and maintenance of 20 streetlights in the hamlet.

The Women's Institute approved the letter but added a sentence stating that no reply would be considered a positive vote for the proposal.

"The sentence saying no reply is a positive vote is an error," Mr. Watkins said. "I suppose my signing it is an error too. I should have had the Women's Institute sign it and have it returned here."

The letters were to be mailed to the residents but the Women's Institute offered to make sure they were delivered, Mr. Watkins said.

"The intention was that the Women's Institute would handle it. I assumed the ladies would take an afternoon off and deliver them."

Instead, at least some of the deliveries were delegated to children, he said.

The municipality placed the onus on the petitioners to determine the interest. We helped by supplying the letters and taking them as they are returned, but the onus was on them."

The letter calls for a yes or no vote on the installation of 20 streetlights in Springford during the first stage. The second stage, to be designed once the first stage is paid for, would permit the construction of sidewalks and-or more streetlights. The extent of second stage could be determined in the future as the need and mill rates indicated.

Mr. Watkins said it is possible that only people opposed to the proposal will send in replies. Since not replying is judged as a positive vote, technically, anyone in favor of the proposal need not answer the letter.

"I didn't want that to happen because I wanted to see those yesses. If you have six

people coming in for something, you don't do it until you get the support of the majority."

The proposal is planned in two stages, with the inclusion of sidewalks and-or more streetlights at a later date because the Women's Institute thought some residents would not place as much importance on sidewalks, compared to streetlights, as the petitioners did, Mr. Watkins said.

"They didn't want people who opposed the sidewalks to vote against the streetlights."

The second stage of the proposal would not be started until 1980, when the first stage had been paid for. The only cost to the residents in 1980 and later would be maintenance for the first stage.

The installation and maintenance costs to be raised through taxes in 1978 and 1979 would be \$2,588 per year. The increase in the commercial mill rate would be 11.179 and the increase in the residential mill rate would be 9.502 during those two years.

In 1980 and afterward, the township estimates that \$558 would be needed annually for maintenance. This would raise the commercial mill rate by 2.439 and the residential mill rate by 2.073.

The figures are based on those provided to the township by Ontario Hydro for 20 175-watt units. The 175-watt units are the same kind used in Otterville and Norwich. The costs do not include pole relocation or layout if required.

Mr. Watkins said these are accurate figures provided by Ontario Hydro but the maintenance cost could increase with the rising cost of energy.

The reaction of the majority of Springford residents could also be used by the township to determine how much they are willing to spend on improvements to the community.

The amount of money agreed to by the majority could be used as a guide for the future improvements to the hamlet. If the residents indicated a willingness to spend the \$2,500 per year for streetlights for the next two years, future improvements could be made to the community not exceeding that figure, Mr. Watkins said.

The municipality has not decided to go along with the proposal, Mr. Watkins stressed. It is simply trying to determine the interests of the majority.

At first, a public meeting was decided upon as the means to gauge public opinion. However, if only a small percentage of residents showed up, a proper breakdown of opinion could not be obtained, Mr. Watkins said.

The idea for a letter to be sent to the residents was made by the Women's Institute, he said. They also suggested having the letters returned to the municipality for tally.

Being the petitioner, the Women's Institute was also left to determine the details of the proposal - how many lights, where they would be located and whether to include sidewalks in the original proposal, Mr. Watkins said.

Springford street light installation approved

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Norwich Township council will proceed with the installation of street lights in the hamlet of Springford.

A poll of residents by letter showed that of the 86 per cent who replied, 56 per cent favored the installation of lights, council was told Tuesday.

The poll asked residents to vote yes or no on the installation of 20 streetlights in Springford during the first stage of the project. The second stage, to be designed once the lights are paid for, would permit the construction of sidewalks and-or more street lights at a later date.

Township Clerk Robert Watkins told council it will take two years to pay for the streetlights.

The project was initiated by the Springford Women's Institute, which approached council asking for the construction. Council decided to poll the residents to determine the level of acceptance in the community, since the taxpayers would finance the project.

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The reaction of the majority of Springford residents may be used in the future to determine how much they are willing to spend on improvements to the community.

The extent of improvements in the future, and a decision between sidewalks or street lights, can be determined by the amount to be raised by the mill rates.

Letters to the Editor

SPRINGFORD IMPROVEMENTS

The Editor: In response to Mr. McElhone's letter which you published in Monday's issue of the Tillsonburg News, regarding methods employed and ambiguities in documents, we wish to comment as follows:

The letters delivered to ratepayers of Springford were prepared by the Township of Norwich AT THE REQUEST OF THE SPRINGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. They were delivered by children, WHO WERE DRIVEN BY AN ADULT, NOTING EACH RESIDENCE RECEIVING A LETTER. Letters were sent to non-resident owners by mail. Granted, perhaps the proper way would have been to send these letters by registered mail, at a cost of \$1.00 per letter. It was felt the method which was employed would be a saving to all.

We strongly feel that all of the criticism contained in the aforementioned letter should not be directed to the Township Office and the manner in which they conduct business, as they are, in fact, only carrying out the request made by the Springford Women's Institute.

We strongly urge all ratepayers to return the bottom portion of the letter they received from the Township Office, clearly indicating a "no" or "yes" reply, if they have not already done so.

Thank-you.

SPRINGFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Crosby's body flown home for private funeral today

NEW YORK (AP) — Three thousand worshipers filled St. Patrick's Cathedral for a mass in Bing Crosby's memory Monday, while a crucifix-topped coffin bearing the singer's body was being flown home for burial today.

Terence Cardinal Cooke described Crosby, who died Friday of a heart attack following a golf match in Spain, as "a man . . . of warm presence and outstanding talents . . . a man loved by millions." The service in New York was one of several masses that have been held on two continents since the death of the entertainer.

A commercial flight bearing Crosby's dark brown coffin, accompanied by the singer's 19-year-old son Harry, arrived at New York's Kennedy Airport shortly before 5 p.m. EDT. The coffin was transferred to a plane headed for Los Angeles.

Private services and burial are scheduled for today in Westwood, a Los Angeles suburb.

Harry Crosby, who had flown to Spain on Saturday, was accompanied to the airport for the trip home by a group of American and Spanish friends and U.S. Embassy and consular officials.

Also shipped home were the golf clubs Crosby, 74, used in the final match. He collapsed outside the clubhouse of the La Moraleja course after playing 18 holes with three Spanish professional golfers.

Most of those attending the Mass of Resurrection in New York were fans who used their lunchtime to pay tribute to Crosby and take communion to the strains of The Bells of St. Mary's — title song of one of his films.

Among the celebrities present were bandleader Sammy Kaye and former Metropolitan Opera star Rise Stevens, who played opposite Crosby in the movie Going My Way. Crosby's role in the film won him an Oscar.

Crosby's friend and longtime show business partner Bob Hope sent a personal message to Cardinal Cooke's office couched in terms that recalled the crooner's love of golf: "He never said an unkind word about anyone whether on life's fairways or in the rough, and that's one scorecard I'd be proud to sign."

Today's funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. Crosby will be buried in a family plot at Holy Cross Cemetery near his parents and first wife, Dixie Lee, who died of cancer in 1952.

Maury Foladare, Crosby's press agent, said several of Crosby's office employees would be invited, in addition to his four sons from his first marriage, his brother and his sister.

"He wanted only the children and myself," his second wife, Kathryn, said from the family's home in Hillsborough, a San Francisco suburb. "But I think there are those who worshiped him for 40 years who have a right to be there."

About 2,000 persons attended a mass Sunday at London's Westminster Cathedral, where Crosby had worshiped two weeks ago while performing at the Palladium.

At Crosby's own church, Our Lady of Angels in Hillsborough, his fellow parishioners remembered him with a prayer Sunday. Kathryn Crosby attended the early-morning mass along with two of their three children, Nathaniel, 15, and Mary Frances, 17.

A special Mass also will be said at the Hillsborough church today. OCT 18/77



Seven couples, married over 50 years, were honored last week at a meeting of the Otterville Leisure Club. Seated from left to right, with their husbands behind them are Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs.

Harry Lee, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Stan Arthur, Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mrs. James Squance and Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Seven couples honored at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their regular meeting at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre on Wednesday.

At this dinner hour seven couples, members of the club were given special mention, and were seated at the head table. These included president and Mrs. Harry Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison, Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur. These couples all live in the village and have been married over 50 years.

Kentucky Fried Chicken featured the noon-day meal with plenty of goodies prepared by the members, though called potluck it resembled more of a banquet. Catering was done by Mrs. David Kennedy, Mrs. Colin Robinson, Mrs. Harold Waring who were assisted by others.

Following the dinner the annual business meeting was held. President Harry Lee presided. Mr. Lee welcomed all who were present a special welcome to the visitors and graciously thanked the ladies for the honors to the seven couples and the delicious dinner.

The roll call was given by secretary Mrs. Fred Cole and the treasurer's report by Mr. Cole. Discussion was spent in

deciding more equipment for the kitchen.

Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew (Convener), Mrs. David Kennedy and Mrs. Harry Lee formed the nominating committee and the slate of officers was presented by Mrs. Kennedy on behalf of Mrs. Pettigrew. The slate presented was - immediate past president, Harry Lee; president, Colin Robinson; secretary, Mrs. Fred Cole;

treasurer, Fred Cole; public relations, Mrs. Harold Waring; good cheer convener, Mrs. Max Avey; social, Mrs. Colin Robinson; pianist, Mrs. Nate McMullen.

Mr. Melville Beecroft was presiding officer for the nominating committee. The officers to take office in January.

Following the business, games of cards were enjoyed.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their regular meeting at the Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday, Nov. 16th, with 20 members present.

Games of cards were in play and at the social hour a brief business meeting was held when the members had the opportunity to sign their names, if wishing to go to the Christmas dinner on Dec. 21st. After the dinner the members will return to Woodlawn to continue with the party, when carols will be sung. Mention was made of the program from Hamilton on Sunday evening "New Faces" in which Tillsonburg artists were seen, featuring "The Melody Makers".

Colin Robinson gave a reading "Food for Thought", on behalf of the group who were recently honoured by the club.

Mr. Max Avey voiced appreciation to those who

were the hosts for the day and a special "Thank-You" to Mrs. Harold Waring who suggested the evening and organized some of the planning.

Events which will be held at later dates were mentioned. President Harry Lee announced several pieces of equipment for recreation had been installed and the meeting closed with Mrs. John Pritchard and Mrs. Gladys Ritenbury as the social committee. *NOV 77*

The guests expressed their appreciation to those who were responsible for this special day which has pleasant memories in the future. The rooms looked attractive being decorated with a large potted plant of mums and smaller containers of mums throughout the rooms.

The afternoon closed with the singing of "O Canada" with Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano.

He's ^{NOV '77} 80 years young

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club in Otterville honoured another birthday celebrant at their weekly meeting which was held on Wednesday at the Woodlawn Community Centre.

Mr. James Squance, 80 years young, was presented with a USCO pin by the president Harry Lee which was accompanied with birthday wishes from the club. A prettily decorated birthday cake trimmed with candles, which was made and presented by his wife Grace, was another surprise for Jim, who thanked the members for their kindness and to Grace for her part.

Thirty members including visitors from Norwich were present for the afternoon which started out with games of cards.

In a brief business period Mrs. Squance reported the planning of the Christmas party which will be held at the Mocha Restaurant in Tillsonburg December 21st at 12:30.

Following the dinner the members will return to the Community Centre where gifts will be exchanged, the price set at \$2.00 and the Christmas party will continue.

The ladies assisted the convener in serving birthday cake and ice-cream for the social time which was enjoyed.

The members welcomed Lorna and Ivan Leitch of Norwich who joined the group for a cup of coffee. Ivan having been a patient in University Hospital, London, is now convalescing at their home in Florida.

FIFTY YEARS AGO November 1927

Otterville, Nov. 4 - An unexpected happening was registered at Otterville last evening when the Otterville Baptist churches rather than join the meeting of the congregation, decided, by a majority of 11, to remain with the Ontario-Quebec convention of Baptist churches rather than join the new regular Baptist convention headed by Dr. T.T. Shields.

Chimes dedicated at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — During the United Church service Sunday, Rev. Moore conducted a dedication of chimes, presented by Mrs. Annie Arthur, in memory of her husband, the late Edward Arthur.

Keys were presented to Melville Beecroft, who

accepted on behalf of the trustees board.

Rev. Moore, assisted by David Arthur, chairman of the Board of Stewards, wheeled the chimes into the auditorium where the congregation received them.

Rev. Moore's message was on "finding a deeper

faith", and Cheryl Mansfield was the organist.

Worshippers enjoyed the selection of hymns chimed and that are heard throughout the village both before and after service and twice daily, at noon and 6 p.m. *NOV 20/77*

Remembrance service at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Remembrance Day service was held at the Cenotaph at the entrance to the Community Park on Sunday immediately following the church service.

The members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 190

and the Ladies Auxiliary participated in the service which was led by Rev. Herring. "The Last Post" was played by Dianne Buckrell.

Memorial wreaths were placed at the Cenotaph, Province of Ontario - Rettle Palmer; Norwich Township -

Harold Williams; Ladies Auxiliary - Phyllis Ritgen; Powell-Agri - Jack Cundy; Royal Branch of Canadian Legion No. 190 - Ross Franklin; Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330 - Doug Wilson and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; Norwich-Otterville Lions - Fred Thompson.

Young and old remember

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Norwich-Otterville Lions hosted First and Second World War Veterans at a Remembrance Day dinner recently.

There were about 115 veterans and Lions present, at the Legion Hall for the roast turkey dinner, catered by the O.E.S.

Six World War One veterans were present for the 59th anniversary of Remembrance Day including Chris Vigar who was a nursing sister and five

lady veterans of WW II were in attendance.

Guest speaker for the evening was Rev. Dr. Clifford Waite, D.F.C., a versatile gentleman, who is service officer of the Simcoe Legion Branch, head of the English department of Port Dover High School and is pastor of a charge in Langton and Glen Meyer.

Rev. Waite made note of the fact that Canada lost more men on the battlefield, per capita, than

any other nation. And they were all volunteers.

This is a night of recalling the traditions and fabric of this still young nation. To recall that we fought for freedom to do things, not licence.

Madness called war is not sensible or rational and does not solve the problems of mankind. However noble the sacrifice made the final solution will come from men who have compassion for their fellow man.

Roy Arn sounded the Last Post and Reveille to mark the two minutes of silence in memory of the fallen and Legion Padre Rev. Herb Herring gave the prayer of remembrance.

Lion president Ed McFarland welcomed all veterans present at the annual banquet and introduced visiting Lions from South Brant, and Long Point. Ross Franklin, Legion president, thanked the Lions club for hosting veterans during the time of remembrance.

The members responded to the roll call by giving "A Use of Honey." Miss Welsh thanked the members for their help at the rummage sale, which was very successful.

Announcement was made of 4H summary day at Woodstock on Jan. 12th.

December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. Each member is asked to bring a gift for the Sunshine Cupboard in Tillsonburg Hospital, the gift to be marked "his" or "hers."

A cash donation was forwarded to the Adelaide Hoodless Fund. Several cards were signed for shut-in friends.

Otterville Ladies' Guild hold meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Florence Church on Thursday, Nov. 3rd with the president Mrs. Violet Howse opening with prayer and followed with The Lord's Prayer.

Miss Edna Furlong read the Scripture from Psalm 112. The roll call was answered with the word "Remembrance" by eight members and one visitor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Nate McMullen. The luncheon menu was approved for the visitor of the Bishop on Sunday, Nov. 13th at 11 a.m.

It was decided for a carload of ladies to attend St. John's Ladies Bazaar at Tillsonburg Nov. 17th.

Next meeting will be held at the Parish Hall Nov. 24th when Mrs. Emma Strudwick will be the hostess. The roll call will be answered with the word "Awake."

Cards were signed for shut-ins. The meeting closed with prayer by the president and all enjoyed a lovely lunch.

Euchre season begins

OTTERVILLE (C) — The first progressive euchre of the season sponsored by the St. John's Church Club was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening with three tables in play. Prize for the ladies high went to Sharon Smith; Ladies Low, Mrs. Myrtle

Innis; Men's High, Kenneth Smith and Ladies Low, Miss Eva Deveney. The mystery prize was won by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

The next euchre will be held in the Community Hall on Nov. 24th. Following the games a dainty lunch was served.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The second progressive euchre party was held in the Community Hall on Thursday evening. There were seven tables in play. Ladies' high was won by Mrs. Vida Lees; ladies' low, Mrs. Olive Pickersgill; men's high, David McKibbin and low, Nate McMullen.

The mystery prize to Clara Webb. The next euchre to be held in the Community Hall Dec. 8th.

St. John's Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Thursday Nov. 24th with the president Mrs. Violet Howse presiding and opened the meeting with prayer followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read the Scripture, 121st Psalm as requested by one of the members. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The roll call was answered with the word "Awake" by nine members. Thank you notes were read. Treasurer Mrs. McMullen gave her report. Under unfinished business final plans were made for the bazaar which was held on Thursday, Dec. 1st.

All officers were returned by acclamation. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Violet Howse at 12 o'clock noon for a Christmas dinner on Thursday, Dec. 8th. Roll call to be answered with the word "Manger." Exchange of gifts.

The January meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Winnie McMullen Thursday, January 12th, 1978.

Meeting closed with prayer by the president and everyone enjoyed lunch and a social time with our hostess for the day, Mrs. E. Strudwick.

Leisure Club holds meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their regular meeting in Woodlawn Community Centre last week. Seven tables of cards were in play with a number of visitors present.

After the games were finished lunch was served by Mrs. Colin Robinson and Mrs. James Squance, who also presented Mrs. Petunia McNally with a lovely birthday cake decorated with candles, marking the recipients 80th birthday.

At this time Mrs. McElhone pinned a lovely corsage on Mrs. McNally and the president presented her with a Senior Citizen's pin in honor of her 80 years young. Happy Birthday was sung after which Mrs. McNally was taken by surprise thanked the members and visitors for remembering her.

A short business meeting was held and the afternoon brought to a close.

Dairy food festival held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Twenty-four ladies of the community attended the Festival of Dairy Foods held at the home of Mrs. Irvin Gehring on Tuesday.

The demonstrated foods were served for lunch and discussion on the use of milk products and menu planning followed. The food that was presented used all the products made from milk, covering processed milk products and cultured products.

A demonstration of handy gadgets was shown to be used by the housewife in the kitchen.

Appreciation was given to Mrs. Gehring for her home by the president Miss Vera Welsh, who thanked the ladies who took the course and presented it. Plans were made for the 4H summary day, January 12 in Woodstock.

Institute hears talk on making honey

OTTERVILLE (C) — Sam McSpadden of Otterville, retired high school teacher was the speaker on his hobby, "The Honey Bee," at the Women's Institute meeting.

The speaker gave the life of the bee and the making of the honey and brought a beehive to demonstrate the full process of how the bee works. Mr. McSpadden treated the ladies to the finished product. There was a question period following his talk. He was introduced by Mrs. Irvin Gehring, convener of Canadian Industries, and thanked by the president, Miss Vera Welsh, who presented him with a gift.

Mrs. Gehring read a paper on "The Manufacturing of the Iron Stove."

Another interesting number was given by Mrs. G. M. Downing, who dealt with consumer information. Mrs. Downing stressed the need of conserving heat; checking toys for labels; beware of door-to-door salesmen, as well as checking labels on your purchases. The talk also contained short cuts in food costs.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. G. M. Downing on Friday afternoon. The president, Miss Vera Welsh, presided. In keeping with "Remembrance," the president gave a reading, "Why We Wear A Poppy," followed with a two minutes silence.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Weekend guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G.M. Downing were Air Commadore and Mrs. Dwight Ross of Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Moles of Ancaster, Mr. and Mrs. M. Boresada of London, and Mr. and Mrs. Wynn Downing and children Mae and Andrew of London.

Confirmation service at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) — Bishop Morse Robinson of the diocese of Huron confirmed six candidates into the Anglican faith at a special service of the Laying on of Hands in St. John's Church here Sunday.

Robert, Robin and John Davis, Mrs. Stephanie Durkee, Mrs. Joanne Countryman and Anne Keery were received into the church by Bishop Robinson after attending classes by Rev. Herb Herring.

Holy Communion for the candidates and the congregation was conducted by the Bishop and Rev. Herring.

During the service several memorial gifts were dedicated to the Glory of God, a silver ewer for the baptismal font in memory of the late Mrs. Emily McMullen and Wilson and Catherine Young by Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, a clock, in memory of the late Mrs. Kathleen Saunders by the Durkee family and a book of

Remembrance by the members of the St. John's Guild.

During the service Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill sang a solo "Cleanse

Me" accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the organ.

At noon 50 persons sat down to a hot dinner served by the ladies of the congregation.

Bluebirds plan Christmas party

OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the Happy Bluebirds was held at the home of Mrs. Daisy Ash. The meeting was well attended. The members of the Milldale group were in charge of the evening.

President Mrs. Ash welcomed the members and the meeting opened with the Housewives' Creed followed with "The Lord's Prayer". The Bluebird Chorus was sung and another chorus was introduced.

The roll call was answered with the members giving memories of Christmas of childhood. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved after correction.

Plans were completed for the Christmas party which will be held at the home of Mrs. Jenny Mitchell on Saturday evening Dec. 10th. Members are reminded to bring dishes,

silverware, cups and food for the Potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Meat is being provided.

Mrs. Ash convened the program when Mrs. Douglas Carroll, Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency and Mrs. Hazel Edgeworth gave readings. Games of cards were played after which the hostess was assisted with serving lunch for the social hour.

Bazaar for Anglican Guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held their pre-Christmas Bazaar in the Community Hall on Thursday afternoon, which was very successful.

The visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Jack Riste. The counters all well filled with needlework, baking and Christmas cards and novelties were all well patronized. Those

in charge of the various sales were Mrs. Winnie Leach selling tickets on a fruit cake, which was won by Mrs. Nelson Gleason. The door prize was won by Miss Eva Deveney. Others taking part were Mrs. Florence Church, Miss Edna Furlong; Mrs. Dorothy Durkee and Mrs. Emma Strudwick; Mrs. Winnie McMullen and tea was served by Mrs. Olive Pickersgill.

Otterville W.M.F. regular meet held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Messages in music was the theme of the November meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church. The meeting was held in the Sunday School room of the church.

Mrs. Robert Butler presided for the program of music and related readings expressing the truth of a Christian Faith. The hymn "I Believe" was sung by six girls who are members of the Christian Service Centre Bible Club. Jenny Caughill, Donna Butler, Wendy Groeneveld, Christine Walters, Lisa Oneam, and Janette Butler. Four girls from the Sunday school - Laurie Stockmans, Sherry Lynn Walters, Nancy Marshall and Lindsay Pathy sang one of the newer hymns "Happiness Is", "Trust and Obey" an older favourite was sung by the entire girls chorus.

The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. John Hansford. A reading "The Peace of Meditation" was given by Mrs. Brian Davis, and the ladies Trio Mrs. Murray Treffry, Mrs. William Hansford, and Mrs. Paul Hill sang "Take Time to be Holy." For their second number the trio sang "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" preceded by a poem "On the Wings of Prayer" read by Mrs. Hilda Stockmans. Mrs. Harold Waring rendered a whistling solo "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

The events of the first Easter were related in a poem "He

Lives" given by Mrs. Bert Hill. Mrs. Murray Treffry sang a solo, one of the newer hymns composed in this decade "Because He Lives." The closing prayer was the hymn "An Evening Prayer" sung by Mrs. William Hansford and the Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Fred Hill.

The president Mrs. Bruce Stover presided for the opening program and business session. Her call to worship emphasized the necessity of "waiting patiently" in our everyday Christian lives. Letters were read from the two missionary families with whom the group correspond. The Hiron on Nigeria and the Pollards in Kenya. Mrs. William Hansford offered the missionary prayer.

Mrs. Stover invited the ladies to her home for the Christmas meeting on Dec. 6th. A social time followed the meeting with refreshments served by Mrs. Kenneth Lee, Mrs. Donald Gorrie, and Mrs. Ted Oenema. Courtesy remarks were given by Mrs. Hilda Stockmans.

Otterville W.I. meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) — The October meeting of the United Church Women was held in the schoolroom of the Otterville United Church on Thursday evening. The meeting was open to the congregation as well as the members of the St. John's Anglican Church and Baptist Fellowship.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Jim Schofield of Burford from the Family Children's Service who was introduced by Mrs. Rod Taylor and thanked by Mrs. Earle Petch who also presented him with a gift.

The speaker in his informative talk gave a most interesting talk which was accompanied with pictures which was most impressive.

Mrs. Taylor opened the meeting with a reading in keeping with "Thanksgiving"

followed with the UCW purpose. The president welcomed the members and visitors as well as the menfolk. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Correspondence was read by Mrs. Colin Cope which included a "Thank You Note" from Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Arthur who held their reception in the church hall on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Earle Petch and Mrs. Wilfred Addison presented the offering. Mrs. Melville Beecroft convener of the meeting presided for the worship service the theme being "Children." Mrs. Beecroft opened with a reading "A Special Friend" and hymn "Jesus Loves the Little Children." The scripture lesson was Matt. 19: 13-15 and read by Mrs. Beecroft who also lead in the Litany of Thanksgiving followed with prayer.

"The People of the Prodigal Parents" was read by Mrs. Petch.

Mrs. Bert Hill was the pianist for the meeting, which closed with a hymn and prayer. A dainty lunch was served by the committee in charge.

Mrs. Wilma Butler on behalf of the Baptist ladies expressed appreciation to the speaker and to the UCW for the invitation as did Mrs. Richard Saunders on behalf of the St. John's Church Guild.

The schoolroom was pretty with several arrangements of seasonal flowers bearing out the message that the fall season was near.

PAUL J. HASILO

Paul J. Hasilo, Sr., of 135 Adams Ave., Delhi, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Monday, November 14, 1977, in his 53rd year.

Born in Mol, Yugoslavia, son of the late John Hasilo and the former Viktoria Acsai, he came to Canada and the Delhi area in 1935.

He was manager for the Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers Marketing Board, Delhi; member and director of Delhi District Hungarian Home; past member of Delhi Kinmen Club; past director of Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers Co-Op.

Surviving are his wife, the former Irene Berenyi; four children, Mrs. Victoria Luki of Tillsonburg, Paul Hasilo Jr., of Brantford, John Hasilo of Simcoe and Miss Anne Marie Hasilo at home. Also surviving are his mother, Mrs. Viktoria Hasilo of Delhi; two sisters, Mrs. Tibor (Margaret) Takacs and Miss Pearl Hasilo, both of Delhi, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Hasilo rested at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, until Wednesday morning, thence to St. John Brebeuf and Companions Roman Catholic Church, Delhi, for funeral mass at 10 a.m. Interment in Delhi Cemetery. Prayers were said at the funeral home Tuesday evening.

Group seeks cable TV outlet for Delhi, Norwich, Otterville

The town that has its name on a famous TV antenna may finally get cable television service.

A house-to-house poll showed 70% of Delhi residents want cable television. The poll was the deciding factor in making the proposal to provide cable here. Otterville and Norwich are also included in the cable TV application.

Persons behind the application to the CRTTC have yet to form the company to provide the service, a spokesman for Till-Cable TV said. A meeting is expected soon to decide the amount of investment capital necessary

to erect the company and its service.

The application is for a 300-foot tower to provide 12 TV channels. Four additional channels will be offered in a converter service, an option for cable subscribers. The fee of the cable and the converter services are not known.

A hearing on the application is expected in mid-January. The spokesman, who did not want to be identified, said residents in all the affected communities will have 35 days to lodge complaints to be heard at the CRTTC hearing.

The spokesman said most

of the preparatory work to present the application to the CRTTC is complete. Approvals must be obtained from the municipal councils and PUCs involved, Bell Telephone and federal government.

The cable service would use existing Bell telephone poles.

If approval is given, it is unlikely cable service would be ready shortly thereafter the spokesman said. He estimated it would take a year or more before service is available.

The company too, once it is formed, may decide instead to install expensive micro-wave reception

facilities which could delay completion of the service.

Once installed, the cable company is compelled by law to provide a special community channel to televise events, information and programs of a local nature. A studio would be included in the company's office facility. Where this would be located, apparently hasn't been decided as yet.

The irony of the proposal is the fact Delhi Metal Products has for years marketed an antenna called the Delhi Antenna. The antenna aerial has become a standard of TV reception in the industry.

Otterville News Briefs Mrs. Beecroft heads UCW

Past Noble Grands

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Past Noble Grands of the Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330, Otterville, held their Christmas party last week and enjoyed a dinner at the Mocca Restaurant in Tillsonburg. Following the dinner the ladies returned to the home of Mrs. Wilma Butler where there was the exchange of gifts and a social time completed the evening. The members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Butler for the lovely evening.

Members of the St. John's

St. John's Guild

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Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club held their regular meeting at the Woodlawn Community Centre in Otterville on Wednesday afternoon.

The members visited the recreational room where new equipment for entertainment has been purchased and will soon be ready to use.

Games of cards were enjoyed there being six tables in play. Mrs. Alice DeGraeve was hostess for the social hour and was assisted by Mrs. Colin Robinson.

A brief business was conducted by the president Harry Lee when the members decided to purchase a photo of the group of members which had been taken recently and more can be ordered if ordered next week.

Members were reminded of the Christmas party on Dec. 21 at the Woodlawn following the dinner in Tillsonburg.

Church Club held their regular meeting in the Parish Hall and following the meeting the exchange of Christmas gifts and an interesting program was enjoyed. A potluck lunch completed the evening and Christmas wishes exchanged.

Christmas meetings and parties scheduled for the week will be the Women's Institute at the home of Mrs. Anna Treffry on Friday, Dec. 16. This is an afternoon meeting at 2 p.m.

The Happy Bluebirds are holding their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Hiram Mitchell on Saturday evening. A potluck supper program and gift exchange.

The Leisure Club are holding their Christmas party on Dec. 21. Dinner at the Mocca Restaurant, Tillsonburg, then return to the Adult Community Centre for Christmas program and gift exchange.

MRS. EDWARD RUCKELL

Mrs. Edward Ruckell of Dundas, formerly of Springford, passed away at Hamilton on Monday, December 19, 1977, in her 90th year.

She was the former Priscilla Manning. Her husband predeceased her in 1967.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Fred (Evelyn) Paul of Millgrove; and three grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held on Wednesday, December 21, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. Herring.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Donations to St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, would be appreciated by the family.

DAVID CLAUDE VANCE MORRISON

A retired Royal Bank manager, David Claude Vance Morrison of 9 Second Ave., Port Dover, died Sunday, Dec. 25, in Norwich, in his 74th year.

Mr. Morrison was manager of the Royal Bank at Otterville for 13 years, and at Port Dover for 10 years. He was a past president of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and a member of Port Dover Lions Club.

Surviving are his wife, the former Orma L. Loucks; mother, Margaretta Morrison of Simcoe; daughters, Mrs. Bob (Anna) Scott of Norwich and Mrs. John (Barbara) Davis of Otterville; sons, Robert and Douglas Morrison of Port Dover; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother, Orval of Toronto; sisters, Mrs. E.C. (Minnie) Maxwell and Mrs. Reg (Donna) Allard of Sault Ste. Marie.

Resting at the Thompson Funeral Home, Port Dover for service Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Donald Pletsch. Interment in Otterville Cemetery. Donations to the Heart Fund would be appreciated.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The members of the United Church Women held their December Christmas meeting in the school room of the United Church and was largely attended. Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist. The president Mrs. Rod Taylor presided and opened the meeting with a Christmas reading.

Hymn 69 was repeated in unison. Reports were heard among them being - treasurer's report, Mrs. Donald Neale; good cheer, Mrs. Harold Waring; news letter, Mrs. Colin Cope, who also read notes of appreciation from several of the members. Mrs. Lorne Treffry reported of the 16 quilts which had been completed through the year, the quiltings all to have been held at the home of Mrs. Treffry.

Initial plans are underway for the adoption of a child by the organization.

Mrs. Taylor graciously thanked the executive and members for their loyal assistance during her two year term as president. On behalf of the members Mrs. Edward White presented Mrs. Taylor with a gift and read a poem "Heart Gifts."

The new slate of officers for 1978-9 were read by Mrs. Adam Oliver and Mrs. Earl Moore conducted the installation.

Officers will be - past president, Mrs. Rod Taylor; president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; first vice-president, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; secretary, Mrs. Boyd Little; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edward Arthur; treasurer, Mrs. Donald Neale; program and literature, Miss Vera Welsh, Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. David Kennedy; social convener, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; manse committee, Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. Edward Arthur; finance committee, Mrs. Laura Hooker and Mrs. Donald Neale; friendship and visitation, Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. Harold Waring; supply, Mrs. Harold Waring; archives, Mrs. Earle Petch; publicity, Mrs. Harold Waring; news letter, editor, Mrs. Colin Cope; nominating committee, Mrs. Adam Oliver, Mrs. Edward White and Mrs. William

Hanson; auditors, Mrs. Wilfrid Addison and Mrs. William A. McMullen.

Mrs. Adam Oliver, convener of the program, gave "The Legend of the Christmas Candle" and all sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Mrs. Ruth Colver led in prayer. A ladies trio composed of Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Colin Cope and Mrs. Liz deMontmorency sang "A Song In the Night."

Mrs. Earnest Pettigrew and Mrs. Ronald Colver presented the offering. Mrs. Adam Oliver offered prayer.

"The High Cost of Christmas" was the reading presented by Mrs. Ronald Colver.

Telling the Christmas Story with carols was led by Mrs. Jack Walther the members

were divided into groups and sang carols which fitted in with the Christmas story. A ladies trio sang a number "Keep the Glow of Christmas in my Heart."

The program followed with a candlelight service "The Spirit of Christmas" and those taking part were Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. Ronald Colver, Mrs. Adam Oliver, Mrs. Bert Hill, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Edward White and Mrs. Earnest Pettigrew. The meeting closed with the singing of "Joy to the World".

The ladies were invited to the prettily decorated table where Christmas pudding, tea and coffee was served by the committee in charge.

A social time was enjoyed.

Christmas meeting held by W.I.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry on Friday afternoon, Dec. 16 with a good attendance.

Roll call was answered with the members telling of "A Christmas Custom in Other Lands." Donations were also given to the cancer cupboard. Mrs. Walther presented the financial report. Mrs. Waring reported for the shut-ins and on the Christmas boxes that were being sent out.

The January meeting will be held in the Community Hall on Friday, January 13, at 8 p.m.

This will be for everyone and convened by Mrs. Murray Treffry. Mrs. Laura Hooker gave a reading, "The Priceless Gift" and Mrs. Lorne Treffry gave interesting highlights of "Christmas Customs in Other Lands." A number of carols were sung during the afternoon.

Mrs. Treffry delighted the members by playing several selections on the piano accordion and Mrs. Harold Waring gave as a whistling solo "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Mrs. Treffry was assisted by the committee in serving lunch, for the social hour, which was very enjoyable.



For 24 years of dedicated service to the church congregation two ladies were honored in a morning service recently. Mrs. Lurene McMullen church organist and Mrs. Anna Treffry, choir leader, were remembered with a gift of a book. Pictured from left to right are - Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the church; Colin Cope, member; Melville Beecroft, member of the choir and a member of Trustee Board; Mrs. Anna Treffry choir leader and Lurene McMullen church organist. (Photo by Harold Ryder)

MRS. EDWARD RUCKELL

OTTERVILLE (C) — Funeral service for the late Mrs. Edward Ruckell, a resident at St. Joseph's Villa, Dundas, who passed away on December 19, 1977, was held at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville on December 21, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. Herring. Organist was Mrs. William McMullen, Jr.

Pallbearers were Dick Cowell, Lee Cowell, Don Oatman, Jack Freeland, Art Picknell and Carl Howse.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Santa arrives in fine style

Santa Claus arrived in Norwich in fine style last Saturday preceded by one of the best parades yet.

Running a little late after a visit to Otterville he was welcomed by a large crowd of children on the Main St., in all the crowd was estimated at about 700.

Old St. Nick with his helpers who double as cheerleaders at the High School were overwhelmed by the children lined up outside the Bank of Montreal.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce who packed the bags of goodies for Santa said about 1000 bags had been packed and had a few left over.

Prizes were given in three categories for floats in the parade. Best organization float, donated by Foremost Pop and Milk went to Springford United Church; best commercial float donated by Otter-Dorchester Mutual won by Norwich Co-Op; best school float donated by Norwich Credit Union went to Norwich Public School with special mention to teachers Mrs. Leonard and Mr. McLellan.

Other floats in the parade were, not necessarily in order of appearance - Lions fire truck, Village Vanners, Skateland of London, Norwich Co-Op, Scott's Big V, Tops Float, Norwich Packers, Norwich Band,

Kiwanis fire truck from Tillsonburg, Springford Scouts, Fidlín-Pontiac, N.D.H.S. Student Parliament, Blue, Black and White Society, First Norwich Cub Pack, Otterville Brownies, Norwich Beavers, Otterville Fire Truck, Springford U.C.W., Otter Lumber, R.V.E. Holland Hitch, First Norwich Scouts, Hajdu Real Estate, Norwich fire truck, Norwich Public School, Optimists of Norwich and Norwich Pro Hardware.

The parade was escorted by the Norwich police cruiser and an OPP cruiser.



Stewart Miles, on behalf of the Otter Lumber Company, Otterville presenting Team Sweaters to the Norwich Juvenile Hockey team. Accepting the sweaters were Ken Cornish vice-president of the Norwich Hockey Executive.

December 5, 1957

Norwich and District Senior Figure Skating Club's third anniversary was celebrated with Mrs. Bob Scott instructor of the club for the past two years and Miss Barbara Ann Smith, professional for this year, had the honors of cutting the cake.

In the Norwich Minor League played at the Community Arena, with three Simcoe Minor Clubs as visitors. Bantams tied in 1-1 draw with Bill Fidlín scoring the lone goal for Norwich. The Juveniles won 3-0. Larry Pitz and Harvey Hayes were the goal-getters.

The Hoyt Stables and H.&B. Stables showed several of their stable members at the Royal Winter Fair and took home a number of awards.

The work's foreman Mr. Whitcroft and his men have been erecting two hour parking signs within the village borders.

Reeve George H. Davis and Councillors Theodore Cooper, Harold Arthur, Henry Ash and Stanley Gehring will form the council for South Norwich Township for the year 1958.

In a scheduled South Waterloo-Oxford League Hockey game Princeton won over the Norwich-Otterville Club by a score 9-2.

Norwich goal, Collingham; defense, Broad, Bickell, Plaxton, Smith; forwards, Mann, D. Furlong, R. Furlong, Gillespie, F. Luciani, Parsons, Hudson, C. Sweazey, McClellan, Wyler.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
DECEMBER 1947

Luther Jackson, for the past 18 years organist at Elmwood Ave. Presbyterian Church, resigned to accept a similar position with St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

Norwich - Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick have sold their farm, to the VanDerbroeck family for the sum of \$25,000. This is the highest price ever received for such a farm in the district.

December 24, 1957

The Norwich-Otterville hockey club lost to St. George 6-3 here Saturday evening, in a very evenly matched hockey duel. Wayne Swanton scored two goals for Norwich-Otterville. Ken Mann scored one goal, while John McClellan earned two assists. Larry Hudson and Bob Gillespie assisted on single counters.

WHAT IS LIFE TO ME?

To the preacher life is sermon,
To the joker its a jest;
To the miser life is money,
To the loafer life is rest.
To the lawyer life is a trial
To the poet life is a song;
To the doctor life is a patient
That needs treatment right
along.
To the teacher life is a school;
It's a failure to the fool.
To the man upon the engine
Life is a long and heavy grade;
To the merchant life is a trade.
Life is a picture to the artist,
To the rascal life is a fraud;
Life is lovely to the lover,
To the player life is a play;
Life is but a long vacation
To the man who loves his work;
Life is an everlasting effort
To shun duty, to the shirk.
To the earnest Christian worker
Life is a story ever new;
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Dec. 31/77

OTTERVILLE COMMUNITY HALL

Dancing 9:00 to ? Lunch

Norwich boy joins opera's elite

John Avey has come home to Norwich for Christmas from London, England where he is attending the prestigious Royal Academy of Music. The Royal Academy is one of the most famous schools of its type in the world, offering advanced training for talented singers and musicians.

Only 11 students in the three hundred and twenty-five student body are non-British. Three of the eleven are Canadian and the others come from the United States, Australia, Germany and South America. Mr. Avey "feels fortunate" to have been accepted.

John entered the Royal Academy last September and

finishes his first year on July 14th. At that time at his request his progress and potential for future growth will be considered



JOHN AVEY

by himself and his teachers. A full program to bring him to his greatest possible level of ability could take as long as eight years. At age 25 John is the oldest student attending the Royal Academy; the other students range from 18 to 22 years of age.

John's day starts at 9:30 and ends in the evening between 7:30 and 9:30. He has classes in piano, sight reading of notes, harmony and musical technique; oral training which trains the ear to recognize different pitches; opera repertoire, which gives an analytical overview of the opera, sound repertoire, which involves the study of German lieder (song). On Wednesdays

John has an hour and a half of choir practice. He studies German and Italian and has classes in movement and exercise, the last of which serves to strengthen the stomach muscles necessary for proper singing technique.

Until two months ago John was a bass baritone. His teachers decided that he was a natural tenor, a much less common type than the bass baritone. Becoming a tenor requires him to forget much of what he has learned and adapt to a different technique. The objective is to become a particular class of tenor, a Heldentenor, Helden being German for heroic. Helden-tenors sing Wagner and heavy

Italian operas which may take as long as four hours to perform and require great control and stamina. One of the greatest Heldentenor roles is Othello by Verdi. A tenor who could master the part could make a living from singing that role alone.

In October John was a member of an Opera Workshop performed to commemorate the opening of a new theatre. One of the three English language operas performed was Gilbert and Sullivan's TRIAL BY JURY, produced and directed for the occasion by a conductor from the Royal Opera House of London, which is also known simply as Covent Garden.

In December John was part of a hundred voice choir performing Schubert's Mass for Christmas. He will be singing during the church service in the Norwich United Church on January 8.

A great advantage of being in London beyond the Royal Academy itself is the availability of many concerts, operas and plays from which a student can learn and be entertained at one and the same time. John has travelled to the west coast of England to Bristol to attend the famous Hippodrome Theatre.

John describes the English people he has met as very friendly and has many friends within the Academy, yet he recognizes the hard fact that when the many hopeful applicants face the few job openings, the situation is "competitive and ruthless."

The most famous tenor in the world is a Canadian, John Vickers. He sang in the Baptist Church in Norwich in 1952.

John's teacher for voice, Mr. Bruce Boyce, was born in London, Ontario but he left 40 years ago to sing in operas in Italy.

John is the son of Beverley and Ena Avey, of 1 Carman Street, Norwich. He returns to England on January 9th.

HISTORY OF CHAPTER 175 O.E.S.

Norwich Chapter No. 175 Order of the Eastern Star was instituted on Friday, December 16th, 1927 in Edison Hall.

The following slate of officers were installed Worthy Matron - Vera Muckle, who with her husband Garnet had been the instigators of forming the Chapter. Worthy Patron - Ed Pilson, Associate Matron - Nettie Jull, Associate Patron - Garnet Muckle, Secretary - Iona Winterburn, Treasurer Jennie Cornwall, Conductress - Pearl Henderson, Associate Conductress - Grace Bell, Chaplain - Annie Zufeldt, Marhsall - Ethel Bishop, organist - Ethel Poldon, Ada Maisie Weaver Ruth - Edith Maedel. Esther Eva Addison - Martha, Mabel Johnson Electa - Lydia Longworth, Warder - Nellie Green, Sentinel - Harry Jull.

There were 44 Charter members. The first two candidates in 1928 were Florence Poole and Sarah Leitch.

For two years the Norwich Chapter held its monthly meetings on the third floor of the Sutton block then moved to the Miller block, corner of Main and Stover Sts. where it remained until 1948.

A few meetings were held in the basement of the Presbyterian Church then the

Legion Hall where its 25th anniversary was held. In 1956 the place of meeting was the Oddfellows Hall. In 1961 they purchased the Pleasant Valley School House for a permanent O.E.S. Hall.

Since February 8, 1937 the Norwich Chapter has catered to the Norwich - Otterville Lions Club semi-monthly meetings, which has been their main source of income. The first dinners were served at 35 cents a plate.

Throughout the years the Chapter, with members in Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville has kept a steady and commendable flow of benevolent work locally, needy families and fire victims have been given assistance. Proceeds from the Eastern Star table has been donated. Through the Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership program to assist young leaders through college.

Following intermittent meetings of the Past Matrons and Past Patrons held with Ethel Poldon the first president a Club was formed in 1968 which holds monthly meetings at members homes or at the O.E.S. Hall.

May the Norwich Gazette add their congratulations and a wish for many more successful years for Norwich Chapter No. 175 Order of the Eastern Star.

NORWICH CHAPTER NO. 175

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

1927 - 1977



Saturday, December 3rd, 1977

Norwich Community Centre

Norwich O.E.S. celebrate 50th anniversary

Norwich Chapter 175 Order of the Eastern Star celebrated their 50th anniversary of their Chapter when they held an anniversary party on Saturday evening, December 3rd at the Norwich Community Centre with around 185 members and guests present to celebrate the happy occasion, which had been three years in the planning.

Greeting the guests was the Worthy Matron, Miss Marion Priddle and Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre. The guests included Mrs. Vera Muckle, the first Worthy Matron of the Chapter and a charter member also charter members Maisie Jacques, Katie Lowe and Iona Winterburn and Helen Adams. Miss Ethel Poldon also a charter member was unable to be present.

Grand Chapter Officers present were Worthy Grand Matron Marjorie Morgan and husband Harold of Brighton; Associate Grand Patron Ripley Ballantyne and wife Wilma of Kapuskasing, Grand treasurer Glen Hill and wife Lola, Brantford; Associate Grand conductress Ila Dickson and husband Jack, Brantford, Grand organist Elizabeth Matheson and husband Neil of Mississauga, Grand Martha, Marjorie Morley and husband Ray St. Catharines, Grand Electa Mary Barton of Madoc, G.G.C.C.M. Avery Day and wife Elsie of Brantford, Grand Matron Sheila Anderson and husband Jock of Weston, D.D.G.M. of District 18 Josephine Howse and husband Carl also a number of Past District Deputy Grand Matrons.

The auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Centering the stage was a large anniversary cake with the dates 1927 - 1977 enhanced on each side with tall candelabras with lighted golden tapers and across the front of the stage floral arrangements. Below the stage was the anniversary cake with 50 lighted candles and a lovely floral arrangement received from a former member and her husband Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan of Don Mills who also

sent congratulations. Mrs. Duncan is a daughter of Katie Lowe and the late George Lowe a past Worthy Matron and Past Patron of the Chapter.

Guests were seated at long tables centered with gold floral arrangements. At each plate was placed a booklet with a resume of the Chapter's 50 years activities, a corsage and a 50th anniversary goblet.

Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed all and stated "it was a pleasure to celebrate the 50 years of the Chapter, there has been a great deal of love, consideration and fellowship during the years."

Worthy Matron Marion Priddle added her words of welcome and introduced the charter members and her staff of officers. Past District Deputy Grant Matron Lillian Oatman introduced the Grand Chapter officers the Past district Deputies also Josephine Howse the present D.D.G.M. of District 18.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Marjorie Morgan, expressed her pleasure at being present to help celebrate the 50th anniversary and congratulated the Chapter on what they had done for the Order of the Eastern Star, and said each member of the Norwich Chapter has carried their own light, and hoped they would continue to carry it so the Chapter may grow.

In congratulating the Chapter, Associate Grand Patron Brother Ballantyne, said it was a magic formula that sisters and brothers could celebrate a 50 year event, but that is what makes the world go round.

During the evening the Worthy Grant Matron presented charter members Katie Lowe, Iona Winterburn, and Maisie Jacques with their fifty year jewel and Past Worthy Matron Joyce Hanson congratulated Katie Lowe, the only resident charter member who has been active in the Chapter during the past 50 years with a life membership, the only third life membership presented during the 50 years.

A program of music, long to be remembered by all was



Cutting the 50th anniversary cake of the Norwich Chapter O.E.S. were charter members Katie Lowe, the first Worthy Matron Vera Muckle, Iona Winterburn and Maisie Jacques.

presented by Marianne Trifunovich of Galt, a most gifted soloist, sang classical numbers in French, German and English also carols and other selections, concluding with two request numbers "His Eyes are on the Sparrow" and the Lord's Prayer.

A quartette of Gospel Singers from Simcoe were well received by the audience with their rendition of Gospel songs. Violin selections by the young family of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones of London, Beth, Sharon and David accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jones were much enjoyed, especially when they played "Pop Goes the Weasel" with David, aged 5 years, providing the "POP".

A sing-song was led by Marianne assisted by the Gospel Singers and Sister Edith Bonham of Scotland gave two readings "They Never Quarrel" and "The Season Of Music," adding variety to the entertainment.

Cutting the anniversary cake was the first Grand Matron Vera Muckle assisted by the charter members. A sumptuous smorgasbord concluded a most successful 50th anniversary party.



Katie Lowe, charter member of O.E.S. No. 175, being presented with a life membership by Past Matron Joyce Hanson.



Melancholy Auld Lang Syne sadder for '77 mixed tragedy and joy



By Mike Mulhern
of The Free Press

The cup of kindness we raise in singing Auld Lang Syne to end this year and ring in the new will contain its share of sadness as we recount the loss of Guy Lombardo, Bing Crosby, Elvis Presley, Sir Charles Chaplin, Fred McKenna, Freddie Prinze, Groucho Marx, Maria Callas, Peter Finch, Leopold Stokowski, Thomas Schippers, Sebastian Cabot . . . the list goes on.

It has been a tragic year for the show business community. Some of the losses were anticipated because of age and health. Some, like the death of Elvis, were sudden and some were unnecessary and tragic as with Freddie Prinze who took his own life.

Canadians have special cause to remember the loss of bandleader Guy Lombardo who had been a beacon in the music world for more than 40 years. He was a native of London.

Fred McKenna, the blind guitarist who held his guitar on his lap and played it like a steel using fingers instead of bars, died Nov. 18. He began his television career with Don Messer in 1958.

Of course two of the biggest shocks of the year were the deaths of singers Elvis Presley, 42, and Bing Crosby, 73.

Bing died in Spain at the end of a round of golf. In a way it was characteristic of a warm, full career.

On Christmas Day, Sir Charles Chaplin died at his home in Switzerland at 88 — his greatness undiminished in the eyes of the world's millions of admirers of The Little Tramp.

Elvis, who lived in a strange, opulent, solitary world, died apparently of a heart attack in the bathroom of his rooms at Graceland, the Memphis mansion that was his home, his castle and in many ways his prison.

A Presley record from a live performance currently climbing the charts is My Way. In it, the king of rock and roll reveals in his rendition a tired, wavering voice that was gasping between the peak

of its greatness and the depths that come before a sad end.

Freddie Prinze, who played Chico, in television's Chico and the Man, put a gun to his head and died at 22. Later in the year, his good friend, Tony Orlando of Tony Orlando and Dawn, announced he was leaving show business because of the depression suffered over the loss of his friend and other pressures. Orlando, also depressed because of the loss of a younger sister whom he had helped to raise, has come back, however and is performing again.

Show business, like all of life, goes on. So for many 1977 will be saluted as a year of change and achievement.

At the zenith of achievement this year stands the movie Star Wars and all that it has spawned.

The sci-fi flick, a kind of Buck Rogers with pizzazz and the advantages of advanced cinema technology, took the industry by storm.

The Star Wars theme climbed the pop charts, all forms of Star Wars memorabilia flooded into an eager market.

Of course 1977 was the scene of another kind of political-marital star war. The principal players were Margaret Trudeau, Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger and, Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

The most willing performer in that one-act spoof was Mrs. Trudeau who was leaning out of her marriage to the prime minister and into the limelight.

The "rumor" of romance between Jagger and Margaret caught headlines around the world even amid hot denials from both sides.

It ended in a fizzle and when the smoke cleared, the Trudeaus were separated, Margaret was a footloose photographer looking for an assignment and Pierre was a single parent.

Later in the year, the 29-year-old former first lady began shooting a movie in Montreal, Kings And Desperate Men.

Toronto and Montreal in 1977 were enjoying a movie-making boom. The tax advantages here, the disadvantages of producing films in union-run Britain and the accessibility of good locations have brought the cameras north.

More may not mean better, but the result is going to be a shot in the arm for Canadian actors, composers and writers who will get an opportunity to work with international directors and performers.



Guy Lombardo



Elvis Presley



Maria Callas



Peter Finch



Leopold Stokowski



Bing Crosby



Sir Charles Chaplin



*The Charter Davis, Main Street West, Otterville,
tree flanked driveway reflects the season*

O' Canada

It's been one hundred years and
more
Since Canada joined from shore
to shore,
And thousands came from o'er
the Sea
To their new found home with
Liberty
They tilled the land, they cut the
grain
They mined the gold in many a
vein

Some made their living from the
Sea
In this new land of Liberty
But now we hear of those who
say
They'd be better off to break
away
Each year our Canada seems
smaller
Distance fades so fast away
We should all be better neigh-
bors

Growing closer every day
Building up a race of Brothers
Sharing one anothers lives
Showing others by example
How a tolerant Nation thrives
Let not strife rage, nor hostile
hands
Disturb our people in our land
May different tongues speak
naught but good
And bind us in one Brotherhood.

J. Don Buckrell



Norwich Township Heritage

The Cromwell House

owned by Mrs. George Davis Sr.

Not all of the buildings which we have investigated on this project show their age and character in an obvious way. This is true of the Cromwell House, now owned by Mrs. George Davis Sr. of Otterville. However, this home has its own

special charm, part of which is due to its history.

The house is the last remaining remnant of the Cromwell family who were very prominent merchants and millowners, of the early 19th century. William Cromwell,

came to this area with his wife and four young sons in 1819, when he purchased the mills from Hugh Webster. In 1845 these same mills were acquired by Edward Bullock from William's sons.

William Cromwell was a Quaker from New York, and at the first of the 19th century owned most of what is now Otterville. He and his sons were proprietors of the Inn and several stores as well as the Otter River Mills.

As a result, the settlement soon came to be known as Cromwell Mills. Today, in Mrs. Davis's pantry is a small safe which was used in the store operated by the Cromwells until 1860.

Another story is connected with this store as well. For during the rebellion of 1837 a less than patriotic group of men were held captive there for their rebellious activity. Apparently, while the soldiers were passing the time in the nearby Inn, one

of this villages more ingenious females collected their guns and tossed them in the Otter. Without their weapons the soldiers undoubtedly found it difficult to detain the rebels.

The house has been added to and altered several times but the original style is not changed enough to lose any of its charm. The original structure, situated at the front, was a narrow two story frame house, likely with a lean-to added to the back to house the kitchen. Built without a basement, the walls of this front section are traditionally thick and of heavy beam and rough log construction on a fieldstone foundation. There are 20 inch floor boards to be found. All of these features attest to the sturdiness and age of this home.

This house is valuable as an example of one of the earliest styles to be evident in Norwich Township architecture. The early Quakers brought with them the American Georgian

style. The Cromwell house has all of the Georgian characteristics, including a high pitched roof, large symmetrical windows, and the Classic influence of returning cornices on the roof and a pillared front door. The Cromwell House is both an example of this early style and a reflection of Quaker simplicity.

Though the exact date of construction is difficult to discern, the house was likely built about 1837. We are also not sure about which Cromwell built the house as William and his sons all owned land on the river bank where the building now stands. However, in 1871, Peter Wyatt bought the original house and in approximately 1914, his son John started the extensive additions that slope down the hill on the back.

Mrs. Davis, John Wyatt's daughter tells us that her father kept the overall appearance and proportions of the house in mind while constructing the additions. She also explains how at least one of the new sections to the back was a separate building which was moved from its original place to form another room.

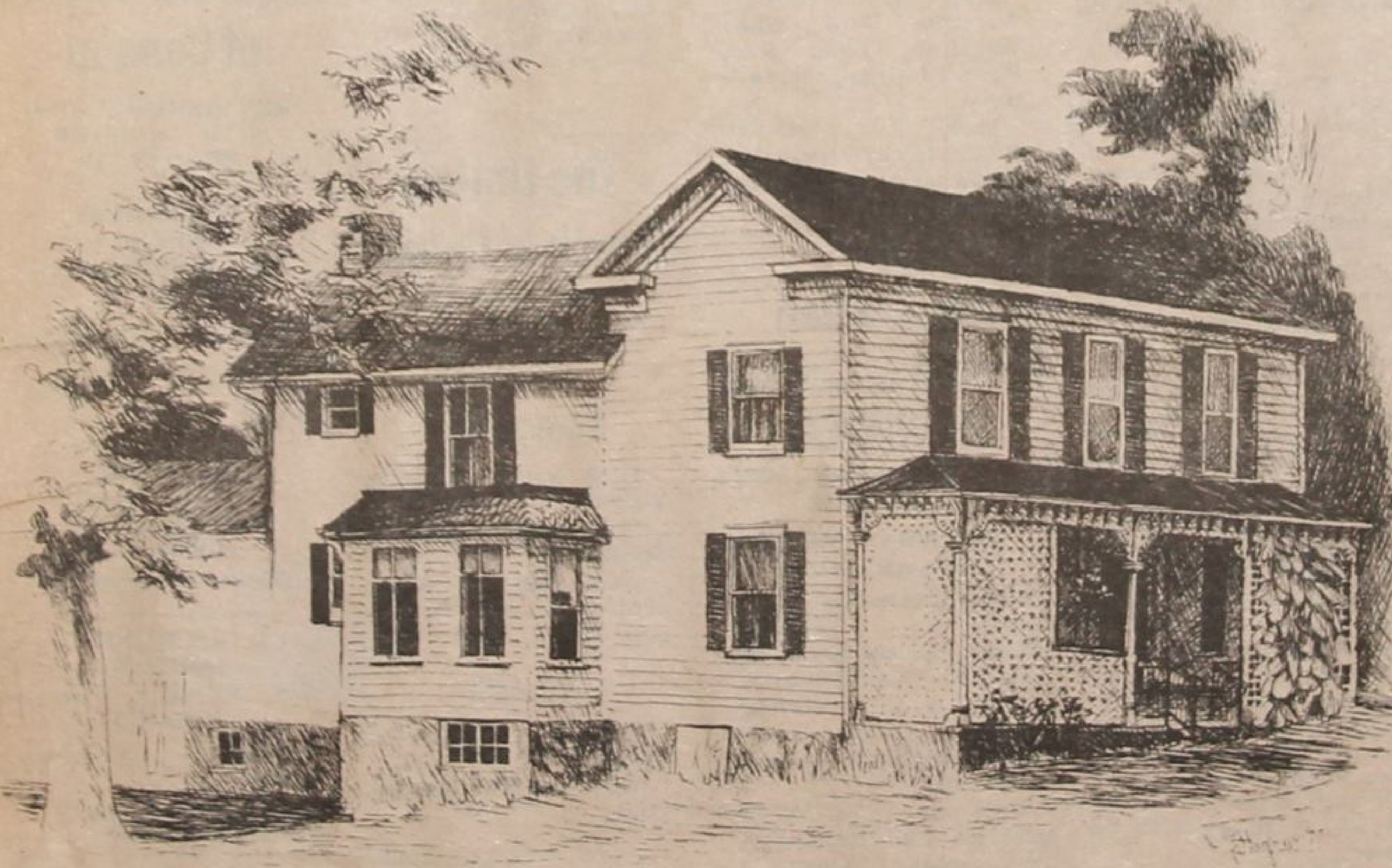
This fact is not astonishing in itself, for apparently moving structures from one place to another was quite common. However, what is not as common is the width of the interior wall which marks the joining of the old and new sections; over two feet in thickness.

It is interesting that a house which is at least 130 years old has had only two families of owners and both families have been commercial entrepreneurs. For John Wyatt was also a prominent merchant in his time.

As previously mentioned, this house has been altered. However, details such as the tall windows and ceilings, the unique wide sills on the interior and the hand graining on the woodwork upstairs, all demonstrate the early skill and tastes of the men who built it. Fortunately, the Cromwell house is also a reminder to us of the early economic and social life of Otterville because of the men who lived in it.



The original Cromwell House.



Norwich Township Heritage

The Otterville Mill

owned by Mr. Lorne
Treffry of Otterville

In 1851 the village of Otterville was described by census takers as a thriving community with a saw mill, woolen mill and two grist mills. The abundance of white pine forest and ample supply of water power helped the early residents to build what was for decades, the fastest growing settlement in the county.

Today, a 132 year old mill is all that reminds us of that industrious past. For whenever settlements were begun, the grist mill was the first important building to be erected.

The earliest inhabitants of the

area were forced to travel at least thirty miles, to Hamilton or Long Point, in order to have their grain ground into flour.

This well preserved mill is owned and operated by Mr. Lorne Treffry, of Otterville. In remarkably good condition, considering its long life of service, the mill is constructed of huge pine beams and rests on a field stone foundation. Weathered clapboard covers the structure, which is three storeys high, and is situated on the quiet banks of the Otter River.

The simple post and beam

construction was a typical means of building industrial structures of the 19th century. The square shape and clapboard siding is also typical of early, American influenced, Loyalist mills in Ontario. Another example of this style is the Backus Mill at Port Rowan.

In 1807, an earlier mill was built on the site of the present one. The land was purchased by John Earl, and apparently with the help of Paul Avery, a grist mill was constructed to service the settlement. The original mill was roughly built and only 18 feet long. Although there is no

record of this mill's fate, it is likely that it was destroyed by flood or by fire, which was a constant threat.

The land was later purchased by a succession of enterprising men, including William Cromwell, who in 1820 built more mills up stream and purchased much of the town, which came to be known as "Cromwell Mills".

Then, Edward G. Bullock, an Englishman acquired the mills and land, and built the present grist mill in 1845. He owned a woolen and a saw mill and also built a large two storey house.

The original dam was further up stream and supplied the power for these mills.

In his time, Edward Bullock was a very prominent man, who not only built one of the largest and most enterprising mills in the area, but held half of the village of Otterville also. To his credit can be added the Otterville Manufacturing Company, which built the first carpet sweepers in Canada, and the original Anglican church, which stood where the Otterville Cemetery is now situated.

Subsequent owners of the mills were E.M. Schooley, Solomon Lossing and Ernest Treffry.

Though the initial use of the mill was the custom grinding of flour, the three sets of stones have long since been removed in order to convert it to a feed mill. The mill is still water powered, though the wooden paddle wheel was exchanged for a metal turbine in 1910. It is likely that this is one of the oldest water-powered mills that is still in full time operation in Ontario.

Due to the practical nature of this structure, there is no notable architectural styling, and decoration is limited to the wide eaves and returning cornices. However, the beauty of this mill lies in its enduring history.

In a world where buildings are constructed of concrete and steel, this lovely old mill, with its water-powered augers and wooden elevators, is a great tribute to the skill and craftsmanship of the men who built it.

We would like to thank Mr. Lorne Treffry for his time and assistance in helping us to investigate the Otterville mill. Though most of us are familiar with the mill, because it is one of the oldest landmarks in the area, it is worthwhile to slow down and appreciate this example of our heritage in its picturesque setting.

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Norwich Township Heritage

The Samuel Erb house

Owned by Mr. William Howse

The combination of a thriving white pine trade and an influx of colonists caused a mushrooming of small communities in Norwich Township during the eighteen fifties. Unfortunately, when the pine was exhausted the villages faded away.

Erbtown, though not on any current map, was one of these growing settlements with several mills, two churches and a busy commercial sector. The name derives, not from the first settlers of the early 1800's, but from Samuel Erb and his sons, a prominent family who arrived in the 1850's.

Very little is left of the original village which is now at the west end of Otterville, but fortunately one of the remaining landmarks of this bygone era is

the house of Samuel Erb himself.

Situated in a lovely setting on a hill and under an old oak tree is the Regency cottage built in approximately the year 1857, by Samuel Erb. Though the porch has been changed, a lean-to added to the back and the original board and batten replaced by clapboard siding, the quaint Regency style is still evident.

This popular, mid-nineteenth century style was imported by retired British Army officers whose appreciation of refined country living included large front windows and doors that opened onto a shaded verandah. This verandah not only allowed an enjoyment of the grounds but protected these British settlers from the heat of the Canadian

summers, which they dreaded more than the winter's cold.

Other characteristics of this style are low pitched roofs and double chimneys. However, the most striking feature of the Erb house is the prominence of the front, with its two doors and three, 12-paned windows. A tall narrow dormer further emphasizes the frontal exposure.

Unlike its "city cousins" this Regency cottage is soberly and simply decorated. Likely, the building's lack of decoration is due to the sober nature of its owner. For Samuel Erb was descended from a German Mennonite named Nicholas Erb who immigrated to Pennsylvania in 1722, where he and his descendants prospered.

Two of Nicholas's great-grandsons, John and Abraham,

migrated to Waterloo county, Ontario, where they purchased large tracts of land and eventually founded the towns of Preston and Waterloo respectively.

Samuel, the eldest son of John Erb, seemed to have inherited the family's ambitious pioneering spirit, for after raising a family of eleven he came to this area with his wife Mary (Lewis) and five of his sons. When they arrived, Samuel's sons were all young men and he was 66 years old himself, which explains why this house is only a one and one half storey cottage and not a large homestead. For it seems that it was built to house Samuel and Mary in their reclining years.

Following the family

tradition, the Erbs prospered as two sons built a sawmill and later a woolen mill while the others farmed. They owned land on lot 14 concessions 8 and 9 and on lot 15, in the 9th concession.

At one point Abraham Erb built the Methodist church and donated land for a cemetery near where the Thomas Wright House has recently been established. Though this church, and the Quaker meeting house, which once stood beside it have disappeared both of the old cemeteries remain.

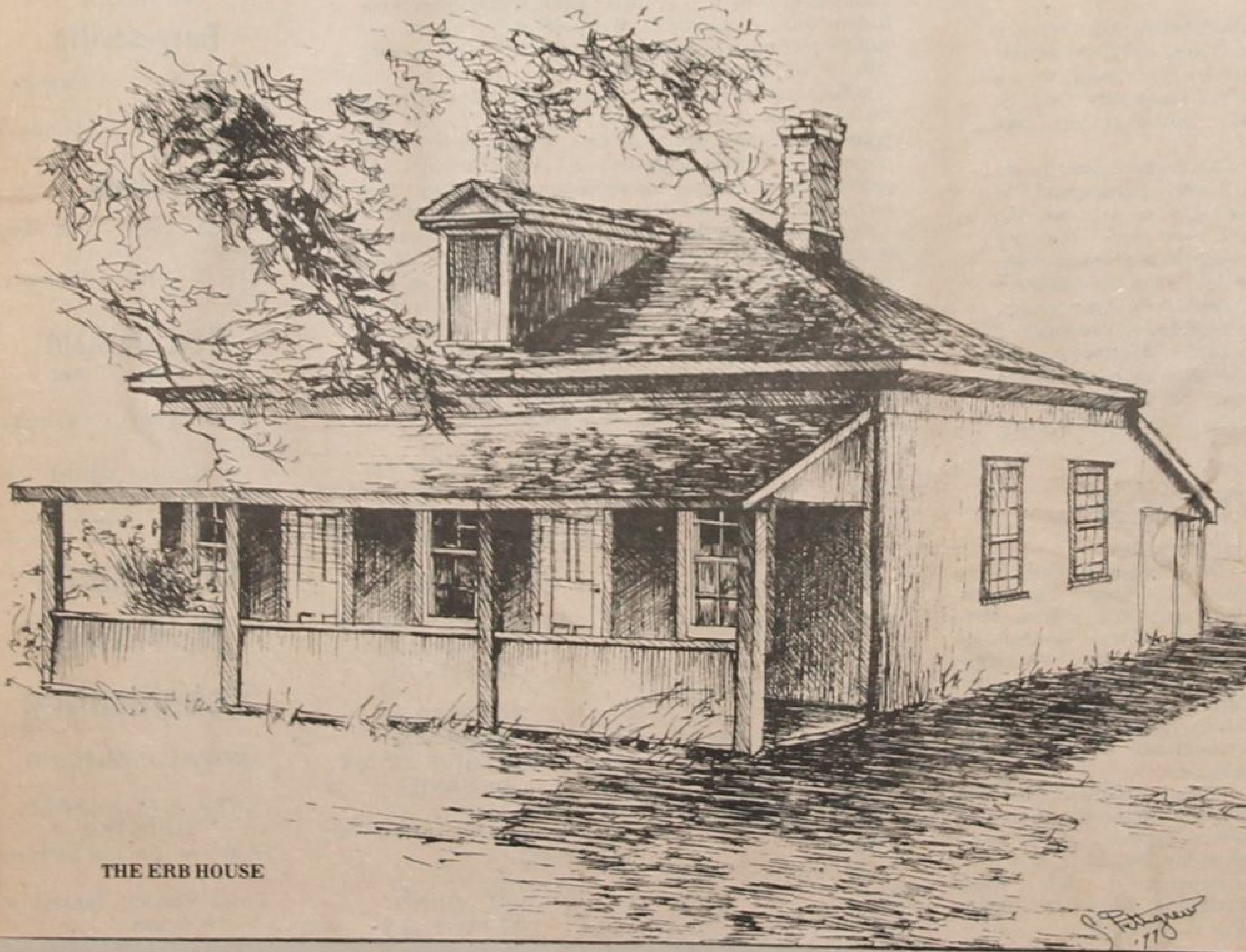
Abraham Erb inherited his fathers house which was subsequently passed on to his only child Hannah, who married Absolum (Leith) Howse. Today the building is owned by Mr. William Howse, of Otterville, who is the grandson of Hannah and Absolum.

Despite the previously mentioned alterations, we are fortunate to be able to view this house in very close to its original state. The floor plan is simple with one long central room which served as a kitchen and three small bedrooms on the east side which are balanced by a sitting room and parlour to the west. This rather unique layout, partly due to the two front doors, one leading to the parlour and the other to the kitchen, must have provided a cosy, compact atmosphere for its inhabitants.

With the exception of the mildly elaborate front parlour the interior decoration on this cottage is wide and plain with minimal decoration. The doors have double vertical panels with unusually high "kickboards" on the bottom. This simplicity is matched on the exterior with very wide, flat, window and door trim plus a wide fascia board under the protruding eaves.

Compared to more elaborate Classical and Victorian homes, this house looks like the poor country cousin at first glance. However, the subtle styling and lovely setting provide an elegant charm all its own.

Several of the architectural features that have been mentioned can be found on other structures in this area. Ironically, the Thomas Wright House, which was moved to its present site across from the Erb House, contains similar decorative features such as the board and batten, wide fascia board and trim. The original verandah of the Erb House was likely delicately trimmed with geometric treillage and a curved roof, very much like the one on Mr. Ron Poole's home in Otterville. Along with these other historical structures, the Erb House is a fine example of a cottage-style country home from the eighteen fifties.



THE ERB HOUSE

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. William Howse for their co-operation and assistance on this report and we again encourage everyone to become more aware of the examples of our heritage. Perhaps, when passing through the west end of the village of Otterville, a little imagination could conjure up the busy community that was once Erbtown.

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Norwich Township Heritage

The Heman Davis House

Now Owned by Mr. John Davis, Otterville

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of studying architectural styles is discovering the many ways that builders deviate from their chosen patterns.

Fortunately for us, this habit of adding vernacular features and personal details to otherwise standard styles, allows an insight into the personalities of the men who built these historical homes.

We have seen this tendency in many of the previously studied

houses. For example, Seneca Pitcher added a great deal of decoration to his already elaborate, Mansard house in Norwich. Also interesting are the grille windows on the Sutton House of Quaker Street, which add colour to its classical severity.

Another notable example of vernacular expression is the home presently owned by Mr. John Davis, at the east end of Otterville's Main Street. This two and one-half storey brick

structure, which was built in the latter half of the 19th century, basically refers to the Italianate style that was very popular at that time.

The massive, almost square shape and high pitched roof are indications of the Italianate character. Large decorative brackets, wide eaves and rounded windows are also characteristic of this style, which was influenced by the beautiful Tuscan villas of Italy.

However, this lovely home

includes several features which make it quite unique from its European predecessors. The most obvious of these deviations is the elaborate brickwork. For white bricks were employed to suggest stone quoins at the corners and base and also to decorate the sides of the shutterless windows.

These details, combined with the alternating bricks over the windows (voussoirs) and the crosses under the eaves, create a design to offset the red bricks

that is both fanciful and striking.

The original owner of this house was likely Heman Davis (no relation to the present owner) who purchased the land from Joseph Walker in 1870. This idea is supported by the fact that Heman was a brick-maker and possibly used the opportunity of constructing a home to demonstrate his skill.

Very little is known about Heman Davis, as it seems that he only lived in Otterville for approximately ten years. However, this house has had its share of noteworthy occupants. In 1878, Thomas Pennington and his new bride leased the house for four years. Mr. Pennington was one of the owners of Shaw and Pennington's cabinet and shingle factory, which was then situated just up the street.

In 1890, another prominent member of the Otterville community, J. Wesley Fish, purchased the house and property. Mr. Fish was a well known resident of this area and with good reason. Along with operating a grocery and stationery store he was the town's printer and eventually printed the South Norwich voters list for a total of 52 years.

The Fish family owned the house until 1968, and during that time all of the present additions to the home were built. These additions are quite extensive as they include a kitchen, dining room and pantry as well as a second storey.

It has been remarked that Mr. Fish's house grew with his family and in fact the house has nearly doubled in size. Fortunately, the large well kept grounds have easily accommodated its growth.

The additions themselves have their own decorative style in the form of elaborate iron grill-work, and fancy treillage and trim. On the interior of the new parts the decoration is not as extensive as the original section with its wide window trim and panelled doors.

However, it appears that Mr. Fish did attempt to incorporate some of the Italianate style into his construction of the later additions. For this style includes a great deal of panelled woodwork as demonstrated by the elegant decoration of the front door, which has panelled sections on either side of the deeply recessed entranceway.

Mr. Fish used this design to cover the thickness of the three brick wide walls whenever a doorway was constructed into the recent sections. This attention to detail is a tribute to anyone who is making additions to an old home.



THE HEMAN DAVIS HOUSE

The Davis House is not only a well constructed and beautifully preserved example of the vernacular, Italianate style, but its extensive and shaded grounds also add to the gracious 19th Century atmosphere. If one should stop to look more carefully at this home, many of the lovely decorative details will be seen, that hurried eyes often overlook.

We would like to thank the Davis family and Mrs. Marion Lee, n. Fish, for their co-operation and assistance in our study of this house.

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Norwich Township Heritage

The David Stover House

owned by Mr. Fred Kniffen

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If one were to choose a single feature of Quaker architecture that would distinguish it from other buildings in this area, it would be the basement kitchen. In South Norwich there is another fine example of this Quaker tendency. It is the Stover House at Rock's Mills, now owned by Mr. Fred Kniffen.

The construction of this house is quite unique among the other buildings which we have studied. For though it has a simple rectangular shape in the main section, there is a long connecting structure on the lower level which was a combined summer kitchen and drive shed.

Built into the side of a hill, which slopes gently down to the Otter River, the house affords a beautiful view from the back. However, the original owner, David Stover, was undoubtedly thinking not only of the view but of the practical construction of a basement kitchen. For it allows more space in a storey and a half dwelling, and also would be cool for baking in the summer and easier to heat in the winter.

Due to the constant threat of fire, a summer kitchen was added apart from the house in the adjoining shed. This is not just a lean-to but a well built addition.

The most distinguishing feature of the summer kitchen's past is a large bake oven. It was also built in a practical manner with the oven in the shed and the opening accessible to the inside of the kitchen.

David Stover, who came to the area in 1826, was related to the Norwich Stovers from Dutchess County, New York. He received a crown deed for 100 acres of lot 22, concession 11 in 1854, and aided by his father Gilbert, built the house within the next year. The Stovers also built the dam plus grist and saw

mills. The grist mill though converted, is now owned and operated by Murray Kniffen.

The simple practical style of this house is likely a reflection of David Stover's Quaker heritage. It is quite unique and can be best described as a "country" style. For though the

basic symmetry of the front and the decoration of a modest simplicity rarely found in town or city dwellings. The window trim is simple and narrow. Fortunately, the original 24 paned windows remain for us to admire.

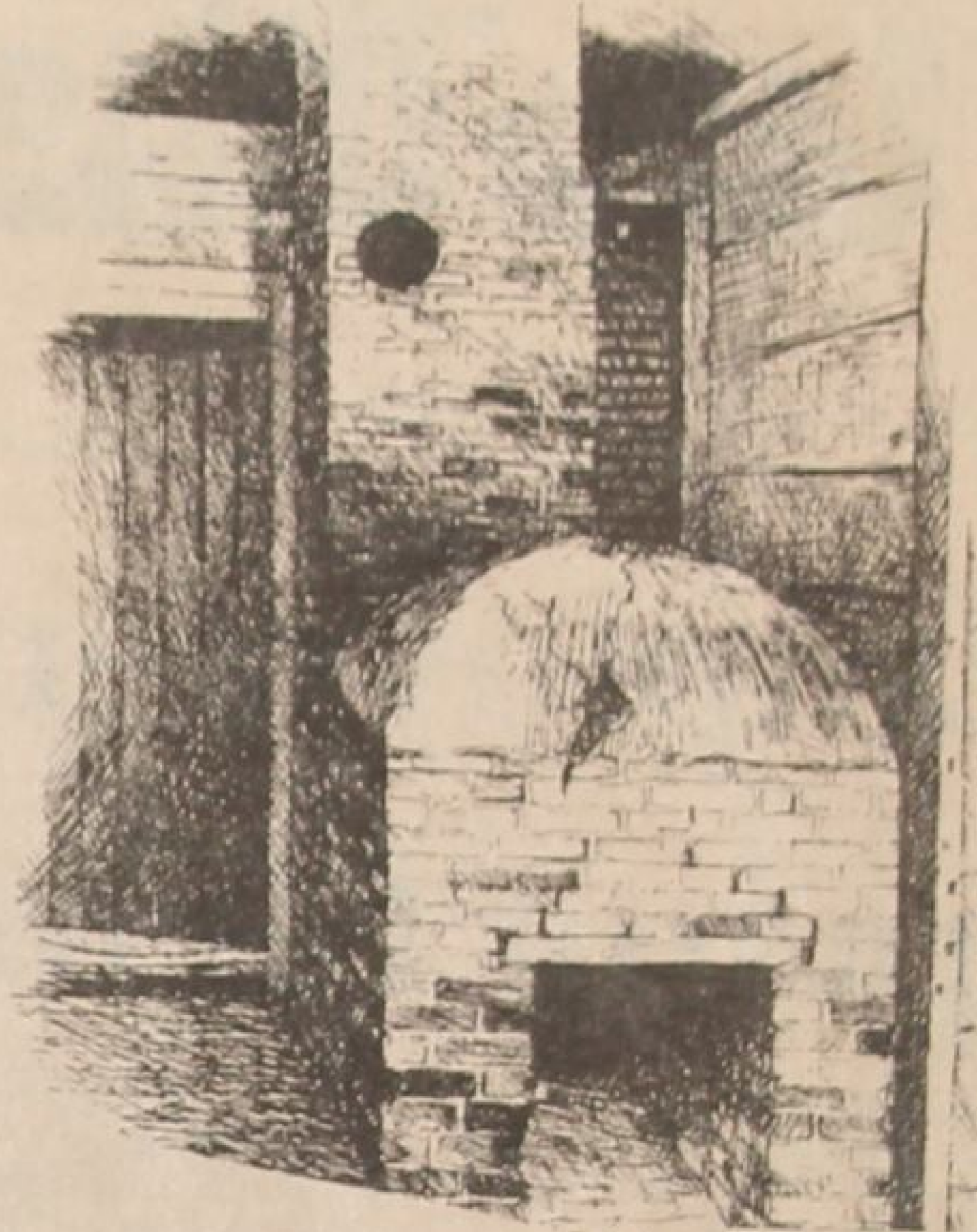
The decoration of this home is restricted to the doorway and the wide eaves. A lovely, moulded cornice decorates the eaves while the door trim displays fluted concave pilasters and narrow sidelights. A heavy classical entablature with simple styling tops the front porch. Mr. Kniffen tells us that a dozen planes used in the crafting of the trim are still in the house.

The interior of the house has been changed to some extent. Originally the upper storey was

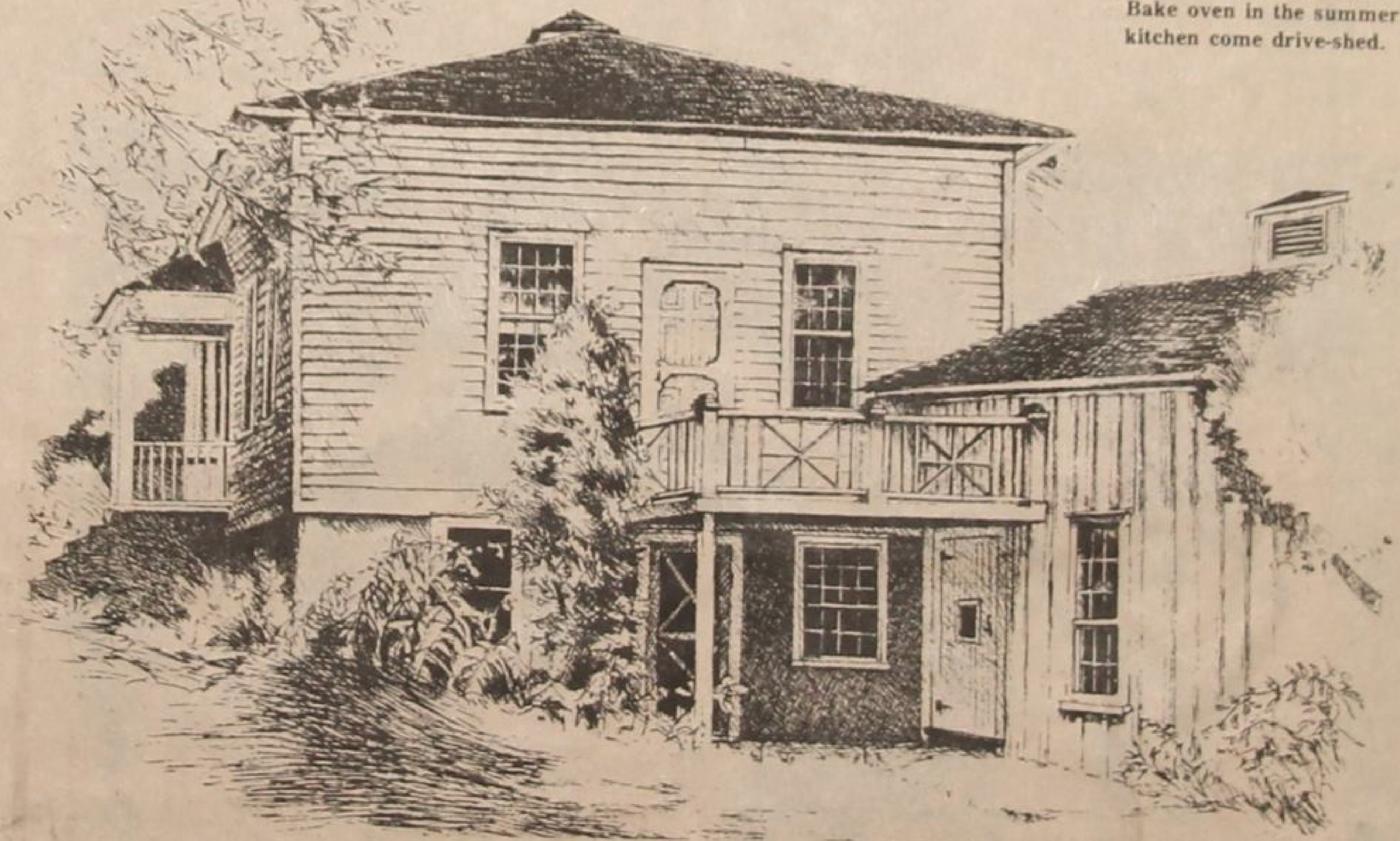
a living and bedrooms, plus a cistern room to provide water pressure for the kitchen in the basement. Now a kitchen and bathroom are included in the upstairs and a new section for bedrooms has been added to the north end.

The decoration of the interior is simple and has been well preserved by the owners. In fact, Mr. Kniffen has taken care to keep any changes within the style of the house, as demonstrated by his construction of a new balcony that maintains the quaint, country atmosphere. Also notable is the conversion of a small frame building previously used as a grocery and candy store into a garage, without eliminating its picturesque appearance.

We would like to thank the Kniffens for their co-operation and assistance on this project, and we remind anyone who has an interest in these historical homes, that wandering off the beaten track can be very rewarding.



Bake oven in the summer kitchen come drive-shed.



Norwich Township Heritage

The Sackrider House

NOW OWNED BY
MRS. MARJORIE LARMON

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In doing a project involving architectural research, one soon becomes aware of the unusual attributes of the attractive houses of one's area, attributes not apparent at first glance. One home with many surprises is the Sackrider Homestead on the eastern edge of Burgessville, owned by Mrs. Marjorie (Sackrider) Larmon.

The Sackriders were among the first Quaker families to come from Dutchess County, New York. They arrived before 1820 and settled west of Burgessville. Perhaps the same pioneer spirit that moved his ancestors influenced Roy Sackrider to move to the farm east of the village in 1916, shortly after his marriage.

The choice was deliberate; he wished to be able to ship milk to Toronto by train and was the first in the area to take advantage of the opportunity. He was also among the original shareholders in the local telephone company.

Roy Sackrider, Mrs. Larmon's father, was only the third man to own the farm. Samuel S. Burtis, an American immigrant, had taken it from the crown in 1866. Upon retiring, around 1880, he sold it to Alexander C. Sims, a man in his late twenties, and he in turn sold it to Mr. Sackrider.

The style of the house dates it to the late 1870's and it seems probable that Mr. Burtis, a middle-aged man of substantial means, rather than the younger Mr. Sims, was responsible for its building. Also, the decision to build with wood rather than the more usual brick suggests an American builder; frame houses are very popular in the northern United States.

There are very few large frame houses of the Victorian

era in this area. It is very well-preserved, tastefully painted so as to be enhanced by the surrounding trees and flowers. The strong, square outlines of the dwelling are certainly striking, and they are given added interest by the shutters, elaborate cornice-work under the eaves and the intricately-adorned porches on the north and east sides, all original.

The large panes in the windows suggest a later date of construction; technology had advanced sufficiently to allow production of bigger sheets of glass than at an earlier date. A widow's walk at the top of the gently-sloping roof adds further individuality to the home.

Also of interest is the horse

block at the west side of the house where ladies descended from their carriages. In fact, this is very much a "Town" house of the late Victorian era despite being built on a farm.

Very little has been changed. The former back kitchen was removed and made into a garage. Extra windows were added at the back of the house and a partition separating the kitchen and pantry was taken out. As a concession to modernity a bathroom was added upstairs. Also, the stoves that heated every room (an innovation in an era of fireplaces) have been replaced.

Because so little has been changed, anyone entering the house is aware of its past, but this feeling is greatly amplified by Mrs. Larmon's large and valuable collection of antiques.

Reminders of bygone years are everywhere, but this is not a hap-hazard and mindless collection. Every dish and every piece of furniture has a story which Mrs. Larmon is eager to tell. She is particularly fond of any item ornamented with beavers and one of her favourites is a punch bowl from Canada House, adorned with our national symbol.

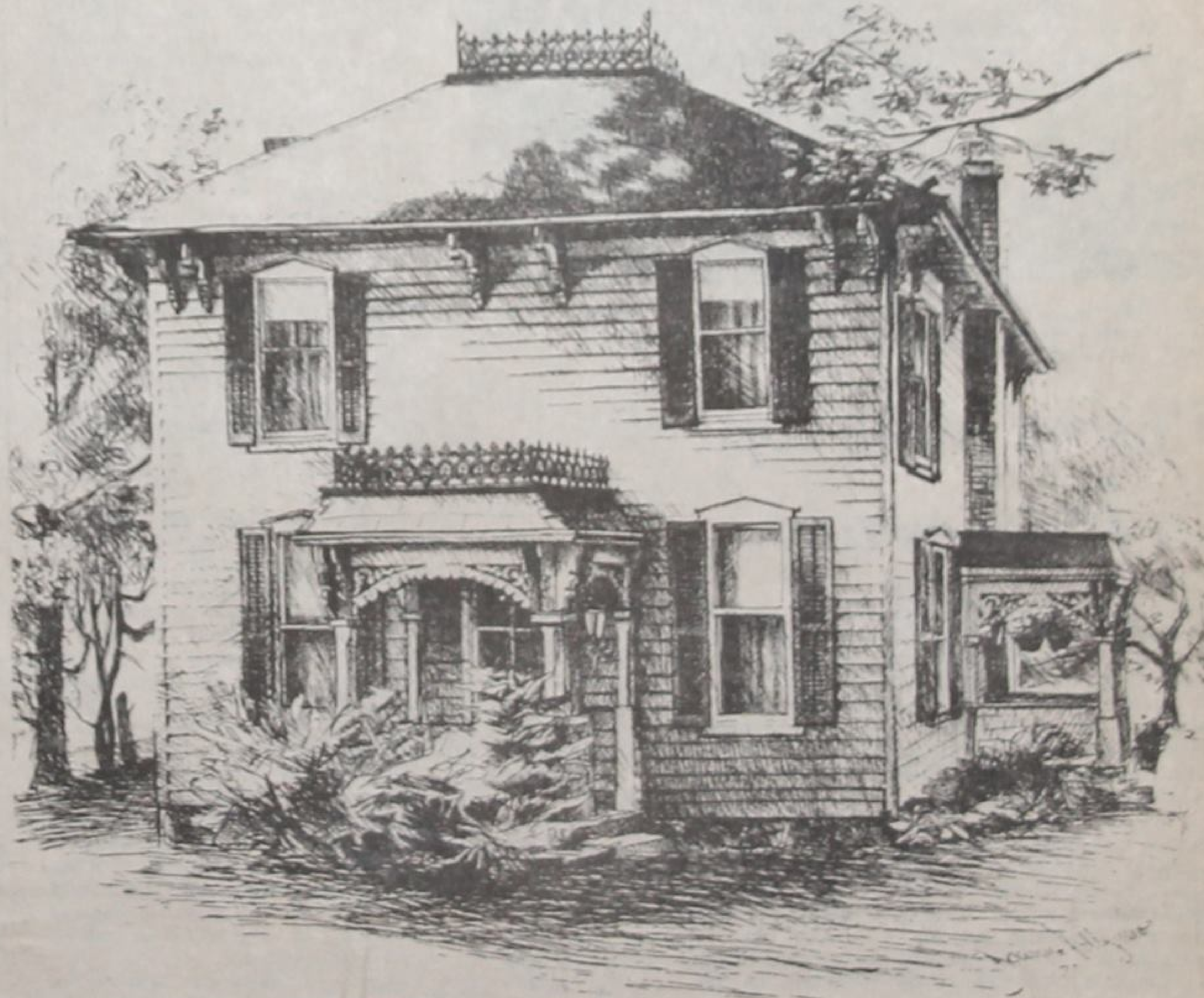
The main floor of the house has a kitchen, two front rooms and a dining room separated from one of the front rooms by glass doors. Of special interest are the "marbleized" walls, painted with swirls and with blocks marked off, and the hand-stencilled woodwork. An enclosed central stairway leads to the upper floor and its four bedrooms.

In one of the rooms Mrs.

Larmon has a bed from the Col. Talbot farm and a cigar store Indian, not to mention innumerable other items of interest to which it is impossible to do justice in this article.

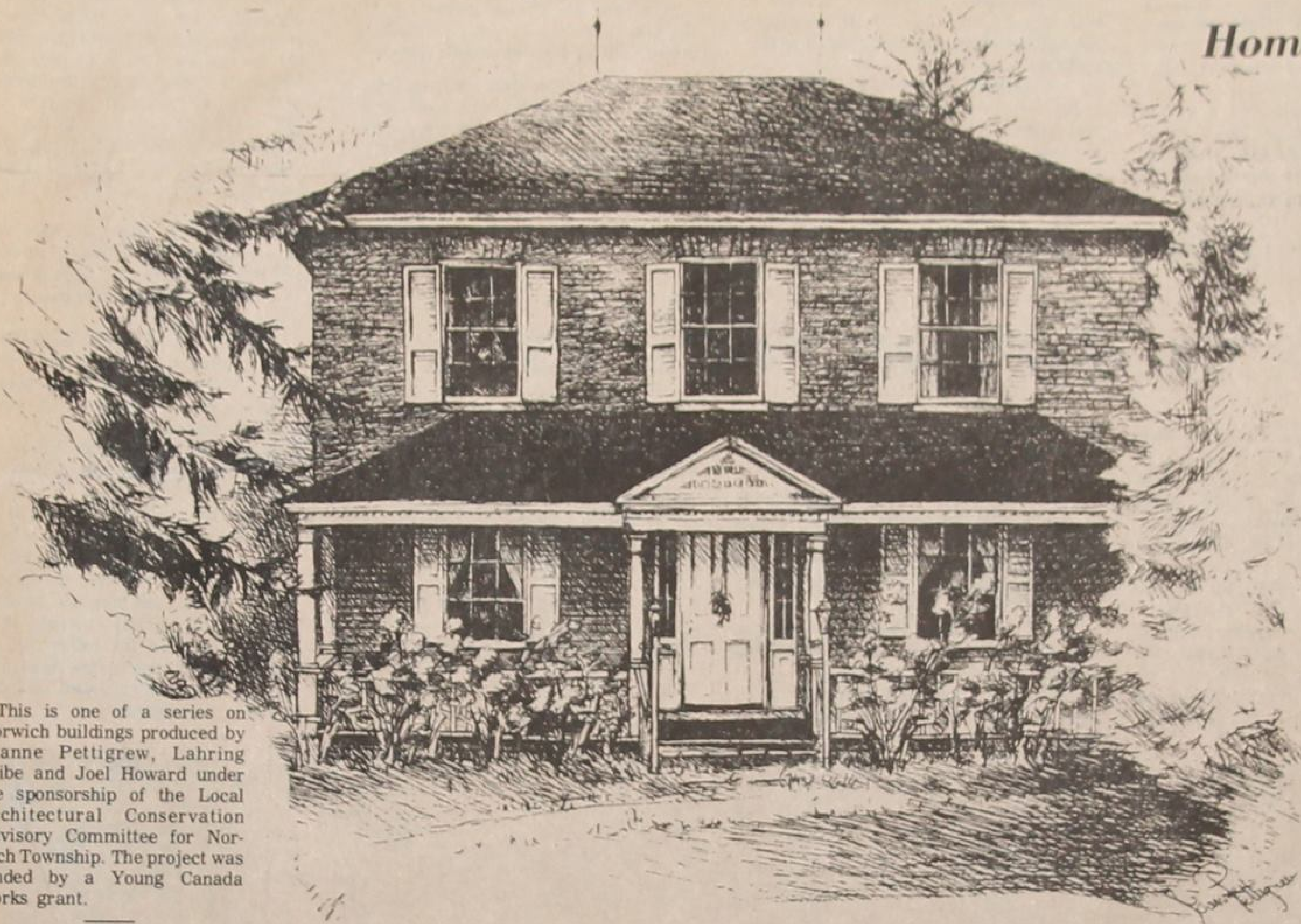
Also on the property is a barn built around 1870, according to a date carved on a beam, where Mrs. Larmon operates her extensive antique business. Somewhat later in origin are the silo and quaint round milkhouse built by Roy Sackrider.

We would like to thank Mrs. Larmon for taking time out of her busy schedule to talk to us and explain to us about the many interesting items that make her already attractive home absolutely fascinating. As well, the beleaguered writer of this article would like to thank Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew for her very welcome help in time of need.



Norwich Township Heritage

The Ken Peers Home



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The task of the architectural historian is made infinitely easier and more exciting when the houses being examined are both aesthetically appealing and historically significant. Our area is fortunate in possessing many such dwellings.

However none satisfies both criteria better than the Ken Peers home situated just west of the East Oxford school on the Stage Road.

The land, on which the house stands was originally ceded from the Crown in 1802. As was normal at the time, it passed through a number of owners until 1833 when Thomas Richardson sold the 200 acres to Seymour Sage for 125 pounds, Richardson having obtained it from the previous owner in exchange for a suit of clothes.

Mr. Sage was a very colourful individual who in his later years would recall many details of pioneer life. Mr. Peers, a direct descendant of Mr. Sage, said that they are constantly reminded of the past. A bayonet found while digging a post hole recalls the march of General Harrison's three thousand men from Niagara to Detroit during the War of 1812.

A collection of arrowheads and similar artifacts harks back to an even earlier time when the farm was used by Indians from Brantford, as a hunting camp. As late as 1934 they killed over 50 deer there. Finally, two brass stage coach hubcaps emphasize how the road received its name.

As was common in early times, the house was built in two stages. The earlier part, dating from the 1840's, was constructed of frame and stucco with a brick lining. The front section appeared somewhat later; the bricks for it were made on the farm. The stone and lime mortar foundation supports walls three bricks thick; the interior plaster was applied directly to the brick.

The builder preferred stately dignity to overblown ostentation as is shown by the plain but substantial lines of the house. All but one of four chimneys have been removed from the gently sloping roof, but the original shutters still enhance the lovely large 12-paned windows.

Even the locks and glass are still intact as well as the stone windowsills which are presumed to have come from

Dunnville. A veranda which exhibits classical influence - columns, dentiles, a triangular pediment - was added in 1925 as a replacement for an earlier porch.

With its permanent croquet ground - now a swimming pool - and large trees at the gate and along the lane which gave it the name "Willow Park," the home hosted many social gatherings. After hydro was added on Hallowe'en in 1922, it must have seemed even more hospitable to passersby.

A visitor upon entering the front door would have hung his whip in the handmade holder provided for that purpose and still remaining. Rooms open off the central hall which leads to the older, back part of the house. On the left are a dining room and office, formerly one large room with a cozy fireplace, while two sitting rooms formerly a parlour and guest bedroom connected by a square archway, occupy the right side.

It is difficult not to notice the attractive woodwork in all the rooms, an element absent from most modern homes. The fireplace and the hardwood

floors are later additions, but two antique clocks preserve the sense of the past.

The upstairs rooms of many houses are merely mundane, but this is not the case in the Peers home. At one time, walnuts were dried on the pine floors, but even more unique and interesting is the bee room, now a closet, where the insects remained for the winter, protected from the elements and hopefully in a dormant state. Small holes were left under a ledge in the exterior bricks to allow the bees free passage in and out. At a later date a bee house was built outside.

One upstairs bedroom still has the original fireplace but alterations have been made elsewhere. Three small rooms, formerly servants' quarters and a storage area for kegs of flour and other provisions, were connected with the kitchen by a back staircase; this has been made over into one larger room.

Extremely good taste is in evidence throughout the house, but perhaps the most interesting aspect of the dwelling is the hall which was hand-painted to resemble marble

shortly after its building in the middle of the 19th century.

The artist, Robert Whale (1805-1887), also "marbled" the walls of Dundurn Castle and is gradually being recognized as one of Canada's major talents of the time, for he also produced a number of outstanding paintings. Not surprisingly, Mrs. Peers is very interested in tracing his career and bringing recognition to his works.

It is perhaps too much to give the house credit for the prominent role the Peers family has played in the civic life of East Oxford for over a century, but Mr. and Mrs. Peers certainly have a keen interest in and appreciation for both past and present. Surrounded by lush grass and the darker green of evergreen shrubbery, the home is reminiscent of a country manor.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Peers for their help and enthusiasm, and for the wealth of information they made available. Again, this house is well worth a drive past for a second look, or a first look if you are unfamiliar with the area.

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The Dunkin House

(now owned by
Marinus Driesse)

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In the heart of every man is an ultimate quest to find, an achievement to attain, or an accomplishment to fulfill in his life. Most often this goal is affluence or a better status in life through wealth.

This applies to virtually everyone of any religion including the simple Quakers.

One such Quaker surely must have filled his heart with the satisfaction of achieving this goal of affluence and showing it

by constructing an appropriate house. In 1857 Gilbert Dunkin (Duncan) reached that ultimate quest or achievement because in building this home he built a tribute to his family and a show of his wealth.

The Dunkin home due west of Norwich rings with the charm and grace of wealth. If one drives by this home and doesn't take a second look, he is cheating himself of a glimpse of past peace and is insulting the honour and beauty of this fine home.

Past peace is ever present today. The shaded lot, the light, pleasant coloured bricks and the very symmetrical distribution of shattered windows and large doors, combine to make a living picture of the past.

It is not hard to imagine the family of Gilbert Dunkin in their

long lovely dresses and their decently pleasant farm clothes, scatter in, out and through this home, about the business of farming and cheese production, always smiling with contentment.

The Dunkin home is uniquely significant for two reasons. One, it is a house which shows wealth and prestige and it is elaborately ornamented inside and out. The ornamentation as far as ornamentation goes may not appear to be unique but the fact that makes it so is that a Quaker, a man from a sect of believers in simplicity, constructed this anything but simple home.

The second reason for its significance is that it does not rigidly follow the ordinary Greek Revival Characteristics. For example in the Greek Revival one would not find the arched Gothic window and definitely there would be less

detailed work in the bricks. Despite the two main reasons for the homes uniqueness, a glimpse tells you that it is a stately home of aesthetic beauty.

Every detail of the house from the seven and a half foot cut,

field stone foundation to the last brick on the top of the four chimneys (these have been removed) and from the Doric columned porch to the small twelve paned windows in the north end of the house, shows quality craftsmanship, with precision and detail in mind.

For example each room has different but elaborate trim. Doors range from 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 inches thick of all sizes and the front door imitates two doors because of a ridge running down its centre. Even the upstairs windows, though they are smaller than those downstairs, have their trim extended to the floor with a wooden panel placed between it and the floor.

The time spent in creating the detail that is the beauty of this home, must have been tedious and extensive, but this all adds together to create this unique Green Revival house.

Gilbert Dunkin the original builder was born in this area and inherited his father's, David Dunkin's, land after his death. He also owned of his own efforts the present Sackrider farm across and down the road from his home.

David Dunkin a Quaker who came to settle here in the 1820's bought 75 acres in 1840 where the house is now located. After his death his son Gilbert, taking on the responsibility and work of two farms, produced profit enough for the building of the Dunkin house, later the building of the present Sackrider house across the road and also to create a decent and prosperous cheese factory on the original Dunkin farm.

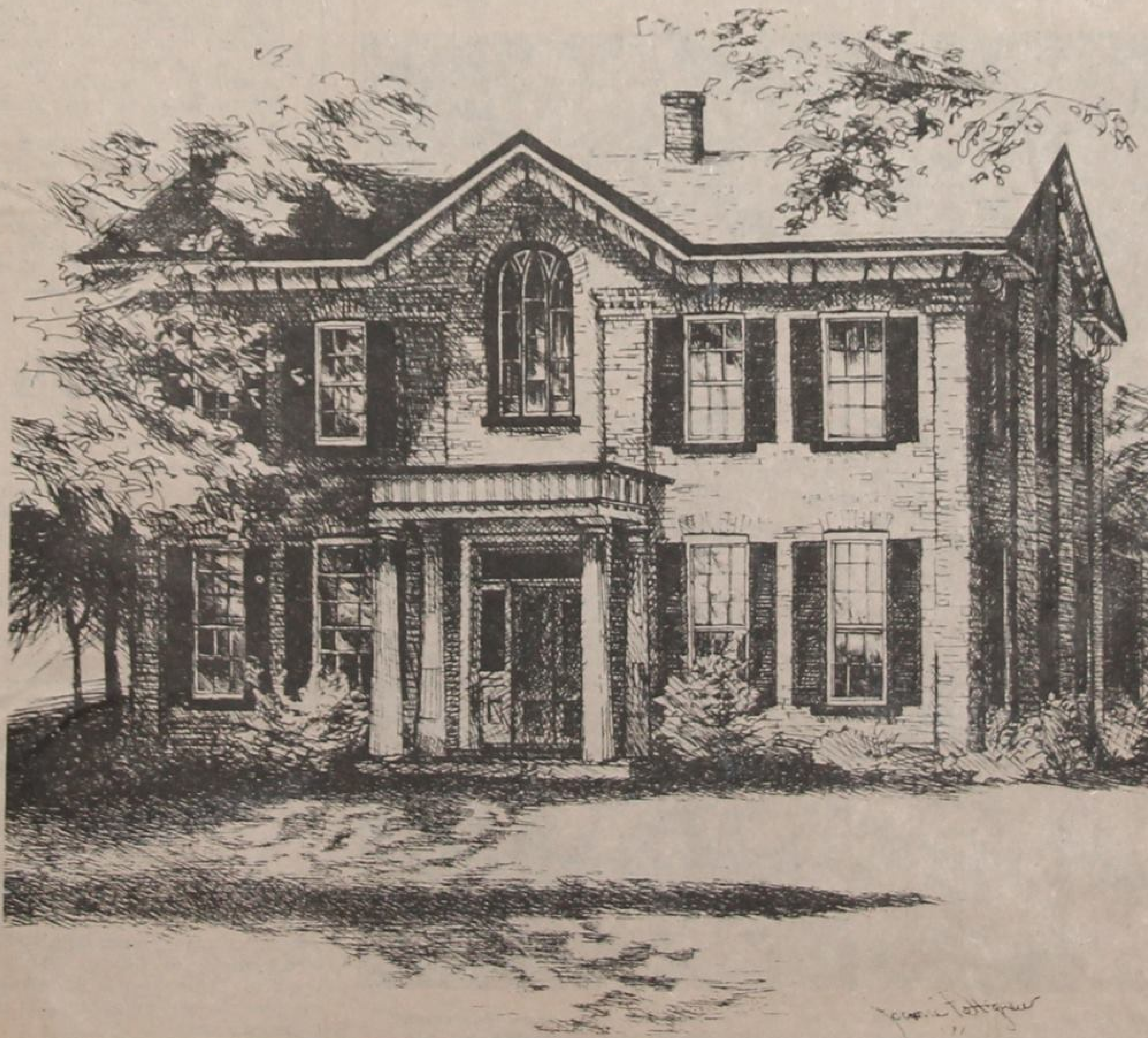
The achievement of building two fine homes and a respectable cheese business is evidence that Gilbert Dunkin was a set and determined man who reached the goal that every man has in his heart, the goal of self-sustained or attained affluence.

This home has only had four different families of owners. Gilbert Dunkin, the builder, left it to his youngest son who after many years sold it to a Mr. Enock Pick in 1916. It was passed through the Pick family till 1972 when it was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krysmen senior. Mr. and Mrs. Krysmen can be commended on their efforts to restore the house but still have it useful in the twentieth century. They were forced though because of the enormous size to sell it in 1974 and appreciates the house as a historic monument.

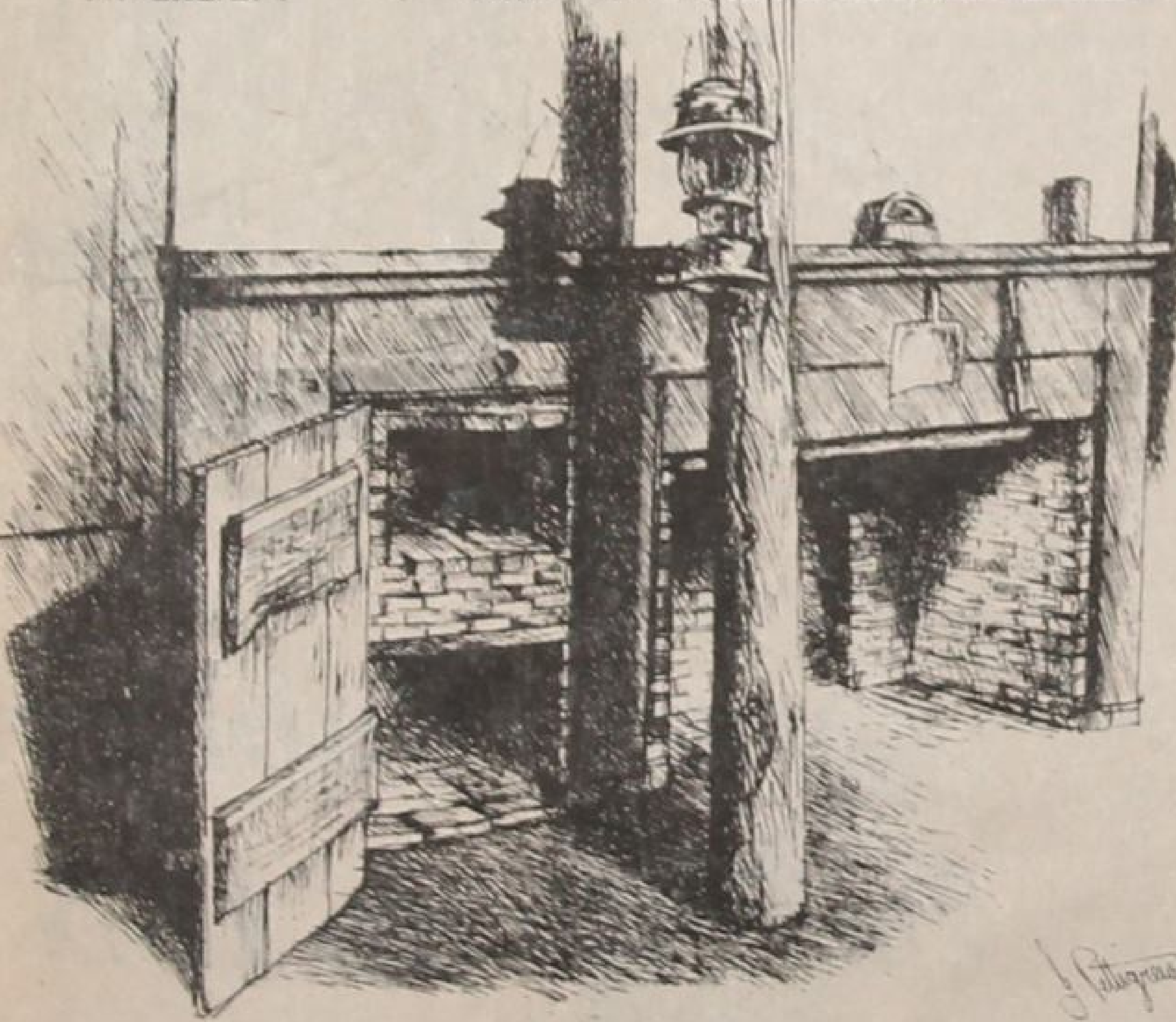
The Dunkin home is evidently a home of significance and for this reason we include it in our collection of homes in the Norwich Township Heritage article. It is also featured in a book called Rural Ontario.

We hope you have enjoyed this article and the ones before. We also hope you are looking forward to the further articles on this subject, to come. These homes are worth seeing and we hope you will be able to do so. The Dunkin home and the others are a statement of our past heritage in the area.

We would like to thank the Driesse family for letting us romp through their home and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Krysmen Senior and Mrs. Eric Pick for helping in the historical aspect.



Now owned
by
Murray Rettie
and
Wray Hartley



Norwich, was built by the prominent Quaker landowner William P. Barker in the 1850's. Interestingly enough, two of John Gillam's sons owned the property in the 1870's and 1880's; no doubt they felt comfortable in the house.

It too was constructed of homemade brick and displayed a basement kitchen which remained cool all summer, perhaps because the walls were two feet thick. Mr. Hartley can remember the brick oven and the iron spit for the kettle as well as the dumbwaiter which doubled as a refrigerator, but the kitchen facilities and the basement bedrooms separated by wooden partitions have been removed. The windows are unusual, being of double glass protected by oak rods.

The first floor door and windows have not been altered. The latter have twenty panes, twelve at the top and eight at the bottom, and most of them still the original glass. The front door is quite elaborate and it is here and in other decorative details, such as the brick string course separating the ground and first floors, that this house differs most from that of the Retties.

The door itself is rather ornate and is further enhanced by a four-panel sidelights and an overhead transom which allows plenty of light into the hall; there are even carved pilasters on each side of the door. Formerly, a picturesque two-level veranda with steps at the eastern end gave access to both front doors; it has been replaced by an enclosed porch and garage and terraces. The present hipped roof is an alteration from the original pitched roof.

There was also a lean-to at the back of the house with shelves to hold pans of setting milk, as well as a stone smokehouse with a huge wood and leather bellows. These buildings were overshadowed by that most forgotten of conveniences, the outhouse, but this was no ordinary outhouse, for it was an eight-seat affair built from 16 inch wide, 2 1/4 inch thick, knot-free pine planks with lath and plaster inside and out, a veritable Taj Mahal.

Although both these houses have been changed somewhat from their original appearance, they still possess a distinctive character and charm that neither changes nor time can destroy. Both have a certain reassuring solidity which reflects their Quaker roots.

We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wray Hartley and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Rettie for the opportunity of talking to them and looking at their homes. And, again we would urge anyone with an interest in the history of our area to view some of these significant houses.

were two bedrooms, a parlour with a chair rail, likely more utilitarian than decorative, and another "good room". A walk-in cedar closet with 18 inch shelves provided storage space, but there was no attempt at pretentiousness as the relatively-low eight-foot ceilings will attest.

Another set of enclosed stairs leads to the second floor, formerly divided into two large bedrooms, one for the boys and the other, very considerably containing the fireplace, for the obviously-unliberated girls. To keep the boys from feeling totally neglected, they had a large walk-in closet in their room, unusual in a house of this era since boards with hooks usually sufficed.

Each bedroom had two windows, smaller than those on the ground floor. There was also a three-shelf cheeseroom, presumably a necessity in a family with twelve children.

They also cured their own meat as the stone smokehouse which still stands north of the house suggests.

It is just as well that the house was spacious and had such ample cooking facilities, for Mr. Allen Pollock, a great-grandson of John Gillam, tells that it was a frequent stopping-place for travellers and that the doors, heavy and solid though they might be to protect the superstitious head of the household from ghosts, were always open to receive human guests.

Later additions - dormer windows, cement work at the south and east, a glassed-in porch at the north, and terraces, as well as interior renovations - have relieved the plainness of the house without concealing its Quaker origins.

A remarkably similar dwelling, now the Wray Hartley residence, situated northeast of

clean! - with their inclined brickwork.

Three doors also implied hospitality. A lane from the south led to the main first-floor door, while a low overhanging veranda protected the ground floor entrance to the east.

If it were a century ago, we could peek through this door and see the hustle and bustle of a meal being prepared in the Gillam's basement kitchen. They were allowed this advantage - less apparent today because summer cooking on very hot wood stoves has become outmoded - because the house was built into a slight slope. A dumbwaiter connected the kitchen and the first-floor dining room which remained pleasantly cool even on warm days. The six-foot-wide fireplace and Dutch oven for the baking of bread still remain, as does a wood storage space under the stairs to the first floor.

The stairs led to the dining room, which also boasted a fireplace. Also on the first floor

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The names of some of Norwich Township's Quaker settlers have remained familiar to present inhabitants because of the prominence of their descendants, but other families have virtually disappeared, leaving only their houses as evidence that they ever lived here.

The Gillams were one such family. Joshua Gillam and his wife and children arrived from Pennsylvania before 1820 and apparently prospered. By the late 1840's, his son John was able to build a brick home, one of only six in the area at the time, for his large family.

This house, on the farm two miles north of Norwich now

owned by Murray Rettie, is an excellent example of Quaker architecture. It is not beautiful in the usual sense, but sober and dignified. Its simple strength has enabled it to outlast many more ornate structures.

The soft red sun-dried bricks for the two and a half storey dwelling were made from clay found right on the farm. Some of them even display footprints from inquisitive farm animals!

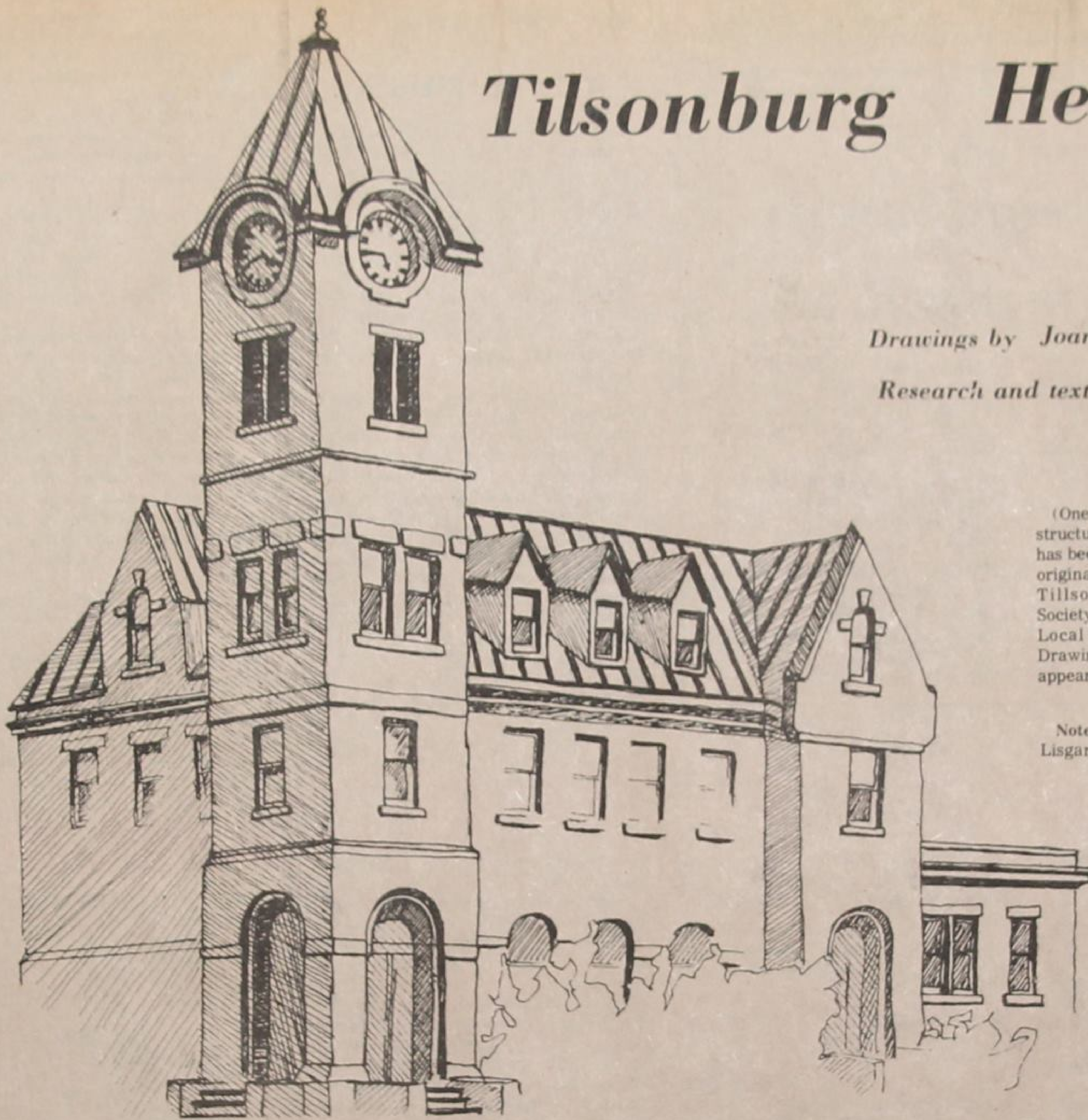
The sturdy stone-and-mortar foundation supports equally-sturdy walls three brincks in thickness. Since seventeen inches of brick was considered sufficient insulation in pre-energy crisis days, the interior plaster was applied directly to the walls.

The rather stark lines of the pitched roof and unadorned facer board were eased somewhat by the returning eaves. Likewise, the severely rectangular contours of the lower part of the house were rendered more appealing by the many windows - each having twenty-four panes, a delight to

Tilsonburg Heritage

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Research and text by Eugene Allan



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OLD POST OFFICE

The corner property of Ridout and Broadway Streets was the site of Tilsonburg's first independent post office building. The lot measured a 60 foot frontage by 1000 foot depth, when it

was purchased from Mr. John McDonald in 1911.

The free-standing structure was the focal point of the main street, officially opened on May 15, 1913. The building's imposing height, its central location and the clock tower soon caused it to

become one of the town's favourite landmarks.

A ribbed roof, rusticated transoms and stringcourses plus the vertical rise of the tower combined to give the mass very strong lines. Solid and permanent in appearance, it was easy to recognize

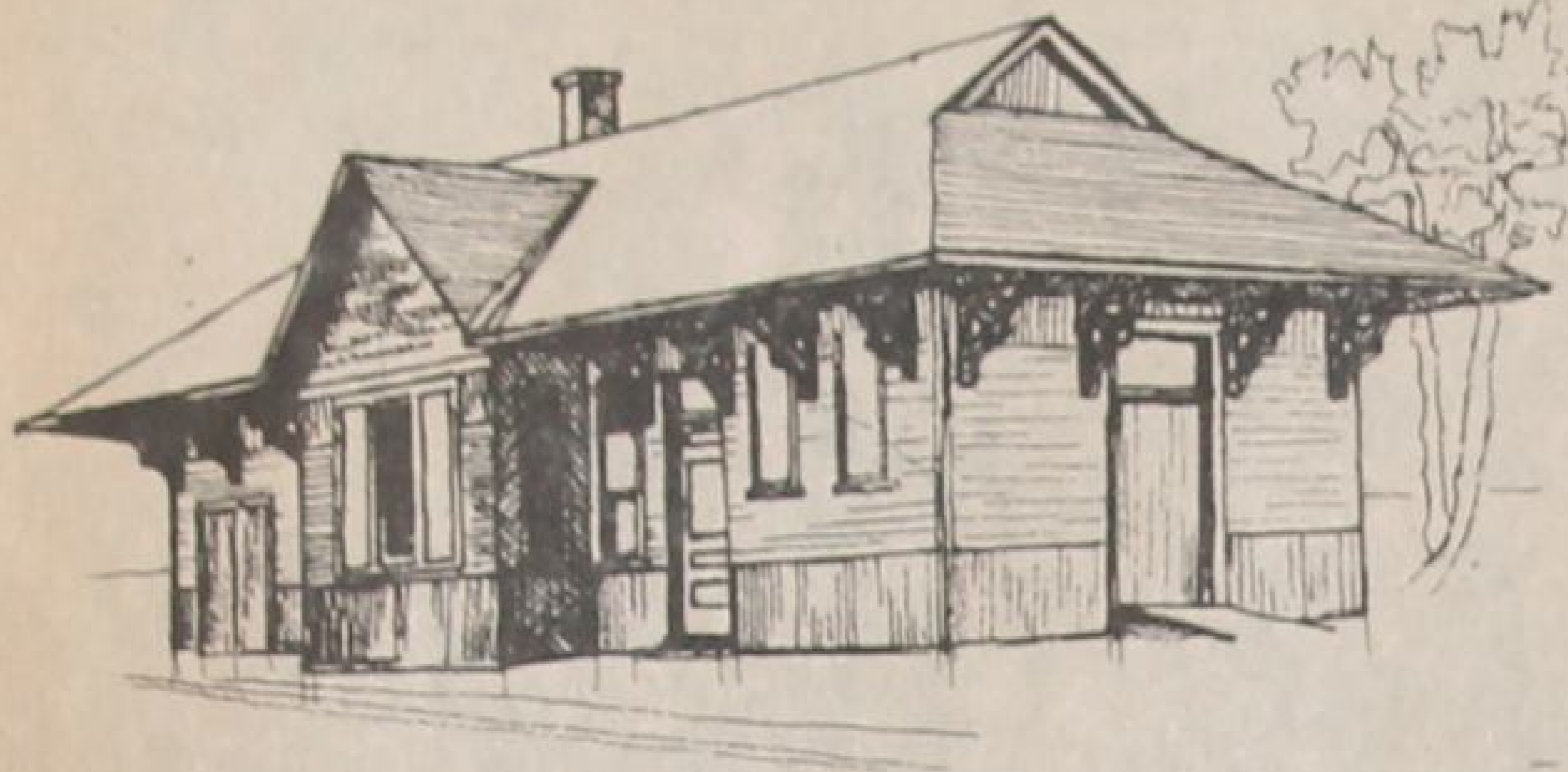
it as a federal building.

The post office continued in service for 42 years. Then due to the town's growth the facilities became inadequate. A new structure was erected on the opposite corner in 1956 and the old was demolished.

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RAILWAY STATIONS

The King Street Railway Station was constructed by John Teal for his "Tilsonburg, Lake Erie and Pacific" line. The line was taken over in 1905 by Canadian Pacific, the present owners.

The Railway Station on North Tillson Avenue was constructed by the Canadian Southern Line in 1873.

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ARLINGTON HOTEL

Directly north of the present Post Office stood the renowned Arlington Hotel, built and managed by Mr. Adam Matheson in 1880.

The red brick structure is oriented to the angled, corner surface. This area

rises in a tower effect to a bell-shaped, mansard roof. The angled, main roof is defined by parapets and rests on a double-bracketed cornice.

The structure carries three window treatments: deep arches on the street

level; rectangular, double-hung sash openings with heavy transoms on the second and projecting gables from the roof.

A wooden, braced balcony was hung over the main entrance. Each side entrance was protected by a bracketed,

columned porch, the roof of which had been enclosed for the guests' use.

This structure withstood many alterations to its interior and exterior areas over its 97 years of service. Its denuded form was destroyed by fire on December 29, 1967.

Joan McCann

OLIVE WINNIFRED (YOUNG) McMULLEN WAS NAMED AFTER OLIVE MATHESON.
PARENTS WILSON + CATHERINE YOUNG WERE EMPLOYED AT ARLINGTON HOTEL
PREVIOUS TO PURCHASING REVERE HOUSE (HOTEL) IN OTTAWA

Newfoundland photos shown at WI meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - January meeting of the Women's Institute, to which the public was invited, was held Friday evening at 8 p.m. in the adult Woodlawn Community Centre, Otterville.

President, Miss Vera Welsh, presided for the meeting and Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Roll call was responded to with members telling of a trip they had enjoyed. Minutes were read by secretary, Mrs. Jack Walther, who also read "Thank-You" notes from shut-in members for Christmas boxes.

Mrs. Harold Waring, Good Cheer convener, read a "Thank-You" note from Mrs. Donald Gorrie for the plant she had received while in hospital. Other appreciations were also reported and get well cards were signed for members in hospital.

In a brief business period, announcement was made of the February meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. William A. McMullen. This will be an afternoon meeting and the speaker will be Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, who was a holiday guest in England last year.

Mrs. Murray Treffry, convener of cultural affairs, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, who showed pictures

of their trip to Newfoundland. Mrs. Beecroft, commentator, gave a most interesting talk and Mr. Beecroft operated the lantern in which two screens were used at the same time, the next thing to being there.

On behalf of the Institute, Mrs. Bruce Barnard thanked Orris and Mel and presented them with a gift. A brief questionnaire period followed.

Meeting closed and the social committee was in charge of the remainder of the evening.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMullen were hosts to a family get-together at their home Main St., Otterville on Sunday afternoon.

The event was in honor of Mrs. McMullen's parents Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull of Dufferin St. in Norwich on the occasion of their 35th wedding anniversary, though the actual date was Jan. 30.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jull and daughter Carrie Beth, of Newark; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jull and daughter Miss Glenna Jull of Mount Elgin, Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville.

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Historical Society essay contest

OTTERVILLE (C) - Seven members braved the elements to attend the January 9 meeting of South Norwich Historical Society.

Mr. Ed Moore was to be the speaker on Welland History as it relates to Otterville and the Moore family. The schedule was tentatively changed as Mr. Moore agreed to speak at the February meeting and Mr. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Catherine Mann to be in charge of the March meeting with Otterville and Otterville Industries as the topic.

Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew offered to contact the Public School teachers in Otterville and Springford to have the students enter an essay contest on a variety of historical topics. The judges were selected and would announce the winners at the May 8th meeting. The Burgessville School is interested in having a Shunpikers' tour of historical places and Mr. Bill McMullen and Mr. Ed Moore offered to meet with the teachers.

Members were reminded to bring, on Feb. 13, photos of buildings of local interest in the area in order for negatives to be printed. Possibly a pictorial historical booklet could be printed.

Mr. Bill McMullen, president, closed the meeting followed by Mrs. Joyce Pettigrew serving mulled cider and cookies.

Sunshine Club plans pancake luncheon

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the Sunshine Club enjoyed their meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Chisholm on Thursday evening, Jan. 12.

The newly-elected president, Mrs. Roberta McMurchy, presided and welcomed the members to the first meeting of the year.

The roll call, suggested by Mrs. Ross Dow, was responded to by members telling how they spent the Christmas holiday. There were 14 members in attendance.

Minutes were ready by the newly-appointed secretary.

Mrs. David Hussey. A report was given of the boxes which were sent out to shut-ins and a number of "Thank-You" notes were read in appreciation.

Plans were made for the sale of tickets for the Pancake luncheon, which is fast approaching. The members accepted the invitation for the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Donald Neale, Jan. 26.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Gordon Shearer in serving lunch. The president expressed appreciation to the hostess and assistants.

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Mrs. Harold Waring
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Leisure Club work on crafts

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Leisure Club held their regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon at the Woodlawn Community Centre. There was a variety of entertainment. Members could take their choice of working on crafts for the forthcoming bazaar, playing a game of pool, or enjoying games of euchre.

It was not a business meeting, but the members sitting with their cup of coffee or tea had a few suggestions. It was decided the members not have Secret Pals for 1978. Plans would be made for honoring birthdays of the members once a month. There will be a Christmas gift exchange, and suggestions were introduced for a box social, this to be finalized later.

President Colin Robinson dismissed the meeting.

C. Robinson heads area Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - The newly appointed executive of the Leisure Club was installed by Mr. Melville Beecroft at the January business meeting held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

Officers are, past president, Harry Lee; president, Colin Robinson; secretary, Mrs. Fred Cole; treasurer, Fred Cole; custodian (for the Leisure Club only), Mrs. Colin Robinson; kitchen hostess, Mrs. Colin Robinson.

President Lee opened the meeting and in his kindly, thoughtful manner addressed the gathering and graciously thanked members for their assistance during his term of office, as president. Mr. Lee wished the same for the incoming president, Mr. Robinson.

During business, a card was signed for Mrs. Lee who is a patient in Tillsonburg Hospital. Mr. Lee told the club of the condition of Mrs. Lee and thanked members for their

phone calls and told also with regret, the loss of their daughter, Mrs. Brown of Beeton.

Members asked Mr. Lee to carry their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mrs. Lee.

Many suggestions were made for future activities of the Club, and these were left for further discussion.

The newly-elected president showed pictures taken of the Club's activities, which were very interesting.

Mrs. Fred Moore was hostess for the social time and served hot doughnuts, tea, and coffee.

At future meetings the social hour will have tea and coffee only.

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Haskett and family, who have been living in the apartment of the former Post Office on Main St. and owner of the Used Furniture Store, have moved to Brantford where Mr. Haskett is employed on a poultry farm there.

January meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club has been cancelled for the month. Cornell and Otterville ladies will be in charge of the February meeting, health and weather permitting.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Avey of Paris were Tuesday guests with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover of Rocks Mills were recent visitors with Mrs. Harold Waring.

FIFTY YEARS AGO January 1928

Mr. Arthur Ronson of Courtland has purchased a store in Parkhill.

"Shrimp" Andrews of Niagara Falls, formerly of Tillsonburg, who made his professional debut with the old St. Patrick team, Toronto, is blazing the trail for New Haven in the Canadian American League. He generally scores one goal per game.

Otterville, Jan. 3 - Police are still without trace of the thieves who on Sunday night effected an entry into the drug store owned by Mr. Downing here, and blew open the safe, obtaining only a few cents for their work.

TWENTY YEARS AGO January 1958

Latest addition to an already impressive array of talent in the Tillsonburg Livingstons basketball squad, is Paul Fedor, Niagara Falls native.

Woodstock - Douglas McSpadden of Otterville public school was awarded top honors in the closely contested Oxford County public speaking finals sponsored by Oxford County Trustees and Ratepayers Association.



ESTATE OFFERING

Located in Village of Otterville. Home and lot plus adjacent lot 66' x 165', all for \$24,900. M.L.S. Call C. Parrott for showing. *Thurby's - Jan/78*



Mrs. Roberta McMurchy, president of Otterville's Sunshine Club, presents a check for \$217.47 to Dr. G.M. Downing, Chairman of the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre Advisory Committee. The money was raised by selling tickets on a quilt made by Mrs. Orris Beecroft of Otterville. The quilt was won by Mrs. Chelta Jean Caley of RR 1, Norwich.

Confirmation At Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Communion Service and new members joining the Church was conducted in the morning service on Sunday by Rev. Earl Moore. Service opened with the organ prelude, prayer and Scripture lesson from 1st Corinthians II; 23-34. The choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

By adult baptism, Miss Debby Cooper and Mrs. Wayne Murray were welcomed; by confirmation, Joanne Barnim, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, Peter John Davis, Wayne Murray and Trudy Walther; and by transfer, Mrs. Elizabeth DeMontmorency, Mrs. Earl Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Groeneveld; and welcomed from another church, Mrs. John Walther.

Sermon for the day was "The Importance of Communion." Ushers were Lorne Treffry, Donald Chisholm, John Walther and David Barnim.

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OTTERVILLE UNITED

OTTERVILLE (C) - Eight members of the United Church Women attended the Oxford County Annual Presbyterial meeting in Woodstock January 25.

Two interesting programs were heard. CFPL Newscaster Jack Burghardt was the moderator of a six member panel which responded to the question "How Do We Serve Lord?"

Rev. Ron Hunt was the speaker in the afternoon session.

Mrs. Betty Walther of Otterville sang as a solo "Why Me, Lord?" Mrs. Jean Little was the accompanist. The theme of the program was "He Touches Me." There were sing-song periods throughout the day.

Attending from Otterville were Mrs. Betty Walther, Mrs. Jean Little, Mrs. Annie Arthur, Mrs. Mary Murray, Mrs. Orris Beecroft, Mrs. Shirley White, Mrs. Barbara Cope and Miss Vera Welsh.

Otterville UCW conducting service

OTTERVILLE (C) - The members of the United Church Women held their January meeting in the church hall on

Thursday evening with the newly-elected president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft, presiding. Mrs. Beecroft opened the meeting with a reading, "And The Shepherd Returned." Hymn "Standing at the Portal" was sung.

Mrs. Rod Taylor reported that money had been forwarded to Malcolm Manuk, an Anglo-Indian lad of five years, whom the local group have adopted.

Mrs. Annie Arthur read a number of "Thank-You" notes from members and friends of the church, who were remembered with Christmas greetings.

Members who volunteered to be responsible for placing flowers in the church during July and August are Mrs. Irvin Gehring and Mrs. Leslie Gehring and Mrs. Lorne Treffry and Mrs. Robert Carney.

In the absence of Rev. Earl Moore, the morning church service will be held at 11:15 on Sunday, Jan. 29, and will be in charge of the United Church Women.

Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. Harold Waring are in charge of visitation and cards. The offering was presented by Mrs. Bruce Barnard.

The worship period was conducted by Mrs. Leslie Gehring and Mrs. Lorne Treffry. Mrs. Leslie Gehring read Scripture from Romans 12: 1-9 and followed with prayer. Mrs. Treffry gave the meditation. Miss Vera Welsh gave an interesting talk on a chapter from the Caribbean study book on Jamaica.

A social hour was enjoyed.

Rev. H. Herring pays tribute to late parishoner

OTTERVILLE (C) - Annual Vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall on Wednesday evening, conducted by the Rector H. Herring. There was a small attendance due to the weather condition.

Rev. Herring opened the meeting with prayer. Carl Howse was re-elected Vestry clerk and read minutes.

Reports of organizations of the church were read; Church treasurer's report given by Eva Deveney; and statistical report by Mr. Herring, who paid fitting tribute to the late Jack Riste, a Lay-reader and a valued church member in many services.

Missionary budget and report of the Church club was given by Eva Deveney. Ladies Guild report was presented by Mrs. Nate McMullen; and Sunday school report and cemetery board both given by Carl Howse.

The board of managers and officers were returned to office with a few exceptions.

Following a short business meeting the minister closed with prayer.

ELLIS VERNON ADDISON

Ellis Vernon Addison of 151 Main St., Simcoe, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Monday, January 9, 1978, in his 90th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Jennie Bell Whitehead; two sons, Stanley Edmund Addison of Simcoe, and Charles Brock Addison of Dundas; one brother, Wilfred Laurence Addison of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Ernest (Clara) James of London; one grandson, William Stanley Addison of Newmarket; and two great-grandsons.

Rested at the Baldock Funeral Home, Simcoe, where service was held Thursday, January 12, at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Carl Zurbrigg.

Interment in Otterville Cemetery.

E. VERNON ADDISON

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison attended the funeral of the former's brother, E. Vernon Addison, at Simcoe on Thursday, and interment in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

The late Mr. Addison was born in Otterville 89 years ago and lived here until moving to Simcoe nearly 60 years ago. He is survived by his wife, who has been a patient in the Simcoe Hospital for the past three years; sons, Stanley of Simcoe and Brock of Dundas, also one grandson, William, and two great-grandsons at Newmarket. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. W.E. (Clara) James at Chateau Garden Nursing Home in London.

Conference held at Innisfree Farm

OTTERVILLE (C) - A group of 25 persons of varied backgrounds came together on the weekend of January 15 at Innis Foundation conference centre at Innisfree Farm to discuss a variety of topics.

Folk with varied occupations such as nurses, artists, teachers, ministers, students, community workers, truck drivers, farmers, broadcasting technicians, coming from Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Whitby, Highgate and Norwich, discussed topics such as nutrition, land use, use of ocean waters, contrasting deep sea fishing with that of inland waters, multinational corporations and conglomerates and co-operatives.

Movies were shown and discussion periods held.

Although overnight accommodation would care for 35

persons, registration was kept at 25. Meals were produced on a co-operative basis, with teams of four participating. The scheme drew high praise for tastiness, nutrition and cost. A recently published book of "Mennonite Recipes" was used extensively.

The facilities in a rural setting proved refreshing. The huge fireplace produced warmth for this weekend fellowship. Between sessions, hikes and tobogganing were enjoyed. It was an experimental adventure to be extended.

CLARENCE D. ROSEHART

Funeral service for the late Clarence D. Rosehart of 120 Lisgar Ave., Tillsonburg, who passed away on January 27, 1978, was held at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on January 31, at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church.

A solo, When Morning Comes, was sung by Mrs. Mildred Addley, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Myra Claringbold.

Interment in the spring in Greenwood Cemetery, Owen Sound.

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Worst storm ever batters Norwich

What occurred last Thursday, January 26th, was unprecedented in many people's experience. Norwich Postmaster Maurice Longworth remarked early Thursday morning that the storm raging outside was described by members of his generation as a killer storm. Town Foreman Harold Williams said that he had never seen so much snow on Main Street.

At 10:30 Thursday morning fourteen 12,000 lb. hydro towers a mile east, Highway 19, one mile south of Salford were flattened their full 130 foot lengths to the ground. Seven more went down on the west side of Highway 19.

At 5:00 in the afternoon one of Farmers Elevators corn dryers

was toppled to the north, in turn knocking over the remaining two dryers, which in turn fell onto two steel bins housing equipment and a couple of tractors. Damage is in the \$400,000-\$500,000 range and is covered by insurance.

Chief of Police Robert Knight manned the phone in the police office all day and was relieved for the night by Constable Vivien. On his way to his home in the north-west section of Norwich he found himself walking over an unusually high drift on the road in front of Andrew's Service Station. He discovered that he was standing on top of a vehicle buried in a drift.

Town Foreman Harold Williams discovered that the

drift contained two vehicles only by accident while plowing a track through the drifts. A van had run into a car stopped on the road sometime on Thursday and both were engulfed by blowing snow. At least one person had snowmobiled over the vehicles.

Two miles north at the corner of Norwich Road 2 and Highway 59 three travellers were trapped in their car, surrounded by a driving wall of snow from early morning until 8:30 at night. At that time the wind weakened enough to let them see the lights of the farmhouse of Murray Rettie. They made their way across the intervening field to the shelter of the Rettie home.

Eight C.N.R. workers enroute from Delhi to London were forced to take shelter in the Legion Hall. Sleeping bags were provided by Bob Watkins and Fred Andrews and food was prepared and shared by Bob Harris, Jack Harris, and Lowell Body. Snowmobile operators such as Bob Drake, Bob Harris

Jr., and Fred Andrews were busy into the evening shuttling stranded travellers and supplies around town.

A Brantford man and a Delhi man found refuge in the Norwich Police Station.

Department of Highways vehicles trying to clear snow from the highway Thursday night were only able to reach as far south as the Norwich Gulf station and almost as far north as the three mile corner.

Many television aerials were bent by the blasting wind and more seriously many barns and farm buildings lost roofing, siding, or completely collapsed.

Hydro failures ranged from areas of a few houses to whole areas. Farmers who milked dairy cows were stymied without power to run their milking machines; neither was it possible to milk the cows by hand because they are used to being milked mechanically.

If both tower lines east of Salford had gone down the hydro system for a large part of

south-western Ontario would have been seriously close to shutting down. The two parallel tower lines carry three circuits between them, two circuits carrying enough voltage to supply a city the size of London. The south line, which went down, carried two of the three circuits. These two tower lines were a link between London and Brantford and according to John MacCuaig, Ontario Hydro's chief of salvage operations, their entire removal from the hydro system during the storm would have reduced the margin of safety to a dangerously narrow level.

Chief of Police Knight would like to express his appreciation to all those who worked through the storm, such as the snowmobilers, and CB radio operators, and PUC workers who worked to restore power breakdowns as quickly as possible; he is equally grateful to those who phoned offering to open their doors to any stranded travellers.

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Trees were uprooted and broken off all around town but this pine tree at the corner of N. Court and John Streets was the biggest. It took with it an electrical transformer, hydro wires and the baseball booth.

Two brothers injured while working on silo

NORWICH (Bureau) — Two Norwich area farmers were injured Tuesday while removing silage from a silo on the Remi Vankerbroeck Ltd. farm on the Seventh Concession, three miles south of here.

Provincial police at Tillsonburg said Albert Maurice Vankerbroeck, 33, of RR 1, Otterville, suffered leg injuries when he became entangled in an auger while feeding cattle outside the silo.

His brother, Gilbert Henry Vankerbroeck, 38, received minor leg and hand injuries when he fell 15 feet to the ground while rushing to Albert's aid from the top of the silo.

Tobacco tops \$1.12 pound

Average price for tobacco hit a new high on the auction exchanges this week, climbing above \$1.12 per pound.

After daily averages of over \$1.11 last week, Monday sales went to \$1.1266 on 2,057,478 pounds and on Tuesday averaged \$1.1215 on 2,117,361 pounds.

Up to Tuesday night 104,429,306 pounds had been sold at an average of \$1.0843 with average under the guarantee climbing to a tick over \$1.09.

JAN 25, 1978

The Editor:

I am perplexed by the account of "The Germans who founded Oxford County," by Paul Knowles, which appeared in your issue of January 4, 1978.

The history of Moravian mission activity in North America as told by Elma E. Gray in her book "Wilderness Christians" (McMillan, 1956) differs from the above in that no mention of any mission in Oxford County is made, although her book covers the activities of the Moravians in great detail from the beginning of their missionary work in 1735 in Georgia until Nov. 11, 1902 when the Methodist Church purchased the property at Moravian town from the Board of Elders of the Church of the Brethren and took over their work in Ontario.

According to this account the Moravian mission in Ontario was established in May 1792 on the Thames River 20 miles above where Chatham was later located and 60 miles below the present site of London. This site was called Fairfield (later Old Fairfield) and was on the north bank of the river. It became a stopping point (along with Burford, Ingersoll - then called Oxford - and Defaware) for travellers going between Walkerville or Amherstburg and Toronto or Niagara.

During the War of 1812-14 the Americans defeated the British forces at the Battle of Longwoods (sometimes called the battle of Moraviantown) which took place very close to Old Fairfield. Tecumseh was killed in this battle and his monument is erected between the site of Old Fairfield and Thamesville along No. 2 Highway.

Following the British defeat American forces advanced to Old Fairfield, plundered the

town of everything of value, including substantial stores of corn and other food, and burned it to the ground.

The missionaries and their flock fled to Burlington where they remained until the war was over. They then returned and established a village on the south side of the Thames opposite their former location. This they called New Fairfield (now Moraviantown).

The site of Old Fairfield was rediscovered about 1941. Wilfrid Jury of the University of Western Ontario confirmed the location and excavated the foundations of several buildings. At the present time there is a very interesting museum located on the site of Old Fairfield village, and one of the original houses of the village has been reconstructed. This is situated on No. 2 Highway just east of Thamesville.

Several times in the accounts of the early travels of the missionaries mention is made of passing through Ingersoll, but there is no mention whatever of any Moravian work there.

I am wondering if confusion may not have arisen from the similarity of the names "Orford" (township in Kent County) and "Oxford."

Incidentally the Moravian Mission in Ontario was not a mission to Ontario Indians. It was the end of a migration covering 20 years (1771-1792) of Christianized Delaware Indians and their Moravian pastors and teachers from Pennsylvania through Ohio to the vicinity of Detroit and finally to settlement in Ontario. This band met distrust and persecution wherever they tried to establish themselves, alike from pagan Indians and Christian whites until they settled in the wilderness of Southwestern Ontario with few and remote neighbours.

E.S. Moore
Otterville.

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

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TILLSONBURG
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THE SERVICES

- 8:00 a.m. - HOLY COMMUNION
- 11:00 a.m. - HOLY COMMUNION - 1st and 3rd Sundays
- MORNING PRAYER - 2nd and 4th Sundays
- 10:00 a.m. - HOLY COMMUNION - Wednesdays

RECTOR

Rev. Canon J. E. Gordon Houghton, L.th.

OTTERVILLE (C) - On Sunday, January 29th, 1978 the congregation was left in the capable hands of the UCW during the absence of their minister, Rev. Earl Moore.

Mrs. Marion Taylor read the scripture of Phill. 4:4-9 and led the congregation in prayer following the reading.

THE UCW president, Mrs. Orris Beecroft brought

the message entitled "The Way We Live". Mrs. Beecroft brought to our attention the need of faith to live by; and the need to know how to fill time, not kill it. The Bible is the one book which will always be the number one best-seller, and it is filled with important facts we need to follow day by day.

The choir, accompanied by Miss Cheryl Mansfield at

the organ, brought a message in song entitled "In My Heart There Rings A Melody".

"Money Is Time" was the title of the reading, by Mrs. Jean Carney. The usherettes for the offering were Mrs. Annie Arthur, Mrs. Jean Little, Mrs. Dorothy Neale and Mrs. Jean Hill.

The choir and the congregation joined together for the hymn of benediction.

Mrs. Betty Walther presented a reading entitled "Risks". This reminded everyone there is a need to take risks in order to be successful in life. "A man that gives nothing, receives nothing."

Mrs. Orris Beecroft led the conclusion of the service followed by the benediction.

Morning worship is at 11:15 a.m. The choir will have the service next Sunday due to the absence of the minister.

Annual congregational meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) - Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the church, was chairman for the meeting and opened with a spiritual reading. Miss Debbie Cooper was appointed secretary for the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read. The financial reports for all organizations were heard.

A motion was made to have an active rotating Elders group for a three-year term with an automatic retirement of one year after term of office. This will be voted on at a later church meeting.

Trustees will be Melville Beecroft, Stanley Arthur

and Sam McSpadden. Lorne Treffry will be a new member of the Board.

Officers were elected with Lorne Treffry replacing Stewart Godby, as head usher and Debbie Cooper was appointed as press reporter replacing Mrs. Harold Waring.

A motion was made to take to the annual meeting of the Pastoral charge the proposal of having a Central Fund.

A new Manse Committee will be made up of one member of the UCW, one member of the Stewards, and one member of the Trustees.

A new Sunday School program will be on trial from February 12th to last

Sunday in June. Church and Sunday School will start jointly upstairs at 11:15 a.m. with Sunday School members and teachers leaving the service for their 45-minute classes.

The next annual meeting will be held January 21st, 1979.

On behalf of the congregation Mr. Max Avey expressed appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Moore for all their great work for the church and its people.

Melville Beecroft expressed appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and David Arthur for all their services in the work of the church. The meeting closed with Rev. Moore giving the Benediction.

OTTERVILLE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM

Otterville, Ontario - NOJ 1R0
PHONE 879 - 6925

January 10, 1978

DEAR CUSTOMER:

DUE TO THE HIGHER COST OF PROVIDING SERVICE, THE OTTERVILLE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM FINDS IT NECESSARY TO INCREASE RETAIL RATES EFFECTIVE FOR ENERGY WITH ALL BILLS ISSUED ON AND AFTER FEBRUARY 1, 1978 FOR ACCOUNTS BILLED MONTHLY AND MARCH 1, 1978 FOR ACCOUNTS BILLED BI-MONTHLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCHEDULES IN THIS NOTICE.

AS A RESULT OF THE BETTER THAN EXPECTED OPERATIONS OF ONTARIO HYDRO IN 1977, THIS UTILITY WILL BE RECEIVING AN ANTI-INFLATION DISCOUNT ON BULK POWER PURCHASED FROM ONTARIO HYDRO DURING 1978. THE EXACT AMOUNT OF THIS DISCOUNT WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL EARLY 1978, BUT IT IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL REDUCE OUR TOTAL REVENUE REQUIREMENT BY APPROXIMATELY 4.8 %.

YOUR BILLS DURING 1978 BASED ON METERED CONSUMPTION WILL REFLECT THIS SPECIAL ANTI-INFLATION DISCOUNT. THE NET EFFECT WILL BE AN OVERALL AVERAGE INCREASE IN RATES OF APPROXIMATELY 6.2 %.

OTTERVILLE HYDRO-ELECTRIC SYSTEM

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Otterville, Ontario - NOJ 1RO

PHONE 879 - 8925

January 10, 1978

SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

APPLICATION

Application of rates and charges shall be in accordance with The Standard Application of Rates and amendments thereto as approved by Ontario Hydro.

An additional amount of 5% shall apply to all bills not paid on or before the due date.

EFFECTIVE:

Effective for Equipment Rentals and energy with all bills issued on and after February 1, 1978 for accounts billed monthly and March 1, 1978 for accounts billed by-monthly and effective February 1, 1978 for Miscellaneous Charges.

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES:

RESIDENTIAL:

First	50 kwh	@	6.1	¢ per kwh
Next	200 kwh	@	3.1	¢ per kwh
Next	500 kwh	@	-	¢ per kwh
All additional	kwh	@	2.45	¢ per kwh
Minimum Bill -	\$3.50			

GENERAL:

Billing Demand - First 50 kw @ No charge
- Balance kw @ \$2.40 per kwh

Energy Charges -

First	50 kwh	@	6.1	¢ per kwh
Next	200 kwh	@	3.2	¢ per kwh
Next	9750 kwh	@	2.95	¢ per kwh
All additional	kwh	@	1.75	¢ per kwh

Minimum Bill - under 50 kw of billing demand - \$3.50
- over 50 kw of billing demand - \$0.25 per kw for all kw applicable to the maximum billing demand during the previous 11 mons. or the contracted amount whichever is the greater.

METERED WATER HEATING RATE:

DISCONTINUED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SCHEDULE.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: - 40 gal.- \$2.00 per mon.
- 60 gal.- \$2.50 per mon.

Applicable to existing installations only.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES:

Non-payment of Account - Collection - \$5.00
- Reconnection - normal working hours \$10.00
- non normal working hours \$15.00

SERVICE CALLS: - Customer responsibility - \$15.00

The rates and charges, as approved, comply with the intent of the Anti-Inflation Guidelines which have been applied by Ontario Hydro in accordance with the agreement between Canada and Ontario made on January 13, 1976, respecting the application of the guidelines in Ontario.

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50 SHTS. CLASSIC ELM	10.95	8.25
50 SHTS. BUTTERSCOTCH	9.95	7.55
50 SHTS. COLONIAL PECAN	9.75	7.45
50 SHTS. HONEY DEW	9.75	7.45
24 SHTS. OCEAN MIST	9.75	7.45
25 SHTS. ANTIQUE DRIFTWOOD	8.95	7.15
100 SHTS. SHIP PLANK CYPRESS	8.95	7.15
26 SHTS. BRONZE CHESTNUT	8.85	7.05
99 SHTS. GEORGIA ROSEWOOD	8.85	7.05
154 SHTS. COACHMAN HICKORY	8.65	6.95
50 SHTS. SUGAR PINE	8.60	6.90
69 SHTS. BURLED PECAN	8.50	6.80
100 SHTS. ELM	8.25	6.70
79 SHTS. BEECH	7.95	6.50
23 SHTS. WHITE OAK	7.75	6.40
42 SHTS. BOBBIE OAK	7.25	6.25

« JANUARY 18TH TO 28TH »
FREE ESTIMATES AND DELIVERY

New crest acquired by township last year

It shouldn't be long until Norwich Township councillors are holding Calamity Jane next to their hearts.

Calamity Jane is the Holstein cow who tops the Norwich Township crest. A man plowing with a two-horse team, a corn field and a tobacco field make up the rest of the crest, along with the words "Historical, Agricultural, Beautiful."

A sample crest in gold thread is being prepared by Reg Hall Ltd. of Woodstock. If council is satisfied with the sample, crests for councillors' jackets will be ordered, Township Clerk Robert Watkins said.

Council presented enamelled township crests mounted on walnut plaques to players, coaches and managers of teams honored at a sports recognition banquet in November, 1977.

Controversy over where and when the crest should be displayed has emerged from time to time in township council. In August, 1977, council allowed engineer Ken Smart to use the crest on a roads needs study booklet, but refused the Chamber of Commerce permission earlier that month to reproduce the crest for display at the CNE for Woodstock and Oxford County Day.

"This is a very sacred thing to me, this crest," Councillor Jack Burn said at the Aug. 8 council meeting. "I don't want to see anyone with it unless he's a councillor."

Councillor Norm Lusk agreed, saying, "I'd be very proud to have the exclusive rights to wear it as a councillor."

Ross Butler's design was chosen to grace the township crest after a contest in the municipality in May, 1975 and two proposals by International Coats of Arms of Toronto failed to turn up a design acceptable to council.

Council rejected the first coat of arms submitted by the Toronto firm because it didn't include a cow to represent dairy production in the township.

However, council decided the worst point of the second coat of arms submitted by International Coats of Arms was the cow right in the middle. The crest was returned to the company after council rejected a resolution to accept it if the cow's horns were removed. Les Dickson, the mayor at that time, said any councillor could sit down and do a better sketch than either of the two from the Toronto firm.

In February, 1977, Mr. Butler completed work on his design.

Norwich Township Council



The Township of Norwich is represented by these men on council. Seated from left to right are Councillors Bob Pettigrew, Ross Warboys, Mayor Ken Peers, and Councillor-at-large Jack Burn. Standing, left to right, are Councillors Carman Sweazey, Carl

Beal, Jack Walther, Norm Lusk, Clerk Robert Watkins, Roger Orth, Jim McDowell and Cecil Mingle. Deputy clerk John Gilbert, not pictured here is also present at council meetings.

However, Councillor Norm Lusk pointed out, the crest could not be the township's trademark without the township having exclusive rights to it. At the June 13 meeting of council, a resolution was passed offering \$2,750 to Mr. Butler for exclusive rights to the crest and a transparency to reproduce it, to which Mr. Butler agreed.

Mr. Butler is to be honored for his contribution to agriculture at a special recognition banquet in April. A Norwich native, Mr. Butler now lives near Woodstock. He is known as one of the world's most talented artists in the area of livestock art.



The township offices in Otterville are divided into two sections -- the clerk's department and the treasury department. Secretary to the clerk and deputy clerk is Agnes Savill, left. Marjorie

Watkins, centre, and Jean Dow, right, work in the treasury department. Absent from the picture is Donna Moore, who also works in the treasury department.

Sees no major tax change

Norwich residents will be dipping into their pockets to pay the first instalment of taxes for 1978 next month, but township treasurer Fred Lowes said he doesn't expect any major tax changes over last year.

Interim billing has been customary for the last three or four years in Norwich, he said.

Tax rates should be on a fairly even keel compared to two years ago. Restructuring in 1975 required adjustments to be made in the 1975 tax rates to compensate for surpluses held by individual municipalities. Some wards in Norwich were over the allotted totals, while others were under, and the resulting adjustments tended to make the tax rates deceptive.

A surplus caused the mill rate in Ward Four to be adjusted downwards in 1975. The substantial increase in 1976 was due partly to the rate being artificially reduced the year before. This situation did not occur to the same degree in the other wards.

This year's budget should be finished by early May, Mr. Lowes said. Last year's budget was set in June. He couldn't foresee any major capital expenditures, although it will be up to council to set its priorities.

There are no changes expected in council members' salaries, which have remained the same for the last three years. Councillors receive salaries based on the number of meetings attended.

The Municipal Act states that councillors can be paid annually or for each meeting, but not a compromise of both methods.

The mayor receives \$70, councillor-at-large \$65, and the nine other councillors, \$60 for each of the 24 regular meetings attended. Councillors also receive mileage.

Attendance at committee meetings nets the mayor \$50 for each, councillor-at-large \$45, and councillors \$40. There are four standing council committees which meet about 18 to 20 times a year. Each council member sits on at least two committees.

Restructuring in 1975 increased workloads and meetings when a new committee system was instituted. Prior to restructuring, some councils received \$30 to \$40 a meeting and had fewer of them to attend.

Norwich Township's population has increased to 9,875 from 9,806 last year.

The township's assessment this year is \$17,258,590 which is up from the 1977 figure of \$16,867,720. Mr. Lowes said assessment notices were mailed out in January and people have the right to appeal their assessment. He said there are appeals pending, which will be heard by the court of revision.

The township's total operational budget for 1977 was

\$3,034,844, compared to \$2,267,318.

Total construction for all four wards last year was \$2,428,755. Of this, \$1,054,000 was for dwellings, 25 of which were built.

Construction totals for South

Norwich were \$926,062, with construction of 13 dwellings totalling \$530,000.

Norwich construction totalled \$240,053 with \$93,000 spent on construction of three dwellings. North Norwich construction

totalled \$866,870 with \$313,000 spent on six dwellings.

East Oxford construction totalled \$394,770 with \$118,000 spent on construction of three dwellings.



Treasurer Fred Lowes

Clerk's job is varied

Norwich Township clerk Robert Watkins has a little statue on his desk inscribed, "If you're looking for authority, I have as little as anyone." It may cause visitors some bewilderment, since Mr.

Watkins and his staff oversee the smooth day-to-day operation of this large township.

The clerk's department handles zoning, planning, drainage, recreation, policing and fire protection. Mr. Watkins

spends much of his day handling zoning applications, requests for minor variances, and complaints and problems of ratepayers. He initiates action on the instructions of municipal council.

"I carry out the instructions of municipal council - whatever duties they might put upon me," he said.

He also acts as secretary to the public works committee and the protection to persons and property committee. As well as taking minutes for committee meetings, he is responsible for any follow-up work required on committee decisions.

There have been few changes in the administration of the township over the past year. The major change has been in personnel, with John Gilbert taking over Dec. 1, 1977, as deputy-clerk from Wayne

Johnson, who became township clerk for East Zorra.

Among the ongoing issues facing the township is zoning bylaw 41-76, the intent of which is to regulate the use of land and establish an overall plan for orderly development in the municipality.

The bylaw itself went before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) some time ago, Mr. Watkins said, but a hearing is expected in the near future on two amendments to the bylaw.

The amendments were based on views expressed in 26 objections to the bylaw. They were designed to correct errors in the original bylaw, Mr. Watkins said.

Mr. Watkins has been clerk for Norwich Township since restructuring in 1975, and was clerk for North Norwich from 1963 to 1975.

Drains big deal for deputy-clerk

Municipal drains soak up a lot of John Gilbert's time these days.

Mr. Gilbert, who took over as Norwich Township deputy-clerk from Wayne Johnson Dec. 1, 1977, says the duties of a deputy-clerk vary for each municipality. In Norwich, municipal drain administration forms a major part of the deputy-clerk's duties.

"In most municipalities, the deputy-clerk takes a subservient role to the clerk. He does the paperwork, not the brain-work," Mr. Gilbert said. "In Norwich, specifically, there is quite a load of municipal drains - so that one person has to specialize in it."

Drains come under the jurisdiction of the agriculture

committee, which along with the recreation committee, is part of the administrative responsibility of the Norwich deputy-clerk. The clerk is responsible for the administration of the public works and protection to persons and property committees.

There are 300 to 400 municipal drains in Norwich, and the paperwork for them takes up seven filing drawers in Mr. Gilbert's filing cabinet.

"Drains are a big deal here," he said. "Because of the topography and because the land is good for agriculture, the farmers try to make every acre count."

Mr. Gilbert has spent eighteen of his 39 years in municipal administration.

"I've been in the business all my working life," he said.

He started off working in the Delhi township office just after he graduated from a commercial high school course in Delhi.

He has also held municipal posts in Ancaster, Burford and Innisville townships. Prior to coming to Norwich, he was self-employed for two and a half years doing house renovations.

Before that, he spent almost three years as Burford Township's clerk treasurer.

Mr. Gilbert is married, has four children and lives in Burford Township.



Deputy Clerk John Gilbert



Clerk Robert Watkins

Mayor Peers discusses outlook

BY NANCY GALL

Action on the roads needs study and discussion of the Oxford County Official plan will be two major areas facing Norwich Township council in the upcoming year, according to Mayor Ken Peers.

The roads needs study was presented to council last month and is under discussion by the public works committee. The five-year plan may result in more generous allocations from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

Copies of the fourth draft of the county official plan were circulated to members of municipal councils in the county for their perusal and discussion. The official plan outlines development in the county for the next 20 years.

Ensuring a satisfactory water supply for the village of Nor-

wich remains a priority item, Mr. Peers said. In the past, Mr. Peers has said a guaranteed water supply would encourage industry to locate there.

Mr. Peers attended a Norwich PUC meeting earlier this month. Drilling in one site came up with nothing, but Mr. Peers said the PUC is looking around for another site.

Mr. Peers favours the encouragement of small industry in the township, but a proposal to establish an industrial park near Norwich has resulted in little action at the municipal and county levels. However, Mr. Peers said, a private citizen "seems to be developing something."

Mr. Peers, who is also warden of Oxford County, said there has been some discussion on the matter at county council, but so far no action has been taken.

"However, the time will come shortly, within four or five years, when the county will have to get into buying here," he said. "If the local municipality sees property (suitable for an industrial park) for sale, the county has to buy it."

Revitalization of the downtown areas of Norwich and

Otterville continue to be priority items, although the Norwich District Chamber of Commerce has taken some steps in that direction in the downtown area of Norwich village.

Mr. Peers has been mayor of the township for just over a year, and said it has been a satisfying year.

"We get along very well, and we have a very good council," he said. "Of course, you never get everything you want done, but we're quite happy that last year our tax rate was held right down and I don't think there'll be any great increase this year. It's also satisfying to get the official plan and roads needs study completed."

Mr. Peers was reeve of the former East Oxford Township in 1970, 1971, and 1972 and before that served as a councillor for five years. On Norwich council in 1975-76, Mr. Peers was councillor-at-large and was a member of a number of county council committees. He was elected warden of Oxford County January 12, 1977.

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Mayor Ken Peers



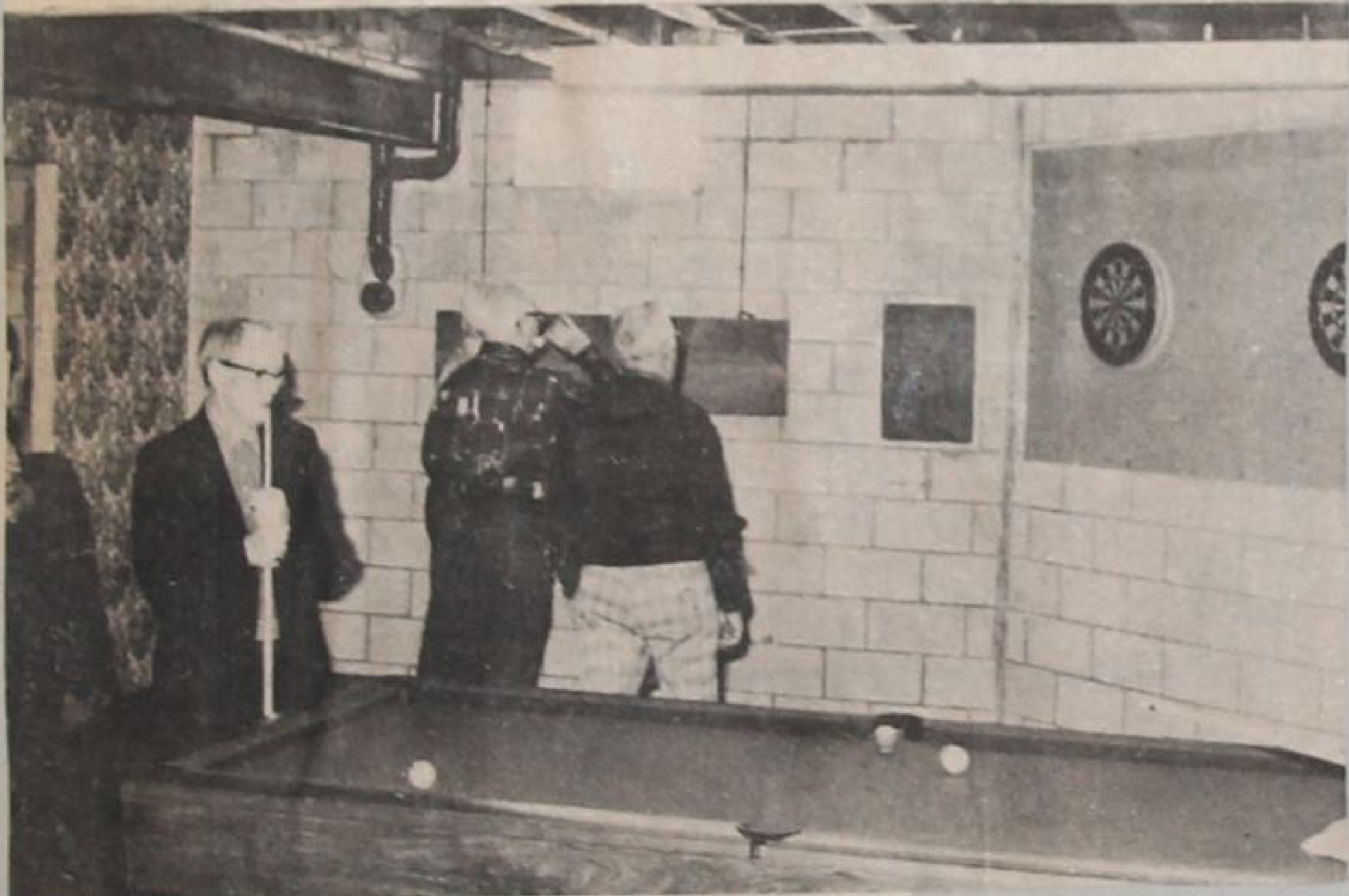
Cold temperatures and lots of snow have combined to make the Otterville dam as pretty as any postcard scene. (News-Record Photo)

Adult Community

Centre is 118 years old



The main room of the Octagonal House is used for meetings and card playing. Visible in this picture are only three of the 15 corners in the room. Interrupted in their card playing are: first row, Mrs. Nellie Witts, Mr. Fred Cole, Mrs. Gladys Ritenburg and Mrs. Amy Cowie. Back row, Mrs. Annie Pritchard, Mrs. Alice Robinson, Mrs. Carrie Moore, Mr. Colin Robinson and Mrs. Edith Avey.



A basement under the renewed Octagonal House was added at the new location in the west end of Otterville. Conforming to the shape of the house above it, the underground room contains areas for shuffleboard, billiards and darts.



Mrs. Alice Robinson and Mrs. Laura Pettigrew spend a sunny Wednesday afternoon making quilt patches with tubes of liquid embroidery. At 87 Mrs. Pettigrew is the oldest member of the Leisure Club, which meets weekly in the Octagonal House.

On the north side of the road in the west end of Otterville sits the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, more commonly known locally as the Oddy House. This remarkable eight-sided, 118 year old building, now owned by the township of Norwich, is a recognized historic building. Originally a private home, it is now a public building open to use by approved groups.

Thomas Wright built the octagonal house in 1860-61. He came to Milldale, a thriving community then, north of Otterville, in the 1850's, from Ireland by way of London, Ontario. In 1856, he purchased 20 acres of Lot 7, Concession 8. Wright was a furniture maker and inventor and wood turner. He and his two sons made hubs and spokes for wheels, furniture and in the 1870's a spinning wheel of his own design, the New Dominion Spinning Wheel.

The house was built on the bank of the Crystal Creek, a branch of the Otter Creek, the waters of which turned his wood-working machinery. He named it Woodlawn Place. It is as unusual in construction as in

its shape. Its board and batten construction means that boards were set vertically rather than horizontally and the joints covered with almost triangularly shaped battens; underneath both of these were two more levels of vertical planks.

The inspiration for an octagonal house likely came from a book written in 1853 by Dr. Orson Fowler called *The Octagon House - A Home For All*. This particular house is one of only a few, out of many as a thousand originals, still in existence.

Dr. Fowler had two avenues of approach towards supporting an eight-sided house. Philosophically the doctor felt that the square shape was rare in natural forms and so man should take a cue from nature and use the spherical form in architecture. In practical terms an eight-sided building has 1-5th more space for the area of wall than a building with four corners. There was less area to keep up, it was simpler to heat and more open to sunlight. A

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person could face the stove in the centre of the room and have the sun streaming over their shoulders.

Thomas Wright adjusted Dr. Fowler's design to his own tastes, adding a trapezoid porch to serve as a woodshed in winter and kitchen in summer.

Thomas Wright died in 1898, at 84 years of age, three years after his wife. His oldest son Albert moved to Norwich after his father's death and Newton and his family moved to

Woodstock, where he and his son continued in the wood-working trade.

The house then passed into the hands of John Oddy and his family. In 1959, Mr. Oddy died and his wife moved, leaving the property vacant. In 1969, Mr. McKay Davis bought the property and he later donated the house to the Township of Norwich to be restored as a historical building.

In September of 1975 Norwich Township Council granted two acres of the Erbtown Cemetery, in the west end of Otterville, as

a site for the donated Thomas Wright cottage. It was moved in May of 1976, in three pieces. A foundation was built under it, windows were replaced with facsimiles and it was insulated up to modern standards. A basement was added to serve as an activities room, containing space for billiards, shuffleboard and darts.

The official opening took place on Sunday, October 16, 1977. Dr. Murray Downing of Otterville was the master of ceremonies and speakers were Warden Ken Peers, MPP Harry Parrott and a member of the architectural conservation committee of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Douglas Richardson.

Joyce Pettigrew, chairman of the local citizen's committee, was presented with an award for her part in the project.

Inflation-pinched buyers filling area auction hall

By Ted Whipp
News Editor

OTTERVILLE — Auctions that once attracted only farmers and antique dealers are fast becoming the place to shop for inflation-pinched urban consumers, according to one local bid caller.

Where once only used merchandise was placed on the block, new merchandise is now put up for auction, Bob Carney says.

Auctiongoers like the trend and are responding in droves to the Otter Valley Auction hall here. But retailers in surrounding communities aren't so enthusiastic.

Mr. Carney admits his new merchandise auctions are hurting to some extent, other retailers. But he says he's not out to hurt them, only to turn a buck.

"New furniture and merchandise is coming on real strong in the auction

business. There's a good market for it, no doubt about it."

His auction hall has two stages: one side for used merchandise, the other for new merchandise. One stage is filled with new living room, dining room and bedroom suites. Lamps, stereos and television sets fill out the "new" selection offered.

Auctions have always attracted the hungry bargain hunter. But in these days of

tight money more and more are attracted to auctions. His hall fills to capacity each auction night, usually every Wednesday.

Not all come to buy, however, he notes. Many in the rural farming community from Norwich to Delhi, from Simcoe to Tillsonburg find it entertaining to listen to the crowd, mix with friends and watch the auctioneer ply his craft.

And Bob Carney is one

of the best: he's a guest instructor at one of the biggest auction schools in North America and a former student of the same school. He's been calling auctions since 1961 and has built his auction business up to one of the largest in Ontario housed in one of the most modern showrooms.

In 1961 with few job opportunities open and an urge to be self-employed, Mr. Carney replied to an advertisement in the old

Farmer's Advocate and enrolled in the Missouri Auction School in Kansas City.

He returned as a part-time auctioneer and three years ago went full-time in Otterville.

In between, he sold fruits and vegetables in New Zealand by auction and toured the Ontario countryside calling auctions.

He bought a former lumber supply centre in Otterville and turned it into

what many say is now one of the biggest auctions in the province.

The reason behind his success is simple, he says: "We have a real reputation for running a square-shooting auction that sells the cleanest stuff you'll find anywhere." In short an honest auction that sells

clean and polished merchandise.

"We run an honest auction and we really brag on it."

There are still some auctions with plants that bid up the prices and with the auctioneer controlling prices or buying back his own merchandise, he says.

Customers are relieved to find this doesn't happen at Otter Valley and return, and return and return . . .

While buyers may know they're getting an honest deal, those who have Mr. Carney sell their goods are always amazed at the prices

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Bob Carney yells the familiar strain of the auctioneer each week at his auction hall in Otterville. After 17 years in the business, speaking loud and fast with a few jokes in between comes easy. The art simply takes time and experience, he says. (News-Record Photo)

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he fetches and the way they're treated.

He pays them within 48 hours after the sale and usually it's more than they bargained on.

"They're the most important people to me."

His commission is 20% on goods over \$25 and 25% on goods selling between \$5 and \$25. Anything under \$5 brings a commission of 50 cents on the dollar.

While Mr. Carney handles the bid calling, his wife, Jean, handles the business end. "She runs the office, does all the bookwork and is really the brains behind the business."

To be successful, one needs to be an excellent salesman, Mr. Carney says. Speaking fast isn't as important as running a competent auction that's fair to seller and buyer.

Most important is knowing the fair market value of the goods offered, he said.

Speaking fast, which Mr. Carney is adept at, just comes from lots of practice, he says.

Auction schools teach the basics of auctioneering including talking fast and bid calling, advertising, real estate sales, livestock judging.

"In bid calling, you have to count as fast backward as you can forward."

Mr. Carney offered some advice for the auctiongoer: "Watch people around you and bid carefully. People should establish the maximum price they'll pay for an item, the reasonable amount they can afford.

"People always get excited when bidding, so they should just keep cool and not be disappointed if they don't get the item, and just simply try again."

Most important of all, Mr. Carney says, people should get to the auction before it starts to look the goods over. "Know what you're bidding on, if you

want more information about it ask the auctioneer."

Many auctiongoers complain retail dealers, either antique or swap shop types, outbid them at auctions. Not true, Mr. Carney says. These dealers usually quit bidding before others do because they need a low price on which to tack on their markup.

Besides, he says, "There's true bargain in every one of my auctions."

"Auctioneers used to flog damaged goods and used goods. But now we're selling bigger merchandise that's new. It's still a bargain though, because we guarantee we won't be undersold and will pay the difference if someone finds a cheaper price."

LaSalette Sherman's celebrate forty years

OTTERVILLE (C) — On the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Howard Sherman, RR 1, LaSalette, well known residents of this area, were honored by their family and friends at a reception which was held in the Otterville United Church hall on Sunday afternoon, February 5 from 2-4 p.m.

Mrs. Sherman was charming

in a red mid-length dress which was accompanied with a corsage of red roses. Mr. Sherman wore a red rose boutonniere. Darwin Sherman of LaSalette, Mrs. Joe (Deanne) Woody of New Hamburg, Mrs. Donald (Donna) McMullen, Otterville, Lloyd, LaSalette, and Julia Clifford of Norwich were all on hand assisting in receiving the 150 guests who came to extend

their "Best Wishes."

Later in the day a turkey dinner was served to 40 guests by the members of the United Church Women. The table was centred with an Anniversary Cake, made in the shape of two wedding rings, by Gail Clifford of Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have lived in this area, being

residents of the village, and are now living at La Salette. Mr. Sherman is an employee with the Cadman Power Equipment at Courtland. Mrs. Sherman, besides her household duties, has been a sales clerk in stores of Otterville.

They are enjoying the memories of their Anniversary while on a holiday in Florida.

Births

VANDOMMELE - Mr. and Mrs. Emile Vandommele of Tillsonburg are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jason on February 21, 1978 at T.D.M.H. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Mann, Tillsonburg and Mr. and Mrs. Henri Vandommele.

Otterville Town Talk



MR. AND MRS. RONALD MICHAEL NOVAKOWSKI

Novakowski - Marshall

Otterville Baptist Church was the setting for the wedding of Brenda Jean Marshall and Ronald Michael Novakowski. The double-ring ceremony took place at 3 o'clock with Rev. D. Gorrie officiating.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Marshall, Dover Street, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Novakowski, 6 King Street, Delhi, Ontario.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor length gown with matching corsage.

Mrs. Janette Barham, aunt of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a floor length gown with matching corsage. Mr. Terry Barham of Springford was best man.

Reception was held at the home of the bride's parents with the head table decorated with a heart shaped wedding cake.

A second table was set up for the immediate family.

The bride and groom went away for the weekend and are planning a honeymoon trip through Northern Ontario at a later time.

Mr. and Mrs. Novakowski are presently residing at RR 1, Delhi, Ontario.

Euchre party

attendance up

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OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular progressive euchre parties, held in the Community Hall on Thursday evenings and sponsored by St. John's Anglican Church Club, are gaining in attendance. Last Thursday evening there were eight tables in play.

Prize for the ladies' high, Mrs. Daisy Ash; low, Mrs. Fred Lane; men's high, Ellis Lockyer; low, Bert Lickens; ladies' mystery, Mrs. Joe Lees; men mystery, Ken Smart; draw prize, Mrs. Joe Lees.

At the close of the games, Mrs. Joanne Avey, on behalf of the visitors, expressed the pleasure of attending the games. Mrs. Avey thanked the club for the lunch, the prizes chosen, the friendliness and social hour. She also stated that she had attended many of these fund-raising events at other centres, but to her judgement Otterville seemed to be her favorite.

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Leisure Club

attracts 20

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OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Leisure Club was held on Wednesday afternoon at Woodlawn Community Centre with 20 members in attendance.

It being the regular business meeting to which the president, Colin Robinson presided, the meeting opened with the singing of "O Canada."

Mr. Harry Lee, past president of the Club, was presented with a lovely pin signifying his faithful years of service as president of the Club. Mr. Fred Cole, treasurer of the club, made the presentation.

The room took on a new look when Mrs. Orris Beecroft made the presentation of a picture.

After business was completed two members, Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. Colin Robinson, who had celebrated birthdays in January were honored by the Club when a lovely decorated birthday cake was served for the social hour.

Ten members of the Otterville Leisure Club spent a happy evening at the Woodlawn Community Centre when they were engaged in taking their choice at playing games. These included Shuffle Board, Pool and Euchre. The members are hoping that this can be a weekly affair and more members become interested in an evening of this sort.

The next special event will be the potluck dinner at the Centre on February 15, with special interests paid to St. Valentine's Day.

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Leisure Club holds dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular meeting of the Leisure club was held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

There were 31 members and visitors in attendance and taking part in the potluck dinner which was in keeping with St. Valentine's.

Dinner was served at 12:30 and many compliments were regarding the serving and the dinner, which were well organized.

Congratulations were expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lucas, members of the club, who had celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on February 14th.

It was also noted there were visitors from Norwich, who were guests of Mrs. H.A. Waring. These were Mrs. Waring's sister, Mrs. Robert English and Mr. English, and her brother, Mr. Archie Jull, and Mrs. Jull.

Following the dinner Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft showed lovely pictures of places they had visited while on vacation and at the close showed the former Oddy House as it was prior to its removal to the

present location, and as it is now, renovated and decorated, sitting stately on the hill.

President, Colin Robinson, graciously thanked Mr. and Mrs. Beecroft for their part in the program.

To many of the members, the day was too young to go home and they enjoyed their favourite games of euchre. Several of the menfolk enjoyed games of pool in the recreation room. The day was declared "One Of The Best Yet."

New club

OTTERVILLE (C) — Meeting No. 1 of the 4-H Club was held at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry on February 13th at 7 p.m. At the beginning of the meeting Mrs. Treffry gave the members a book named "Cotton Review." This year we are making cotton dresses. There are five girls who are attending 4-H in Otterville.

Nominated for office are - president, Sherry Walters; press reporter, Nancy Marshall; secretary, Rhonda Treffry; vice-president, Darlene Walters.

The second meeting of the 4-H Club met at the home of another leader, Mrs. Evelyn Walters on February 20th at 7 p.m.

The roll call was answered with the members looking at different types of materials and show which colours would be most suitable for the individual member for their dresses.

The president was Sherry Walters; vice-president, Darlene Walters; secretary, Debra Deroo; press reporter, Nancy Marshall.

Members of the 4-H Club held their meeting No. 3 at the home of Mrs. Murray Treffry on Monday evening. The president Sherry Walters presided and the meeting opened with the 4-H Club Purpose. The roll call was answered with the members showing their materials and patterns which they had chosen for their cotton dresses. The meeting closed in usual form.

Pancake Day plans set

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Neale on Monday evening.

President, Mrs. Roberta McMurchy, presided and welcomed the 12 ladies. Minutes were read and roll call, which was suggested by Mrs. Lilly Chisholm, was responded to by members telling something pleasant that had happened or some favor given them during the past two weeks.

Pancake Day is to be held in St. John's parish hall, February 7th.

The introduction of plans for a reunion for the club was an interesting idea and Mrs. Doreen Mountain and Mrs. Dorothy Neale were named as a committee to start plans, receiving names of former members, and asked co-operation of the community for names of former members, of Yotto Metus or Sunshine Club members.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Etta McSkimming in serving a dainty lunch during the social hour. Mrs. Lilly Chisholm, on behalf of the club, expressed appreciation to the hostess for the enjoyable evening.

Mrs. Doreen Mountain invited members to her home for the next meeting, Thursday evening, February 9, 1978

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Ladies Guild plans luncheon

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OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of St. John's Ladies' Guild met at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen on Thursday, February 2. The members answered the roll call with the paying of dues.

The president, Mrs. Violet Howse, opened the meeting with prayer.

Treasurer Mrs. Nate McMullen gave her report. Under unfinished business, the luncheon at St. John's Parish Hall on Friday, March 17, was completed.

The World Day of Prayer service was discussed.

Mrs. Winnie Leach invited the ladies to her home for the next meeting February 16. The roll call will be answered with the word "Love." Meeting closed with prayer by the president. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Sunshine Club hold meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Sunshine Club was held at the home of Mrs. Grant Mountain on Thursday evening. There were 10 members and one visitor present.

In the absence of the president Mrs. John McSkimming second vice-president, presided.

The roll call suggested by Mrs. Gordon Shearer was that each member make an article of craft which will be used in the club later on.

The suggestion brought ready response.

Tickets are now on sale for an afghan which has been made and donated by Mrs. McSkimming's daughter, Mrs. Jim Graves of Brantford. The monies raised from this will go toward play equipment for the park.

Members were pleased with the response given to them by the public in attending their Pancake Dinner which they held in the Parish Hall last week. This nice sum of money will also go toward purchases for the park.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred Pearce in serving a dainty lunch and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew thanked the hostess and Marjorie Pearce for the pleasant time.

Mrs. Pearce will host the Club at her home at the next meeting Thursday evening, February 23rd.

Rose Bud Tea date set by ladies guild

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Church Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Winnie Leach with seven members answering roll call.

In the absence of the president, the first vice-president presided for the meeting. Rev. H. Herring led in prayer and all repeated The Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Emma Strudwick read Scripture.

Minutes were read and correspondence dealt with. Lenten services will be held in the church Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Another announcement included the Rose Bud Tea which will be held in the community hall, June 15th.

The treasurer Mrs. Nate McMullen gave the financial report.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Riste and roll call will be answered

with the word "Faith." Meeting to be held March 2nd.

Rev. Herring closed the meeting with prayer and the hostess served a lovely decorated Valentine's cake with ice cream.

New quartet formed at Otterville Church

OTTERVILLE (C) — On Sunday, February 5, 1978 the service opened with the call to worship given by Mrs. Betty Walther. A hymn sing followed with Mrs. Walther leading the congregation, who joined in with words and actions to the songs.

The choir extends special thanks to Mr. Brad Kempston and Mr. Boyd Little.

The Invocation Prayer was given by Mr. B. Kempston who also led the responsive Psalm 521.

With Miss Cheryl Mansfield at the piano the choir sang "Psalm One Hundred."

Mr. Boyd Little gave the congregation a message through the Scripture reading of I Corinthians 13. Barbara Cope led the congregation in prayer, which was entitled "Search Me, O Lord, Try Me and Know My Thoughts." The choir gave a message in song entitled "We Give Thee Thanks, O Lord" while ushers David Narnim, Ben White, John Walther and Colin Cope presented the offering.

There are four choir members in which the remaining members and their leader are very proud of. This is a newly formed

quartet namely - Joanne Barnim, Brenda Barnim, Tammy Barnim, and Carolyn Hanson, who sang the number "Take Along The Love of Jesus."

Shirley White, Betty Walther, Carolyn Hanson, Tammy Hanson and Deb Cooper all read short messages which brought the church service to a close.

Mr. Brad Kempston closed the service with the Benediction to conclude the hour long service.

The church will have their regular minister Rev. Earl Moore on Sunday, February 12. Both Sunday school program and morning worship will commence at 11:15 a.m.



The Otter Creek meanders through the snowy field beside the Treffry mill in Otterville. Ducks in the foreground paddle around in the icy water.

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THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
February 4, 1943

The South Norwich Smokes Fund held a successful euchre and dance in the Community Hall with members of the I.O.O.F. in charge for the evening, the conveners being Edward Arthur, Albert Byers, Arthur Moore, and Max Avey. Euchre was played with the prizes of war saving stamps being won by Mrs. Cecil Godby and Mrs. Edward Arthur for the ladies and by Clarence Fleming of Springford and R.D. Pettigrew for the men. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to music by Mrs. Smith's orchestra from Sweaburg.

Plan pictorial history of S. Norwich

OTTERVILLE (C) - Monthly meeting of the South Norwich Historical Society was held February 13 at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre with a good attendance, with Bill McMullen Sr., president, presiding. Minutes were read by secretary Catherine Mann. Bill McMullen and Rick Singer reported there was no building available at present for a museum. A committee of Mac Hicks, Fred Lonsbury, Rick Singer, Bill McMullen, Joyce Pettigrew, Muriel Gehring and Catherine Mann met Feb. 20 at the firehall to discuss the possibility of a pictorial history of South

Norwich being published. Anyone with old photos is asked to contact one of the above committee.

There being no volunteers for a quilt project, it was decided anyone interested to contact Anna Treffry.

A nominating committee for the election of officers in April consists of Ron Brayley, Joyce Pettigrew and Lorne Treffry. Boyd Little volunteered to convene the June bus trip. Correspondence was read from the Innis Foundation.

Next meeting will be held at Woodlawn on March 13th with Ed Moore speaking on Welland

History as it relates to ours and the Moore family.

Catherine Mann gave a talk on Otterville Industries, compiled by herself and her father, Nate McMullen. There were available for all to peruse, five of the 12 scrapbooks which she and her mother, Mrs. Winnie McMullen, have maintained through the years with clippings dating back to 1889 along with other documents and photos of Otterville. Only a few of the industries were researched and it is hoped more industries will be looked into by someone in the new future.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
February 25, 1943

More than 600 farmers in Oxford County took advantage of the two-day short courses that have been given in farm mechanics. The courses were planned by the Ontario Department of Agriculture and were designed to help farmers offset the labour and machinery shortage owing to war conditions.

The instructors were: Assistant Agricultural Representative Bruce Matheson, Wilbur Nancekivell of the Oxford Farmers Co-op, Neil MacPherson of the Norwich Co-op, Harry Gehring of Delhi, and Harold Panter of Jarvis.

Since the outbreak of war, The Gazette has been going, as a gift, to a number of men in the services, throughout Canada, but with the recent newsprint rationing order, we must of necessity cease doing this. We

regret having to take this step. Papers will be sent only to those service men who subscribe or whose subscriptions have been paid in advance by relatives or friends.

The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club held a well attended meeting this week. The speaker, Lion F. W. Furlong gave an interesting talk regarding the local canning factory. He outlined the produce canned during the past year, and also touched on the prospects of a food shortage, and the possibility of rationing to give a more equitable distribution. Plans were made for sponsoring a drive for saving fats and grease for war work, and the club plans to place tins in the schools in the district and enlist the help of the scholars in this needed work. Monthly prizes will be awarded to the schools and Lion Roy Gehring offered a grand prize of \$5 to be paid to the pupil collecting the most fat

during the term of the contest.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
February 20, 1958

Wallace Nesbitt, present Member for Oxford was nominated in Woodstock as a Progressive Conservative Candidate in the Federal Election, March 31.

THIRTY YEARS AGO
February 1948

Otterville - A bake shop oven explosion on Friday morning caused several thousand dollars of damage at the Spicer Bakery here. Practically every window in the building was broken. No one was injured.

Women's Fellowship marks anniversary

1978

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Leslie Schiel of Tillsonburg was the guest speaker at the February meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Irie. Mrs. Schiel brought a very inspiring message from I Corinthians 13, which was read in unison by the ladies present. Her theme was Calvary Love, the love of God expressed to us and the various ways we should express it in our lives.

Mrs. Murray Treffry was in charge of the devotional program. Mrs. Dwight Davis read the Scripture lesson, Psalm 103: 1-17. Mrs. Fred Hill gave a reading on "Praying for Our Missionaries" and led in the Missionary prayer. Mrs. Brian Davis gave a reading "My Resolutions."

The president Mrs. Bruce Stover presided for the business and since the January meeting was cancelled due to illness and snow storms brought a New

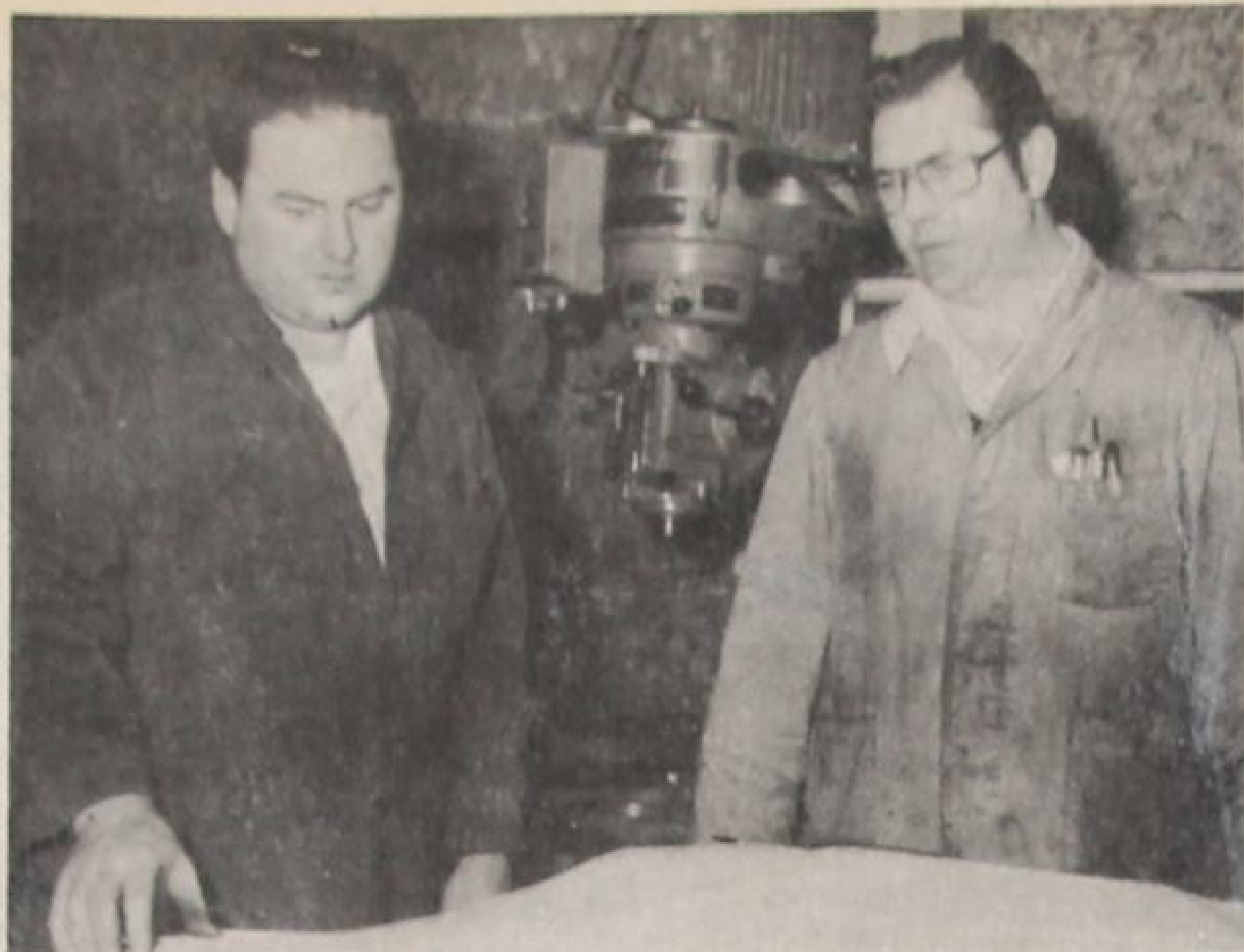
Year's reminder of thanks for the blessings of 1977 and a challenge to service as we look forward into 1978.

The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Wilma Butler gave the reports for 1977.

Letters were read from Hazel Wigglesworth who is presently working on her doctorate at the University in Bloomington, Indiana and Herbert and Sylvia Pollard in Kenya. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard announced the safe arrival of their third daughter Gayle Paulette on December 27, 1977.

It was decided to take a special offering to be sent as a gift to baby Gayle in lieu of a baby shower.

Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Mrs. Erie was assisted by Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. Jack Walters, and Mrs. Wilma Butler in serving birthday cake and ice-cream as it was the 21st anniversary of the forming of the Women's Missionary Fellowship.



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Quilting is a friendly art, or perhaps more properly a craft, and is experiencing a revival of late. At the community centre, these two ladies are among a class working on quilt blocks under the

instruction of Anne Kolasiewics, of Beachville. At left is Ilah Nant and right, Nellie Goossens.

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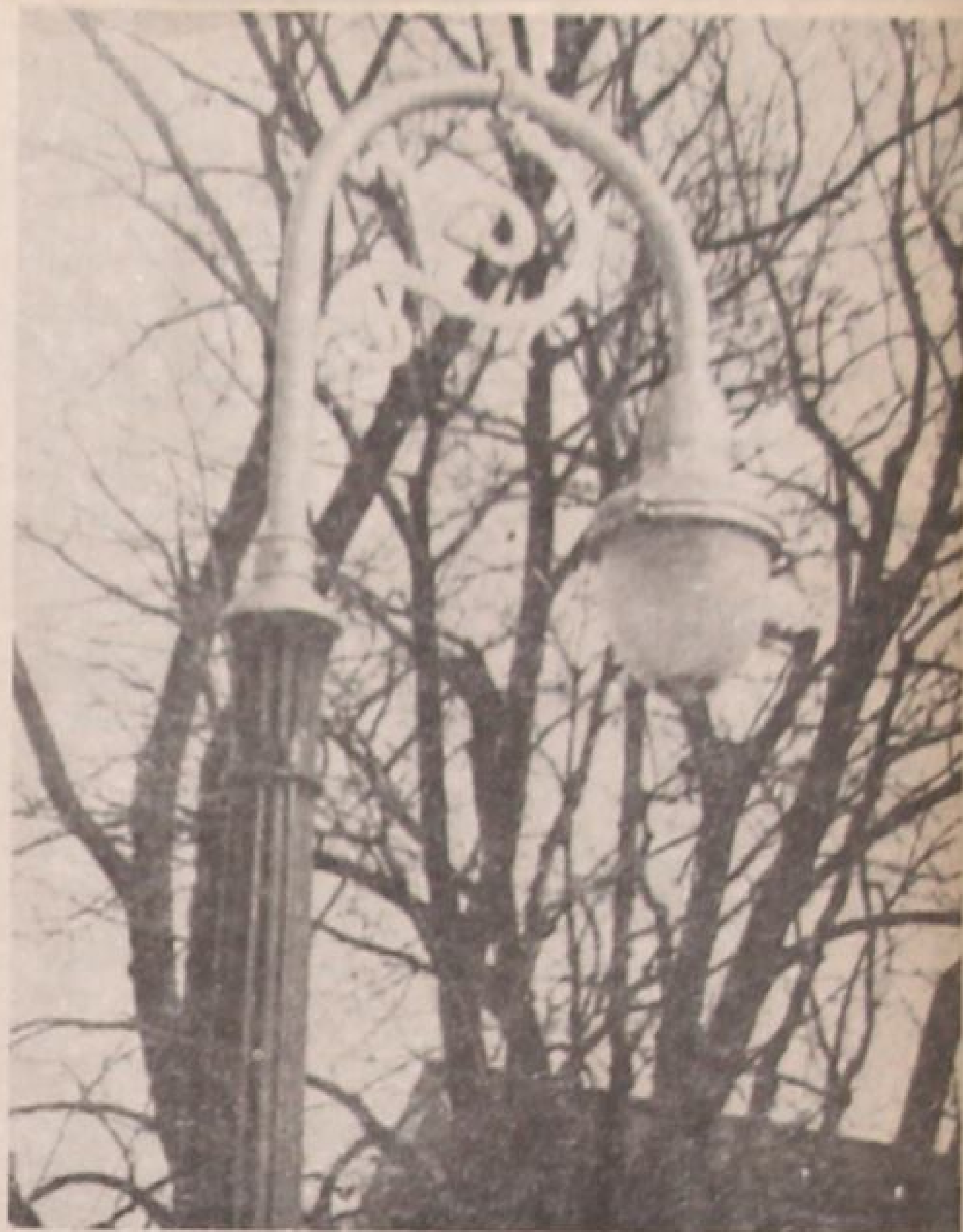
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Last year for historic lights

Sometime this year the last of the old teardrop street lights will be removed by the Public

Utilities Commission work crew. One inoperative light stands in front of the old Gazette building on Main Street East. Four more stand, still in service, two on each side of Main Street, between John and Clyde Streets.

These large-globed lights date back to at least 1925. Contemporary with them are the incandescent, 100 watt lights found on many of the side streets, a light bulb underneath a flat pie-plate-shaped umbrella of metal. There are still 55 of the incandescent lights around the town.

The teardrop street lights became township property after restructuring. Two of the lights have been offered to, and accepted by, the Norwich and District Historical Society.

The teardrop lights will be replaced by 170 watt fluorescent lights, uniform with the other fluorescent street lights which started being emplaced on the Main Street in 1952.

Presently there are 57 170

watt fluorescent street lights, 80 175 watt mercury vapour lights, 13 400 watt mercury vapour lights, 55 100 watt incandescent lights and 5 tear drop lights. The tear drop lights are rated at 500 watts.

Mercury vapour lights will eventually replace the incandescent lights still mounted on the side streets as the PUC's regular annual program of replacement carries on.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Adam Oliver has returned to his home after a month's stay in University Hospital, London. We welcome Adam back to the village and following his stay at home for complete recovery, we hope he will be able to return to his office.

Mr. and Mrs. Winston Williams of Ancaster and Mrs. Thelma Williams and son, Tim, of Dundas were recent guests with Mrs. William's mother, Mrs. Freeland, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland.

Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew has returned to her home after a two weeks holiday, with her son, Hubert, and Mrs. Pettigrew in Ottawa.

The ladies of the village are reminded of the spring rummage sales being held in the Community Hall, Otterville. The first one will be April 1st in charge of the members of St. John's Church Club, and the second one will be in charge of Otterville Women's Institute on Saturday, April 15th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Annual meeting of the Institute will be on Friday and following a potluck dinner at noon, members will set up tables and welcome donations of clothing, etc., for the sale Saturday morning.

THIRTY YEARS AGO March 1948

Otterville - Fire caused from lightning struck the large barn of John Beck one-half mile west of Hawtrey and burned it to the ground. Lost were three cows, eight pigs, a large quantity of feed and two milking machines.

~~No~~ Otterville Fire Fighters Club and Otterville Oldtimers Hockey Club

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Mrs. Arthur Hanson, Carman St., Norwich, celebrated her eightieth birthday on Wednesday March 29th. Members of the immediate family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a few friends enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream served by her daughters, Ellen Arthur, Marianna Smith and Margaret Kitchen.

Book display at

Women's Institute

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President, Miss Vera Welsh, presided and welcomed the small number in attendance due to either illness or vacation.

Meeting opened with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and the Lord's Prayer. Members responded to roll call by telling of a building in the area remembered from childhood.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Jean Gehring, in place of Mrs. Jack Walther.

It was decided that the Institute make a cash donation to Woodlawn community centre, and sponsor a rummage sale to be held in Otterville community hall on Saturday, April 15th. The annual meeting will be held in the community hall, April 14th, with a potluck dinner at noon, business meeting to follow, and to make preparations for the sale of donated clothing etc., which will be held on Saturday, 9-11 a.m.

Mrs. Lorraine Downing gave a report of the Consumers Guide. The president thanked Mrs. Cole for her work as Curator, and thanked the social committee.

Otterville subdivision faces major hurdles

At the Township of Norwich regular Monday meeting for the month on March 13, Council was made familiar with the outline for a residential subdivision in Otterville. The property is the 78 acre section of land in the south-east corner of Otterville, bounded on the north by Mill Street and on the west by John Street, owned by Mr. Ross Adlington.

The tentative plan as outlined by Mr. Bernie Hermsen would add 128 lots with 11,000 square feet per lot. The natural lie of the land would be used to advantage, with dead-end turnaround roads set along the high ridges running into the section. Lots would be placed around the existing hedgerows such that many lots would have one or two sides backed with hedgerow.

The south-east corner of the section for the moment has been left out of the detailed planning

because of the particular interest it has for Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., which abuts the Adlington property on the south.

Several problems of major proportion face the prospects of development.

Planner Bernie Hermsen expressed his concern that the 15 percent growth figure set for Otterville in the draft Oxford County Official Plan, supposedly just a guideline for growth until the year 2001, would become fixed in the eyes of County and Provincial officials as soon as the Official Plan is approved by the County and the Province. If such were the case, adding 15 percent to the present lot population in Otterville of 241 residences would mean that only one and a half houses could be added a year.

A further problem is the expressed judgement by letter of the Ministry of the En-

vironment that any development within 1000 feet of the well at the junction of John and Buchan Streets could lead to contamination of the water supply. The water table is unusually shallow in that area, as close to the surface as 20 feet. A circle with the well at its centre and a 1000 foot circumference would take in the top of the Adlington property. The inability to develop this top section would be a great hindrance to the project.

Mr. Hermsen mentioned alternatives to the proposed plan which might make the construction of the subdivision acceptable to the Ministry. The section could be divided into larger lots; provision could be made for tile filter beds for each lot; even a package sewage plant might be considered.

Council seemed impressed with the general detail and amount of effort put into the plan but worried by the news about the shallow water table. Mayor Peers thought that under these circumstances future development of any size could possibly lead to the need for a sewage treatment plant for the whole of Otterville.

Planner Hermsen questioned the absoluteness of the figures of the Ministry of the Environment and was optimistic that there was a range of degree within which some development could be done.

Township Council had not appreciated until Mr. Hermsen brought up the point that the figures suggested as limits for growth in the draft Official Plan might become fixed in an approved Plan. If such were the case the local Council would lose considerable control over development in its area because development beyond the set percentage would have to be sanctioned by an amendment to the Official Plan, which in turn would bring in the County as an extra force in the decision-making.

Leisure Club sets date for bazaar

Members of the Otterville Leisure Club held their regular meeting at the Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon with a good attendance.

President Colin Robinson presided for a brief business period when the final date was set for the Fall Bazaar which will be held in the Otterville Community Hall, Saturday November 4th, 1978. Suggestions were given in regard to having special attractions for the children and the president announced that the members should be thinking of making something for the Craft Table. Other items of business were not finalized.

During the social period the members sang Happy Birthday to Evelyn Waring who was a celebrant that day. The recipient thanked the members for their wishes in song and read a poem On Growing Old.

The forepart of the afternoon was spent in playing cards by some of the members while others were in the recreation room with pool and shuffleboard games.

April 5th will be the regular business meeting and this will be preceded with a potluck

dinner served at 12 p.m. A good attendance is hoped for.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Winston Williams of Ancaster and Mrs. Thelma Williams and son Tim of Dundas were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland and Mrs. William Freeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Harle Burrill in Brantford.

Sixteen members of the Otterville Leisure Club enjoyed the program of the Grand Ole Opry which was presented in London on Saturday afternoon. Following the program they all enjoyed a dinner at a restaurant in Woodstock. The members appreciated the services they received from the hostess on the bus, Ialene VahHo.

Miss Eva Deveney, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Myrtle Riste were in Sarnia on Thursday March 23rd and while there paid their respects to the late Rev. Hugh Crosby, a former Rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville over 40 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe spent Easter Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew and Miss Gladys Nobbs were dinner guests with the former's son, Donald Pettigrew and Mrs. Pettigrew and family, at Springford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Addison of Silverwater, Manitoulin Island and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Kennedy of Bookton spent Sunday evening with the former's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Otterville

The progressive euchre parties which are growing in attendance in the Community Hall were attended by ten tables in play on Thursday evening. These events are sponsored by the members of the St. John's Club and the genial hosts of the evening. The next euchre will be held in the hall on Thursday, March 16th at 8 p.m. Please note the change in time.

Prizes for the ladies were won by Ladies' High - Anne Lockyer; Ladies' Low - Edna Hyden; Men's High - Margaret Oatman; Men's Low - Blaine Oatman. Lady's Mystery Prize, Winnie McMullen, Low - Myrtle Innis; Travelling Prize - George Adams.

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Meeting closed with the singing of Institute grace, The Queen, and a social time was spent.

Fall bazaar planned by Leisure Club

OTTERVILLE (C) - Regular monthly business meeting of the Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Centre, Wednesday afternoon, with president Colin Robinson presiding for a full afternoon of business only.

The meeting opened with "O Canada."

Minutes were read by Mrs. Violet Cole and approved, followed with the financial report by treasurer, Fred Cole.

Initial planning for the fall bazaar is being thought about and bus trips were finalized.

Mrs. Martin Magashazi was assisted by the ladies in serving a delicious lunch.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 8, members of the Leisure Club enjoyed games of cards upstairs and a number of the men enjoyed their games downstairs, for a pleasant afternoon. More equipment is being added to the house for convenience in the kitchen and also for enjoyment in entertainment in games.

Mrs. Katie Mics was assisted by the ladies in the social hour.

Day of Prayer held in Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Community Spirit in Modern Living was the theme of the World Day of Prayer service held in the parish hall of St. John's Anglican Church on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Marion Dowd of Otterville was guest speaker, Mrs. Violet Howse of the Anglican Church led in the service, and Mrs. Winnie McMullen was pianist.

Opening hymn was "Praise To The Lord" and "They'll know we are Christians by our Love."

Mrs. Myrtle Riste and Mrs. Winnie Leach presented the offering.

Scripture readings were presented by Mrs. Georgina

Spicer. Taking part from Fellowship Baptist Church were Mrs. Bruce Stover and Mrs. Murray Treffry, and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mrs. Jean Gehring and Mrs. Barbara Cope of the United Church, also took part in the service.

Mrs. Jack Walther sang a solo "Jesus, Master" accompanied by Mrs. Jean Little.

Service closed with the hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

The purpose of the W.I.C.C. who prepared this service is to enable women across Canada to live in love and fellowship so that all people may find fullness of life in Christ.

Otterville Bluebirds

The March meeting of the Happy Bluebirds was held at the home of Mrs. Celia Rice on Tuesday evening. The president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided and welcomed the members present. It was the first meeting of the new year, owing to sickness and weather conditions.

The meeting opened with the Housewives' Creed and followed with "The Lord's Prayer."

The roll call was responded to with the members renewing their membership, there being ten present.

Members joined in singing "The Bluebird Song" and readings were given by Katie Pearce, "You and I". Another one given was by Sue Hicks, "Much Obligated," and Celia Rice, "A Friend or Two."

Members of the Cornell and Otterville groups were in charge of the meeting.

Helen Davis expressed appreciation to Celia for the enjoyable evening and invited the members to her home in Norwich for the next meeting March 28th, at 8 p.m., when Norwich will be the hosts.

Birthday party planned by area Bluebird Club

1978
OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Helen Davis and her mother, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell of Norwich, were co-hosts to members at the March meeting of the Happy Bluebird Club, held at the home of Mrs. Davis on Tuesday evening.

President, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided and welcomed the members, and the meeting opened with the Housewives' Creed followed with "The Lord's Prayer" and "The Bluebird Song."

April being the birthday month of the club of 30 years, plans were suggested for a celebration, with final plans for Club members and their husbands or a friend to have

dinner at a local restaurant.

Mrs. Daisy Ash offered to be the Good Cheer convener for all the groups and asked members to let her know when someone needed a card, a visit, or whatever the case may be.

Following business, Mrs. Jennie Mitchell gave two readings "The Old Wooden Tub" and "The Convalescing Woman."

Games of euchre were played, and the hostess was assisted in serving a dainty lunch. The president, along with members thanked Helen and Jennie for the evening and reminded members of the Birthday Party on April 25, the regular meeting night.

Deaths and Funerals

ELIZABETH FORIS

Mrs. John S. Foris of Otterville passed away on Monday, March 13, 1978, at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, in her 76th year.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Henry (Elizabeth) Heil of RR 1, LaSalette, Mrs. Steve (Margaret) Tarr of RR 2, Otterville and Mrs. Kenneth (Helen) Paridaen of Tillsonburg; two sons, Stephen Foris of RR 1, Eden, and John Foris of Brantford; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until noon, Wednesday, March 15, thence to Calvin Presbyterian Church, Delhi, for service at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Dr. L.S. Pandey.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

NETTIE MAY WARDLE

Mrs. Joseph Wardle of Otterville passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Thursday, March 9, 1978, in her 64th year.

She was the former Nettie May Sprague.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one daughter, Mrs. James (Edna) Cowell of RR 6, Simcoe; one son, Charles Wardle of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Wray (Irene) Jones of Jarvis; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

GEORGE HOLLIE JONES

George Hollie Jones of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, March 2, 1978, in his 72nd year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Laura Waldriff; four sons, Elwood Jones and John Jones, both of Willowdale, Reginald Jones of RR 1, Otterville, and Eugene Jones, at home; two daughters, Mrs. William (Gloria) Granger of London and Mrs. Warren (Phyllis) Hird of Otterville; three sisters, Mrs. Alfred (Gladys) Farley of Powassan, Mrs. Frank (Leola) Pilger of Commanda and Mrs. Robert (Beatrice) Austin of Restoule; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a brother, Albert Jones in 1977, and by a sister, Mrs. Tom (Vera) Ibbitson.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Sunday, March 5, at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Otterville United Church.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Saturday, March 11, at 2 p.m. conducted by Pastor Donald Gorrie.

The bearers were Robert Pettigrew, Donald Barnim, Gordon Gehring, William Gilmore, Gordon Shearer and Gordon McMullen.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

STANLEY BYRON FISHER

Stanley Byron Fisher of Port Burwell passed away at St. Thomas Elgin General Hospital on Thursday, March 9, 1978, in his 70th year.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Russell Cooper of Tillsonburg and Mrs. Wilfred Addison of Otterville.

His wife, the former Mrs. Ethel Kipp, predeceased him in 1964.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Sunday, March 11 at 2:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

A Legion Memorial service was held by Port Burwell-Bayham Branch 524 on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m.

The bearers were Bert Conrad, Murray Ecker, Bill Luce, John Swartz, Roy Holtum and Donald Vincent.

Interment in Guysboro Cemetery.

MRS. EDNA RACHAR

Mrs. Clifford Rachar passed away at her home in Otterville on Sunday, March 26, 1978, in her 65th year.

She was the former Edna Spohn.

Surviving, besides her husband, are one sister, Mrs. Forrest (Nora) Gilmore of Moorefield; and one brother, Herbert Spohn of Dundas.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Miss Margaret Spohn and Miss Bessie Spohn.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held Wednesday, March 29, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

CROSBY

At Sarnia General Hospital, on Tuesday, March 21st, 1978, Rev. Hugh G. E. Crosby, beloved husband of Isabel (Woods) Crosby of Mooretown, Father of Patricia Barwick of London, Paul Crosby of Tuxedo Park, New York and David Crosby of Toronto. Brother of Mrs. Jean Schweitzer of Ridgeway, Brother-in-law of Mrs. Margaret Crosby of Windsor. Resting at the D. J. Robb Funeral Home, 102 Victoria Street North, Sarnia, until Friday noon March 24th. Then to St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Courtright to lie in state until service time at 2 P.M. Interment Sutherland Cemetery, Courtright. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to The Crosby Memorial Fund at the Church of the Redeemer, Highgate, Ontario.

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The telephone, since 1971, has gone up just 26.4%.**

King - Brown vows exchanged

Two bouquets of yellow and white daisies decorated St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, on Friday, April 28, 1978, at 5 p.m. for the wedding of Jane Eunice Brown, daughter of Mrs. Eunice Brown of North St., Otterville, and the late Charles Brown, and Roy McAfee King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl King of Main St., Otterville. Rev. Herbert Herring officiated at the double-ring ceremony and

Janice Ecker of Tillsonburg played the traditional Wedding March.

Escorted by her brother, Lawrence Brown, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white satin, styled with long sleeves, scooped neck, with lace around the waist, sleeves and down the front of the skirt. A flowered headpiece held in place her finger tip veil, featuring on each layer dainty white flowered trim. The bride carried white daisies, red carnations, leather fern with streamers of white bridal lace, and wore a pearl drop necklace given her by a friend, and matching earrings, a gift of the groom.

Mrs. Ruth Anne Tomlinson of Norwich, sister of the groom, was matron of honor and wore a floor-length gown of pale peach polyester with matching jacket, a white, wide brim hat with clusters of dainty, multi-colored flowers and carried an arrangement of white and yellow daisies with leather fern and yellow ribbon.

Best man was Mr. Doug Tomlinson of Norwich, brother-in-law of the groom.

Reception for 50 guests was held at the home of the bride's parents, decorated with pink and white streamers with a pink bell overhead. Bride's table featured a two-tier wedding cake featuring a heart for the top tier decorated with yellow daisies with green leaves. On either side of the cake were silver candle stick holders with yellow candles.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a street-length gown of green, floral, polyester interlock knit with matching jacket, worn with a corsage of white daisies. Groom's mother chose a street-length gown of blue polyester with a pastel, multi-colored jacket and a corsage of yellow daisies.

The bride and groom gave matching gold pendants to their attendants.

For a wedding trip to Niagara Falls, the bride chose a grey, polyester knit jumpsuit with matching jacket, worn with a

white bow blouse and a corsage of red carnations.

Guests were present from Otterville, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Mount Elgin, Oshawa and Lefroy.

Mr. and Mrs. King are residing on Main Street in Otterville.

Prior to her wedding the bride was honored at two showers, one given by Mrs. Harold Waring of Otterville and the other by Mrs. Ruth Anne Tomlinson of Norwich. Following the wedding, she was honored at another shower given by Mrs. Leo King of Thorndale.

Mrs. Bert Redman president area W.I.

April meeting of Summerville W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. Don Arthur. Roll call was to name your birthstone and paying of dues.

Conveners and hostesses were chosen for the coming year. Mrs. Harold Arthur was in charge of the election of officers, as follows: past president, Mrs. Don Arthur; president, Mrs. Bert Redman; first vice-president, Mrs. Don Barnim; secretary, Mrs. Stan Arthur; assistant secretary, Mrs. Harold Arthur; curator;

Mrs. Stan Gehring; public relations, Mrs. Don Barnim; district director, Mrs. Don Arthur; alternate, Mrs. Gordon Gehring.

Nominating committee is Mrs. Keith Arthur and Mrs. Don Arthur; pianist, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; auditors, Mrs. Stella Hanson and Mrs. Gordon Gehring.

The report was given of the spring board meeting held at Cornell.

The district annual is to be held May 10 at First Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Don Arthur read two comical papers, one The Joys of Parenthood and the other being the frustrations of a farm wife keeping books for her husband.

Lunch was served by the hostess and Mrs. Ken Arthur.

Shower honors

April bride-elect

1978
OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Jane Brown of Otterville, April bride-elect, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring on Thursday evening, March 23.

Upwards of 30 relatives, friends and neighbours of the bride were present and enjoyed an evening of contests and a social time.

The first contest was conducted by Mrs. Jack Freeland and was won by Mrs. Rod Taylor; second one, conducted by Mrs. Harold Durkee, was won by Mrs. Joe Lees; while the third contest, led by the hostess, was won by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Jane, who sat beneath a pink bell centred with pink and white streamers, was assisted by Miss Gwen Walthers and Miss Pam Miller in opening the many lovely gifts.

The bride-to-be thanked the guests for the many lovely gifts, after which the hostess was assisted in serving a prettily decorated cake, made and decorated by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, with ice cream, tea and coffee, served by Mrs. Wilma Gleason, Mrs. Alice Robinson, and Mrs. Alice Grey. Others assisting for the evening were Mrs. Olive Pickersgill and Mrs. Donald Gorrie.

All wished much happiness to Jane whose wedding date is set for April 28 in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Forum on future held in Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Otterville held a "Forum on the Future," a unique demonstration meeting, to which all residents were invited, at the community hall on Friday evening, April 28.

Using some innovative workshop methods, the forum identified the needs and challenges before the community and then built practical proposals which point to future possibilities.

A local story, song and symbol about the community was created at the meeting.

During the evening, comments and suggestions of the participants were collected and printed into a document for each to receive.

These documents will be available through the courtesy of "Janney's Market."

The forum in Otterville is one of some 30 such events held in the Province of Ontario over the month of April. The Institute of Cultural Affairs, an organization of trained volunteers with offices in seven cities in Canada, organized the forum.

The attendance, while few in number, were an enthusiastic group.

Euchres finished for season

OTTERVILLE (C) - The last Progressive Euchre of the season was held in the Community Hall, Otterville on Thursday evening with nine tables in play. Of special interest to the evening was the draw on the quilt in Butterfly design. Mrs. Mary Furlong of Otterville was the winner.

Prizes for the highest scores for euchre were Ladies High, Edna Hyden; ladies low, Rose Hiltz. Men's high, Verl Hiltz; men's low, David McKibbin. Highest Ladies score for the season, Sharon Smith; Men's high prize, David McKibbin. Each recipient received lawn furniture. Consolation prizes were won by Anne Lockyter for the ladies and Dick Saunders for the men. Each of these won retirement banks.

Lucky draws were won by Daisy Ash, Clara Webb and Florence Saunders.

The group welcomed back Olive Pickersgill, who had been confined to her home due to a fall, suffering from a sprained ankle.

Otterville Notes

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. George Jull and Mrs. Winnie Leach were among the guests attending the 50th Anniversary of the Teeterville Women's Institute held at Teeterville on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Jull of Otterville and Mrs. Muriel Huffman of Teeterville were the only two remaining original members of the organization.

The Otterville Women's Institute assisted in the program of the Great Ride for Cancer on Sunday afternoon and the 11 riders participating finished the 12 mile route with the sum of \$340.92. Riders were Mrs. Jack Walther, Trudy Walther, Mrs. Colin Cope, Janet Downing, Mary Church, Shirley White, Mary Webb, Gale Gehring, Patti Davis, Cheryl Smith and Connie Richardson.

The riders were treated at Norwich and also at the Community Hall on their return, with the members of the Institute in charge.

Otterville

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gilchrist have returned to their homes after spending a holiday in the Sunny South.

Mrs. Harold Wenn of Norwich and Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillen of Newark were recent visitors with Mrs. Harold Waring.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Harvey were guests at the reception of Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hisey, St. Marys, on Friday evening in honour of their 40th wedding anniversary. Rev. Hisey was a former Pastor of the Otterville Fellowship Baptist Church.

Turkey served

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual turkey supper, sponsored by members of St. John's Church Club, was held in the parish hall on Sunday evening. Although a small membership the ladies put on a delicious meal and received high praise for the dinner.

A church group numbering over 50 was present as well as visitors from the Flea-Market at Burgessville, who congratulated the ladies on their excellent service.

The minister Rev. H. Herring welcomed the guests and invited them to the hall to dinner.

W.M.F. holds annual supper

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their annual family night supper on Friday evening in the Sunday school room of the church. A bountiful potluck supper was served buffet style with the social committee Mrs. William Hansford, Mrs. Brian Davis and Mrs. Jack Walthers in charge.

After supper, president Mrs. Bruce Stover presided for the program. Several hymns were sung and Mrs. Stover brought a short meditation on Hebrews 13:5, "Be content with such things as ye have."

Mrs. Hilda Stockmans offered the missionary prayer and Terry Treffry played an accordion solo.

The main feature of the program was a film "Silent Thunder" shown by Murray Treffry.

Mrs. Bruce Stover expressed appreciation for the lovely supper and a very enjoyable evening. The evening was closed with a hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and prayer by Mrs. Charter Davis.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
April 17, 1958

Zone president visits area senior citizens

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. Harold Blendell of Paris, president of Zone 3 of Senior Citizens, and Mrs. Blendell were guests at the April business meeting of the Leisure Club held at Woodlawn Centre on Wednesday afternoon. There were 21 present and all enjoyed a potluck dinner served by the ladies. The dinner included a lovely birthday cake honoring those who had celebrated birthdays in the previous month. Happy Birthday was sung to Evelyn Waring.

Immediately following the dinner, president Colin Robinson conducted business. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Fred Cole, minutes were read by Mrs. David Kennedy.

Mrs. John Pritchard, who had accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Robinson to the Zone meeting held in Brantford recently, brought a report to the club.

The purchase of picnic tables was brought before the meeting and there will be further discussion on this matter.

Mr. Blendell was introduced to the club and, owing to other commitments that afternoon, he

briefly thanked the club for the invitation and conducted a brief discussion in regard to the club.

Members entertained themselves, to their own choice, before returning home.

A Peewee hockey team from this district took part in the Young Canada Week Peewee Hockey Tourney at Goderich during the Easter holidays. The team was coached by Otterville Postmaster J.M. Furlong and team members were: B. Rachar, G. Rachar, B. Taylor, J. Tiller, H. Chambers, R. Moore, H. Cornell, W. Spicer, K. Downing, M. Ortner, G. Hill, L. Eaves, B. Cobban, and J. Horvath.

Although the boys put on a fine exhibition of playing, they were defeated by Westminster Township.

Historical Society meeting held

OTTERVILLE (C) - South Norwich Historical Society held their regular meeting at Woodlawn Community Centre on April 10, 1978. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Fred Pearce.

It was learned that the Shun Pikers Tour planned by the Board of Education for May 14th is postponed to Oct. 1, 1978 due to a similar tour being sponsored by The London Free Press in May. Parking facilities and a food booth were discussed. Bill McMullen volunteered to arrange for parking attendants and Boyd Little to contact authorities for parking privileges. Doreen Mountain was elected food convener with Juanita De Roo as assistant.

Joyce Pettigrew reported on a historical Seminar held in Simcoe regarding Historical Societies being incorporated and offered to obtain more information for the next meeting.

Boyd Little, convener of the June bus trip, asked for suggestions. Following a discussion it was a unanimous decision to visit Black Creek Village on June 17th. Anyone interested is to contact Boyd Little.

The report of the nominating committee was presented by

Joyce Pettigrew as follows: President - William McMullen Sr., Vice-President - Rick Singer, Recording Secretary - Catherine Mann, Corresponding Secretary - Joyce Pettigrew, Treasurer - Marjorie Pearce. Directors - Fred Lonsbary, Clark Dell, Muriel Gehring, Lorne Treffry, Fred Pearce, Mac Hicks.

Moved by Ed Moore and seconded by Fred Pearce that the slate of 6 directors be appointed on a rotating basis with a decision to be made at the next meeting as to who would be on a 1, 2 or 3 year term.

It was moved by Joyce Pettigrew and seconded by Betty Walther the Society have a membership convener. With the help of those present Mac Hicks volunteered his services.

Moved by Rick Singer and seconded by Clara Wardle that all outstanding accounts be paid.

The meeting was then turned over to Mac Hicks, speaker of the evening. Mr. Hicks gave a most interesting talk on the history and changes in Cornell and showed a series of slides taken of Cornell homes and buildings, also slides of a trip to the West Coast taken by Mr. and Mrs. Hicks. The speaker was thanked by Ed Moore. Lunch was served by Marie Hicks.

It is hoped that the readers of the recent publication in the Norwich Gazette on Otterville Industries would kindly write to Catherine Mann if they have more information regarding this item. It is noted it only takes a few minutes to drop a line where it takes hours to do research.

The next monthly meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 8 p.m. May 8th at the Woodlawn Community Adult Centre with the winners of the Essay Contest held at the local public schools being the speakers of the evening.

TWENTY YEARS AGO
April 1958

Otterville - C.L. Finch and son have purchased the retail grocery store from Charles Mannell and took possession on April 1.

Lions select officers

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Parish Hall, Otterville on Monday evening, April 24th.

Lion Ed McFarland presided. There were 48 members present.

Lion Murray Wardell reported on the Friendship Convention, which was held at Prudhommis, Vineland last weekend. Several local members and wives attended and the convention was reported as a complete success.

District-Governor Howard Fleming and his cabinet, secretary Lion John E. Davis, were both presented with gifts of appreciation at this convention.

Lion John Heleniak reported on attending a recent morning Lions meeting while visiting Los Vegas, Nevada.

Lion Gary Walther reported on a recent successful bee to repaint the Lions vintage fire truck.

It was announced that there will be a public meeting held in the Community Hall Friday evening, April 28th, at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will endeavour to suggest methods to promote the business and industrial aspects of the community. The meeting will be open to all interested citizens.

The annual elections were

held with the following Lions elected or acclaimed.

Past president, Ed McFarland; president, Ron Kidzie; first vice-president, Bob Spek; second vice-president, Gord Shearer; third vice-president, Norm Fidler; secretary, Don Pettigrew; treasurer, Robert Hopkins; one year directors, Rene DeCooman, Dave Ramer; two year directors, John Sandham, Bob Tokarz.

The next meeting will be held Monday evening May 8th, at Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock.

The convention draw was won by Lion Grant Orth.

Missionary speaks at WMF meeting

OTTERVILLE (C) - Miss Hazel Wrigglesworth, missionary with Wycliffe Translators in the Philippines, was guest speaker at the Easter meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church.

Miss Wrigglesworth presented a beautifully illustrated documentary just received from the Philippines showing the changes in the lives and customs of the people since Wycliffe missionaries brought the Bibles and the way of salvation to them.

Miss Wrigglesworth, who is working with the Manabo people, has completed translation of just over half of the New Testament in their language, which was unwritten before her arrival there. She also gave a very interesting talk about her work, and a question

and answer period followed her message.

President, Mrs. Bruce Stover, presided for the meeting and roll call was answered by members telling what Easter means to them personally.

Letters were read from Roy and Muriel Hirons in Nigeria and Helen Bello, the little girl supported by the group in Nigeria. Mrs. Wilma Butler offered the missionary prayer. - Easter readings were given by Mrs. William Hansford "He Held His Peace," and Mrs. Ted Oenema "The Lord Is Risen." Mrs. Kenneth Lee read Scripture lesson, Luke 10: 1-9.

A social time followed the meeting with lunch served by the hostess, Mrs. Wilma Butler. Mrs. Fred Hill gave courtesy remarks.

April meeting will be held on Friday evening, April 7th, in the Sunday school room of the church and will be a family supper at 7 p.m. with the social committee in charge.

South Norwich Historical Society

This is to certify that

Catherine Mann
Otterville Ont

is a member in good standing to

April 1978

Elect Vera Welsh ^{APRIL 1978} Otterville W.I. head

OTTERVILLE (C) - Annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the community hall, preceded with a potluck dinner. Members of the executive were in charge of the dinner hour.

After the dinner, president Miss Vera Welsh, called the gathering to order and the meeting opened with the Ode, Mary Stewart Collect followed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Jack Walther, secretary-treasurer, gave the roll call, answered with the payment of fees. Minutes of the last annual meeting were read as well as thank-you notes. Mrs. Orris Beecroft gave a report of the spring board meeting at Cornell; announcement was made of the district annual at the Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, May 10 when voting delegates will be Vera Welsh, Mrs. Jack Walther, Mrs. Murray Treffry and Mrs. William A. McMullen.

Next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Bruce Barnard on Friday, May 12, at 2 p.m.

Mrs. William A. McMullen presented the slate of officers for 78-79 and before doing so thanked the members for taking office those who had completed their term.

Officers will be past president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; president, Miss Vera Welsh; first vice-president, Mrs. Murray Treffry; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jack Walter; district director, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; alternate, Mrs. William A. McMullen;

Curator, Mrs. Fred Cole; branch directors, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Max Avey and Miss Gladys Nobbs; public relations, Mrs. Harold Waring; social committee, Mrs. William McMullen and Mrs. Bruce Barnard; Good Cheer, Mrs. Harold Waring; nominating committee, Miss Vera Welsh and Mrs. William McMullen; pianist, Mrs. William McMullen.

Conveners of standing committees will be: cultural affairs, Mrs. Murray Treffry; consumers affairs, Mrs. David Kennedy; family affairs, Mrs. Ivan Leitch; education, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; Canadian industries, Mrs. William A. McMullen; resolutions, Mrs. Murray Downing; agriculture, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; world affairs, Mrs. Melville Beecroft; citizenship, Mrs. Harold Durkee.

The installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

Bible Club holds rally

OTTERVILLE (C) - The annual spring rally of Bible Clubs conducted in the area under Christian Service Centres was held Wednesday evening in the auditorium of Tillson Ave. public school, Tillsonburg.

Thirty girls and boys of the Otterville Club held each Monday night in the Baptist Church attended, with leaders, Mrs. Robert Butler, Mrs. Ted Oenema, Mrs. Brian Davis and Mrs. Wilma Butler.

Theme of the rally was "The Good Shepherd." Special guests of the evening were Miss Ruth Groh and Miss Harriet Wallace, known to the boys and girls as Aunt Ruth and Aunt Harriet, of the Children's Bible Mission, Hamilton.

They presented a story of an orphan girl and the Good Shepherd illustrated with flannelgraph. They also lead the girls and boys in singing several songs learned in the clubs.

Other clubs attending were Norwich, Mount Elgin, Rolph St., and Tillson Ave Club, Tillsonburg. Each group contributed one number to the program with Otterville Club singing their theme this year "A Christian Belief." Mrs. Robert Butler conducted the "Lesson Review." Miss Marguerite Hill of Burgessville, who is in charge of the 28 clubs in Oxford County, welcomed the girls and boys, their parents and friends.

Mr. Stanley Shultz of Woodstock, president of Christian Service Centres, was chairman of the evening.

A rally for Clubs in the Ingersoll area was held Thursday evening and the Woodstock rally on Friday evening with Miss Wallace and Miss Groh again as guests.

Bluebirds are thirty years old ^{Apr 78}

OTTERVILLE (C) - The 30th birthday of the Happy Bluebird Club was marked on Tuesday evening, at which time the members of the club were entertained at the home of Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency in Norwich, with the Milldale group in charge. The evening opened with a dinner featuring Kentucky Fried Chicken, potluck, and the birthday cake completed the enjoyable meal.

Following the dinner the president Mrs. Daisy Ash presided for a brief meeting, which opened with the Housewives Creed followed with The Lord's Prayer. The roll call was answered with the members giving a Housecleaning Hint. Mr. Daisy Ash, Mrs. Ida Rachar and Mrs. Tune McNally were three of the original members present and many pleasant memories were recalled from over the years.

The next meeting will be held in Otterville at the home of Mrs. Harold Waring with Cornell and Otterville in charge of the evening.

The ladies enjoyed games of cards and on behalf of the Club Mrs. Lillian Morris thanked the hostess and assistants for the enjoyable evening.

NDHS Activity Week highlights



Just as participants passed up their lunch hour to engage in Activity Day events last week, so too did others for the chance to watch and cheer. Joanne Vandeven, Barb DeWit, Michele Scheurman, Ena VanderSpek, Heather Holbrook, Barb Jull and Charlotte-Beal urged on students running the obstacle course.



Deserted by fans Jamie chews on

Anyone who has been to high school knows what the food is like but don't jump to conclusions about these students. One of the contests during Activity Week at NDHS involved putting a wad of Bazooka bubble gum in your mouth every 20 seconds, and chewing all the time, seeing how many you could accommodate. Dave Hussey, Doug Furlong and Jamie Rettie couldn't match winners Robert Moss and Dan Barnim who crammed 24 and 21 packages of gum in their mouths.

Mrs. Carl Howse honored, Norwich's fourth D.D.G.M.

BY DEL McCOMBS

In honor of Mrs. Carl (Josephine) Howse, District Deputy Grand Matron of District 18 Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Norwich Chapter No. 175 and also a Past Matron, the officers and members of Norwich Chapter held a reception on Saturday evening, April 15th, in the Norwich Community Centre.

Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre was chairman for the evening. Three flags; The Order of the Eastern Star, the Canadian flag and the American flag were escorted to the platform by Mrs. George Lowe, acting conductress, Mrs. Fred Fish, associate conductress, and Lloyd Peat, Past Patron. Following the flag presentation God Save the Queen and the American National Anthem were sung with Mrs. Jean McClintock at the piano.

The platform was beautifully

decorated with a gold rug, lamps and Colonial furniture, courtesy of Arn and Son Furniture and evergreen plants, courtesy of Town and Farm Centre and pink carnations. Seated were the honored guest, Mrs. Howse and her husband, Carl, a Past Patron, and Worthy Matron Marion Priddle and Worthy Patron, Norman McIntyre.

The Worthy Matron welcomed the more than two hundred guests in attendance. In welcoming them, she read a poem and gave a brief resume of the Order, the qualifications and duties of the District Deputy Matron.

She stated that Mrs. Howse is the fourth D.D.G.M. from Norwich Chapter in the past fifty years history of the Chapter, the others being Sisters Anne Zufeld, Florence Poole and Lillian Oatman.

She congratulated her on the wonderful way she had carried out her work during her term of office, and for her interest and help not only to Norwich Chapter but also to the other 13 Chapters in the District.

In her resume of the Order the Worthy Matron said there are over 14,000 O.E.S. Chapters in the world with a membership of over three million.

The project of the Worthy Grand Matron this year is buying a cell separator machine to be used in the treatment of cancer. Her motto is The Key to Living is Giving.

Worthy Patron Norman McIntyre introduced the Grand officers present; Mrs. Ila Dickson, associate Grand

Conductress, Glenn Hill, Past Grand Patron, both of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, Mrs. Bertha Whitman of St. Thomas, D.D.G.M. of District 4 as well as more than 20 Past District Deputy Grand Matrons and Patrons, the presiding Matrons and Patrons and other Star officers.

Other guests introduced were members of Violet Rebekah Lodge by Mrs. Marjorie Pearce; the members of St. John's Anglican Church, Ot-

terville, by Mrs. Dorothy Durkee; the members of St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 103 AF & AM by Mrs. Joyce Hanson. Mrs. Howse introduced the members of her family and personal friends.

The program for the evening consisted of several vocal solos by Mrs. Betty Walther of Otterville accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Jean McClintock. Mrs. Walther concluded with How Great Thou Art, a request of Mrs. Howse.

Mr. Clarence Hahn played several violin selections accompanied by Mrs. Hilda Hawley at the piano, and Mrs. Florence Sawyer favored with several accordion numbers. The group are members of the Tillsonburg Senior Citizens Melody Makers Band.

W.M. Marion Priddle gave a reading, A Ten Year Old Girl's essay on Sacramento.

Following the program a presentation of gifts was made to Mrs. Howse.

In presenting the gift from Norwich Chapter Mrs. Edith Petch said she was very proud of the honor to present Sister Josephine with a gift for duties well performed and for her year of service, kindness and thoughtfulness for others as D.D.G.M. of District 18.

Many others in presenting their gifts expressed the same appreciation to Mrs. Howse. The Rainbow Group of Matrons and Patrons led by Sister Ila Dickson each presented Mrs. Howse with a pink carnation to form a bouquet.

Mrs. Howse in expressing her thanks and appreciation to all for such a happy evening stated she was overwhelmed by all their kindness.

A smorgasbord lunch was served by the committee, Joyce Hanson, Beulah Stubbs, Lloyd and Norman McIntyre, Vivian Peat, Dorothy Durkee, Marion Priddle to end a long to be remembered evening.

At the conclusion of the meeting Sister Josephine Howse arranged to have some of the flowers she had received sent to shut-in members of the Chapter.



Mrs. Carl Howse of Otterville, D.D.G.M. of District 18 and a member of the Norwich branch of the O.E.S. was honoured at a banquet in the Community Centre on Saturday evening.

*Norwich Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star
cordially invite you
to attend a Reception honouring
Sister Josephine Howse
District Deputy Grand Matron, District 18
at the Norwich Community Centre
on Saturday the fifteenth of April
at 8 p.m.*

*R.S.V.P. by April 7, 1978
Mrs. Mary Storey
R.R. 3, Shedden NOL 2E0*

Man of the year

Ex-educator honored by Jaycees

Apr 19/78

GEORGE SIMMONS
- - - first
director
of education



WOODSTOCK (Bureau) — George Simmons, 63, a former Oxford County teacher, principal and first board of education director, received the Woodstock Jaycees' outstanding person of the year award Wednesday night.

Simmons, a native of the Trenton area, has been involved in education for about 40 years, including teaching at Central school and Woodstock Collegiate Institute in Woodstock. He was first principal of College Avenue Secondary School. He was also campaign chairman for the Woodstock United Way last year.

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Will Geer (Grandpa Walton) dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Veteran actor Will Geer, the wrinkled grandfather of television's *The Waltons*, has died in hospital of respiratory arrest, a spokesman for the CBC network said Sunday.

Geer, 76, who died Saturday night at Midway Hospital, had been secretly admitted to hospital March 25, said Janet Alston of CBS.

A daughter, Ellen Geer, declined to say anything but confirm her father's death.

"He didn't like publicity and he wouldn't want talk about his body," she said.

Geer had been the white-haired patriarch for six years on *The Waltons*, a highly-rated show about a family living in the Depression and during the Second World War, based on Earl Hamner's book *The Homecoming*.

He won an Emmy for the 1974-75 season as best sup-

porting actor in a drama series. He also had been nominated the year before.

Geer's death closely followed the return to the show of his television wife, Ellen Corby, who suffered a debilitating stroke about a year ago. Miss Corby's return to the series was blended with fiction to become the subject of this season's final segment, filmed Feb. 14.

Geer had more than half a century of experience in various forms of entertainment and was widely known as a Shakespearean troupier. He established the Shakespearean Gardens at Stratford, Conn., the Globe Theatre in San Diego and at the University of Michigan.

Starting his career more than 50 years ago, he appeared in tent shows, show boats, and also appeared with repertory companies and with various Shakespearean groups.

He made his Broadway debut in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*. Other Broadway appearances included *Cra-*

die Will Rock, *Bury The Dead*, *Waiting For Lefty*, *Sing Out The News* and *Tobacco Road*.

Meanwhile, Grandpa Walton was also a real-life patriarch to dozens of young actors who performed every weekend in a backyard theatre in rustic Topanga Canyon, near Los Angeles.

"It started in 1973 as a Shakespearean reading under a sycamore tree," Geer's daughter, Ellen, said. "The whole family was involved. His sons built the place and all his daughters were involved."

Geer, who was divorced from his wife, actress Herta Ware, had seven children and two grandchildren.

Each Saturday and Sunday, groups of young actors — some professionals and some beginners — would gather at the Greek-style theatre for workshops, which Geer would preside over as often as his busy schedule allowed.

The theatre, called the *Theatrum Botanicum*, will be the site of memorial services, CBS spokesman Alston said. The date was pending.

MRS. FLOSSIE MAE HUSSEY

Mrs. Flossie Mae Hussey of 82 Frank St., Tillsonburg, passed away on Tuesday, April 11, 1978, in her 89th year.

The former Flossie Mae Wilson, she was born in Petrolia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson. She resided in the Simcoe area most of her life until 1949, when she married Edgar Earl Dennis and moved to Norwich. He predeceased her June 24, 1972.

Her second husband, Hershel Hussey, predeceased her March 2, 1977.

She was a member of Norwich United Church and the U.C.W., a Past Grand of Vigilant Rebekah Lodge, No. 158, Norwich; a member of the Woodstock Women's Patriarch Militant; and of the Ladies Legion Auxiliary, Simcoe.

Surviving are one daughter, Bonnie Mae Whitehead of Tillsonburg; stepchildren, Layard Dennis of Lethbridge, Alta., John D. Dennis of Simcoe, Rena Andries of Turkey Point, Beulah McNally of Scotland, Lorraine Taye of Windsor, Malcolm (Mac) Hussey of Walton; 15 step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Arn and Son Funeral Residence, Norwich, where service will be held Friday, April 14, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Burton Crowe of Norwich United Church.

Interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Simcoe.

CAMIEL JOSEPH VERSTRAETE

Camiel Joseph Verstraete of Otterville passed away at Norvilla Nursing Home, Norwich, on Sunday, April 2, 1978, in his 83rd year.

Born at Zedelghem, Belgium, he came to Canada in 1926, to Harrow, and in 1938 moved to the Otterville area where he was a tobacco farmer, retiring in 1947.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Frank (Paula) Michelet of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Marie Vervaecke of RR 1, Norwich; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, the former Emma Keirsebilck in 1975; by two daughters, Mrs. Romain (Madeleine) Eechaute in 1948 and Mrs. Maurice (Mary) Deconinck in 1959; and by a granddaughter, Wendy Michelet in 1969.

Resting at the Murphy Funeral Home, Delhi, until Wednesday, thence to Our Lady of La Salette R.C. Church, La Salette, for Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. said by Rev. Fr. George Childs.

Interment in Delhi Cemetery. Prayers will be said Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Funeral Home.



Actor Will Geer, the grandfather of TV's Walton family, died Saturday. Exemplifying the love other actors had for him, Geer gets a kiss from actor Richard Thomas off camera during a break in filming of one of the Walton episodes.

Good year at exchange

It's been a good year at the Delhi Tobacco Auction Exchange, according to manager William Dufrimont. He can tell by the attitude of tobacco farmers.

"It's a rule of thumb that if the majority of farmers are happy with the market, it's a good year," Mr. Dufrimont said.

Work at the auction exchange is winding down, since the major selling period for tobacco starts around the end of October and ends in the spring. Mr. Dufrimont said selling will probably be over around the end of April this year.

Once the marketing is over, it's clean up and maintenance time, he said.

Mr. Dufrimont has been manager of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Auction Exchange in Delhi since last fall. Before that he was assistant manager, but he says the jobs aren't very different. Both involve overseeing the operation of the exchange. Being manager, however, involves more responsibility, he said.

He has been with the tobacco board since 1957 and before that was a tobacco farmer himself.

Mr. Dufrimont, who is married and has six children, says no major changes have taken place in the operation of

the Delhi exchange since he became manager, although "there are always a few changes every year."



Manager of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Auction Exchange in Delhi, William Dufrimont, above, oversees the day-to-day operation of the exchange. He has been manager at the Delhi exchange since last fall.

Postage rates up Saturday

Mail early—the postage rates go up on Saturday!

On April 1, postal rates affecting all classes of mail will come into effect. The rate changes were announced last November.

Postage for first class letters, weighing up to one ounce, will increase to 14 cents from 12 cents. Greeting cards, containing five words or less, and other third class addressed mail, up to two ounces, will increase to 12 cents from 10 cents.

Second class rates, affecting newspapers and other authorized periodicals, also increase.

Basic fee for registering mail goes to \$1.25, while special delivery fee will be 80 cents. Fee for COD remains at \$1.

Most rates to the USA are identical to those applicable in Canada. For countries other than USA, the basic letter mail rate, including aerogrammes, will increase from 25 cents to 30 cents.

For other changes in postal rates and in regulations, it is advisable to check with your local post office before mailing.

Mrs. Durkee hosts St. John's Ladies

OTTERVILLE - St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday May 11th.

President, Mrs. Violet Howse opened the meeting with prayer and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read the Scripture 14th chapter of St. John.

Roll call was answered by seven members.

Minutes were read by the secretary Mrs. Durkee and approved.

Treasurer Mrs. Nate McMullen gave her report.

A letter was read reminding the members of the Oxford Spring Deanery in Ingersoll on May 17th.

Three ladies thanked the guild for sending them get well cards. A card was signed for a member who is ill.

It was moved to hold a bake sale and a penny table in the community hall on June 10 starting at 11 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on May 25th at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Pickersgill as hostess.

President closed with prayer and a social time was enjoyed by all.

OTTERVILLE (C) - The May meeting of the United Church Women was held in the Sunday School room on Thursday evening. Mrs. Irving Gehring presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Beecroft. Mrs. Gehring opened the meeting with a reading, "Open Your Hands."

Following the hymn, the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Reports were given by Secretary, Treasurer, and a cash donation was forwarded to our adopted child for his birthday gift. The correspondence was read by Mary Murray and Mrs. Margaret Ryder gave a reading "Knowing the Unknowable God".

Members joined in singing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" which introduced the worship part of the meeting.

The Scripture lesson taken from Mathew 18: 1-7 was read by Mrs. Harold Waring. In remembrance of the late Mrs. Edith Treffry a memorial was read by Mrs. Harold Arthur which was followed with prayer by Mrs. Harold Ryder. Mrs. Gail Lewis gave a reading "The Legend of the Dogwood."

Mrs. Harold Waring gave a whistling solo of three hymns - "Faith of Our Fathers", "Onward Christian Soldiers", and "Breathe On Me Breath of God". Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist for the evening.

Mrs. Gail Lewis gave another reading "How We Kept Mother's Day". This was followed with pictures of Mexico by Mrs. Ryder, where she and her husband had spent a holiday during the winter.

Mrs. Ryder was her own commentator and gave a complete description of conditions there. She told of the poor and wealthy and of the quantity of corn which is grown there.

Mrs. Harold Arthur closed the meeting with prayer.

The social committee in charge served a dainty lunch.

Mrs. R. Skillings speaker at meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - May meeting of the Women's Institute was held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Bruce Barnard, with 16 members present.

President, Miss Vera Welsh, presided and roll call was responded to with members giving the name of a farm implement starting with their initial.

Minutes and treasurer's report were given by secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Jack Walther.

Mrs. Jack Walther, who was wearing a lovely orchid, thanked the members who presented it to her on the day of the district annual at Tillsonburg.

Plans were announced for the June meeting, which will be held in Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, on Friday, June 9. The members plan to have dinner at a restaurant, then go to the Lodge, have a program for the residents there which will be followed with the June meeting convened by Mrs. Harold Waring and committee.

The flower beds at the community park will be in charge of the members of the Institute.

Mrs. Harold Durkee, convener of agriculture, convened the program, and guest speaker was Mrs. Ruth Skillings of Woodstock, first lady president of the Federation of Agriculture for Oxford County. Mrs. Skillings presented her interesting program with the use of pictures and recorder.

In keeping with Mother's Day, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill gave two readings "Reflection On A Rainbow" and "Especially For You." Mrs. Harold Durkee gave two readings "They Call Me Just A Mother" and "A Mother Speaks."

Meeting closed with the singing of the Queen and Institute grace.

Reunion name tags prepared

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Mrs. David Hussey on Thursday evening with 13 members present.

In the absence of the president the meeting was in charge of the first vice-president Mrs. Roland Harrison. Roll call suggested by Mrs. Fred Pearce, was responded to with members asking "What are you doing to make our reunion a success?"

Cards were signed for shut-in friends and members had their needles busy throughout the evening as they designed "Name Tags" for the reunion.

Mrs. Ingra Erie invited members to her home for the next meeting.

The hostess served a dainty lunch and Mrs. John McSkimming gave courtesy remarks.



Bake sale, penny sale planned by ladies guild

OTTERVILLE - St. John's Ladies Guild met at the home of Mrs. Harold Durkee on Thursday May 11th.

President, Mrs. Violet Howse opened the meeting with prayer and all repeated the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Harry Pickersgill read the Scripture 14th chapter of St. John.

Roll call was answered by seven members.

Minutes were read by the secretary Mrs. Durkee and approved.

Treasurer Mrs. Nate McMullen gave her report.

A letter was read reminding the members of the Oxford Spring Deanery in Ingersoll on May 17th.

Three ladies thanked the guild for sending them get well cards. A card was signed for a member who is ill.

It was moved to hold a bake sale and a penny table in the community hall on June 10 starting at 11 a.m.

Next meeting to be held on May 25th at the Parish Hall with Mrs. Pickersgill as hostess.

President closed with prayer and a social time was enjoyed by all.

GAZETTE May 31, 1978



Recently elected executive of the Oxford South Women's Institute, shown at the 75th annual conference held at First Baptist Church on May 10. From left: Mrs. Keith Hammerton, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Clayton Arthur, past president; Mrs. Jack

Walther, president; Mrs. Oscar DeVisscher, public relations officer; Mrs. Donald Paton, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Keith Hiepleh, provincial board director. (Photo by Owen Hawkins)

South Norwich Historical Society meet

OTTERVILLE (C) - The South Norwich Historical Society held their regular monthly meeting on May 8, 1978 at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre with a fair attendance.

Mrs. Lillian White, one of the judges of the Public Schools Essay Contest, introduced the three winners, Sherry Adlington, Heidi Pettigrew and Linda Martin, who presented their essays. Mrs. White also gave honourable mention to Robin Davis and Rhonda Treffrey whose topics were their family history. Robin Davis' family history was presented through photos of family members and homes. This was on display for all to see.

Sherry Adlington presented her essay on Early Social Life in the South Norwich area, describing Box Socials, Shoe bins, taffy pulls, maple syrup gatherings, suppers and the activities of the Cornell Maple Leaf Club, also the Christmas Concerts, sleigh rides and tobogganing, skating parties and the Otterville and school fairs.

Heidi Pettigrew's essay on Early Medicine in South Norwich proved very interesting. She told of the remedies used to cure in the early days.

The first Doctor in this area was Dr. George W. Carder who arrived in approximately 1835 in Otterville. He was also a merchant and owned a saw mill, and near Hawtrey Dr. Carder owned a large steam saw mill. Dr. Carder was born in Richfield, New York in 1808 and died in 1880, and is buried in the Otterville Cemetery.

By 1857 Dr. Sylvanus Joy was practicing in Otterville but in 1861 he had moved to Tillsonburg. Approximately 1861 the village had two young doctors, Dr. Henry C. Flech, age 26, and Dr. John Solmon, age 29.

In 1866 Dr. Addison J. Collver, a graduate of the first graduating class of the University of Toronto, came to town. Dr. Collver was also the coroner and owned the Crystal Drug store. He was possibly the only physician in the village from 1866 to 1900. Dr. Collver died in 1921.

In 1900 Dr. H.G. Downing came to Otterville and resided in the present home of Dr. Daw which at that time was also the Crystal Drug Store. Heidi described Dr. Downing's modes of transportation in the winter and summer, his pay for an operation and also the average daily earnings. Dr. Downing was the Coroner of Oxford County, also the Medical Officer of Health.

In 1915 Dr. H.H. Batson came to Otterville from Chapleau, Ontario. Heidi described his means of transportation, his pay for operations and some of the amusing events which make up a doctors life.

Other doctors in the village were Dr. Campbell, a dentist in 1927, Dr. Lois Batson, a dentist from 1927 to 1966.

Dr. Frances Cameron was Springford's first and only doctor, arriving in 1855 after practicing in Ancaster for 30 years. Dr. Cameron died in 1886 and is buried in Springford Cemetery.

Linda Martin presented her essay on Rural Life in South Norwich describing life on the farm including the daily procedures such as milking, the procedures with horses, and the women's household duties. She also told of the threshing bees held in the community also any barn raisings required. She brought back memories of the ladies quilting bees, butter-making, bread making and preserving meats and vegetables and a description of the household appliances used in the early days was given. Linda described the clothing and what happened to the material after it became too worn to wear. She also told of the trips to town for supplies which were very eventful in the early days.

Mr. White thanked the girls and all expressed appreciation for the research and very interesting essays.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Final plans for the London Free Press Shun Pikers tour to be held on May 14, 1978 were made as the following for Otterville - Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Treffrey's Grist Mill, The St. John's Anglican Church, Powells, the Park and Innisfree Foundation.

Boyd Little told of the June 10th bus trip to Black Creek Village to leave Town Hall at 9 a.m. and return approximately 5 p.m. A lunch may be taken along or purchased on the grounds. Anyone interested in the trip is to contact Mr. Little at 879-6916.

A tentative convener and committee were set up for the Food Booth at the Norwich Historical Show June 2-4th.

A motion was made and carried that all outstanding accounts be paid. A discussion was led by Joyce Pettigrew into the advantages and disadvantages into our Society becoming affiliated into the Ontario Historical Society. Rick Singer moved and Ed Moore seconded the motion that South Norwich Historical Society make application to become affiliated with the Ontario Historical Society.

A motion carried to have Ron Brayley as Director to replace Clark Dill who withdrew.

Concerning historical plaques a discussion was held as to the cost and government assistance concerning the cost, also whether bronze or aluminium. Three locations which eventually should be noted are the site of the 1st Church being the Pine Friends Meeting House from 1819-1903, The Erbtown Cemetery and the Grist Mill. It was moved by Lillian White and seconded by Ed Moore that Joyce Pettigrew proceed with the purchases of a plaque to commemorate the site of the first church.

The meeting closed and refreshments were served.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 29, 1958

Mrs. Patricia Paul of Ingersoll was elected president of the Federation of Women Teachers of South Oxford, at the annual meeting held in the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church on May 20. About 100 lady teachers attended.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

May 1958

Dereham Centre - Mrs. Florence Butler, as mother of the year, was a guest of honor at a smorgasbord dinner Sunday afternoon in Tillsonburg.

Straffordville - Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Vail of Tobermory visited Mr. and Mrs. Croft Garnham. Mr. Vail spoke at Fort Erie and told of the Canadian vessel "The Griffon" the first white man's vessel to sail Lake Erie, Huron and Michigan. The wreckage of the Griffon was recovered by Mr. Vail in August, 1955.

Otterville - Adam Oliver has purchased the residence and property from Mrs. Gertrude Huggins north west of the bridge.

The Springford Mounted Scout Troop left this morning, May 22, for the Scout Fair at Youngsville, Pa., being held this weekend.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 1928

Cornell - Officials of the D.W. Thurston Co. of Detroit and M.C.R. Co., Detroit and St. Thomas, also many spectators were present Monday a.m. to witness the removal of the centre section of the old railway bridge and placing of the new one.

New Road - Crows were never so numerous as this spring. It looks as if an organized effort should be undertaken as is being done in many places.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

May 20, 1943

Prosecutions are to follow in Simcoe where 2 persons were found riding one bicycle. Several accidents have prompted police to take action.

Scores of Otterville residents had their first close-up of a beaver, when a large one wandered up Highway 59, a mile east of the village, apparently seeking a new home for its family. For about two hours it put on a first class show in a catch basin, diving and somersaulting, in-between times scratching vigorously. Warden J.K. Wardell contacted a game warden who advised him to have it put in a nearby creek. Catching it was a difficult matter, but finally it was taken to the Milldale flats and last seen it was swimming upstream.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 31st day of May, 1943, for 100 cords of four foot, tree run, mixed wood. The same to be delivered at Otterville on or before the first day of October, 1943. Cecil W. Ottevell, Clerk, South Norwich Township, Otterville, Ontario.

May 1943
The Wartime Prices and Trade Board issues the following information on meat rationing:

1) The brown Spare A coupons in Ration Book 2 will allow two pounds per person per week.

2) Children will have the same ration as grown-ups.

3) There will be control of meat in private lockers and there will be meatless days in restaurants.

4) Poultry and fish will not be rationed. Neither will such meats as kidney, liver, heart, tongue, brains, and cuts like spare ribs and oxtail, which are more than half bone.

5) Unrationed meats will remain under the price ceilings.

6) Farmers will still be allowed to slaughter for their own household use and beef carcasses will be allowed.

7) Meat supplies will follow the regular channels from producer and processor through wholesaler and retailer to consumer.

Fireworks attendance largest ever

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

Mr. M. Buchan was a guest at the meeting. The business meeting was conducted by Lion Ed McFarland.

Lion Howard Fleming brought the gong and gavel back to the club from Limbo.

Lion Ralph Crittenden

reported on the work party for the Barbecue at Woodingford Lodge.

Lion Gordon Shearer reported

on the car draw and his organization of the car sales for the Norwich Historical show in early June.

The Victoria Day Fireworks at the Otterville Park were successful with a large crowd in attendance, probably the

largest since this event was first held.

Lion Bill Orth won the convention draw.

Shunpikers tour Oxford County

OTTERVILLE (C) - Scores of Shunpikers starting from London, toured Oxford County on Sunday crowding the village streets as they visited places old and new.

The Treffry Grist Mill probably welcomed more guests than others when upwards of 1000 visited the antique mill which is run by water power.

Woodlawn Centre, formerly the Oddy House, was the scene of much activity and was visited by about 500. Members of the Heritage and Leisure Club were on hand to serve refreshments.

St. John's Anglican Church, one of the greatest landmarks in the village, was toured to the notes of music from the pipe organ, which was played from early afternoon until all visitors had left. The ladies of the church served sandwiches and coffee.

At Powell Agri-Systems, which caters to the tobacco farmer, several employees

were on hand to welcome the visitor and guide them through the plant.

Innisfree Farm, though in the country, with its friendly hosts did their part to make visitors welcome, where about 400 registered.

Tobacco farms too were visited, and the community

park always has the welcome mat at the entrance.

Last, but not least, visitors paid a call to the home of Don Barnim to visit Nancy, the performing goat. The dog and cat were also pleased to see the visitors, and all won the affection of the guests.

Truly, it was a great day in Otterville.

Arthur's Little Museum opens Sunday

Sunday will be a special day for Kenneth Arthur of Otterville. Members of the Arthur family will gather from far and wide at Otterville Park for the annual Arthur family picnic. Sunday also marks the grand opening of "Arthur's Littlest Museum," owned by

Mr. Arthur and his son John, in Otterville.

On display at the museum will be relics from the past which Mr. Arthur accumulated over the years from his parents and grandparents. Ox yokes, an antique phonograph, a root grinder and old family

photographs are just some of the objects to be displayed.

Mr. Arthur, who exhibited some of the antiques at the recent Norwich Steam Show, says the idea to open a museum in his Otterville house came to him at the Steam Show and he set to work immediately.

Right now, the 100-year-old house is being repaired and painted, but Mr. Arthur says he expects the museum to be ready for the big day.

An interesting feature of the house is the delicate fretwork arch dividing the living room and dining room. Although the fretwork has been marred by the passage of time, it is still a pleasing reminder of the craftsmanship in Otterville's past.

The museum is located on Main Street in Otterville,

about 1,000 feet east of the municipal offices.



Kenneth and Anne Arthur stand beside an antique phonograph in the museum Mr. Arthur plans to open Sunday. The museum is located in a 100-year-old house owned by Mr. Arthur. Part of an intricate fretwork, as old as the house and made in Otterville, is seen above Mr. Arthur's head.

Cable TV for Norwich, Otterville

Norwich, Otterville and Delhi residents should have cable television by this fall.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has approved Glenn Irwin Baxter's application to form a company to bring 11 or 12 TV stations, 11 FM radio stations, and six channels on converter service to the three areas.

Subscribers will pay a monthly rate of \$6 with a maximum installation fee of \$20.

The basic cable service will provide subscribers with TV Ontario, Global, CBC French, CKCO-TV Kitchener, CFPL-TV London, CHCH-TV Hamilton, CBLT-TV Toronto, NBC, CBS and ABC from Erie, WUTV Buffalo and possibly CITY-TV Toronto as well as a community channel.

Norwich firemen get raise

Norwich Township firemen will receive a 5.4 per cent wage increase, Norwich Township council decided May 23.

The increase, retroactive to January 1, 1978, establishes the wages of the 61 firemen as follows: chief \$3,162.60, compared to \$3,000 in 1977; deputy chief, \$368.76 per annum plus hourly rate and practice fee applicable to firemen, compared to \$350 in 1977; captain, \$245.84 per annum plus hourly rate and practice fee applicable to firemen, compared to \$233 in 1977; and firemen, \$12.23 per hour, compared to \$11.60 per hour last year. Firemen attending practices will receive \$7.38 per hour, compared to \$7.18 in 1977. The Otterville department dispatcher receives \$100. The mileage rate is set at 20 cents per mile.

There are 17 firemen in the South Norwich fire department, 12 in the Norwich department, 19 in the North Norwich department, and 13 in the Oxford Centre department, Township Clerk Robert Watkins said.

Council also gave its approval to a 5.4 per cent salary increase to Norwich Police Chief Robert Knight, bringing his salary to \$20,035 from last year's figure of \$19,008.

Mr. Watkins said all other areas of the contract agreement between the township and the chief are the same as last year. Last year's agreement gave Chief Knight an annual allowance of \$1,000 in lieu of mileage payments for use of his own car for police work.

The portion of fringe benefits costs to be paid by the township was increased from 67 per cent to 75 per cent, the same basic agreement given to other township employees last year.

The police chief's agreement is subject to Anti-Inflation Board approval.

Two special constables have been hired to augment the Norwich police force during the summer months. Glen Krentz, 28, and Mike Ellul, 26, will work alternate weekends, usually Friday and Saturday nights, with the regular officer. Neither special constable will carry a firearm.

Mr. Krentz has two years' experience with the Waterford police department and two years with Haldimand-Norfolk regional police. Mr. Ellul, of Springford, has no previous police experience. The special constables will be paid by the hour.

There are presently three full time constables and Chief Robert Knight in the Norwich police department.

In other business, protection committee chairman Robert Pettigrew reported to council on the progress of fire mapping of the township. Fire Chief William McMullen Jr. and three

deputy chiefs attended the committee meeting May 16 to assist in outlining the areas served by each fire station. The areas must be defined in order that Rod Taylor, in charge of the fire mapping, can proceed with the grid system proposed for property identification.

Mr. Taylor told the committee he would also require emergency phone numbers for each station, identification of residences in the villages, a system of description of the area within the Gore, proper names of all roads within the township, and identification of persons and vehicles involved in the survey. Two additional people may be obtained to assist with the project, bringing the total manpower involved to eight persons.

Also in the protection committee report, Deputy Chief McDowell of the Ward 4 department "expressed concern" about the lack of man-

power during the day time for response to fire calls in the ward. At certain times of the year all available daytime volunteers will be working the land, he said. The matter will be discussed further in committee, the report stated.

Norwich OK's police pact

Norwich Township Council authorized an agreement Monday with the Norwich Police Association providing for a 5.4 per cent increase in salary for 1978.

The agreement, retroactive to Jan. 1, gives police the same increase as other township employees, subject to Anti-Inflation Board (AIB) approval.

Police salaries for 1978, with last year's salaries in brackets, are: 1st class constable \$18,144 (\$17,214) 2nd class constable \$16,661 (\$15,807); 3rd class constable \$14,956 (\$14,190); 4th class constable \$13,331 (\$12,648).

There are two first class constables and one third class constable in the Norwich Police Department.

MAY 1978

Council decisions

The following motion is supplementary to the report of Council's decisions in last week's issue of the Gazette. The following motion was moved and approved at Council's meeting of May 8th.

"Moved by J.B. Burn, Seconded by J.H. McDowell that Resolution No. 18 of April 25th, 1978 Council meeting be rescinded and further that the firm of Otter Sewer Cleaning Service Inc. be given equal opportunity to bid and quote on our drainage cleaning needs."

Resolution No. 18 read "Moved by Carl Beal, Seconded by Cecil Mingle that whereas Mr. Mel Smith does not have the "know how" to operate his sewer cleaner properly be it resolved that Mr. Smith not be hired to do any cleaning with his sewer cleaner in the Township, this includes Ward No. 2."

Otterville water supply in conflict

BY MURRAY MOORE

OTTERVILLE - Further development in the south-east corner of Otterville under present conditions is open to question if recommendations from the Ministry of the Environment are followed.

In early December Township of Norwich Council requested information about the problem of water supply, specifically to determine how close septic tanks and weeping beds should be allowed to the village's main supply of water, Well No. 2.

Otterville has two wells. Well No. 1, located on the corner of Mill and Oxford Streets, began producing in 1949. The volume of water declined such that Well No. 2 was needed. Well No. 2 was placed on the east corner of Mill and Buchan Streets and has been Otterville's main supply of

water since 1966. Well No. 1 acts strictly as a backup supply and water is rarely drawn from it.

Council requested information from the Ministry of the Environment about the area surrounding Well No. 2 in order to better deal with a proposal from Ross Adlington to convert his 78 acres of land south of the well, bounded on the north by Mill Street and on the west by John Street, into a sub-division.

J.F. Janse of the Ministry of the Environment, replying for the Ministry to Council, reported the results of tests in the area conducted in early spring.

The hydrologist's report stated that Well No. 2 is located in sand aquifer soil, which is very permeable soil. The ground water is susceptible to pollution at or near the ground surface. He assumed that all

water was pumped from Well No. 2 and results of testing indicated that water was drawn from within a 950 foot radius.

The report recommended against further additions to septic tank or communal systems within 1000 feet of Well No. 2. "Storm water disposal, salt storage, feed lot operations or any similar operation could endanger the water supply and therefore should not be allowed within this radius. The use of fertilizer within this radius should also be restricted if possible," he wrote to council.

The Ministry's report used the results of the testing of Well No. 1 for nitrate concentrations to support its position that the ground water in Otterville is very susceptible to pollution. Testing of water from Well No. 1 at one point produced nitrate concentration of 9.5 mg-l. The recommended maximum concentration for a municipal water supply system is 10 mg-l.

Newsy Norvilla Nursing Home News

1978

Our largest monthly birthday party held in May, saw eight residents celebrating birthdays.

The celebrants were Lola Pearson, 83; Edith Kendrick, 87; Hildred Manvell, 73; Sam Chambers, 78; Evelyn Giles, 74; Tom Chester, 72; Margaret Wallace, 78; and Marshall Kelso, 80. Along with these celebrants were Tom and Berenice Hart celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary.

After greetings to all cake, ice cream and assorted pops

were served.

In contrast, the June party saw Fred Williamson, 83 years young, have the honor all to himself.

Thirty-five residents enjoyed a fantastic fireworks display in the side yard. To all persons who contributed, along with the nursing home, we say thanks, as it enabled Mike Godelie to set off a bigger show which was most enjoyed since the residents are unable to view a display elsewhere.

The Historical Show was

enjoyed by 15 residents from the seat of a Model T. Mr. Albert Lewis organized this by getting the antique car club to provide the rides, thanks to all. Everyone who went expressed their enjoyment for this to the staff for days afterwards.

Our Monday and Wednesday afternoon entertainers have filled many hours with music, readings, quizzes and pictures for the residents.

One afternoon the residents had a good time accompanying the pianist

with a kazoo, tambourine and bells. We at the nursing home say thanks to all of you as many days have been endured under trying conditions with hammers pounding or buzzers going.

McMillen's iris gardens at Newark were enjoyed one afternoon when several cars from that community arrived to escort the residents out and back. Those able wandered through the gardens and the rest enjoyed the beauty from the cars.

May 1975

NORWICH PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

TO OUR HYDRO CUSTOMERS: BURGESSVILLE - NORWICH - OTTERVILLE

As of April 1, 1978 we have been amalgamated into one utility, to be known as the NORWICH PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION, by a Provincial Act, Bill 111 "An act to provide for Municipal Hydro-Electric Service in the County of Oxford."

The Head Office has been designated in Norwich. Address is 6 Pitcher Street, Box 460, Norwich, N0J 1P0, telephone 863-2435.

The Bill provides that the first Commission be appointed by the Township Council and shall consist of members: - The Mayor; one from Burgessville Hydro Commission; two from Norwich; one from Otterville. These Commission members are:

MAYOR	- Ken Peers	467-5565	
BURGESSVILLE	- Dalton French	424-9902	
NORWICH	- W. Fred McKie	863-2848	(Chairman)
	- David Chambers	863-3149	
OTTERVILLE	- Murray Wardell	879-6672	

BURGESSVILLE CUSTOMERS: Mr. August DeWachter will continue to service your area regarding service work, emergency calls, meter reading, billing and collecting. If Mr. DeWachter is not available, calls may be placed to Norwich 863-2435. Payment of accounts will continue being accepted at the Bank of Montreal, Norwich or Mr. DeWachter. Telephone 879-6636.

NORWICH CUSTOMERS: The same staff will continue to service the Norwich area and accounts shall be accepted for payment at our office as usual.

OTTERVILLE CUSTOMERS: Will be receiving a [REDACTED] monthly billing due in MAY. [REDACTED] Mrs. Jean DeWachter will continue to look after billing and collecting. Questions regarding accounts should be directed to her at 879-6925. Payment of accounts will continue to be accepted at the Royal Bank, Otterville or Mrs. DeWachter. Servicing shall continue by the Norwich P.U.C. staff.

TO ALL: For the present time your rates and account numbers will remain the same. If you require any further information please feel free to call the Norwich office or your Commission representative.

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Edison visitor in boyhood

The man acclaimed as the world's greatest of all inventors, Thomas Alva Edison, spent much of his boyhood in Elgin County, at his grandparents' home in Vienna.

Thomas Alva Edison was born at Milan, Ohio, 1847, received a common school education, and when still a mere lad began work as a newsboy on the Grand Trunk Railway. He learned printing in spare moments and edited and printed the "Grand Trunk Herald" in

the baggage car of the train on which he was employed. A course in telegraphy was given him in recognition of his having saved a child's life, and he became a very rapid and skilful operator. He was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company and in this capacity began the series of inventions which brought him fame.

Edison's grandfather, Captain Samuel Edison, was

among the pioneers of Elgin and it was he who gave the village of Vienna its name. Capt. Edison, (local villagers pronounce the name "Eadison") built the old Edison homestead in 1824, using a skeleton frame with 23 bents of hewn timber creating thereby a building which could almost have withstood artillery bombardment. Almost every stick was solid, high grade black walnut. It was the first permanent dwelling along the Otter River.



Wavell-Mitchell vows exchanged

Susan Elizabeth Mitchell and Wayne Peter Wavell, were united in marriage on May 6th at the Norwich Baptist Church. The ceremony was officiated by Reverend David Houghland.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell of Norwich and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wavell of Delhi.

Given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Paul MacLoed of Mississauga, the bride wore an empire waisted gown of chiffon over satin, appliqued with daisies and accented with pearls. A two tier, fingertip veil, edged in daisies was held in place by a small crown covered in daisies and pearls. The bride carried a bouquet of yellow daisies, sprinkled with babies breath.

Matron of honour was the bride's sister, Mrs. Joanne Smith of Tillsonburg. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Dianne MacLoed of Mississauga, also sister of the bride, Miss Luanne McPherson of Norwich and Mrs. Beverly DeWachter of Norwich, both friends of the bride. Flower girl was Heather Picknell of Otterville, niece of the groom.

The best man was Dan Wagner of LaSalette. Ushers were Vince Wagner and Wayne McMillan, both of LaSalette and also friends of the groom, and George Wavell of Norwich, the groom's brother. Ringbearer was Gordon Smith of Tillsonburg, the bride's nephew.

Patricia McKlay of Norwich sang during the wedding ceremony and was accompanied on the organ by Mrs. Bell Palmer of Burgessville.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Tillsonburg Legion.

The couple are now residing in Otterville.



Gordon Shearer, a native of Delhi, is the new Norwich Postmaster. He was Assistant Postmaster in Delhi for 22 years and has lived in Otterville for 21 years. *May 1978*



After 23 years as Norwich Postmaster, Maurice Longworth retired on April 28. Present for the presentation of his certificate were, on Mr. Longworth's right, the incoming Postmaster, Gordon Shearer, and Ben Baker, Manager, Central Area South-western District Ontario Postal Region, and on Mr. Longworth's left, Jack Taylor, Delhi Postmaster. *May 1978*

Norwich, Ontario, Wednesday, May 24, 1978



Lori Fidlin, center, reigned as Queen of the Prom last Friday evening, attended by, from the left, Dianne Lester, Peggy Wilson, Mary Scott and Patty Davis.

It was anchors aweigh on Friday as 28 air cadets and five officers from the 153 Varnavair Squadron of Tillsonburg boarded the M.V. (motor vessel) Rhea at Port Stanley for a weekend cruise across Lake Erie to Ashtabula, Ohio.

The trip was planned as a training exercise to give the cadets a taste of naval life, 2nd Lieutenant Harry Saelens said. When they boarded the Rhea, the boys and girls were split into three watches, red, white and blue, and performed their duties and ate their meals in watches.

They took their positions on the quarterdeck and forecastle for harbour stations, emergency stations, fire stations and abandon ship stations. A few took a turn at the wheel and found it a challenge to keep the 136-foot long World War Two minesweeper on course, despite the expert supervision of the skipper, Cmdr. Doug Harrington. All work and no play makes for mutiny, so the group spent much of the afternoon lying on the quarterdeck acquiring sunburns.

It wasn't all sun-worshipping and living the good life, however. Before the wooden-hulled Rhea docked again in Port Stanley on Sunday afternoon, the cadets had scrubbed, swept and swabbed the decks, practised drills and squinted at the horizon during their two-hour stint on watch.

A good time was had by all, though some cadets found the sleeping accommodation below the Love Boat luxury standard and Ashtabula lacking in excitement for sailors on liberty boat.

The trip wasn't without its calamitous moments, despite the balmy weather and smooth sailing. As the Rhea came into port Sunday afternoon, the starboard engine failed at the wrong moment, causing the ship to ricochet off the dock and coast into the life bridge at Port Stanley, damaging the bow of the Rhea and crumpling the guard rail and walkway of the brige.

Earlier that day, a Rhea crew member landed in the murky water at Ashtabula harbour while assisting with the ship's lines as she manoeuvred out of her narrow berth.

The trip may not have made any of the air cadets into expert sailors, but as one member of the Rhea crew said, "At least nobody lost their lunch over the side."



Cadet Peter Davis scans the horizon during his two-hour watch duty aboard the minesweeper Rhea. The instrument in front of Peter is an indicator, used for lining up the position of objects in the ship's path.



Ah, the good life. Cadet Marty Smith raises her pop can to celebrate the warm weather and calm water, while fellow cadets soak up the rays.

Awards presented to cadets

Committee formed to honor 1978 retiring principal

OTTERVILLE (C) — A committee has been formed to plan a retirement reception for Mr. Boyd Little, who has been principal of Otterville School for the past 31 years. The reception will be held on Sunday, June 18 from 2-5 with the presentation at 4 p.m. at the Otterville School. It is hoped that former students, colleagues and friends will attend.

Miss Mary Anne Silverthorn of 5 Edgewood Dr., Tillsonburg is accepting donations.

Boyd Little

retirement

June 1978

OTTERVILLE (C) - At the retirement party held for Boyd Little on Sunday afternoon in the school gymnasium, Peter John Davis, a member of Mr. Little's last Grade 8 class, presented him with a sum of money. Peter's mother, Barbara Davis, was a member of Mr. Little's first Grade 8 class in Otterville.

A former teacher, Mrs. Muriel Mann, presented Mr. Little with a book.

told the cadets the discipline and knowledge they acquired in the corps would be used now and in the future.

"I challenge you to continue in service as you march through life and serve your fellow man," he concluded.

Trophies were presented to members of the corps after the inspection by Dr. Parrott. Most improved air cadet for 1978 was Airman P. Davis, with most improved leading air craftsman going to Leading Air Craftsman R. Mann. Corp. J. Moylan was chosen most improved non-commissioned officer in 1978.

Airman C. Palnaleer was chosen by the inspecting officers as the best cadet on inspection.

Flight Sergeant Carol Wencel was named best cadet of the year.

Promotions to Leading Air

Craftsmen were given to M. Clark, R. Barnim, P. Davis, P. Dow, G. Debassige, G. Hayward, C. Holmes, J. Kovacs, P. Moylan, S. Murphy, M. Noormohamed, S. Ouellette, B. Rabb, T. Rees, M. Smith, S. Szabo and S. Zylstra.

Promoted to warrant officer 2

was C. Ouellette, C. Wencel to flight sergeant, D. Caddel and M.J. Clark to sergeants, R. Boughner, R. Faulkner, J. Ouellette and J. Moylan to corporal.

Officers David Morris and Harry Saelens were promoted to 2nd lieutenant.



Mr. Boyd Little, Principal of Otterville Public School, has tendered his resignation to the Oxford County Board of Education. He has been a teacher for 37 years, and the principal in Otterville for 31 years, the longest service given in Otterville by a principal. Mr. Little could have stayed on a few more years but he "just thought it was time." *May 1978*

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The Otterville Public School Commonwealth Games were held Tuesday in Otterville. Individual champions are, front row left: Tracy Walther, bantam girls, 17 points; Robert Skevington, bantam boys, 15 points; Linda Pathy, junior girls, 13 points; Laurie Wells, senior girls, 15 points. Second row are Jay Balcom,

junior boys, 17 points; Joe Sanders, senior boys, 17 points; Chris Evans, intermediate boys, 18 points; Robin Davis and Rhonda Treffry, intermediate girls co-champions, 15 points. The games continue Friday with relay races.

Otterville Field Day results

1978

Otterville's Track and Field Day, held on May 23rd, was this year modeled on the Commonwealth Games. The students were divided into four teams, each representing one of the following Commonwealth countries: Australia, the Barbados, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The overall winner was the Barbados team (145½ points). Following were New Zealand with 111 points, Australia with 85½ points and the UK with 82 points.

The highlight of the day was Chris Evans' achievement in the Intermediate Boys Shot Put, putting the shot 11 metres even, only .456 metres short of a county record.

The following pupils were declared champions of their respective divisions: Senior girls - Laurie Wells, Barbados, 15 pts.; Senior boys - Joe Sanders, Barbados, 17 pts.; Intermediate girls - Rhonda Treffry, United Kingdom, 15 pts.; Robin Davis, Australia, 15 pts.; Intermediate boys - Chris Evans, New Zealand, 18 pts.; Junior girls - Linda Pathy, Barbados, 14 pts.; Junior boys, Jay Balcolm, Barbados, 17 pts.; Bantam girls - Tracy Walthers, New Zealand, 13 pts.; Bantam boys - Rob Skevington, Barbados, 15 pts.

Girls Open 800, (2) Davis, Australia, 2:58.

Girls' Open 1500, Davis, Australia, 6:18.

Boys' Open 800 - Evans, New Zealand, 2:30.

Boys' Open 1500, Sanders, Barbados, 5:20.

Sr. Girls' 100, Wells, Barbados 15:00.

Sr. Girls' 200, Wells, Barbados 31:00.

Sr. Girls' 400, Wells, Barbados 1:16:25.

Sr. Girls' Discus, Wells, Barbados 20:52M.

Sr. Girls' Shot Put - Van Bommel, Australia, 16:03M.

Sr. Girls' High Jump - Pickering, Barbados, 1:02M.

Sr. Girls' Running Long Jump - Wells, Barbados, 3:66M.

Sr. Girls' Standing Long Jump - Pickering, Barbados, 2:012M.

Sr. Boys' 100 - Sanders, Barbados, 14:00.

Sr. Boys' 200 - Sanders - Barbados, 29:00.

Sr. Boys' 400 - Sanders, Barbados, 1:06.75.

Sr. Boys' Discus - Arthur, New Zealand, 33:34M.

Sr. Boys' Shot Put - Arthur, New Zealand, 9:41M.

Sr. Boys High Jump - Brown, Australia, 1:35M.

Sr. Boys' Running Long Jump - Brown, Australia, 4:06M.

Sr. Boys' Triple Jump - Arthur, New Zealand, 8:55M.

Intermediate Girls' 100 - Treffry, United Kingdom 16:1.

Intermediate Girls' 200 - Marshall, Barbados, 31:8.

Intermediate Girls' 400 - Treffry, United Kingdom, 1:13:5.

Intermediate Girls' Discus - Boughner, Australia, 18:7M.

Intermediate Girls' Shot Put -

Intermediate Girls' High Jump - Davis, Australia, 1:01M.

Intermediate Girls' Running Long Jump - Gehring, New Zealand, 3:5M.

Intermediate Girls' Standing Long Jump - Treffry, United Kingdom, 2:0M.

Intermediate Boys' 100 - Evans, New Zealand, 14:00.

Intermediate Boys' 200 - Horsburgh, Australia, 33:3.

Intermediate Boys' 400 - Evans, New Zealand, 1:38.00.

Intermediate Boys' Discus - Evans, New Zealand, 28:7M.

Intermediate Boys' Shot Put - Evans, New Zealand, 11:00M.

Intermediate Boys' High Jump - Dow, New Zealand, 1:17M.

Intermediate Boys' Running Long Jump - Evans, New Zealand, 3:85M.

Intermediate Boys' Triple Jump - Barnim, United Kingdom, 7:64M.

Junior Girls' 100M - Pathy, Barbados, 16:5.

Junior Girls' 200M - Pathy, Barbados, 33:5.

Junior Girls' 400M - Harris, Australia, 1:24.3.

Junior Girls' Discus - Boughner, United Kingdom 16:6M.

Junior Girls' Shot Put - VanHooren, New Zealand, 5:75M.

Junior Girls' High Jump - Pathy, Barbados, 1:09M.

Junior Girls' Running Long Jump - Boughner, United Kingdom, 3:20M.

Junior Girls' Standing Long Jump - Pathy, Barbados, 1:90M.

Junior Boys' 100M - Balcolm, Barbados, 15:1.

Junior Boys' 200 - Balcolm, Barbados 29:5.

Junior Boys' 400 - Balcolm, Barbados 1:43.4.

Junior Boys' Discus - Lee, New Zealand, 19:35M.

Junior Boys' Shot Put - Balcolm, Barbados, 8:08M.

Junior Boys' High Jump - Drescher, United Kingdom, 1:22M.

Junior Boys' Running Long Jump - Arthur, United Kingdom, 3:59M.

Junior Boys' Triple Jump - Arthur, United Kingdom, 8:05M.

Bantam Girls' 50M - Tilford, Barbados, 9:1.

Bantam Girls' 100M - Vanbeisen, Barbados, 17:00.

Bantam Girls' 400M - Walter, New Zealand, 1:36:00.

Bantam Girls' 800M - Walther, New Zealand, 3:36:7.

Bantam Girls' High Jump - Tilford, Barbados, 0:93M.

Bantam Girls' Running Long Jump - Vanbesien, Barbados, 2:46M.

Bantam Girls Standing Long Jump - Walther, New Zealand, 1.7M.

Bantam Boys' 50M - Skevington, Barbados, 09:1.

Bantam Boys' 100M - Skevington, Barbados, 17:75.

Bantam Boys' 400M - Wray, New Zealand, 1:28.0.

Bantam Boys' 800M - Skevington, Barbados, 3:13.8.

Bantam Boys' High Jump - Skevington, Barbados, 1:01M.

Bantam Boys' Running Long Jump - Skevington, Barbados, 3:03M.

Bantam Boys' Triple Jump - Wells, United Kingdom, 4:20M.

4x100 Relays

Bantam Girls - Walters, Forsyth, Vanbeisen, Tilford, Barbados (not timed).

Bantam Boys - Wells, Jacques, Doneff, Wray, United Kingdom, 1:17.

Junior Girls - Butler, Pathy, Pettigrew, Bowden, Barbados-Australia combined, 1:05.

Junior Boys' High Jump - Drescher, United Kingdom, 1:22M.

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Junior Boys - Balcolm, VanBommel, Caughill, Tilford, Barbados, 1:04.

Intermediate Girls - Davis, Gilmore, Boughner, Treffry, Australia, 1:03.

Intermediate Boys - Evans, Davis, Stickles, Dow, New Zealand, 1:02.

Senior Girls - Lohman, Wells, VanBommel, Walters United Kingdom, Barbados, Australia, New Zealand combined, 1:01:5.

Senior Boys - R. Corbeil, Caldwell, Sanders, Marynissen, New Zealand, 1:00:75.

NORRIS W. PRONG

Norris W. Prong of RR 2, Port Burwell, passed away at Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, on Monday, May 8, 1978, in his 79th year.

Born in Bayham Township, August 16, 1899, he was a son of the late Edward Prong and the former Josephine Beckett. He had farmed in the Bayham Township area all his life.

Surviving are his wife, the former Evelyn Thomson; two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Carol) Shelly of Port Burwell and Miss Catherine Prong of Tillsonburg; three grandsons, Allen Shelly, David Shelly and Jason Shelly, all of Port Burwell; and one sister, Mrs. Fred (Gladys) Bartram of Tillsonburg.

He was predeceased by one brother, Roy Prong, in 1975.

Rested at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service was held Wednesday, May 10, at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

Interment in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Port Burwell.

Memorial donations to the Trinity Anglican Church steeple fund would be greatly appreciated.

EDITH CORNELL

Edith Cornell, beloved widow of the late Earnest Treffry, passed away in the Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, on Friday, May 5 in her 84th year. She was born in Tillsonburg, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Rowan.

The late Mrs. Treffry, formerly of Otterville, was a resident at the Maple Manor Nursing Home for the past six years.

She was a member of the Otterville United Church, the United Church Women and of the Women's Institute.

Surviving are two sons, Lorne of Otterville and Donald of RR 3, Tillsonburg. Also one sister, Mrs. Nellie Wigglesworth of London; five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

JOSEPH ALFRED WARDLE

Joseph Alfred Wardle of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Sunday, May 28, 1978, in his 76th year.

His wife, the former Nettie May Sprague, predeceased him in 1978.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. James (Edna) Cowell, and one son, Charles Wardle, both of Otterville; one sister, Mrs. Roy (Violet) Cohen of Tillsonburg; two brothers, Lloyd Wardle of Tillsonburg and Herbert Wardle of Brantford; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was predeceased by three brothers.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service was held May 30, at 2 p.m. conducted by Pastor Donald Gorrie of Otterville Baptist Church.

Interment in Otterville Cemetery.

NORRIS W. PRONG

Funeral service for the late Norris W. Prong of RR 2, Port Burwell, who passed away on May 8, 1978 was held at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home on May 10, at 3:30 p.m. conducted by Rev. Ross E. McCann of St. Pauls United Church, Tillsonburg.

Pallbearers were Russell Butcher, Joseph Butcher, Nick Wiebe, William Vanderven, Gerald Chalk and Robert Mathews, Jr.

Interment in Trinity Anglican Cemetery, Port Burwell.

The funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville. The service was conducted on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. by Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the Otterville United Church. Mrs. William A. McMullen was the pianist.

Memorial donations were for Otterville United Church, the Gideon Bible Society, Heart Foundation, Women's Institute, Tillsonburg Hospital, Diabetic Association.

Pallbearers were Murray Treffry, Bill McMullen, Frank Ryerson, Ken Blackmore, George Treffry and Wayne Ryerson.

Interment was in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.



Steam engine enthusiasts have again managed to work out an understanding with the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to show their machines at the upcoming Steam Show. Steam engines come in two types, lapped seam and butt strap. The Ministry would like lapped seam engine boilers partially dismantled so a full inspection could be made. Historical President Don MacPherson said "Most of us thought that they were going to extremes." Pictured here is a combination Darling and Smart Turner steam pump, restored by Bill and Gord McMullen of Otterville. It will be shown at the Steam Show for the first time, according to Gord McMullen who was present for this picture.



Recently elected officers for 1978-79 of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club were installed Monday evening by Howard Fleming, Governor of District A-2, in the pavilion of the Otterville Community Park. Front row from the left are Ed McFarland, Past President; Bob Spek, first Vice; Ron Kiddie, President; Gordon Shearer, second Vice; Norm Fiddling, Third Vice.

Middle row, from the left are Bill Orth, Tail Twister and Robert Hopkins, Treasurer. Back row, from the left are Ron Oatman, Lion Tamer; Tim Moore, Lion Tamer; Rene DeCooman, One Year Director; John Sandham, Two Year Director; and Don Pettigrew, Secretary. Absent are Dave Ramer, One Year Director and Bob Tokarz, Two Year Director.

Lions Club officers installed

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular and final meeting of the season for the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in the Community Park, Otterville on Monday evening June 26th. Lion president Ed McFarland presided.

There was a good attendance with four visitors. Lion Don Pettigrew expressed the thanks of the Club towards the members of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Richard Saunders replied.

On behalf of the Club, Lion Murray Downing presented District Governor Howard Fleming with a Lions Plaque and to Howard and his wife

Ruby a set of luggage in appreciation for his outstanding year of service as governor.

Lion Bob Scott introduced Petri Murtomaki, an exchange student from Finland who has just completed a year at Norwich District High School. Lion Bob Scott also introduced Oxford M.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday of Tavistock.

Dr. Halliday spoke upon various national topics including the Post Office crisis, the Federal penal system and problems of world population. A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Halliday was thanked by Lion Murray Downing.

Dr. Halliday presented a Canadian flag and a Quebec flag to the club to be displayed on the lions firetruck for parades etc. An Ontario flag sent by M.P.P. Dr. Harry Parrott, was also presented.

The Club again will sponsor free swimming buses to the pool in Otterville. Buses will again run on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning Tuesday July 4th.

The Club voted a donation to the Auxiliary, Woodingford Lodge to assist in the purchase of equipment to lift wheel chairs into a van.

Lion John Sandham responded that the Annual Barbecue which was held in the Community Park, Otterville June 17th was again very successful.

The Club will be holding a fish-fry and dance at the Norwich Community Centre on August 26th.

Governor Howard Fleming presented a plaque to Lion Ron Cougler from

Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was pianist.

Memorial donations were made to Gideon Bible, Bookton Presbyterian Church and the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Bruce Addison, Lloyd Lee, Orton Kyes, Donald Ryder, Wallace Kennedy and Gordon Lee.

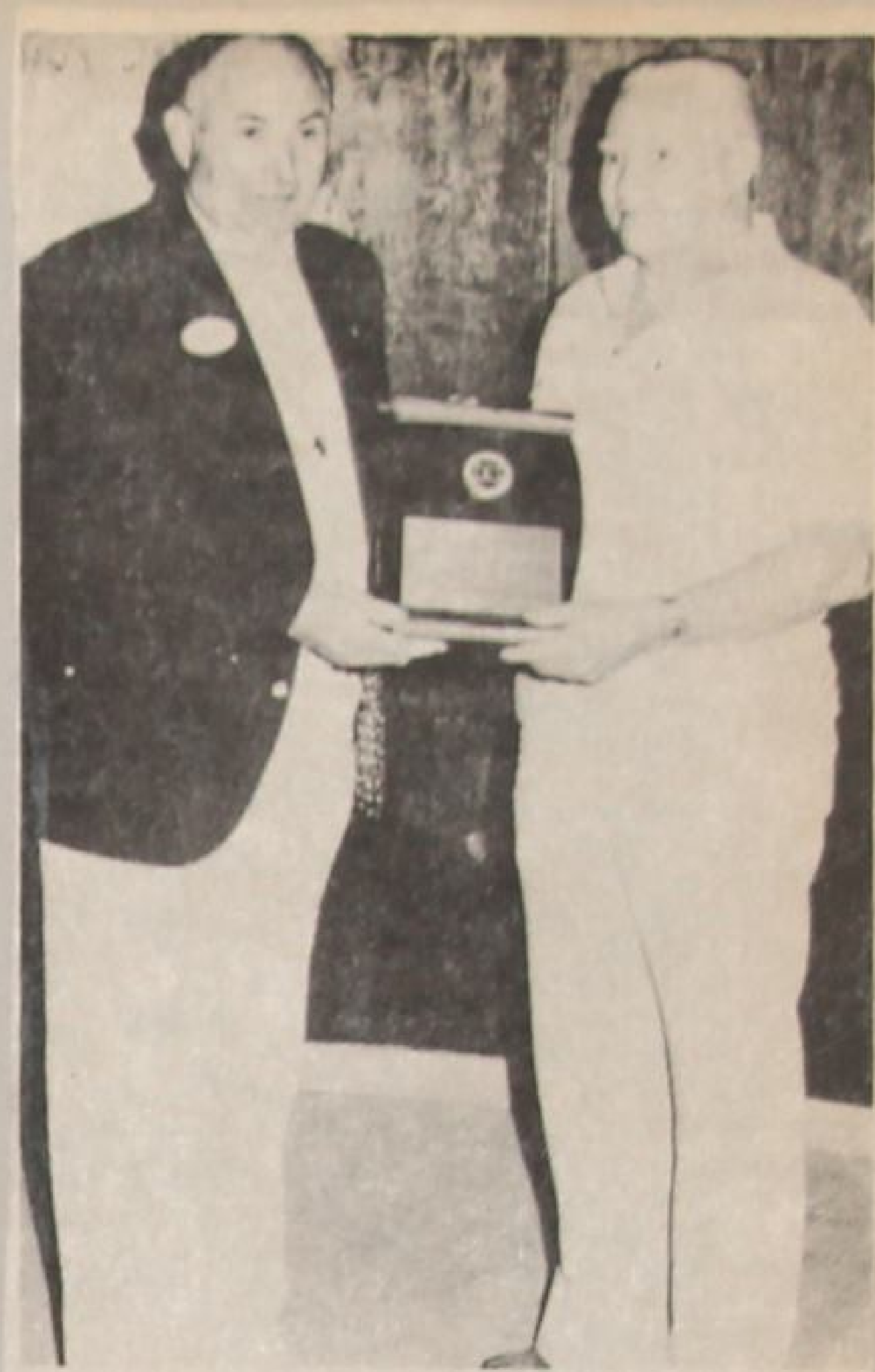
Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

Mrs. Archie Moore, formerly of RR 1, Norwich, passed away at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, on Sunday, June 11, 1978, in her 88th year.

Born at Cornell, she was a daughter of the late Albert Hicks and the former Margaret Maclin. She had been a resident at Maple Manor for the past several years.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, on Tuesday, June 13, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Fred Cromey of Bookton



The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club honoured their own Howard Fleming on Monday night. Mr. Fleming whose term of office as Governor of District A-2 ends July 1, was presented with a plaque. Mr. Fleming was presented with a plaque by Dr. Murray Downing of Otterville.

Family Reunion

OTTERVILLE (C) - The first reunion of the Walter family was held on Father's Day, June 18, at Backus Mills.

Guests were present from Lynedoch, Hagersville, Otterville, Delhi, Norwich, Simcoe and Brantford.

At noon 57 persons sat down to a bountiful table

laden with all kinds of goodies.

The day was a huge success and it was decided to hold the reunion at the same time and same place in 1979.

Eldest person present was Dick Saunders of Otterville and the youngest, Heidi Walter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walter of Otterville.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild held a Bake Sale and Penny Table in the Community Hall Saturday morning, June 10th.

Mrs. Violet Howse welcomed the visitors, who soon purchased goodies from the bake table and then took their choice from the penny table.

A lovely decorated cake in the shape of a horse shoe took the eye of the customer and tickets were sold readily. Mrs. Olga Clifford

was the winner. Tickets were sold by Mrs. Winnie Leach.

Mrs. Jack Riste sold tickets on the penny table, assisted by Mrs. Violet Howse.

Mrs. Harold Durkee and Miss Edna Furlong were the clerks at the bake table.

Along with this sale the members of the St. John's Church Club had a tasty display of meat pies which, too, found ready sale.

Despite the busy season the sale was a success.

Club marks seniors week

OTTERVILLE (C) - Senior Citizens Week was observed during the past week and Otterville Leisure Club celebrated on two occasions.

On Sunday morning, June 18, four club members attended Divine Worship in Fellowship Baptist Church, Otterville. These were past president Harry Lee, president Colin and Mrs.

Robinson and Mrs. Harold Waring, press reporter.

Later in the week the Leisure Club held their annual picnic in the community park and prior to this a bus trip was enjoyed.

Members will meet at the Club rooms on Wednesday of this week and the next Wednesday will enjoy the day at the Cole Cottage, Turkey Point.

Institute puts on variety program at Woodingford

OTTERVILLE (C) — A most enjoyable day with perfect weather conditions was spent on Friday, June 9, when members of the Women's Institute, accompanied by friends, entertained the residents of Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock.

The group of over 20 drove to Woodstock, enjoyed a noonday dinner at a restaurant and from there to Woodingford Lodge to

present a variety program, coupled with their meeting.

Mrs. Harold Waring was convener of the program and Miss Vera Welsh, president, presided for the day. Assisting the convener was Mrs. Donald Gorrie, Miss Vera Welsh and Mrs. Jack Walther in staging the musical numbers which were much appreciated.

The president opened the program with "O Canada" and the members each stood

and introduced themselves.

Mrs. Gorrie of Woodstock, who had celebrated her 94th birthday during the week, delighted the audience with a reading of her own composing, which was followed with a piano solo. These two numbers were much appreciated. Other numbers on the program were a vocal duet by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Mrs. Violet Howse; readings by Miss Vera Welsh; whistling

selections, Mrs. Harold Waring; a sing-song, and birthday greetings were sung for Mrs. Gorrie. Happy anniversary greeting was expressed to Mrs. Bruce Barnard whose anniversary was that day.

Following the program, the Institute treated the guests to candy.

A brief business session followed when the ladies offered their services to maintain the flower beds at the entrance to the park.

Members were given a tour of the Lodge and visited

relatives and friends.

The recreational convener, on behalf of the Lodge, expressed thanks to the group for their en-

tertainment and invited them to come again.

This completed the day and members felt it had been a day well spent.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Leisure Club enjoyed their annual bus trip and chose Elmira. Prior to the dinner they enjoyed a bus trip in the area, then to a restaurant for dinner, a time for shopping at Blandford Mall, on to Woodstock for supper and home. All enjoyed the day and appreciation was given to those in charge of the arrangements.

Members of the South Norwich Historical Society enjoyed their annual bus trip and spent a day at Black Creek. With perfect weather conditions, all enjoyed the day. Several members assisted at the lunch counter which the Society had at the historical steam show in Norwich, when \$800 was realized to stimulate the treasury.

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Glen Avey has returned to her home after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Waring of LeMars, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Binnebose of Saulte City, Iowa, were dinner guests on Wednesday with the former's sister-in-law, Mrs. Harold Waring.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hisey of St. Marys were Monday evening guests with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Harvey.

Mrs. Laura Wenn and Mrs.

Lorne Parker of Norwich called on Mrs. George Davis and Miss Gladys Nobbs on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Vera Welsh, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, Mrs. Lorne Treffry, Mrs. William A. McMullen and Mrs. Harold Waring, members of the Women's Institute, planted a various assortment of plants in the oval at the entrance of the Community Park. This has been a practice of the Institute for the past several years, and they are responsible for the upkeep. *June 1978*



June 1978
Adam Michael Oliver, son of Elaine and Adam Oliver, Otterville, Ontario, graduated from the University of Western Ontario at the Spring Convocation on June 8th with a Bachelor of Laws Degree. Michael attended Otterville Public School, Norwich District High School, and graduated from the University of Waterloo in 1975 with a Bachelor of Mathematics Degree. He is presently articling with R.G. Groom, Q.C., Tillsonburg, Ontario.



Brenda Elaine Oliver Wissenz, daughter of Elaine and Adam Oliver, Otterville, Ontario, received her Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Consumer Studies at the Spring Convocation of the University of Guelph on June 1st. Brenda attended Otterville Public School and Norwich District High School. She has accepted a position in the Management Development Program with Simpsons-Sears, St. Catharines, Ontario.



Catharine L. Morris received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics at the Spring Convocation of York University (June 8, 1978) on a leave of educational absence from IBM Canada Ltd., Toronto. Cathy has returned to a new position in the financial area. The daughter of Henry and Muriel Kozuch, Otterville. She attended Otterville Public School and Norwich District High.



Inner Space



COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP

I was tired that day, 'twas after four
I'd made a few calls, and wished to make more.
So hurrying on, I came to the door

Of a home I'd often been in before
Where dwelt a couple aged and bent
Whose lives in God's service had been well spent.

When I rang the bell, the door opened wide
And a friendly voice bade me, "Step inside!"
"I'm glad you came today," he said,
"My wife is worse, and back in bed.

There's not much to help that I can do.
Since she is blind, it is harder, too."

Crippled with pain, earthly beauty shut out,
There didn't seem much to be happy about,
Yet the smiling face that was turned toward me
As I entered her room, was a joy to see!

What was the secret hidden there,
That brightened her life, so plain and bare?

"Surely there's something that I can do.
How would you like me to read to you?"

Then, quick as a flash the answer came.
When I'd offer to read 'twas always the same.
No portion to her as much could mean
As the comforting chapter, John fourteen.

And as I read of His promise true,
My peace I leave - I give to you
I felt a friendly Presence there.

The room seemed hallowed, free from care.
Let not your heart now troubled be:
Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Though things of this world she could not see,
Her vision of Christ was revealed to me.
She had a faith I had never known -
With the years it had surer grown.

Returning home, I knelt in prayer
And thanked my Lord, for that dear couple there.

Vera L. Gorrie.
This poem, written in recent years by my mother who is now 93 years of age, is passed along to the readers of "Inner Space," trusting that it will strike a responsive note in many hearts.

Rev. D.R. Gorrie, Pastor Otterville Baptist Church.

Otterville principal given farewell

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Grenville Johnson and their first grandchild, Mathew Ryan, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Taylor of Cannington.

Miss Lynn Taylor of Toronto and Mr. Scott Taylor of Otterville were guests at the Davies-Kost wedding in St. Basil's Church, Toronto, on Saturday. Other guests attending from Otterville were Mr. and Mrs. Glenford Hagerman, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Avey and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hilliker of Tillsonburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Seymour of England are guests with the latter's sister, Mrs. Arthur Davies and Mr. Davies.

Boyd Little, retiring principal of Otterville Public School, was honored on Sunday afternoon. More than 150 former students and friends gathered in the gymnasium of the school.

Mr. Little had stated his intention to just quietly slip away but the community wouldn't let him. In his remarks at the end of the presentation Mr. Little said that he was glad that he had not been allowed to follow his plan.

Former principal of Norwich Public School, Bill Hogg, on behalf of the Oxford County Board of Education, praised Mr. Little as a member of an endangered and vanishing species. Mr. Hogg said that Mr. Little was one of the number of dedicated teachers and principals who

survived the one-room school and made the transition to the modern system of county wide educational boards and attendant red tape.

On behalf of the community Peter Davis, a member of Mr. Little's last Grade 8 class, presented Mr. Little with a sum of money. Peter Davis' mother, Barbara Davis, was a member of Mr. Little's first Grade 8 class in Otterville.

A presentation was also made by former teacher Mrs. Muriel Mann. Funds left in Otterville after the closing of the local I.O.D.E. chapter were used to buy a book for a deserving student every June. Mrs. Mann used the remainder of the money to buy a book, which she presented to Mr. Little.



Boyd Little, principal of Otterville Public School for 31 years, accepts a gift Sunday afternoon from graduates and friends in the community. Presenting the gift was Peter Davis, a Grade 8 student this year, son of Barbara Davis, who was a student in Mr. Little's first Grade 8 class.

Outstanding Otterville students



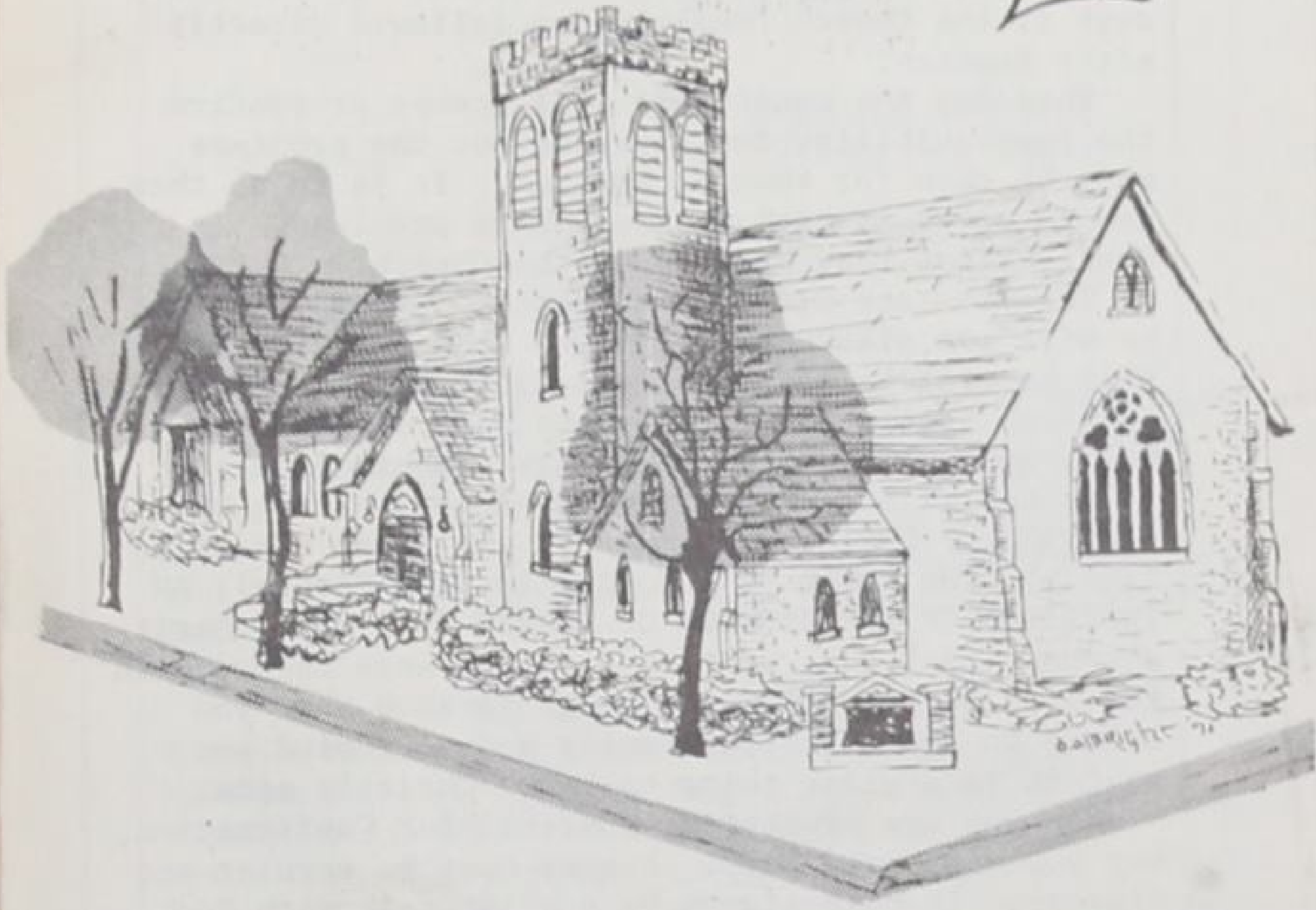
Flanking Otterville Public School students Rhonda Treffry, Debbie Lohmann and Peter Davis are, on the left, Principal Boyd Little and, on the right, Grade Eight teacher Jack Rosien. The girl and boy with the highest general proficiency for the school year, academic and athletic, have their names placed on a

plaque. Also a book, Lore and Legends of Long Point, courtesy of a fund established by the I.O.D.E., was presented to a girl and boy student for general proficiency. Rhonda Treffry was awarded a position on the plaque, Debbie Lohmann a book, and Peter Davis a position on the plaque and a book.

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THE SERVICES

8:00 a.m. — HOLY COMMUNION

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— MORNING PRAYER — 2nd and 4th Sundays

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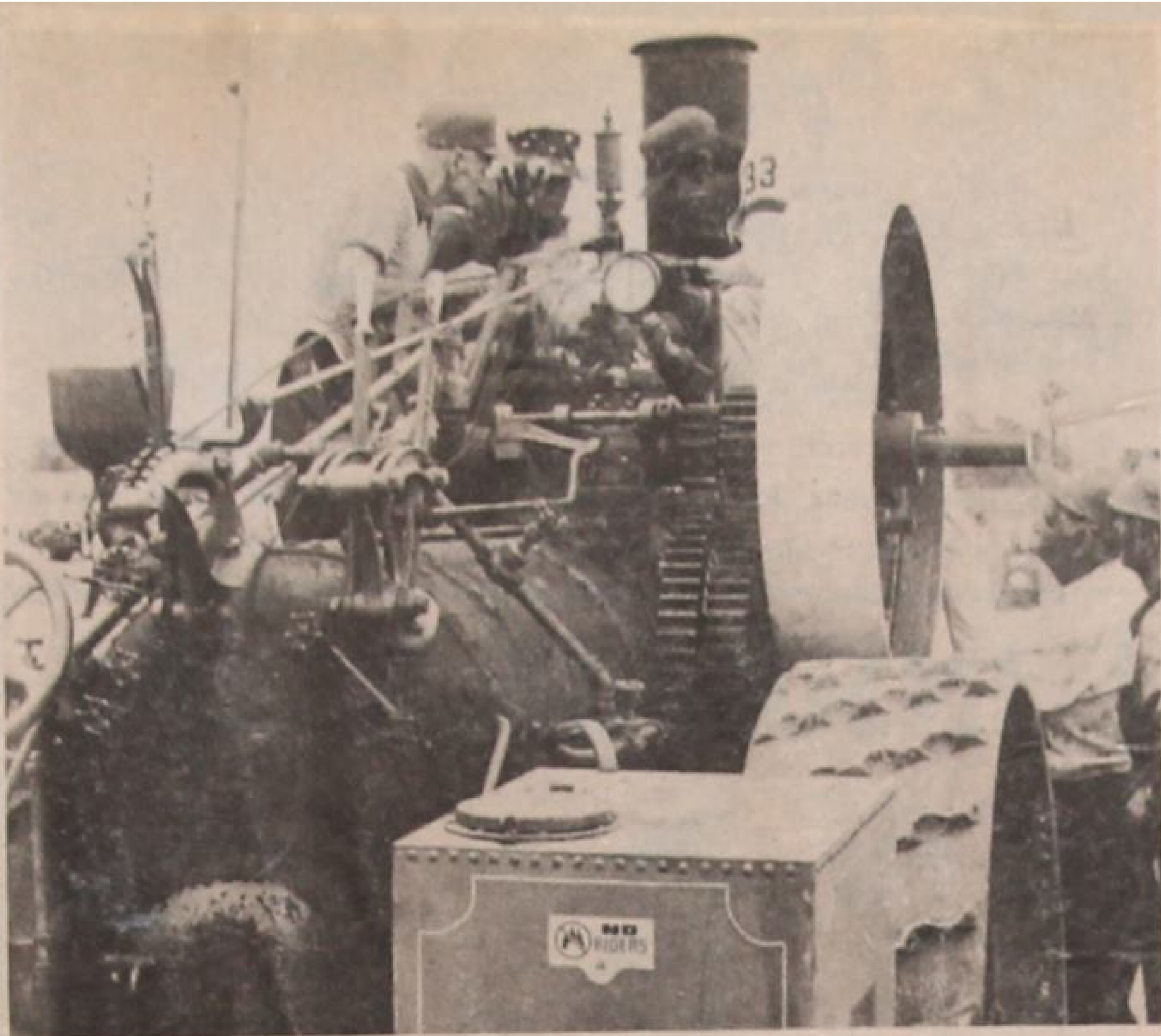
Rev. Canon J. E. Gordon Houghton, L.th.



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The department heads of Tillsonburg Hospital treated the members of the Hospital Auxiliary to a strawberry social in appreciation for their contributions to the hospital. The get-together, which about 130 auxiliary members attended, was organized by Peggy Hotchkiss (left), staff health. Helping themselves to the "goodies" are (left to right) Peggy Hotchkiss;

Alex McKinnon, chief technologist; Neil Tull, assistant executive director of the hospital; Mandy Vanderispaille, director of housekeeping; Vera Anderson, director of nursing services; Marty Klein, director of admitting and ambulance services, and Jim Spencer, executive director of the hospital.



Philip Seymour, an English visitor, Bill McMullen of Otterville and Rick Singer of RR 2, Tillsonburg confer over the innards of a 1916 16 horsepower Waterloo steam engine, owned by Harold and Rick Singer of Tillsonburg.



Keith Tupper, born in Norwich, and his wife, of Woodstock, visited the Historical Show on the weekend. Lyle Cassidy explains the finer points of his models of old farm equipment, made of wood, metal and leather.

Norwich Historical Show

Gate Pass

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Otterville

Former industrial centre slows down

By PEGGIE GRAHAM
Sentinel-Review staff writer
OTTERVILLE—The population of this small village in the southern half of Oxford County depends on which sign you read.

According to a sign off Highway 59 welcoming visitors to Otterville the population is 820. However, the official sign says 740. But no matter which is right the village is not growing much now and, according to one long-time resident, is not likely to expand much in the future.

Allan Jardine came to Otterville in 1929 and has been here ever since. He was the township bylaw officer and building inspector before his retirement.

Jardine said the future of the village doesn't look good as there is no building going on. A recent subdivision application for the village was turned down because regulations stipulated no house could be built within 1,000 feet of a well.

The village has a plenty of water for the future but no sewage system.

Earl King, another retired village resident, said Otterville has more water than there is in Norwich.

Main Street doesn't present a picture of progress. Instead, it's a quiet, tree-lined avenue with few businesses.

There's a grocery and dry goods store, a bank, an insurance agency, hardware and appliance store but not much else. Along with these there are about five empty buildings where businesses were located at one time.

Jardine and King said most village residents shop either in Tillsonburg or Woodstock and buy only odds and ends in the village.

Otterville has other businesses which still operate. The largest is Powell's, a subsidiary of a North Carolina firm which manufactures tobacco equipment. Some plant workers come from the village but many are outsiders, Jardine and King said, some from Norwich, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Brantford and other centres.

In addition, there is a machine shop, lumber yard, auto repair shop and the oldest operating grist mill in Ontario.

Lorne Treffry owns and operates the Otterville feed mill which was built in 1845. A lifetime resident of the village he farmed before taking over the mill from his father 26 years ago. The mill is entirely run by water power and grinds all types of grains for local farmers.

Treffry said he is not too busy now. Most area farmers have converted to cash crops such as tobacco, corn and soybeans.

Treffry operates the mill on his own but will be the last of his family to do so. His son works elsewhere and will not be taking over on his father's retirement.

Otterville may not be growing now but, in the past, here were many large businesses in operation.

Wilfrid Addison, sitting on his shaded porch, reflected on some of the changes he has seen during his 77 years in the village.

Addison was born in a house right across Main Street from the one he now owns. His father was a cabinet-maker and later funeral director in Otterville and Addison himself took over the business in 1940 after helping his father to run it for a number of years.

In 1944 he remodelled an old hotel and it became a furniture store. He operated the store and the funeral business until 1964 when he sold the funeral business.

He traded the furniture

there was a pump factory, a shoe company which at one time employed about 100 people and a casket company.

But, Addison said, with Powell's and the large number of tobacco farms in the area, tobacco is "the lifeblood of the town now".

Otterville is a quiet, sleepy sort of place where kids can ride their skateboards up Main Street after spending an afternoon swimming in the pool at the Community Park.

Addison recalls swimming in Otter Creek as a boy but said the water is too polluted now.

At one time the village had

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story property for his present home in 1970, something he says he could never do now with the price of land.

Addison said the first carpet sweeper in Canada was made by the Otterville Manufacturing Co. owned by Fred Bullock. The company manufactured Eatonia brand carpet sweepers for Eatons and, Addison said, he and his wife still have one of the machines. It is still working, too.

Bullock sold the patent and that was the end of that business. Later the company made piano stools, floats for fish nets and folding chairs with some products being shipped as far away as India. As well as these companies

several churches including a Quaker meeting house and a small frame building which housed a black congregation. No traces remain of either now.

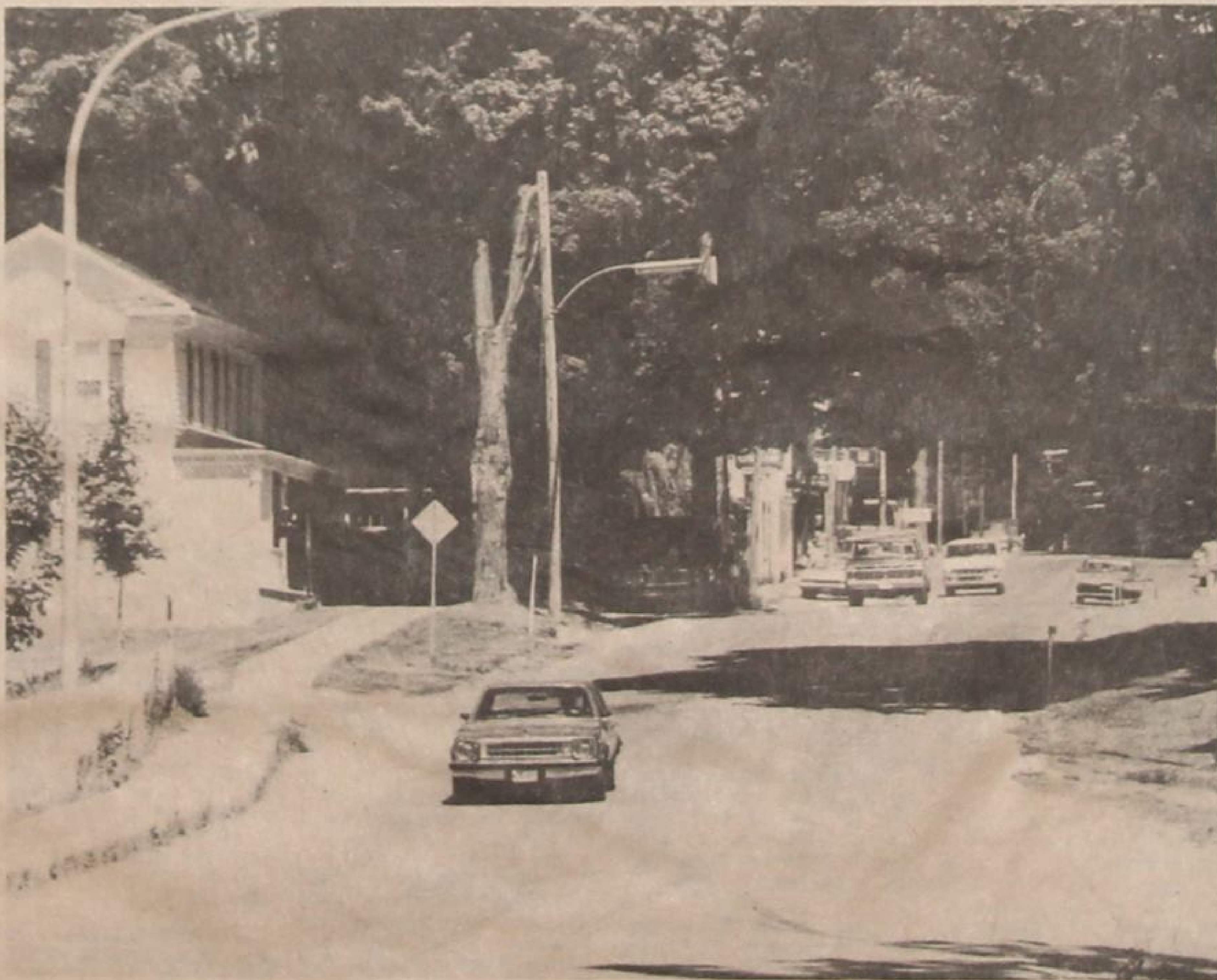
St. John's Anglican Church, located a block off Main Street, is an impressive stone structure which was built in the early part of this century. Addison said the building of the church and its next door rectory was paid for by an Otterville native, Henry Bullock, a millionaire who lived in Chicago.

St. John's benefactor suffered a reverse in fortunes later on and died a poor man. He and his wife are buried in the Otterville Cemetery.



—Staff photo

Vandals may have changed the label but the contents remained the same on the town water tower in Otterville. The label has been there for more than a year.



—Staff photo

Otterville is far from a bustling centre now but it has a strong industrial background.

READERS WRITE

Otterville article criticized by merchant

Dear Sir:

The article by Peggie Graham on Page 3 of your Tuesday, July 18 issue does not reflect competent, accurate, reporting.

Otterville is NOT slowing down and in fact shows considerable signs of continuing a healthy growth. I find it quite surprising that a newspaper of your quality should deliberately advertise questionable faults while ignoring the stable aspects of our community.

In actual fact there are approximately 18 businesses within the town limits all doing well and showing no signs of leaving. If the residents are shopping elsewhere as your article indicates these businesses would not be remaining established and building for the future.

In addition, last year six new houses were built with an additional five planned or in the process of being completed this year. That certainly does not indicate stagnancy to me.

Your reporter neglected to point out the features of our

community park here in town or the fact that the township offices are located in Otterville, thus making Otterville the municipal centre of the township.

No reference was made to the existence of a public school, active senior citizens group, community involved Lions Club members, and a successful minor ball program.

The picture of the Main Street was quite good, but if the picture of the water tower is a sample of the creativity and imagination of your staff then The Sentinel-Review is in more trouble than you think Otterville is. However, if the picture of the water tower was meant as a joke, it was in bad taste.

Residents of Otterville who have seen your article are greatly offended by this biased report. People who do not live here but know Otterville will no doubt classify the article as bad reporting.

I will certainly not subscribe to your newspaper nor will I advertise in it and I will go out of my way to encourage my fellow citizens to do the same.

Yours truly,
Collin L. Cope

Research needed: Otterville resident

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading your July 18th issue telling your readers of the "quiet sleepy" place Otterville is at present and may I suggest your staff writer do more research than visiting with the men on the corner.

There are:

-two grocery stores which do a thriving business; one hardware store—one hardware and appliance store; one appliance store; one funeral home—above are all on Main Street.

Three churches; Three cemeteries; two machine shops; two plumbing and heating businesses; two electrical repair businesses; one construction company; two auto repair businesses; one car wash; one sales auction with sales of new and used furniture held every Wednesday and sometimes twice a week—filled to a capacity crowd; two doctors who make house calls; one large public school with portable classrooms in yard; Woodlawn Adult Community Centre for senior citizens, historical society and other meetings; Powell's employ approximately 70 and as high as 125 in summer; one of the most natural parks (no vehicles allowed) in the territory with two ball diamonds, swimming and wading pools, dance pavillion, barbecue, booth, fenced-in-tennis court and childrens play area; one post office; one town hall for meetings, dances etc; Norwich Township municipal offices; volunteer fire department—one of the best around, consisting of one chief, one deputy chief and 17 firemen.

Maybe the growth of the village is not increasing but you seldom see in the want ads, employees required for local farmers.

Regional government certainly does not help a smaller village grow and if you read the council meetings write-ups you will see the reason for decreases in home buildings.

I must return your issue of the paper to its purchaser and otherwise it would be placed in one of my 12 scrapbooks of local history, along with a quotation in order that in future years it would indicate that Otterville is not so sleepy.

Yours truly,
Catherine Mann (Mrs.)
North Street,
Otterville.

20 YEARS AGO

July 17, 1958

Recently a new fire hall was built in Otterville on the same site as the old fire hall. The Fire Department is operated under the management of the Village Trustees. The Volunteer Fire Department is formed by the following: Sr. Chief - William McMullen; Assistant Chief - William A. McMullen; Captain - Frank Finch; Firemen - Lorne Treffry, Ross Dow, Augustus DeWachter, Don Broad, George Douma, George W. Davis, John E. Dairs, Gerald Treffry, Fred Pearce and Bert Hill

has been pastor of the Norwich Baptist Church since October, 1951 has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Georgetown, Ontario.

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Members of the Village Works Board are busy painting new parking lines on Main Street. The Public Utilities Staff is painting the lamp standards on Main Street also.

In the final scheduled game of the South Oxford league, Norwich was defeated by Otterville 6-5. Arch McDougall and Bob Smith shared pitching duties for Otterville, and Dave Moore pitched for Norwich. Dick Kozuck was top man at bat for the Otters while John Bruce and Gord Bucholtz hit well for the home club with two singles each.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

July 1948

Otterville - A ten-point buck deer had to be shot after it had broken its leg when it ran into a car in front of Sam Logan's home, north of Teeterville.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

July 1948

Otterville - Fire completely destroyed the three-roomed home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beemer at Otterville.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

July 1958

The Commons has given approval to a bill designed to simplify the corporate organization of the CPR. Nine wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Tillsonburg Lake Erie and Pacific, are absorbed under the measure.

Otterville - Alfred E. Moore celebrated his 88th birthday marked by a birthday dinner. Mr. Moore delights in building posts of cobblestones and the past two years has built many fine looking barbecues.



Nine Junior Rangers in co-operation with the Long Point Region Conservation Authority constructed an erosion control structure near Milldale recently. At the request of land owner Ken Mann, the team installed 18 tons of crushed rock and gabion baskets. The LPRCA will advise on erosion problems of private land owners at their request and will split the cost of some erosion control projects.

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THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

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July 29, 1943 ✓

The Junior Farmers and Junior Farmerettes will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Banbury, Zenda, on July 30. Dr. McRostie, Professor of Field Husbandry, O.A.C., Guelph, will be present to discuss the experimental plot located on the Banbury farm.

An Otterville area tobacco farmer recently made a trip to Delhi to pick up a few hands to help out on his farm, but returned to his farm unaccompanied. According to our report, the various groups gathered at the main intersections of the village were approached and asked if they work. The answer was "Yes - for \$8 per day!" The farmer stated that he could not possibly afford to meet this demand. For the past two weeks, the streets of Delhi have been gradually assuming a more and more cosmopolitan

Water powered mill can still compete

By PEGGIE GRAHAM

Sentinel-Review staff writer

OTTERVILLE—Lorne Treffry has been grinding grain at the Otterville Feed Mill for the past 27 years at what he thinks is the oldest operating grist mill in Ontario.

The mill is a familiar landmark to area residents, located off the main street on the outskirts of town.

And so it should be. It has been there since 1845.

Visitors to the town stop in regularly just to look around or chat with the owner. School children visit by the busload to get a glimpse of the mill, run entirely by water power.

The property consists of about 42 acres, 39 of which are on the north side of the road. The mill sits on a two- to three-acre parcel on the south side.

A canal diverted from the Otter River runs under the road and into a pond above the mill. A flume runs underground from the pond to drive the wheel and operate the machinery.

Originally a flour mill, the mill was taken over by Treffry's father in the 1940's after it had been idle for some years. Treffry began operating the business in March, 1952 and has been working at it ever since.

These days he's on his own, working from about 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. five days a week and half-days Saturday.

When he first took over his son, Murray, worked with him and they were kept busy all day and sometimes into the night. But eight-to-10 years ago the feed mill business slowed down.

Treffry said the first factor to affect local farmers was the growing of tobacco, but the biggest drop was when most area farmers switched to cash crops such as corn and soybeans.

Almost all of his customers now come from the Little Lake area east of Otterville.

He grinds all kinds of grain but mostly oats and corn for pig feeds. Customers bring in their own grain but Treffry keeps some on hand in case the farmers run out around harvest time. He used to buy all his own and when he first took over the mill the entire top floor was used for grain storage.

Treffry, 65, said he would sell the mill if he

could get a good offer. Retirement will come about "some day when I get the time".

He said an operation such as his can compete with the larger companies because their overhead costs are far greater. He feels a younger man could do well with the business.

The one problem is that most farmers in bigger operations want all their feed in bulk loads instead of the bags which he sells.

The two-storied pine wood building is much as it was in the past. Treffry said he hasn't had to do much maintenance work on the structure with the exception of painting the metal roof every three or four years.

As well as housing the working equipment of the trade the mill also has some antique flour sifting machinery and various old tools and objects.

When his father took over the operation the only equipment in the mill was an old grinder. He added a mixer and Treffry put in a corn grinder in 1954 to grind both corn and cobs for cattle feed. Four elevators are in use to fill the bags with the finished product. The owner said he hasn't run into many problems yet finding replacement parts when necessary for some of the older equipment.

The mill is quiet, apart from the occasional traffic sounds about the only noises to be heard are the birds singing and the steady hum of the wheels turning the pulleys. And the inevitable cats—all colors and sizes. Treffry isn't sure how many there are—come from town to laze around on the worn wooden floors in the afternoon sunshine or hunt up the mice usually found around mills.

Treffry isn't sure how much longer he'll run the mill. He doesn't mind working on his own, citing the one big advantage "nobody orders me around."

He's there summer and winter. Last year, he closed up for one week to take a holiday, before that he would only take long weekends as time off.

This year he says he'll probably close up again for a week.

After that, it'll be business as usual—grinding, mixing and filling bags with feed—and perhaps he will think about retiring, some day that is when he gets a spare minute.



Lorne Treffry, owner of the Otterville Feed Mill, fills a grain cart with oats in what he believes

to be the oldest operating grist mill in Ontario.

—Staff photo

Township fire mapping ready for fall

A six-digit code for each building in Norwich Township is the key to a \$12,000 fire mapping program which goes into effect October 1, Program Coordinator Rodney Taylor said Wednesday.

The code numbers are derived from Department of Energy, Mines and Resources survey maps. The location of a particular home is found within a grid on the map. Each grid line is numbered both east and north, east always preceding north. A grid bounded by lines 25 and 66 is known as grid 25-66, 25 being the east number and 66 the north number.

Since the maps used date back to 1973, the project workers did a visual survey of the entire township to

determine the location of new buildings and the demolition of others.

Work on the project started in May, with Mr. Taylor and his staff of five university students surveying the township and delivering code stickers to each building.

The township was divided into four fire areas, and further divided into 41 blocks consisting of 10 to 15 grids each. The Otterville area takes in blocks 1 to 16, the Norwich area is 17 to 19, the Burgessville area is 20 to 32, and Oxford Centre is 33 to 41.

Work sheets were made for each of the 542 grids and surveyors travelled to each grid to check existing homes or places of business, add new ones and delete any which no longer exist.

From the survey work sheets a card for each residence and business was prepared, indicating the grid number, location number, fire department responding, resident's name, access road, direction relative to road, concession and lot number.

Once the system is in effect, in the event of fire the person calling the fire department will give his six-digit number. Using the numbers in the code, a grid divider placed on the applicable grid on the fire map will accurately pinpoint the location of the fire within one-tenth of a kilometer or 328 feet. Pulling the card with the appropriate grid numbers on it will give the background information on the building.

Boundaries for Otterville, Burgessville and Springford have been set and these communities will have street names and numbers which will be used to report a fire. Distribution of numbers to homes and businesses in these areas is expected to commence the first week of August, Mr. Taylor said.

Mr. Taylor and five university students worked on the project from May until July 1, when two left to take jobs elsewhere. All the students are from Norwich Township, one of the requirements of the job.

The Township of Norwich is footing the entire \$12,000 bill for the project, because it is ineligible for government grants, Mr. Taylor said.

Pettigrew urges action on water freeze

BY MURRAY MOORE

Councillor Robert Pettigrew urged Norwich Council to take some action over the question of water supply in Otterville, during Monday's council meeting. "We've got Otterville sewed up unless we make a move," he told council.

A letter from the provincial Ministry of the Environment, reporting the results of testing of Otterville's two wells earlier this year, and brought to council's attention in March, recommended that no development be allowed within 1000 feet of Otterville's main well, located at the corner of Mill and Buchan Streets.

Council decided Monday that the first step towards a solution was to arrange for a series of test holes to be drilled in the area. The purpose of the drilling would be to determine the accuracy of the 1000 foot figure.

Employees from the Ministry of the Environment

will come to oversee the drilling but the cost falls on the township. In March there was a developer with an interest in developing the Adlington property south of Mill Street, who might have been willing to pay all or part of the cost, but Mr. Adlington has since lost interest in any development of his property.

A figure of \$2,000 as the cost of the test well drilling was put forward at a previous meeting of council.

Mr. Pettigrew pushed the subject before council, remarking that it had gone into "limbo." He said, "We should make a move on it because we're holding people up." He said that council gives large sums of money to the local skating club and similar groups, and that there should be some action on an important issue such as water for Otterville.

Ward 2 Councillor Norm Lusk questioned whether the direction should not come from the Public Utilities Commission rather than

council, water being a special concern of the PUC.

In answer to a question as to whether Otterville would pay the whole cost of drilling

test holes, Mayor Ken Peers said that, under the newly restructured PUC, the whole area would pay the cost of test well drilling in Ot-

terville.

Ward 1 Councillor Carl Beal pointed out that "we have to protect the water" supply and that it was now

protected by the 1000 foot cone set by the Ministry of the Environment, within which no building should take place.

It was noted by council that within that 1000 foot circle were a number of empty lots, whose value has been severely lowered by the present ban on development.

Applicants for Norwich fire chief interviewed

Two applicants for the position of Norwich Township fire chief were interviewed at the June 20 meeting of the protection to persons and property committee, said a committee report accepted at the June 27 meeting of township council.

The appointment of a new fire chief to replace Chief William McMullen Jr. has been delayed until the completion of a fire protection survey for the township by the Fire Marshall's office. Field work for the survey has been completed.

Also in the protection report, a fee of \$500 per year to Oxford Communications to provide answering service for fire emergency calls of the Oxford Centre Fire Station was pronounced acceptable by the municipality.

Discussions are to take place between Township Clerk Robert Watkins and the solicitor for Oxford Communications regarding the preparation of a letter to absolve Oxford Communications and its employees of all liability in respect to fire emergency calls routed through the answering service.

A \$15 fee for plumbing inspection will be added to the cost of a building permit for all buildings in the township that require plumbing, council decided in approving the report of the public works committee.

At present, plumbing inspection is done in Norwich Township only at the request of the mortgage-holder of a building. Public works employee Howard Payne is to be supplied with a letter of identification for purposes of entering premises to inspect plumbing facilities.

The accounts of the recreation and community services committee, agriculture committee and finance and administration were given approval by council.

Letters to the Editor

Sir:

Your July 19th article entitled "Ruling damaging property values" should have been called "Blessing in Disguise." The difference depending on whose point of view one wishes to examine. How many owners of land affected by the Ministry of the Environment ruling want to sell their open spaces for building lots? Buyers have tried for years to no avail. Obviously we're not an avaricious group as implied by the article.

Are we envied by those with postage stamp yards which require high board fences to create privacy? Where else could one enjoy the serenity of country life coupled with the conveniences of village facilities?

Are we not environmentalists providing homes for nature's creatures? Small animals and various species of birds not usually observed within the confines of a village are

attracted to the trees and shrubs.

The value of our land may have increased because of its desirability.

Is the real essence of the problem a get rich scheme gone sour? Do we really need a subdivision? Where is the industry or industrial space required to support

such an adventure?

I question the considerable inconvenience experienced by some Otterville residents. What inconvenience? Neighbourhood activities appear to be going on as usual.

Maybe the old adage "necessity is the Mother of invention" should be applied to the farming problem. Why

follow the customary? Be creative! I'm sure there are many productive crops which do not require 1700 lbs. of fertilizer to the acre. Maybe Mr. Addlington could develop his horse hobby. In this case he'd be able to haul the fertilizer away.

To the avaricious group money is everything. To a nature lover the necessities of life and the freedom of space are sufficient.

Mae Leonard
Otterville

Otterville birthday was well celebrated

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Reginald Nobbs and her daughter, Mrs. Orval Treanor of Brampton, were birthday dinner guests with their aunt, Miss Gladys Nobbs, Otterville.

Miss Nobbs, 84 years young, was the recipient of the delicious birthday dinner by her nieces. She also received flowers, cards carrying birthday greetings, as well as telephone calls from neighbours and friends.

On Friday following, Miss Nobbs was again feted on this happy occasion and was a guest with her friend, Mrs. Harold Waring.

Following the noonday meal, Gladys was taken completely by surprise as her close neighbours and friends dropped in on a surprise visit, to extend personal greetings. The afternoon was spent in a real good visit which followed with the hostess being

assisted by her sister, Mrs. Robert English of Norwich, in serving birthday cake and ice cream and a cup of tea.

"Happy Birthday" was sung. Gladys kindly expressed appreciation to the visitors who came, to the hostess for the party, and for making it a complete surprise.

In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jull of Norwich called on Mrs. Waring and Miss Nobbs to extend their best wishes.

Present for the party were Miss Gladys Nobbs, Mrs. Donald Gorrie, Mrs. Annie Gillas, Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mrs. Lillie Hill, Mrs. Robert English, Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Nelson Gleason, and Mrs. Oliver Clifford.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy King have returned to their home after spending a week in Northern Ontario on vacation.

DINNER TICKET

Twenty-First Annual Meeting

OF THE ONTARIO BLUE-CURED TOBACCO GROWERS' MARKETING BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th, 1978

In the Tillsonburg Tobacco Auction Exchange

Meeting 4:00 o'clock

Dinner 7:00 o'clock

OttervilleMrs. Harold Waring
Otterville 879-4453

OTTERVILLE (C) - An enjoyable time was spent in the community hall on June 25th when Mr. and Mrs. Edward White were honoured by their families in honour of their 25th wedding anniversary. Many out-of-town guests, including several musicians, were present making the celebration a happy event which was shared by all.

Miss Marion Fugard of Seattle, Washington, and her aunt, Mrs. Nellie Robins of Aylmer, and Jack Calvert of Dorchester spent Thursday with the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Mrs. Harold Waring was a recent visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stover at Rock's Mills.

Mrs. Wilfrid Addison was a guest at the I.O.D.E. tea in Simcoe on Tuesday when they entertained the wearers of the Silver Cross.

Members of the United Church Women, numbering nineteen, with three visitors enjoyed a day at Backus Mill, convened by Mrs. Melville Beecroft, Mrs. Irvin Gehring, Mrs. Boyd Little and Mrs. Donald Neale, members of the executive. The day was perfect and an ideal spot for the noonday meal. After a social time, members toured the surroundings taking in the museum and antiques. This was the last meeting until September.

Mrs. Glen Avey has returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clark in New York City.

Members of the Leisure Club met at Woodlawn Centre Wednesday afternoon. Plans were made for the next meeting, to take the form of a picnic at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole at Turkey Point. Members are asked to take their dishes and cutlery. Lunch will be provided. Meet at the community hall at 1:15 for transportation. Games were enjoyed throughout the afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Cole was hostess at the Cole cottage at Turkey Point to members of the Past Noble Grands Club of Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330. Meeting and social time was held Monday evening, attended by 12 members when a potluck supper was enjoyed. This will be the last meeting until September. Mrs. Max Avey, president, presented Mrs. Cole with a potted croton on behalf of the members, and Mrs. Cole thanked the group for their kindness.

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft, who have returned to their home after spending a month in the USSR, shared their holiday with a geographical talk by Mrs. Beecroft. This was followed with pictures which were taken by Mr. Beecroft.

The evening was held in the school room of the United Church and was filled to capacity, which showed the interests of the people in the village and district.

An offering was taken which will stimulate the funds in putting a new roof on the kitchen part of the school room.

Appreciation was given to the travellers in sharing the most interesting talk, their experiences, and the fine art in photography.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, of the Otterville United Church, who have retired from office of being treasurer of the church for the past 20 years, were honoured in the church service when they were addressed by Rev. Earl Moore and called to the front where Mr. Irvin Gehring, chairman of the Board of Stewards, expressed appreciation to Max and Edith and presented them with a Barometer in gold finish on a plaque bearing their names and office which they held.

The gift was accompanied with a card and signed by members of the congregation.

Mrs. Joyce Hanson of Otterville is the acting treasurer of the church filling the vacancy and retirement of Mr. and Mrs. Avey.

Otterville girls honoured

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Young Mothers of the congregation of St. John's Church convened the evening for the Sunday School picnic which was held

on the lovely church lawn on Wednesday evening.

The supper was enjoyed and was served in smorgasbord style which featured two prettily decorated cakes which were made by Mrs. Derwood Spicer.

The evening honoured two scholars of the school, Kerie and Carla Spicer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne

Spicer, who are moving to their new home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Classmates Heather Picknell and Jodi Smith presented each with a miniature Gold Cross. Each thanked the members of the Sunday School for the lovely supper and the gifts which they would treasure along with happy memories of Otterville.

Club entertained at Turkey Point

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Otterville Leisure Club were delightfully entertained at the Cole cottage at Turkey Point last Wednesday afternoon.

Thirty members with drivers Colin Robinson, Max Avey, Sam Lucas, Ivan Leitch and Annie Pritchard made possible the large attendance.

The members chose to sit in the shade while Mrs. Pritchard convened the sports program. She had the members display their skill in dropping clothes pins in a milk bottle. Of five pins Ivan Leitch won the prize dropping four in the bottle. Several other contests were enjoyed.

On behalf of the Club, Mrs. Pettigrew presented Fred and Violet with a desk set in honour of their 45th wedding anniversary, which they had recently celebrated, and birthday greetings were sung to Violet whose birthday was on that day. Members signed anniversary greeting cards for Mr. and Mrs. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. James Squance, the latter having celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

President Colin Robinson and treasurer Fred Cole

were the efficient cooks. The members enjoyed hamburgs and hot dogs made by these men.

A lovely decorated cake made by Mrs. Fred Moore, and ice cream, was another delicious item on the menu with tea and coffee.

Before dispersing, all sang "O Canada" and the president announced the Woodlawn Centre would be closed for July and August for meetings. Anyone wishing to go for recreation could get the key from Mrs. Beecroft. Meetings will resume Wednesday, September 6th.

All thanked Mr. and Mrs. Cole for the delightful afternoon.

Insurance award to Fred Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson returned home on Monday night, July 10th following a two-week most enjoyable trip to the West Coast.

In Vancouver they at-

tended the Mutual Life of Canada Insurance convention, where Mr. Thompson was presented with a gold desk clock for achieving the second plateau as Master Life Underwriter. The qualifications are based on

volume of annual premium income of policies sold and still in force.

They visited friends in Delta and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cranc,

former residents of Norwich, of Oliver B.C.

On Friday, July 7th, they attended the Calgary Stampede parade and the chuck wagon races and on Saturday they attended the rodeo competitions.

Prior to returning home, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Armstrong of Edmonton. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Anne McMullen of Otterville.

Speak vows at Springford

Two standards of pink gladioli, carnations and white mums, with a three tier candelabra set in pink carnations and white mums, decorated Springford Baptist Church on Saturday, July 29, 1978, at 4 p.m. for the wedding of Jeanette Elaine Wilcox and Timothy Ross Adlington. Rev. G. Brown officiated and Mrs. Cheryl Kempton of Norwich was organist. Soloist, Mr. Glen Patterson of Thunder Bay, sang I Will, Wedding Song and If I Could Save Time in a Bottle.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilcox of RR 1, Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Adlington of RR 3, Tillsonburg.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of polyester jersey, styled on empire lines with chantilly lace applied on the scoop neck bodice and on the full length sleeves. She wore a matching headpiece of chantilly lace and seed pearls which held a two-tiered, cathedral length train and carried long stemmed red roses and carnations, interspersed with baby's breath and greenery.

Miss Sharon Wilcox, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a floor-length gown of ice green polyester crepe, styled with a stand-up collar tying to a soft bow at the neck, and a cumberbund waist over a full skirt with mid calf lace insertion. She wore a tinted mint green carnation with baby's breath in her hair and carried a long stemmed pink carnations and white pom pom mums interspersed

with baby's breath and greenery.

Gowned identically were the bridesmaids, Miss Wendy Kester of RR 1, Zephyr, Miss Peggy Kipp of RR 1, Brownsville, Mrs. Cheryl Fawcett of Bramalea, Mrs. Lorene Grummett of RR 3, Tillsonburg, all friends of the bride, and Miss Deb Adlington of RR 3, Tillsonburg, sister of the groom.

Mr. Jon Adlington, of RR 3, Tillsonburg, brother of the groom, was best man and ushers were Mr. Mike Blagden of St. Thomas, Mr. Doug Sturch of Stoney Creek, Mr. Al Sturch of Hamilton, Mr. Dean Louttit of Fergus, all friends of the groom, and Mr. Carl Wilcox of RR 1, Otterville, brother of the bride.

Reception for 175 guests was held at the Tillsonburg Community Centre. Bride's table featured a four-tiered cake with a corsage of silk pink and white roses on top, and matching roses decorating the body of the cake. Guests' tables were decorated with arrangements of pink and

mauve violets in glass goblets.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a floor-length gown of pink polyester crepe with a V-neck to the gathered bodice of seed pearls, and butterfly chiffon sleeves, worn with a white gardenia corsage. Groom's mother chose a floor-length gown of sea foam green polyester crepe, styled with rounded gathered neckline, open cape sleeves, and full skirt, worn with a white gardenia corsage.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were silver ID bracelets; groom's gifts were wooden hand carved jewellery boxes.

For a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride chose an orange ice three-tiered sundress of mid calf length worn with beige lace shawl, matching beige accessories and a corsage of orange sweetheart roses.

Guests were present from Guelph, Rodney, Toronto, Kitchener and London.

Mr. and Mrs. Adlington are residing at 30 Central Parkway, Mississauga.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY BELAEN
(Heirloom Photography, Brantford)

Teeterville Church scene for wedding

Teeterville United Church was the setting for the recent marriage of Judy Clement and Larry Belaen with Rev. Frederick Eatock officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wray Clement of Teeterville and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Belaen of Otterville.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white polyester jersey, trimmed with Venice lace and seed pearls with gently gathered skirt sweeping into a chapel train.

Friend of the bride, Mrs. Susan Knox of Woodstock, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Jane Loncke of Tillsonburg, and sisters of the bride, Jean and Jane Clement. Flower girl was Christine Clement, niece of the bride. They all wore aqua gowns with capes accented with embroidered orange, yellow and green flowers.

Brother of the groom, Gary Belaen, was groomsmen and ushers were Rick

DeDecker, Terry Lumsden and Gerald Clement, brother of the bride. Ring-bearer was Jeffery Clement, nephew of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a peach polyester gown with lace jacket. Bridegroom's mother chose a mint chiffon gown with matching cape.

Soloist, Mrs. Sylvia Craggs, sang The Wedding Hymn, Walk Hand In Hand and We've Only Just Begun, with Mrs. Sandra MacDonald at the organ.

A reception for 450 was held at the German Hall, Delhi, with Allan Smith of Norwich as master of ceremonies.

For a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride chose a two-piece, ivory, polyester dress worn with brown accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Belaen now reside at RR 1, Otterville.

Bridal showers were given by Mrs. Mae Winkler, and Mrs. Lucille Edwards; Jane Loncke; Mrs. Marian Hyde and Mrs. Paul Kelcey; Otter Dorchester Mutual Insurance Company staff; and Mrs. Susan Knox.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY ROSS ADLINGTON
(Photo by Seldon)

Lee-Smith vows said at Otterville United



MR. AND MRS. ALLAN KEITH LEE
(Fred's Photography, Tillsonburg)

OTTERVILLE (C) - Two baskets of white mums, white gladioli and pink carnations decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, July 22, 1978, at 7 p.m. for the wedding of Debra Ann Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Smith, Dover St., Otterville, and Allan Keith Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lee, Main St., Otterville. Rev. E.A. Moore officiated and organist was Betty Walther. Soloist, Carolyn Irving of Norwich, friend of the bride, sang Turn Around and Day by Day during the service.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white chiffon, with train, round neckline trimmed with lace, lace cap sleeves, and a chiffon cape, waist length at the back and elbow length at the front. The cape was trimmed with lace at the neck. For her headdress the bride wore a white flower with three wide ribbons attached trimmed in beads and lace, and she carried white carnations, white stephanotis and pink carnations.

Shelley Oliver of Otterville, friend of the bride, was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Deb Shearer, of RR 2, Otterville, friend of the bride, Cheryl Smith, Darlene Smith, Marty Smith, all of Otterville, sisters of the bride, with Laurie Steinhoff of Woodstock, niece of the groom, as junior

bridesmaid. They wore identical, floor-length gowns of pink polyester with spaghetti straps and chiffon capes trimmed with matching lace at the neck. They wore pink roses in their hair and carried white carnations, pink sweetheart roses and blue stephanotis.

Randall Pettigrew of RR 2, Otterville, friend of the groom, was bestman, and ushers were Frank Kozuch of Burgessville, Larry Hill of Otterville, Lorne Osborne of Simcoe, Paul Leach of Tillsonburg, all friends of the groom, with Scott Lee of Otterville, brother of the groom, as junior usher.

Reception for 250 guests was held at the Norwich Community Centre. Bride's table featured a wedding cake and the bridal bouquets.

Bride's mother chose a long, pale green, sleeveless polyester knit gown with V-neck, worn with a chiffon cape and corsage of peach roses. Groom's mother chose a deep blue, floor-length gown with belted waist, jewel neckline, and cape attached at the back, worn with a corsage of matching blue orchids.

Bride's gifts to her attendants were crystal necklaces; groom's gifts were T-shirts inscribed "Al and Deb's Wedding Party, 22-07-78."

For a wedding trip to Huntsville, the bride chose a peach color dress with pleated skirt and wrap around bodice, worn with beige accessories and a corsage of peach roses with beige trim.

Guests were present from Woodstock, Hamilton, Windsor, Simcoe, London, St. Thomas, Kitchener, Tillsonburg and Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are residing on Mill St., Otterville.

OVERHEAD BRIDGE

The Editor: The final command has been given and this means that I will no longer belong to the world of today. Instead, I shall be added to the other memories of the by-gones. Many years ago, I was very stately. I am the important link which connects North Broadway to South Broadway. I am the dividing line between the business section and the residential section of the town.

Many, many years ago I would allow horses and buggies, and in later years cars, busses and trucks to cross. Young lovers and families would wander across my path. I would give them permission to stand and commune with nature or watch the trains shunt back and forth.

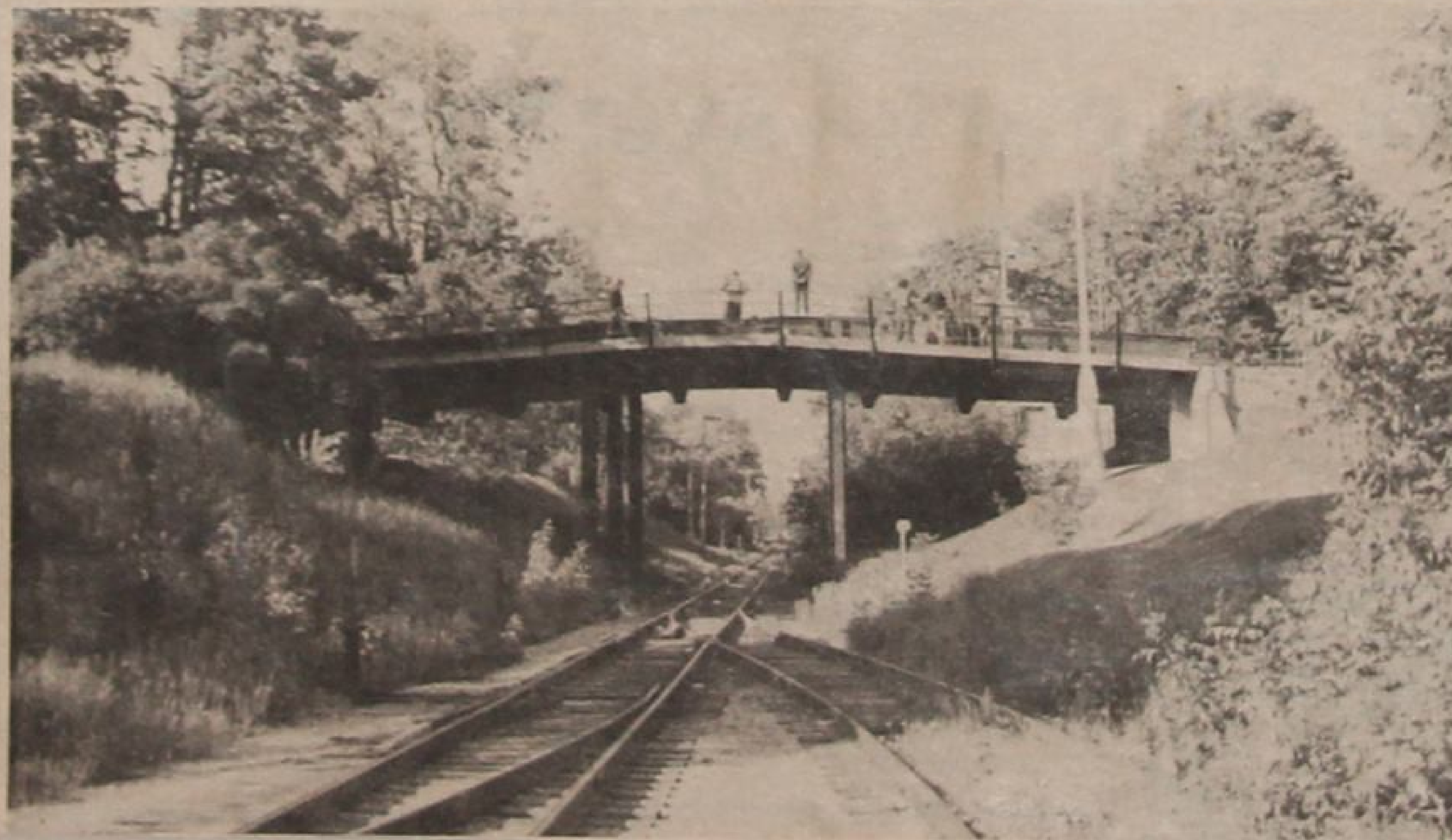
Then changes began to take place. I was beginning to show signs of middle age and then gradually on to old age. I overheard someone say that if one stood on the tracks

and gazed upwards, he would see daylight thru many of the cracks and open spaces. I tried to keep up appearances. Once in awhile someone would splash a bit of white paint or a dab of cement here and there, but old age would keep showing up. How many times have I stood and prayed that if I couldn't be removed, at least let me stand with dignity.

Today my prayers have been answered. Tho my days have been numbered, I have no regrets. I have performed my duty and outlived my services. Isn't itironical.... that I have had to live throughout the years with a tattle-tale-grey exterior? When I leave I will exit in golden splendor from head to toe with dignity. I do hope that someone will take a picture and then all of you who have used me can compare the before and after..

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Fare Thee Well
The Overhead Bridge.



The overhead bridge is coming down

For a few more days the overhead railway bridge on Broadway will effectively hide the northern residential district from Tillsonburg's downtown commercial area. But the situation hasn't long to last. The operative date for commencement of removal of the bridge is Aug. 15, ending a quarter century of planning for the structure's demise.

Fire destroys factory struck by lightning

July 26/1978

The former Tip Top Cannery building in Otterville was struck by lightning and burned Wednesday evening.

Lightning struck about 8:30 p.m. during the thunderstorm that swept over the area, and dense smoke invaded the auction rooms nearby, where a sale was in progress. Wind shifted after about 15 minutes, however, blowing smoke away from the auction.

The two-storey canning factory was destroyed, but firemen were able to save the adjacent storage building.

The plant, last used for fertilizer production, was closed down.

The canning factory was opened in 1925, and was rebuilt after a fire in 1935. It closed

about 12 years ago. In later years it was used in an operation trying to reclaim scrap copper from electrical wiring, and manufacture of fertilizer from manure. The operation closed down two years ago.

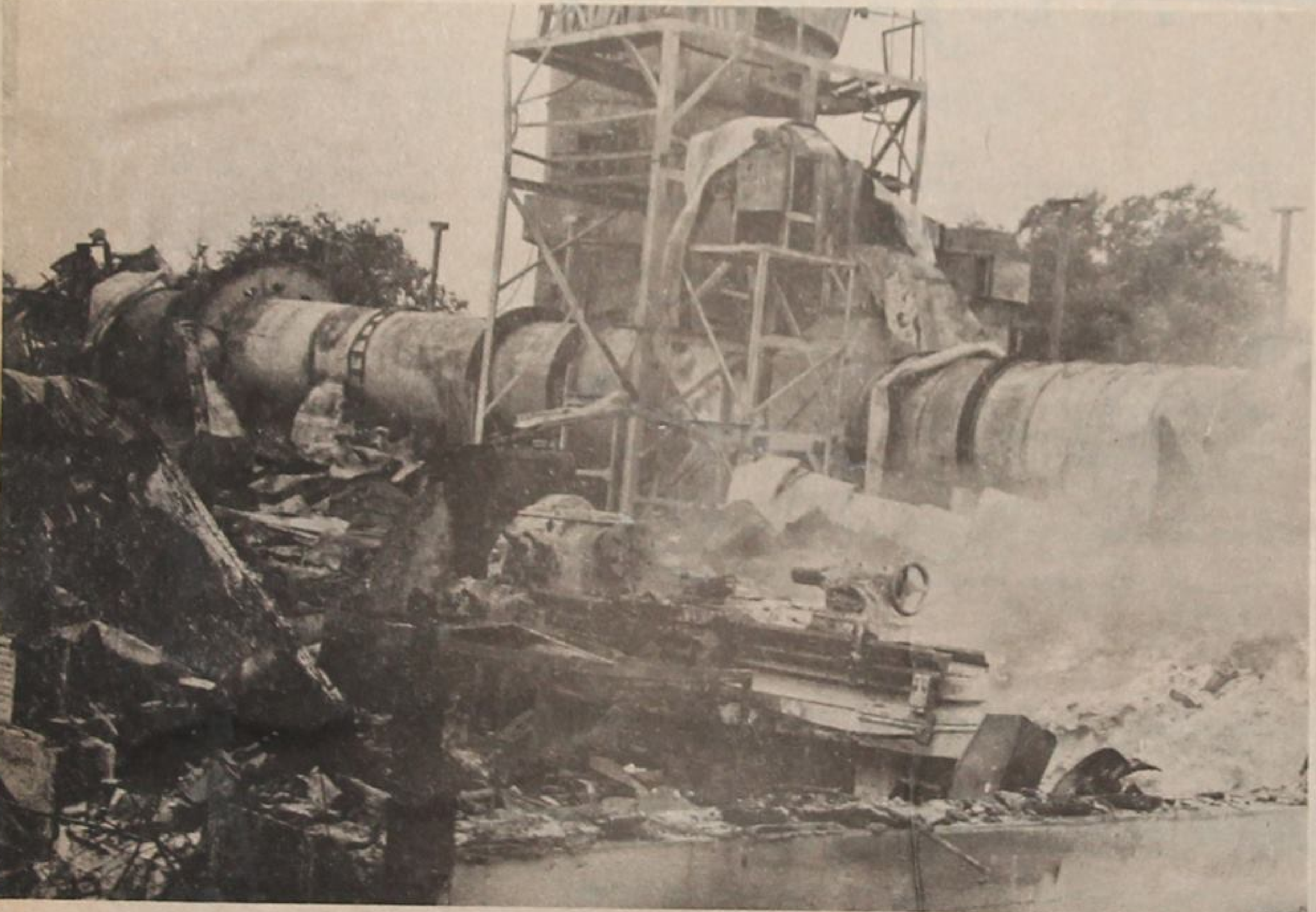
The black smoke from the thickly-asphalted wood floors was visible for miles. Fire loss has not yet been assessed.

Norfolk fire Station number one responded to a house fire in Wyecombe at 9:20 Wednesday night.

The brick home of Terrance Petley was struck by lightning, igniting an interior wall in the upstairs bedroom.

Though the fire was quickly extinguished by firemen, damage is estimated at \$1,500.

Firemen returned to the hall at 10:20.



Ruins of the former canning factory at Otterville still smouldered Thursday after the two-storey structure was destroyed by fire.

Lightning struck the unused building about 8:30 p.m. during the thunderstorm that swept through the area.



Staff, students and alumni of Innis College, University of Toronto, pitched in Thursday to salvage and rebuild what they can of the barn at Innisfree Farm near Otterville. The barn came down in the January 26 blizzard, and in the rubble, the volunteers found the letters that will take their place on the barn when it's rebuilt. Innis College is named for Harold

Innis, a reputed Canadian scholar in economic and communications theory. Innisfree Farm is now owned by the Harold Innis Foundation and is used for seminars, retreats and conferences, according to Art Wood, assistant to the principal of the college, shown here on the extreme right of the bottom row.

Archives now open



Archivist Mrs. Johan Hopkins stands before an outdated filing cabinet in the Norwich Archives building. The filing cabinet now contains glass negatives, portraits of local people and groups. The identities of some of the people captured in the old glassware unknown.

The Norwich Archives wants to hear from you. Americans, says archivist Mrs. Johan Hopkins, show more interest in local history than local residents or Canadians in the other provinces.

Inquiries come from as far away as Alabama and California, Mrs. Hopkins said. She said that inquiries have come from nearly every American state. People request information about ancestors who lived in the area in the early 1800s and who apparently were part of a mass exodus from this area to Michigan and other American states in the 1840s. One letter on file mentioned the year 1846. Another came from an American with Lossings and Wests as ancestors, ancestors who came to this area from Pennsylvania in 1817 and left in 1844.

The Norwich Archives are kept in the former township municipal building on Stover Street North, next to the Norwich and District Historical Society, is a separate institution from the Historical Museum. The Archives moved into the old municipal building last year.

Mrs. Hopkins is particularly interested in acquiring material, donated or on loan, which deals with the history of the area, of local families and businesses.

She would also like to see the collection of geneological histories expanded. The geneological collection now includes items such as a hardbound book detailing

the line of descent of Andrew Cohoe and his family, and a record of the Clement family, a sheet of paper pasted on the front of a piece of board eight inches by eight inches in size.

A wealth of material from before the turn of the century to the end of the thirties is in the files of the Archives, much of it still in the partly-organized stage.

Included in the boxes and folders and cabinets are Council minutes from 1918 to 1930, photographs, with and without identification, glass negatives, old minute books from local organizations, old medical books donated during the Historical Show by a man whose father was a doctor in Chatham, the contents of which Mrs. Hopkins described as "just fascinating reading," railroad books and timetables, account books and ledgers, and a collection of books about agriculture which belonged to Wilfred Bishop.

Otterville Personals

Mrs. Harold Waring, Otterville 877-4455

OTTERVILLE (C) — Mrs. Vera Gorrie of Woodstock spent a couple of days with her son, Pastor Donald and Mrs. Gorrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freeland, Mrs. Harold Waring, Mr. and Mrs. Ross McMillen, and Mrs. Alice De Graeve attended the Jull family gathering held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike O'Neil and daughters at Chatham on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Provot and son, Craig, of Cobourg were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Mrs. Winnie Leach spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Muriel Huffman at Teeterville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bair and children Anne, Ricky and Brian of Royal Oak, Mich., were recent guests with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee and daughter Kathy have returned to their home after spending a holiday at Haliburton. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. John Williams of Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keller of Glen Meyer and their friends from West Germany, and Mrs. Katie Mics of Otterville were recent guests with Mrs. Harold Waring.

Miss Eva Deveney and Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey spent Thursday with Miss Maude Hussey in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lee and son Scott have returned to their home after spending a holiday with Mrs. Lee's mother, Mrs. Alice Spinks at Eau Claire and also several days at Sudbury. Mr. Lee and Scott enjoyed fishing trips while there.

Miss Marion Priddle and Mrs. Ernest Morley of Tillsonburg, Mrs. George Lowe of Norwich, Mrs. Dave Kennedy and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison of Otterville spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. W.T. Collie at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addison of Simcoe to Warton to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Turner and sons on Wednesday.

Mrs. Harold Durkee and Kathy are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. John Williams in Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durkee and family, residents of John St. N., have purchased a

home at RR 2, Otterville, and moved there last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock Addison and Mrs. Helen Everett of Simcoe were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Addison.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Provot and son Craig of Cobourg were recent guests with Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey.

Mrs. Winnie Leach spent the weekend with her sister Mrs. Muriel Hoffman at Teeterville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bair and children Anne, Ricky and Brian of Royal Oak, Michigan were recent guests with their uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison.

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A Friday afternoon accident at the intersection of Highway 59 and Oxford Road 19 caused about \$550 damage. *AUG 11/18*

Kenneth Mann, Otterville, northbound on the highway, was starting a right turn onto the county road when a northbound car attempted to pass him on the right. The car, driven by Richard M. Woodside, of Simcoe, was in collision with the right rear of the Mann car.

Mann was charged with making an improper turn.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

August 5, 1943

With raspberries retailing at 28 to 30 cents a pint box, numerous energetic citizens have been making good wages by going out into the rural districts to pick wild berries along the fence rows and in slashings.

It took 14 innings for the Newark softball team to defeat Otterville in the best game yet played in the floodlight series Monday night. There was a large crowd of fans who watched the game with keen interest up till midnight. Batteries: Newark - Longworth, Smith and Ryder; Otterville - Wilson and Ackland.

The Otterville bakeshop operated by James Spicer and his sons has been doing double duty the past two

Mr. and Mrs. Mrvin Wade of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nobbs of St. Catharines called at the home of Miss Gladys Nobbs recently.

Miss Eva Deveney and Mrs. Harold Waring spent last weekend with Miss Maude Hussey in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee and Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew, all members of the Otterville Leisure Club, accompanied members of the "Gay 60-90" members of the Tillsonburg Senior Citizens to Haliburton where they spent several days at Deer Lodge. They returned to their homes on Monday and all report an enjoyable holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Everson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hughes and children Rennie and Kelly of Detroit, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Martin and family Scott and Jennifer of Warren, Mich., were all recent guests with Miss Edna Furlong.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Gorrie attended the funeral service on Wednesday of Mrs. Gorrie's mother, the late Mrs. Hannah Margaret Longworth of Caressant

Care Nursing Home, Woodstock. The late Mrs. Longworth passed away on Monday in her 98th year. Burial was in Hillview Cemetery, Woodstock. Pastor Donald Gorrie was in charge of the service.

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, August 17th with five members present.

President Mrs. Violet Howse opened the meeting with prayer and all repeated "The Lord's Prayer."

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Durkee. Correspondence was dealt with and filed. The treasurer, Mrs. Winnie McMullen, gave her report.

Under new business, the members of the Guild will be catering to a 50th wedding anniversary dinner on Oct. 1st.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 14th in the Parish Hall. The president closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Howse served lunch and a social time was enjoyed. *Aug 1978*

35 YEARS AGO

August 26, 1943

Early last week a shipment of 1943 turnips was made from the Innerkip district, and we understand that the price paid was 50 cents per bushel. Many of our readers will remember when 10 cents per bushel was considered a good price for this root. However, it is now commercialized, and is one of the leading vegetable dishes served at high-class

eating places.

It has come to the attention of the Park Committee of the village council, that teenage boys are causing damage at Clark's Park on John Street. The slide installed by the Lions Club has been partially put out of business, while the band shell has come in for some rough usage. Unless this malicious damage to property is discontinued at once, it will be necessary to hail the offenders into court.

The Otterville Community Hall was filled Tuesday evening when many of the villagers as well as the tobacco workers in the community, enjoyed seeing the first talking picture which has been shown here for some time. The show featured "The Girl of the Limberlost" as well as a coloured cartoon for the kiddies, and a comedy and war pictures.

20 YEARS AGO

August 28, 1958

The Norwich girls put

TEN YEARS AGO

August 1968

Otterville - The grand opening on Saturday of the Flower and Gift Shop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Almost was a decided success.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 1958

Springford — A number of children from Toronto and smaller places are visiting in the village and enjoying free pony rides at the home of Ken and Bobbie Rice.

Otterville — Fred Pearce of Otterville has been permanently employed by the South Norwich Fire Department, in order to insure maximum fire protection during the harvest season for tobacco growers in the township.

20 YEARS AGO

August 21, 1958

A telephone has been installed in the Otterville Fire Hall on Dover Street. Mr. Fred Pearce has been engaged to be at the hall at all times, especially during the tobacco harvest.

There is a reasonable certainty that in the near future South Norwich township will erect a memorial tablet to the men who served overseas during the great war.

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their Hagersville opponents out of the playoffs by defeating them 30-8 last night. Sharon Furlong pitched a good game for the home club and also drove out two home runs. Others hitting well for Norwich were Joyce Bucholtz, Denise Barrett and Ruth Wist.

Norwich's first Sidewalk Day was enthusiastically supported by the merchants and the general public. The fun started early in the day as the merchants set up their tables outside. A great variety of goods were offered at really bargain prices. Hourly draws for prizes donated by the merchants were made throughout the afternoon. The day concluded with a street dance.

Ten Otterville boys attended Camp Bimini, north of Embro. These were Bryan Taylor, Gordon Hill, Gary Rachar, Bob Rachar, John and Wayne Beecroft, Paul Hanson, Merlin Howse, Wayne Spicer and Neil Davies.

weeks, since fire destroyed the bakeshop operated by Wilfred and Mervyn Spicer at Delhi. Since that time the four Spicer brothers have had a busy time trying to do the baking in Otterville for both Otterville and Delhi stores and their routes.

Three cars were damaged Friday evening in a crash at Washington Grand Ave. and Bidwell St.

Kimberly Cain, 17, driving a passenger vehicle, was southbound on Bidwell St. Russell Kirby, 17, of RR 4, Aylmer, eastbound on Washington Grand, failed to observe a stop sign and was struck by the first car. The Kirby pickup spun out and struck a utility pole.

The Cain vehicle jumped the curb, struck a chain link fence and a stop sign, then collided with a parked car owned by Carl Howse, of Otterville.

Damage estimates were \$3,500 to the Cain car; \$4,000 to the Kirby pickup and \$800 to the parked vehicle.

No injuries were reported in the accident which occurred at 7:15 p.m.

Otterville's 133-year-old mill

By Rose Simone
Staff Writer

OTTERVILLE — The days when most farms had cattle and women baked bread with flour ground from home grown wheat are long gone. But the memories, even the tradition is being preserved in Otterville.

Lorne Treffry operates an old flour mill as a grist mill in the community. The mill was originally built in 1845, by one of Otterville's founders, Edward Bullock.

It was purchased in 1943 by Mr. Treffry's father, Ernest, and has been in the Treffry family ever since.

Mr. Treffry says the mill changed somewhat when it became primarily a grist mill. The second floor of the building once used for storing grain, flour rollers has been replaced by grain grinders, corn shellers and oat rollers.

But some things never change. The mill is one of the few remaining industries

which operates on water power. It sits on a scenic section of Big Otter Creek in the community which provides the mill with the 50 horsepower drive it needs.

The turning of a wheel opens the gates of a turbine, which Mr. Treffry says, has been at the mill for 75 years. When the turbine is opened, a commotion begins and the machinery immediately begins turning.

Mr. Treffry still has remnants of the days when flour was made at the mill. These include several old fashioned silk screens used to sift the flour, wooden augers and pulleys and a smut and separating machine built in 1869.

Much of the old machinery was made by small local companies. They flourished during an age when it was more profitable to operate a small company to supply local farmers' needs than a large conglomerate which ships

machinery parts over long distances.

Among that machinery is a flour mixer, built in Woodstock in 1900, a tool used to make picket fences made in London in 1900 and an old water wheel uncovered near the property of the mill when a new bridge was built several years ago. The wheel, dated 1875 was made in Picton.

Today, Mr. Treffry says he has about 30 regular farmers who bring him their grain to be turned into feed. But business is slower now than during the days when a large part of the area was devoted to raising cattle.

Mr. Treffry says when he and his father worked the mill, it would be so busy that work began at 7 a.m. and continued long into the night.

He says the mill runs year round, mixing farmers' grain with concentrates and putting it in bags.

Mr. Treffry says in the past three persons were needed to run the mill but now he operates it himself. He's trying to preserve it in its original form as much as possible for historical interests.



A turn of the wheel is all that's needed to get Lorne Treffry's mill going. The wheel opens the gates in the turbine and powered by fast flowing water, the machinery starts rolling. (News-Record Photo)

In fact, the mill itself has already taken on the role of a museum to some extent. Historical society members in the area have been storing artifacts at the mill since the community's museum closed down several years ago.

Mr. Treffry says he feels the building, the oldest in the area, should be kept up and preserved in the future.

Many groups have toured the mill, he says and during one tour last April, more than 1,000 visited the building.



This old mill in Otterville, now run by Lorne Treffry, still runs on water power, the way it did when it was built in the 1800's. Mr. Treffry now operates the old flour mill as a grist mill making feed grain for cattle. (News-Record Photo)



Besides the old machinery that belonged to the mill, Lorne Treffry has many other artifacts that attract museum lovers. One of them includes this old water wheel that was uncovered when a new bridge was built in Otterville. (News-Record Photo)

Otterville sights



Main Street is Otterville's commercial centre. Parking is no problem along the broad thoroughfare that bisects the village.



Treffry's Mill, located on the south side of the Main Street in Otterville and now owned by Lorne Treffry, was built in 1854 by John Bullock. It is one of the few commercial mills in Canada that is water powered.



The entrance to Otterville's park is guarded by this now silent sentry.



BURT NEALE

Former clerk of the Town of Tillsonburg, Burt Neale of 40 Wolf St., Tillsonburg, passed away on Wednesday, August 30, 1978, at Victoria Hospital, London, following a lengthy illness, in his 76th year.

He was born in Woodstock, May 30, 1903, son of the late Park Burt Neale and the former Elizabeth Smith.

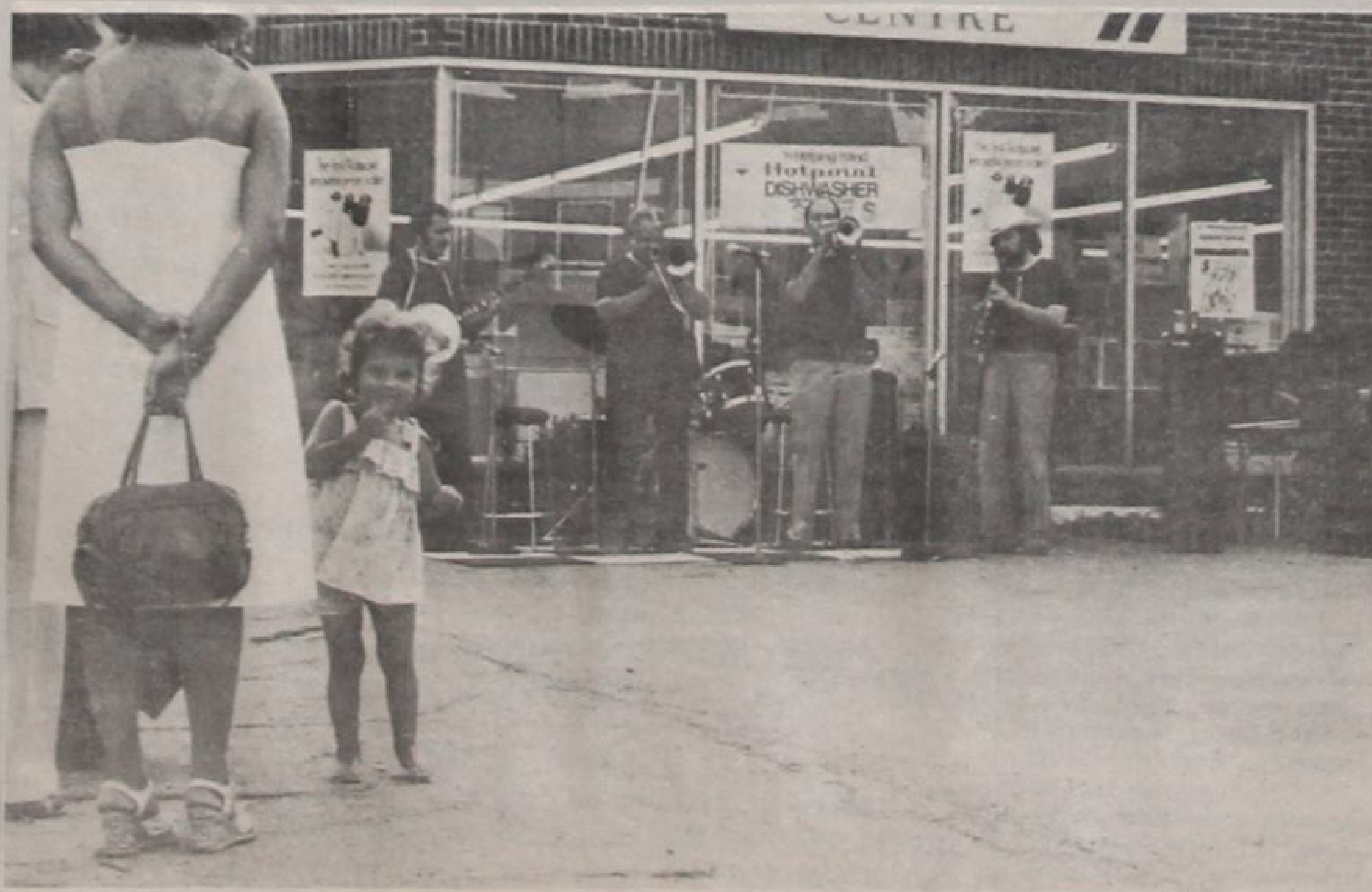
Mr. Neale was appointed deputy clerk for the town of Tillsonburg in January, 1940, and was made town clerk in February, 1953, retiring in December, 1968. He was made a Justice of the Peace in 1957. Mr. Neale was also secretary of the parks board for 20 years, secretary of the secondary school board for seven years, former treasurer of the arena board, secretary-treasurer of the Tillsonburg cemetery board for a number of years; a member of King Hiram Lodge No. 78, AF & AM and a member of St. Pauls United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marvell Dennis; six sons, Max Neale of Haileybury, Jack Neale of Tillsonburg, Richard Neale of Burlington, Leonard Neale of Tillsonburg, Donald Neale of Otterville and Grant Neale of Tillsonburg; 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Rested at the H.D. Verhoeve Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, where service was held in the chapel on Friday, September 1, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Lawrence E. Mason of Tillsonburg.

Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Donations to the Tillsonburg District Hospital Memorial Trust Fund would be greatly appreciated by the family.



Two year old Monica Dillon, of Carmen Street, was not entirely entranced by the music of Ed White and his Dixieland Jazz Band. Ed White and his band per-

formed Friday evening in the courtyard of the Town and Farm Centre.

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The quiet pool at the base of Otterville Dam is a popular spot with local fishermen.

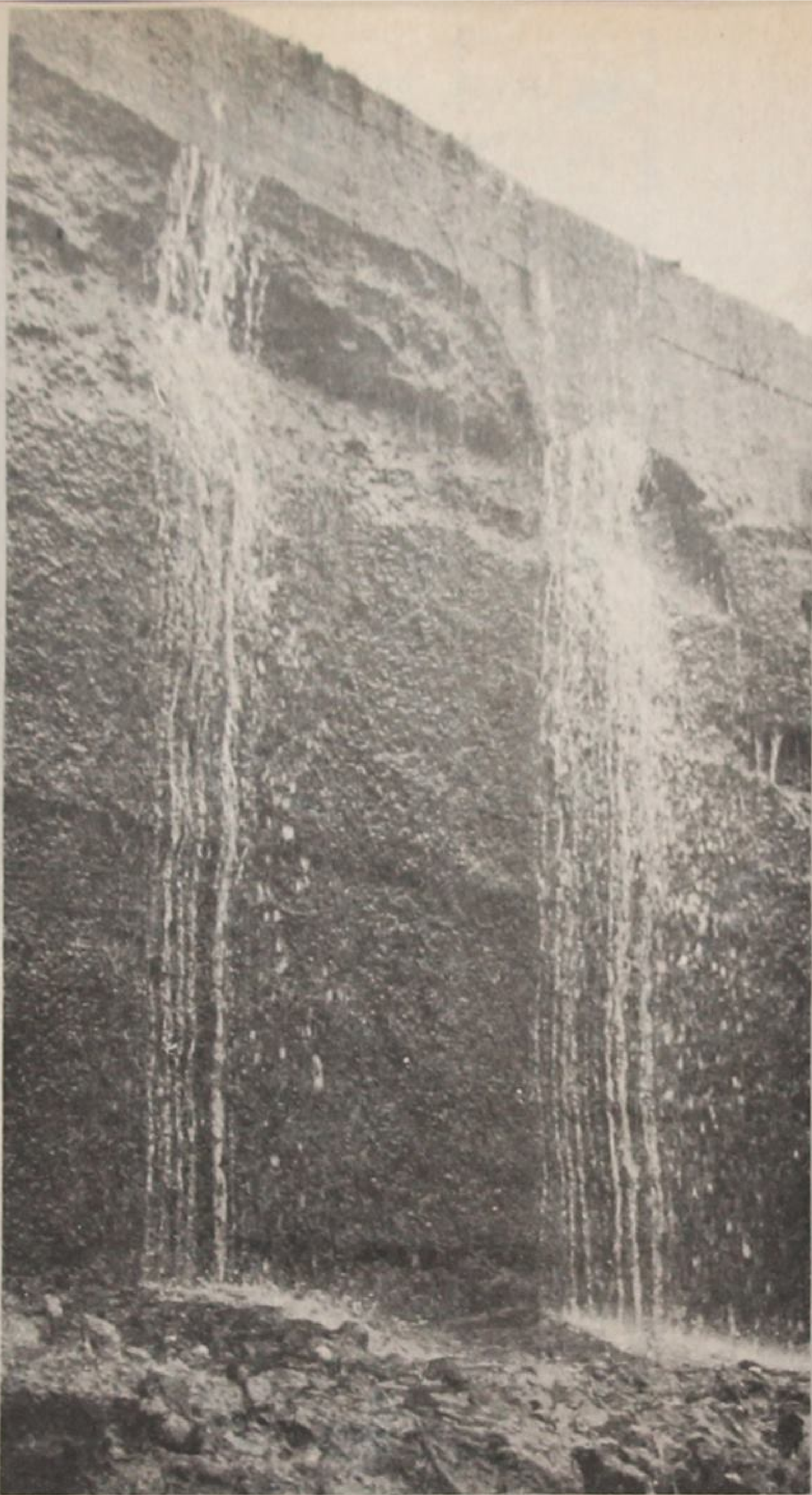


Artist at work

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Woodstock Bureau

Joanne Pettigrew of Springford studies the Norwich home of Peter and Donna Hager which she is sketching for a book on historic homes.



Years of contraction and expansion during the changing seasons have caused some sections of the Otterville Dam to crumble.

Fifteen quarantined in homes

Report of polio sends 1400 to Legion clinic

Norwich last week was the centre of the first outbreak of polio in Oxford County in over 20 years. A special polio clinic was held in the Norwich Legion Hall on Thur-

sday afternoon and evening. Approximately 1400 people lined up to receive polio medication. Many people spent more than an hour in the lineup.

The public clinic was a reaction to the discovery of three possible polio cases on the previous weekend. The ill individuals are Jim Van Vliet, 14, Cornelius Van

Vliet, 21, and Reick Van Vliet, 24, two resident in Norwich, one in Woodstock and brothers.

The Ontario Ministry of Health announced on

Saturday that Reick Van Vliet, in isolation in Victoria Hospital in London, has type 1 poliomyelitis or paralytic polio. His brother James is also in Victoria Hospital.

The third brother, Cornelius, is under observation at home in Woodstock. Cornelius is considered to have a mild case of non-paralytic polio.

Fifteen Oxford County residents who have had contact with Reick Van Vliet have been quarantined in their homes. Results of tests conducted last week revealed that the 15 are carriers of Type 1 polio virus.

Most if not all of those quarantined are members of the Netherlands Reformed congregation.

None of the 15 infected with the polio virus are showing any symptoms. They will remain under quarantine under the supervision of local health authorities until tests reveal that they can be safely released.

A further 17 people tested who had been in contact with the Van Vliet brothers and their families were found not to be infected, it was announced on Monday.

People attending the Thursday clinic received sugar cubes soaked with .2 millilitres of Sabin vaccine. The immunization was said to take effect almost instantaneously, according to an Oxford County Board of Health employee.



Last Thursday's polio clinic was officially scheduled to close at 7:30 but did not in fact close until 9:45. People coming for vaccination after work

swelled the line to its greatest length around 7 p.m.



The Norwich-Otterville Lions Club presented the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville with a \$1,000 cheque Tuesday in conjunction with Lions World Service Day activities. The cheque will go towards maintenance of the centre. Shown here are,

left to right, Robert Hopkins, Lions treasurer, Ron Kiddie, Lions president; Orris Beveroff, secretary-treasurer of the advisory committee for the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, and Don Pettigrew, Lions secretary. *Sept 178*

GERTRUDE ELIZABETH WALTHER
 Mrs. Frederick Walther of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Saturday, September 16, 1978, in her 89th year.
 She was the former Gertrude Elizabeth Zimmer and was predeceased by her husband in 1962.
 Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mitchell (Helen) Pettigrew of Waterloo, Mrs. Harvey (Marjorie) Armstrong of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Irvin (Jean) Gehring of Otterville and Mrs. Arthur (Pauline) Masecar of Hollywood, Florida; one son, Jack F. Walther of RR 1, Otterville; two sisters, Mrs. LeRoy (Grace) Wilson of Woodingford Lodge, Woodstock, and Mrs.

Charles (Gladys) Lumsden of Norwich; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.
 She was predeceased by a sister, Miss Mary Zimmer and by two brothers, Clarence Zimmer and George Zimmer.
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MRS. GERTRUDE WALTHER
OTTERVILLE (C)
 Funeral service for the late Mrs. Gertrude Walther who passed away on Sept. 16, 1978, was held from the Otterville United Church on Tuesday and was largely attended.

Rev. Earl Moore minister of the church was in charge of the service, and Mrs. William A. McMullen was organist.

Memorial donations were made to the Gideon Bible Society, Canadian Cancer, Ontario Heart Foundation, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital, and the Otterville United Church.

Pallbearers were Gary Walther, John Walther, Leslie Gehring, Fred Pettigrew, Reginald Egilsson and Jerry Porter.

Interment was in the family plot in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

Following the service the relatives and friends were served a cup of tea in the schoolroom of the church by members of the United Church Women.

JAMES KOVACS, SR.
 James Kovacs Sr., of 72 Glendale Dr., Tillsonburg, passed away at his residence on Sunday, September 10, 1978 in his 76th year.

Born in Dombrad Hungary, May 29, 1903, he was a son of the late Alex Kovacs and the former Elizabeth Nagy. He was a retired tobacco farmer. Mr. Kovacs was a member of Calvin Presbyterian Church, Delhi.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Santo; two sons, Jim Kovacs of Tillsonburg and Louis Kovacs of RR 2, Otterville; four grandchildren; and one brother, Steve Kovacs in Hungary.

He was predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

Resting at the H.A. Ostrander and Son Funeral Home where service will be held Wednesday, September 13 at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. L.S. Pandey of Calvip Presbyterian Church, Delhi. Interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

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

Unveiling historical plaque

South Norwich Historical Society held its September meeting in the form of a most interesting tour of the

Henry Sutton House on Quaker Street, North Norwich.

The home, which was built, partly in 1853, and added to in the 1860's, has been owned for the past 13 years by Bill and Joyce Clark, who have been diligently and lovingly restoring it.

The house was in considerable disrepair when they purchased it and the group was most interested in how they proceeded to restore it. It represents a great deal of time and hard work, but the results are most rewarding. The fact that it was originally a rather unique structure, with cobblestone foundation facing, eaves windows with grilles, early fireplace and bake oven, made it all worthwhile. The window trim in the parlor is unusually elaborate, but gracefully trims the huge 20-

paned windows with 10-inch pine in layers, four inches thick.

During lunch, served by the Clarks, Joyce Clark drew the winning ticket on the Historical Society's lovely quilted spread. The lucky winner was M.I. Pearce.

The unveiling of the plaque, commemorating the 1819 Pine St. Friend's Meeting House and also Erbtown, was discussed. The ceremony will take place Oct. 15 at Woodlawn at 2 p.m. The plaque is being erected by the South Norwich Historical Society in conjunction with the Ministry of Culture and Recreation's Heritage administration branch. Anyone knowing of any living descendants of supporting Pine St. Quakers, or of Samuel Erb, please contact William McMullen, Sr., Otterville.

Lions Club projects prove successful

OTTERVILLE (C) - The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held on Monday evening Sept. 25th in the Parish Hall, Otterville.

Lion President Ron Kiddie presided. Grace was said by Lion Eric Mannell. There were 43 in attendance, including one visitor.

Lion Alfred Lossing reported on the Fish Fry of August 26th. The event was very successful. All proceeds are to go to local projects.

Lion Gord Shearer reported on the annual Carnival held on September 15th and 16th. This too was a very successful event, with all profits again going towards community projects.

It was decided that the

1979 Carnival would be held one week earlier, Sept. 7th and 8th. The club is considering ways to improve this event.

Lion Mel Smith reported that a delegation of Lions and Lions wives barbecued chicken for Laidlaw Transport on September 16th.

The annual Octoberfest Dance will be held in the Norwich Community Centre Saturday, Oct. 28th, including dinner and dancing.

Lion Douglas DeMontmorency reported that 692 children had been transported to the Otterville Swimming Pool during the summer.

Numbers were less than in 1977, possibly due to the presence of polio in the area in August.

TEN YEARS AGO

September 1968

Largest building permit issued for August was for an industrial building to Eber Products Ltd. for \$235,000.

Otterville - For the first time in the history of the Otterville Central School, 50 girls and boys were registered for morning and afternoon classes, with the teacher, Miss Mary Ann Silverthorn.

Otterville Leisure Club hosts Burford

OTTERVILLE (C) — Four ladies from Burford were guests at the second meeting of the Otterville Leisure Club held at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon. The ladies' four piece instruments coupled with community singing and a vocal duet started the afternoon off with a merry note.

Another interesting number on the program was the splendid report of the 20th annual Senior Citizens Convention, which was held at Kingston Aug. 15 and 16, given by the club's delegate, Mrs. John Pritchard.

Mrs. Pritchard thanked the Club for naming her as

delegate and stated it was an educational trip in regard to the work of the clubs and also an enjoyable holiday.

Enrolment registered 427 delegates and 163 visitors to the largest convention on record.

A speaker for the New Horizons said that "The Voice" is the strongest in Government and reminded the members to keep an open mind to other people's opinions.

The last day of the Convention was the day for Resolutions. The day started with a banquet to a capacity crowd.

Reports from committees were heard. At present there are 95 Clubs in Ontario which

were organized last year and now 28 new Clubs.

There were many resolutions, which were varied in nature. Health was prominent. In discussion dentures, hearing aids, and eye glasses, which would be included in O.H.I.P., were of prime request.

An invitation was accepted to hold the 1979 Convention in Waterloo. Mr. Van Wagganeua was elected the new president.

There was also much discussion regarding pensions and also reductions of income tax for seniors.

Capital punishment was discussed and it was agreed that it should be reinstated.

President Colin Robinson presided for the meeting and thanked the guests for their

generous selections of music and also to Mrs. Pritchard for the highlights of the Convention.

A social time completed the afternoon.

It was reported at the meeting that Mrs. Fred

Pearce had won the lovely hand-made spread which was drawn for on Monday, Sept. 11 at the meeting of the Otterville Historical Society.

The first meeting for the fall and winter season of the Leisure Club was held at

Woodlawn on Wednesday afternoon and was conducted by the president, Colin Robinson.

The meeting took the form of general business and plans are now underway for the fall bazaar which is

coming up on Nov. 4, 1:30-4 p.m. Many suggestions were discussed, tickets are already made and in the hands of the members on an afghan which will be on display. The meeting closed in the usual way.

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Christ in the kitchen

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their first fall meeting on Tuesday evening at the Parsonage with Mrs. Donald R. Gorrie as hostess. The president Mrs. Bruce Stover presided.

The theme of the meeting was "Christ in the Kitchen" and in her call to worship Mrs. Stover reminded the ladies of God's presence in their homes and the everyday routine of His love,

His strength and His provisions in every need. The roll call was answered with a food mentioned in the Bible.

The theme of "Christ in the Kitchen" was divided into four parts: the table - Mrs. William Butler brought thoughts on its place, its purpose, the provisions, the preparation, and the person who performs the daily duties in a Christ honoring way.

The refrigerator. Mrs.

Fred Hill enlarged on its use for the preservation of our daily food. So we as Christians are preserved by the Holy Spirit and just as the refrigerator is useless if not supplied the electric power, so our lives are useless unless they are supplied with spiritual power by Bible study and prayer.

The washer and the iron. Mrs. Charter Davis reminded us that as Christians we are "washed and kept clean" through faith in Jesus Christ and the hot iron of trials and difficulties take the wrinkles out of our characters.

The clock. Mrs. Kenneth Lee pointed out the necessity of using our time wisely both in the kitchen and everyday in our Christian activities.

The Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Delmer Clinton from I King 17: 8-16 - a woman who served in a unique kitchen to a special person as God provided.

A Missionary offering was taken for Miss Hazel Wrigglesworth, missionary in the Philippines for Wycliffe Translators. Letters were read from Miss Mary Taylor in Nigeria and Helen Bello, native girl in Nigeria, to whom partial support is sent.

Mrs. Wilma Butler offered the missionary prayer.

Following the meeting the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred Hill in serving refreshments. Mrs. Brian Davis gave the courtesy remarks.

Otterville minor ball banquet

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Juvenile Boys - coached by Pierre Pinnoy, Dave Hussey and Richard Picknell.

Team members - Pat and Mike Polfleit, Randy Ryder, Joe Webb, Bill Richardson, Pat Pinnoy, Ron Wells, Eugene Jones, Doug Furlong, Mark Holbrook, Dave Davis, Lynn Gehring and Colby Miller.

Also honoured were the 1977 South Oxford Midget winners, coached by Gary Walters and Keith Howse.

Team members were Chuck Howse, Bill Richardson, Paul Arthur, Don Hussey, Ron Wells, Mike Polfleit, Dave Davis, Doug Furlong, Mark Holbrook, Ken Deroo, Troy Miller.

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Otterville has two new teachers as well as a principal. They are, from the left, Karen McSpadden, Lee Locker (principal), and Jeanette Cooper.

New faces in Otterville

Students at the Otterville Public School have two new teachers as well as a new principal.

The new principal is Lee Locker. Mr. Locker's last school was Harris Heights in Ingersoll. Before he came to

Otterville he had been a vice principal for seven years and an acting principal for part of one year. He has been a teacher for 17 years and has taught Grades 4-8 for a number of years.

Karen McSpadden has

taught in Northern Ontario and in Norfolk County. She is teaching a special education class at Otterville. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam McSpadden of Milldale.

Jeanette Cooper is beginning her teaching

career in Otterville, having graduated from York University. She is teaching Grade 3.

A meet-the-staff night has been tentatively scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, October 4 at the school.

Locker new Otterville principal

The new Principal of Otterville Public School is Lee Locker. Mr. Locker replaces Mr. Boyd Little, who taught for 37 years, 36 years in Oxford County.

Joining permanent staff positions in the fall are John Kupisz, N.D.H.S.; Rozina Kerr, North Norwich; Margaret MacLaren, East Oxford.

Resigning is Andrea Knight, N.D.H.S.

Reappointed teaching staff members in area elementary schools are Deborah Bauer, East Oxford; Dorothy Hill, North Norwich.

Reappointed teaching staff member at N.D.H.S. is Curitis Chasowy.

Joining the teaching staff of Norwich Public School in September is Melanie Carter, previously of Hillcrest.

Transferred are: Douglas Babbey, from Springford to Maple Lane; Wayne Chisholm, from North Norwich to Chapel; Ernie Gyori, from Norwich to Rolph St.; Harvey Jones, from Otterville to Drumbo; Betty Jenkins, from Norwich to Itinerant French; James Leary, from North Norwich to Central Senior; Kathy McPherson, from Otterville to Victoria; Randy Proulx,

from Plattsville to East Oxford; Nancy Springstead, from Princeton to Norwich; Brenda Talbot, from Norwich to Thamesford; Flora Thompson, from Springford to Tillson Avenue; Mary Thompson, from East Oxford to Tavistock; Elora Workman, from half time at Norwich and North Norwich to full time at Norwich; Glenn Worrall, from East Oxford to D.M.S.; and Ken Smith, from C.A.S.S. to N.D.H.S.

Ken Smith is the new Head - Boys Physical Education at N.D.H.S.

New teaching staff in elementary schools are Karen McSpadden, Otterville; David Watts, North Norwich.

OTTERVILLE

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST

Worship service began with Scripture reading and the singing of hymn Praise Him Praise Him with Mrs. Wilma Butler as pianist. Prayer by Pastor Donald Gorrie.

Following the announcements a letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pollard who are missionaries in Kenya.

VanElslander quits Delhi exchange

The Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board Thursday accepted the resignation of Dan VanElslander as assistant manager of the Delhi Auction Exchange.

All permanent employees of the board had been made aware of the vacancy.

The board approved the appointment of Frank Just as new assistant manager on a probationary basis for the 1978 marketing season, effective Sept. 18.

McMULLEN - In loving memory of a dear father, mother and grandparents, Edwin McMullen who passed away Sept. 13, 1945 and Gladys McMullen, who passed away Sept. 4, 1966.

Springford fair time

The first annual Springford Fall Fair begins tomorrow at 11 a.m. with a parade through the streets of Springford.

The fair will feature a full-sized midway, games of chance, and sewing, baking and canning contests.

One of the fair's highlights will come at 3:30 p.m. when Roy Morrison and his aerial comedy acts take to the skies for the benefit of those in attendance at the fair.

The fair, which will be held in the town park, is sponsored by the Springford Area Athletic Club.

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Village

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new owner and operator - Wanda Scott



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Historical archives opened, ribbon cut

BY MURRAY MOORE

The Norwich and District Historical Society Archives Building was officially opened on Saturday afternoon. Mr. A.L. Bushell, the only living charter member of the Norwich Pioneer Society, cut the ribbon. Assisting him in the ceremony, and declaring the building officially open, was Paul M. Moore, a president of the Society in the 1960's.

The Norwich Pioneer Society was started by Miss Stella Mott in 1930, for the purpose of collecting the artifacts and history of the pioneers who had settled in the area 120 years earlier. The Pioneer Society is the fore-runner of the Norwich and District Historical Society.

Mr. George Bishop

presented a framed picture of his father, the late Wilfrid L. Bishop, to Historical Society President Don MacPherson. Mr. MacPherson accepted it on behalf of the Society. The guest speaker, Edward Phelps of the Weldon Library of the University of Western Ontario, paid tribute to the contributions to the collection of local history made by Wilfrid Bishop.

Mr. Phelps praised the Historical Society for the progress which they had achieved in the three or four years since he last visited Norwich. He described the Norwich archival collection as "one of the very few in the province which is adequate at the township level. I can see that the materials are

very well housed and cherished by the community. It gives me great hope that this community will recognize and preserve its history."

Mr. Phelps said later that he thought the contents of the Archives are excellent and that they provide a very good start. He was "quite impressed by the amount of material," especially the extensive collection of photographs.

Mr. Phelps described the early historical writings of Amelia Poldon as "extremely valuable" to present day historians and students. He said that Norwich's Stella Mott had saved much material that would not have been saved otherwise.

Mr. Phelps presented to the Society, on behalf of the

University of Western Ontario, a microfilm of the first minute book of the township of South Norwich. Norwich, he noted, has resumed its original limits after restructuring. In 1856 Norwich township was split in two, became the township of North Norwich and the township of South Norwich. The minute book, dating from 1856, is a record of the meetings of the council of South Norwich, starting with its first meeting.

Oxford Warden, and Township Mayor, Ken Peers, on behalf of the township, presented the Society, in the person of President MacPherson, with a copy of the framed Township of Norwich crest. Mr. Peers told the audience seated in front of the Ar-

chives building that the township and the county appreciates the work that is being done by the Society. "We're glad that this building could be put to such good use," he said, referring to the Archives building.

The Archives building, now owned by the Historical Society and occupied by the Archives, is the former township of Norwich municipal office building. The Historical Society purchased the unoccupied building from the township last year.

Mr. Phelps suggested that the local society should concentrate on collecting material concerning the past

of the township, and said that the collection could become "a valuable local resource." He cautioned the members of the audience to not consider history as ending with the reign of Queen Victoria. As an example of valuable research into recent history, he cited the book written by Wilfrid Bishop. Mr. Bishop's book was a history of the Hog Producer's organization, a group which began in 1942.

In his opening remarks, President MacPherson reviewed the progress made by the Society: the acquisition of the museum in 1970, the building of a barn in 1974, the later addition to the barn, and the purchase of the building for the archives.

"We understand that our archives building contains the best facilities of their kind in Ontario," he said. He listed the assets of the building, a microfilm reader, a photo-copy machine, ample space for storage and two vaults, which will be used for the storage of old records. Mr. MacPherson said that the old council meeting room would be kept much as it was, as a tribute to former township governments.

A tour of the building and viewing of special exhibits followed the conclusion of the formal ceremonies.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JOSEPH MAURICE PINNOY
(Xavier Studio, Aylmer)

Pinnoy-Beattie vows exchanged

Vienna United Church was the setting on Saturday, September 16, 1978, for the wedding of Deborah Ann Beattie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beattie of Vienna, and Robert Joseph Maurice Pinnoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pinnoy of Otterville. Mr. Tom Watson and Rev. Ron Evans officiated before a setting of gladioli and ferns.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of silk organza, enhanced with guipure lace on the bodice, neckline and sleeve. A full, A-line skirt fell from the empire waist to a chapel train, which was encircled by a ruffle. A matching headpiece held her French illusion veil in place and she carried a cascade bouquet of yellow and white daisies, yellow roses and statice.

Lori Webber was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Ria DeBock, Pam Beattie and Brenda Schlieman. They wore floor-length, identical

gowns of yellow, Swiss dot with matching jackets, and carried an arrangement of daisies, mums, cornflowers and statice.

Miss Holly Benwell was flower girl and wore a gown of yellow, Swiss dot and carried daisies, mums, cornflowers and statice in a basket.

Mike Schlieman was best man and ushers were Jim Kreuger, Don Beattie and Pat Pinnoy. Ring bearer was Master Shawn Pinnoy.

Reception was held at the Community Centre, in Vienna.

For her wedding trip the bride wore a burgundy pantsuit, and on their return Mr. and Mrs. Pinnoy are residing in Tillsonburg.

Prior to her wedding, the bride was honored at showers given by Mr. and Mrs. Max Underhill; Mrs. Jean Weaver; Mrs. John Veenstra; and one by the maid of honor and bridesmaids.

Lynn
and
Colin



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Furlong of Woodstock, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lynn, to Mr. Colin Hutchinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hutchinson of RR 3, Norwich. The wedding will take place Saturday, September 2nd, 1978 at 2:30 p.m. in St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Furlong

request the honour of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Mary Lynn

to

Mr. Colin Rae Hutchinson

son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hutchinson

Saturday the second of September

nineteen hundred and seventy-eight

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St. John's Anglican Church

Otterville, Ontario

Dinner 6:30 - Reception 8:30 p.m.

Delhi District German Hall

Delhi, Ontario

Historical tour set in Norwich

Pleasant autumn weather and a chance to view historic buildings in Norwich Township should attract at least 250 people to the Harvest Heritage Tour Sunday, tour organizers hope.

Brian Rice of the Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville said Tuesday this is the first Harvest Heritage Tour held. Twenty historic sites and buildings in the Norwich, Otterville and Burgessville areas will comprise the tour, sponsored by the Museum School, the Norwich District Historical Society, the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and the South Norwich Historical Society.

"We would like to encourage people in Oxford County to get out and have a look at the historical treasures in the county," Mr. Rice said. "This is the first time such a tour has been attempted and we're hoping for good weather."

"There was a good response to the Shunpiker tour held in the spring which attracted a lot of people from outside Oxford County. On the basis of that, we hope to see about 250 people out Sunday afternoon."

Maps and directions to the historic sites on the tour will be available at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville, the Norwich and District Museum in Norwich village and the Oxford County Museum School in Norwich.

The tour starts at the Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville. Built in 1905, the building became the museum school in 1976. Stop 2 is the Snyder house in Burgessville, built in 1836 by the community's first teacher, Elias Snyder. The house has a hiding place in the basement where one of Snyder's sons, a rebel in the 1837 rebellion, took refuge.

The Norwich Brick and Tile yard, operating since 1877, is the third stop on the tour, followed by the Sutton house with its Greek Revival Facade. Stop 5 is the Quaker Street School in Norwich, built in 1883, and now a private residence. The Old Brick Cemetery, site of the Old Brick Meeting House built in 1850, is the sixth stop on the tour.

The Cheese Cairn, Stop 7, marks the site of the first commercial cheese factory in Canada, built in 1864. Next is the Pioneer Cemetery with a plaque that marks the site of a Quaker meeting house built in 1818. The first township meetings were held at Tompkins Hotel, built in 1836 north of Norwich village.

Institute holds rummage sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Otterville Women's Institute sponsored their Fall Rummage sale in the Otterville Community Hall on Saturday morning. The doors opened at 9 a.m. and sales were made until 11 a.m.

There was a generous supply of clothing, boots and shoes plus dishes and numerous pieces of kitchen ware. All were in good condition and sales went fast.

Clerks were Mrs. William A. McMullen and Mrs. David Kennedy.

Sales receipts netted over \$100.

The Norwich and District Museum occupies the former Quaker meeting building on Stover Street in Norwich and houses many pioneer and Quaker artifacts. Norwich's library and main street are also part of the tour. The only broom factory still operating in Canada is Stop 13, located in Norwich.

The Duncan house and Lynes Corners Hotel near County Road 18 west of Norwich, are the 14th and 15th stops on the heritage tour. North-west of Otterville is Stop 16, the Negro Settlement, where about 100 former slaves settled in the 1850's.

The distinctive octagonal building in Otterville, now the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, was built originally in Milldale in 1861. From there, the tour proceeds to the Treffry mill in Otterville, built in 1845 on the site of the first mill on the Otter River.

East of Otterville is Innisfree Farm, birthplace of Harold Innis, one of Canada's most respected economic historians. The tour winds up at Milldale, once a village with a store, mill and several houses, though all that remains now is a cemetery.

Euchres start

OTTERVILLE (C) — The progressive euchre parties which have been held in the Community Hall for the fall and winter seasons have started again. There were eight tables in play and prizes were won for ladies' high, Mrs. Fred Lane; men's high, Fred Lane; ladies' low, Mrs. Kenneth Smith; men's low, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; draw prize, Mrs. Bert Lickers; men's Ellis Lockyer.

Next euchre will be held in the Community Hall, Thursday, November 9, at 8 p.m.

The ladies served lunch following the games.

Receive cheque from Wintario

OTTERVILLE (C) — Sunshine Club held their first meeting of the season on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. James McMurchy. There were 13 ladies present, who were busy throughout the evening sewing or knitting and adding a bit of spice in chatting of numerous incidents throughout the summer recess.

Roll call suggested by Mrs. Jay Durkee was answered by "What are you doing to conserve energy?"

The members were pleased to receive their cheque from Wintario. These funds will be used in paying for playground equipment in the Otterville Community Park.

Mrs. John McSkimming invited the members to her home for the next meeting, Oct. 26.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Donald Chisholm in serving a lovely lunch. The members thanked Mrs. McMurchy for her invitation and the interesting evening and social time together.

Hundred take harvest heritage tour

The first Norwich township Harvest Heritage tour, held on Sunday afternoon, was considered a success by one of its organizers, Brian Rice. By 5 o'clock approximately 100 people had passed through the Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville.

"I'm quite pleased to get that many people in a half miserable afternoon," Mr. Rice said. The afternoon had been overcast and a bit cool.

Mr. Rice said that this was the first time for the tour. Plans were originally made to have the tour in the spring. When it became apparent that the local tour was set for the same spring day as the annual Shunpiker Tour sponsored by the London Free Press, the local tour was set aside.

Mr. Rice said that the visitors Sunday afternoon were interested and "very positive in their comments." Some asked if the school would be open at Christmas as it was last year. Mr. Rice said that plans have been made to decorate and hold an open house at Christmas time.

The Oxford County Museum School in Burgessville was the official start of the tour. Organizers of the tour were the Museum School, the Norwich District Historical Society, and the South Norwich Historical Society.

A route with 20 stops in and between Burgessville, Norwich and Otterville was prepared and given out.

The main attraction in Burgessville is the Oxford County Museum School. The museum occupies a former public school built in 1906. It was officially opened as a museum in 1976. Classes from surrounding schools make half day visits to the school and are taught with original teaching materials. Groups of adults may also make reservations for a tour.

The main stop in Norwich is the Norwich and District Museum.

Sunday afternoon visitors were able to visit not only the museum, located in the former Friends Meeting House, and the barn containing agricultural equipment, but also the Archives. The Norwich Archives are housed in the former township municipal building next to the museum. The Archives were officially opened on Saturday afternoon. Sunday afternoon visitors were able to view the special displays which had

been set up for the opening. A group of Norwich ladies were demonstrating the craft of quilt making in the museum basement.

Popular attractions in Otterville were the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre and the Otterville Mill.

The Woodlawn Centre is located in the famous octagonal house built by Thomas Wright in 1861. The building was moved from its original site in Milldale to its present location. Senior citizen and other groups use the building for meetings. The furnishings of the refurbished building were paid for by the local senior citizens.

The Otterville Mill has been in operation in its present form for 133 years. The four storey wooden building is a commercial business open five days a week. The motive power which turns the machinery is water, harnessed by a dam on the Otter alongside the mill.

Brian Rice was optimistic that the tour would become an annual event. He hoped that more and more people would become aware of their local heritage. Mr. Rice said that people would have to go quite a ways to find museums comparable in nature and quality to those in Burgessville and Norwich.

Makes Yule party plans

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular meeting of the Happy Bluebirds was held at the home of Mrs. Raymond deMontmorency with 11 members present.

The president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, presided.

During the business, plans were made for the Christmas party. Mrs. Stanley Davis invited the members to her home and the date was set for Saturday, November 23. The potluck supper will be served at 6 p.m. There will be no gift exchange.

The members are asked to contribute a number for the program.

Following the business, cards were enjoyed and a social time completed the evening.

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**Otterville's
Quaker past
remembered**

OTTERVILLE (Bureau) — The history of the Quakers, a major element in this area in the 1800s, was commemorated Sunday with the unveiling of a plaque at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre west of here.

The community centre is on the site of the Pine Street Friends Meeting House, built by local Quakers in 1849.

Like their meeting house, the Quakers in the area have largely disappeared.

"The Quakers," explained guest speaker Jane Zavitz, an historian, librarian and teacher at Pickering College, "had an easier time loving their 'enemies' than they did fellow Quakers."

That led inevitably to marriages outside the faith, which in turn, led to their being barred from the Society of Friends.

The Quakers began their move to North Norwich in the early 1800s, and by 1839 there were 692 in the township — about 30 per cent of the population.

They built the 250-seat Pine Street Meeting House in 1849 and, until about 1880 when membership problems began to be serious, the house was in constant use.

But in 1881, the dwindling Quakers cancelled their mid-week meetings and in 1893 closed the house and sold it. With the money from the sale, they completed a fence around the property, which included a cemetery.

Carl Howse of Otterville, a descendant of one of the founding families of the Otterville area, described his forebears' background.

Originally Pennsylvania Dutch, John Erb founded the town of Preston and Samuel, his son, moved to Norwich Township and founded Erbtown, a thriving lumber town, in the mid-1800s. Erbtown included part of what is now Otterville and stretched west into Norwich Township.

The Erb family, whose property was next to the Pine Street Meeting House, donated land for the Erbtown Methodist Church, just west of the meeting house.

But Erbtown eventually declined — after a boom period which included a brick yard, woollen mill, two churches, a store, a cabinet maker and a tailor — as the giant pine trees were depleted and lumber tradesmen headed for Michigan.

Today, only two cemeteries mark the place where Erbtown once stood.

Mrs. Zavitz, who taught at Norwich District High School from 1961 to 1963, said Canada has only about 12,000 Quakers today, more than half of them in Ontario with headquarters in Toronto.

Plaque unveiling Sunday

The South Norwich Historical Society held its October meeting at Woodlawn. Paul Moore of Norwich was the speaker, and was introduced by convener, Doreen Mountain.

Mr. Moore spoke about the Moore family, early settlers in the Norwich area, and about Gilbert Moore in particular. Gilbert Moore left five diaries which are not only interesting but

valuable in learning about early history of the area. Gilbert lived on Quaker Street, was postmaster in Norwich, and owned property near Otterville, so that he covered much of the countryside in his travels, which were many.

Gilbert Moore was instrumental in building the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railroad, of which he became president. By the time he could travel around the country on the network of railroads, he was able to describe such events as Norfolk Fair and Parliament in Ottawa. Paul Moore read a number of interesting descriptions from his diaries.

During business, it was decided that the November 13 meeting would be an old-fashioned supper meeting,

for which tickets will be sold. Old time music and entertainment will be provided.

The plaque unveiling will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., at Woodlawn, commemorating Pine Street Meeting House and Erbtown. Mrs. Jane Zavitz of Newmarket will represent the Friends Society, with Dr. Harry Parrott, M.P.P., and Mayor Ken Peers also taking part in the program.

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A dual plaque commemorating the Pine Street Friends Meeting House, the first church in the southern part of Norwich Township, and Erbtown, a community founded by Samuel Erb in the 1850's, donated by the South Norwich Historical Society and the heritage administration branch of the ministry of culture and recreation, was unveiled at the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre in Otterville Sunday af-

ternoon. The centre occupies the site of the meeting house and the Erb family donated land west of the site for the establishment of the Erbtown Methodist Church. Carl Howse, left, a direct descendant of the Erb family, and R.W. Zavitz of Scotland, whose grandmother is buried on the site, are shown unveiling the plaque.

Plaque to mark Meeting House

A plaque commemorating the old Friends Meeting House and Erbtown will be unveiled Sunday, Oct. 15, at Woodlawn Adult Community Centre, Otterville.

The plaque is being erected by the South Norwich Historical Society and the Heritage Administration Branch of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. Ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m.

MEETING HOUSE

In the early 1800's, possibly as a part of the Quaker movement to North

Norwich with Peter Lossing and Peter DeLong, Quakers moved into the Otterville area by way of the Niagara Peninsula.

Hugh Webster of Elizabeth, New Jersey, purchased the mills (Lott II, Con. 8) in 1815, from Cook and Galloway. The memorial is witnessed by Peter Lossing. From New York State came Cornells and in Canandaigua, N.Y., who purchased half ownership in Otter Creek Mills with Reuben Haight, in 1819, and moved here in 1823. Cornells came from Dutchess

County, N.Y., and owned land in the area by 1819. Schooleys were in Welland County by the turn of the century, and Azaliah Schooley purchased Haight's half of the mills in 1821. Norwich was granted regular Monthly Meetings in 1819, and Websters, Posts, Spencers, Scotts and Schooleys, amongst others, were set off from Pellam and received a Norwich.

In 1818, Wille Post, Wesley Stover and Samuel Taylor were trustees that purchased five acres of land (Lot 13, Con. 9) from Thos.

Clark, an absentee landowner, for the purpose of building a Friend's Meeting House. The group in the southern part of the Township of Norwich had been granted an "Indulged Meeting" the year before. The log Pine Street Friend's Meeting House was built in 1819. Pine Street became regular preparative meetings in 1820.

Quaker settlers continued to come into the area. Statistics show 247 Quakers in Norwich Township in 1824, 366 in 1828, and 692 in 1839. The latter was a maximum

figure, but stayed fairly constant for the next 35 to 40 years. Quakers constituted one third of the population of the township in 1839.

Due to the Hicksite split in 1828, the Norwich monthly meeting noted that it was advisable to suspend preparative meetings, and meetings for worship, at Pine Street. This resulted in Pine Street becoming the new Hicksite monthly meeting in Norwich Township. The Hicksites were the larger group at this time and continued to thrive.

By 1849 a building committee consisting of Samuel P. Cornell, Daniel H. Cornell, Hugh D. Webster, Phenius Kinsey, George Lawr, Abner Chase and Amos Canby were appointed to build a new frame meeting house, 30' x 44', at a cost of \$300, to seat 250 people. This was accomplished, but the cost was \$103.63 more than was authorized. John Stover and Robert B. Cromwell were appointed to raise the extra money.

In 1851, John Stover and John W. Cornell were appointed to paint the building and place eaves trough on the front of the House. The painting cost \$35.50 and the eaves trough \$9.98.

By 1851 a 80' x 20' horse shed was authorized and it was completed in 1852 at a cost of \$137.24. Samuel P. Cornell, Hugh Webster and John Stover were in charge of this, and R.B. Cromwell and Jesse Stover were required to collect the money for it.

However, in the 1850's began the gradual decline of the Quakers in Norwich Township, possibly due to the fact that marriage to non-Quakers resulted in release from the sect. The Quakers disciplined one another and many grew tired, perhaps, of the strict discipline as they became the minority of the population of the township. By 1881, they discontinued their mid-week meetings at Pine Street, except on preparative meeting days.

In 1892, Wm. Cornell, Edward G. Schooley and Adam J. Stover were appointed to build an iron fence around the Pine Street burying ground. This was made possible by a gift of Hugh D. Webster's estate.

By 1893 the attendance at

Pine Street had dropped off so much that they could no longer transact business at their preparative meetings. There were now only a few Friends in the area and they lived remote from one another. The Friends at Pine Street now joined Yarmouth preparative meetings and Pine Street meetings were discontinued.

Part of the land belonging to Pine Street was sold, in Dec. 1894, and the proceeds used to build a fence around the remaining portion.

Finally, in Nov. 1903, the Meeting House and shed were sold for \$185 and in 1907 the property was turned over to the Village of Otterville.

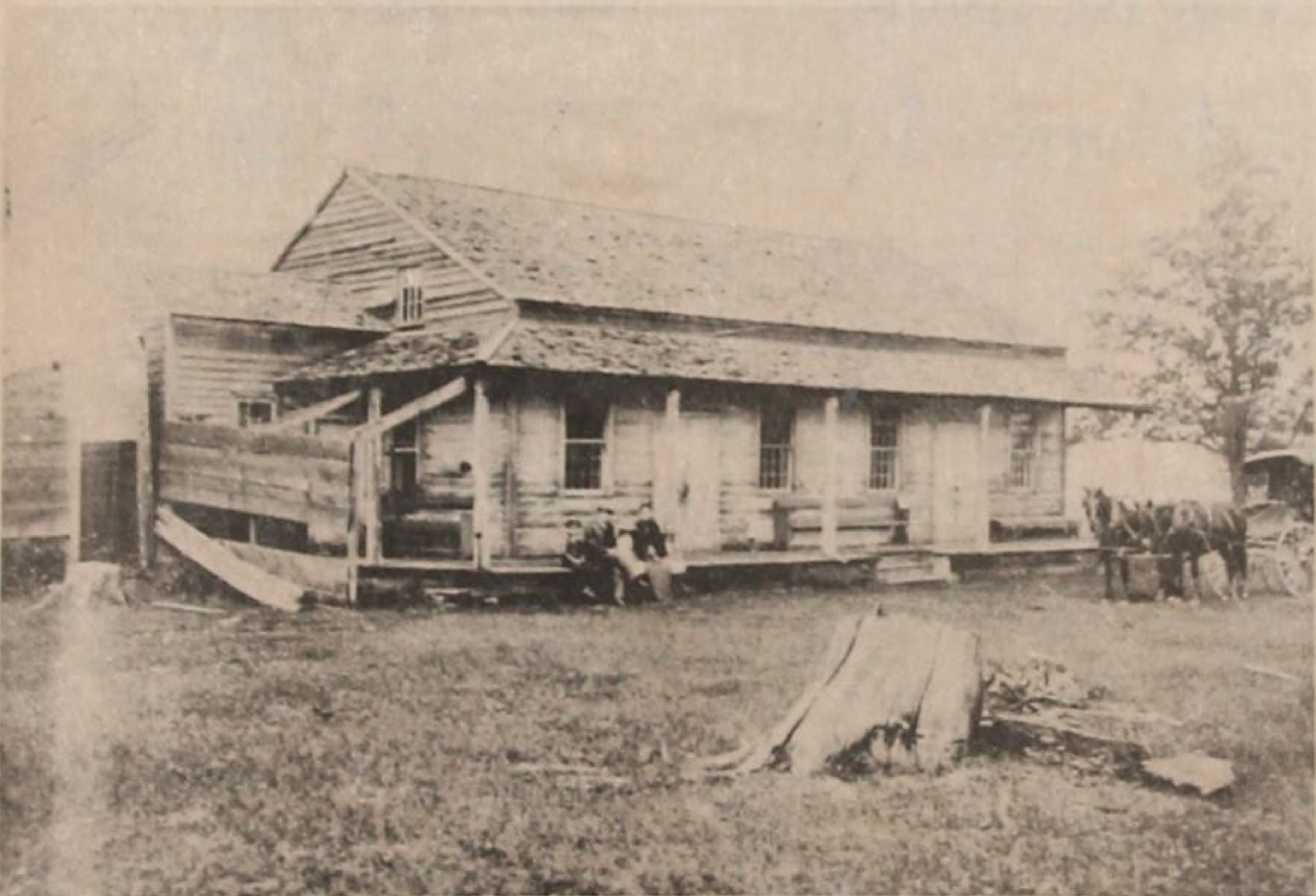
ERBTOWN

Erbtown was the name given to a locality which included part of the village of Otterville, and extended into the Township of Norwich to the west of Otterville. It was named for the Erb family. They were members of a Pennsylvania Dutch family (originally Swiss Mennonites) who came from Lancaster, Pa., to Waterloo County about 1805.

Samuel Erb, son of John Erb, founder of Preston, was a boy of 13 when he came to Canada. He produced a family of 11, and about 1854, he and five of his sons moved to South Norwich. They purchased a large acreage of land adjoining the pioneer Pine Street Friends meeting house. The Erbs built saw mills and a woolen mill, and later Samuel Erb set aside a plot of land for a church and cemetery. The Erbtown Methodist Church was built just west of the Friend's Meeting House. The church called themselves "Evangelical Association." The church cost \$500 to build and seated 200 people, according to the 1861 census. By 1877 it was listed in the Episcopal Methodist Missionary Reports.

In 1857, Levi Walker purchased 98 acres immediately to the east of the Quaker property and had the part fronting on the eighth concession subdivided into lots. He also acquired water rights on the small stream, on this land, which was dammed to power a saw mill.

About the same time, Richard Talbot was operating a saw mill half a mile south of the Friends property. There was a brick yard beside this mill. So, in the "heyday" of the white pine lumbering era, Erbtown boasted four saw mills,



The Pine Street Friends Meeting House, erected in 1849, was on the site currently occupied by the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre at Otterville. A

plaque will be unveiled Sunday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m., commemorating the meeting house and Erbtown.

a brick yard, woolen mill, two churches and cemeteries, a store, cabinet maker, tailor and a residential area.

There was a considerable

negro settlement north and west of Erbtown, which had its origin in fugitive slaves from the south, in the early years of the nineteenth century. Erbtown roots were

quite diverse, being mainly Quaker, Negro and Pennsylvania Dutch.

When the forests were cut many of the lumbermen moved on to Michigan.

Norwich-Otterville Lions induct members

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was held in Otterville, October 23.

Members and guests met at the United Church at 7:15 p.m. for the annual turkey supper.

Following supper the members met at the Parish Hall for the business meeting. Lion President Ron Kiddie presided.

There was a large attendance, including 21 visitors from the Tillsonburg, Woodstock, Courtland, Vittoria, Long Point and Windham Lions Clubs. There

were also three non-Lion visitors.

Zone chairman, Don Hoag of the Long Point Lions Club, addressed the club on this year's objectives in Lionism in Zone 4 West.

The zone chairman was also in charge of the induction ceremony for three new members, Lions Mark Gilmore, Paul Wood and Murray Cornwell. Sponsoring Lions were Murray Wardell, Fred Thompson and Albert Cornwell.

A letter from the Woodlawn Adult Community Centre was read expressing thanks for a recent donation

of \$1000 to be used towards operation of the centre. This is the third such donation to this centre.

Lion Willard Parkhill of the Tillsonburg Lions Club spoke upon preparations for the fall rally to be held at their community centre on November 8th.

Spokesmen from the various other clubs all spoke to the meeting. Lion Norm Fiddin reported that preparations are completed for the annual Oktoberfest to be held October 28.

Lion Mel Smith gave a brief report on the Fish Fry

to be held in the Norwich Community Centre on Friday evening, November 24.

There will again be a Hallowe'en Party held in the Fire Hall October 31.

All members were invited to attend the basic sketching classes to be held at Woodlawn Adult Centre, Otterville, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 9.

This class will be open to all interested adults in this area.

The convention draw was won by a new member, Lion Mark Gilmore.

Okay Otterville hall addition

South Norwich parks advisory committee was given permission to proceed with the proposed addition to Otterville Hall at Tuesday's meeting of Norwich Township council.

The addition will cost an estimated \$35,000 according to Stewart Miles, of Otter Lumber who attended the meeting.

Gordon Shearer, a member of the parks advisory committee, said the addition will make the hall more useful for a variety of social functions.

Without these improvements many groups find the hall unsuitable, said Mr. Shearer.

"Otherwise you might just as well tear it down," he said.

The proposed addition will

include kitchen facilities and new washrooms. At the present time many groups do not use the hall, due to the lack of proper kitchen facilities, he said.

Mr. Shearer said he hoped that the Lions Club and other organizations would make frequent use of the hall when the addition is completed.

Mayor Ken Peers said that he had no doubt the facility will be used, but he added that "we have more recreational facilities per person than anywhere else."

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario has already received and approved plans for the new addition.

Although \$27,000 has been budgeted for the construction, Mr. Shearer said he was confident that any amount exceeding this would be funded through donations and Wintario grants.

It was estimated that \$10,000 would be needed for the cost of hydro and materials. The plumbing and heating expenses are unknown at this time.

The committee was anxious to begin pouring the foundation before the onset of colder weather, which would make cement construction work more difficult.

Fellowship aids Nigerian girl

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Baptist Church held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. Brian Davis.

President Mrs. Bruce Stover presided for the opening and the business sessions. In her call to worship, she spoke on "Thanksgiving" and brought thoughts from several scriptures that thanksgiving should not just be a season of the year, but continually and in all things.

The special thanksgiving offering was taken for Helen Bello, the little girl in Nigeria to whom support is sent each year.

Mrs. Delmer Clinton was in charge of the devotional program and brought a thanksgiving message from Dale Evans' book, Time Out Ladies. She reminded members of the many things for which we can give thanks in our every-day routine and in the wonderful things in nature around us. Mrs. Brian Davis gave a reading

on "Pettness" and a skit was presented by Mrs. Hilda Stockmans, Mrs. Wilma Butler, and Mrs. Fred Hill illustrating the truth of pettness in our lives when we should overlook these little things and be thankful for our many blessings.

Mrs. Paul Hill read Scripture. Mrs. Fred Hill offered the missionary prayer, and Mrs. Charter Davis closed with prayer.

The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Dwight Davis in serving refreshments.

Buy home

OTTERVILLE (C) - Mr. and Mrs. William Sanders, merchants of the Sanders Mart, Main St., Otterville, have purchased the residence one door east of the Royal Bank and moved there last week. The residence was formerly owned by Dr. H.H. Batson, and vacated by G.A. Dawe.

Miss Shelly Heaslip is holidaying with relatives in the Canadian West.

Beef supper plans made

OTTERVILLE (C) — St. John's Ladies Guild met in the parish hall on October 12 with president Mrs. Violet House leading in prayer. Seven answered roll call.

The Oxford Deanery A.C.W. will be holding their fall meeting in St. John's Church, Thamesford, on October 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Plans were completed for the beef supper to be held Sunday, October 29, and the church calendars were received.

Rev. H. Herring closed the meeting with prayer and the hostess Mrs. McMullen served lunch. *Oct/78*

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Mountain attended the fall convocation at Brock University in St. Catharines for the graduation of their daughter, Josephine. Accompanying his parents was Michael, who recently graduated with a B. Sc. from Cornwall University, Ithica, N.Y. *Oct/78*

Guild serves beef supper

OTTERVILLE (C) — More than 200 persons enjoyed the annual Beef Supper served by the members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild. The supper was served in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Oct. 29th. Rev. H. Herring, Rector of the church welcomed the visitors who attended from Brantford, Norwich, Ingersoll and area.

The members of the Guild are now making plans for their annual Bazaar which will be held in the Community Hall November 16th.

This event will feature many interests for the Christmas shopper.

Members of the Otterville Women's Institute are reminded of the November meeting which will be held at Woodlawn on Friday evening, Nov. 10th.

Mrs. Melville Beecroft, convener of World Affairs, is in charge of the meeting. Remember ladies, an evening meeting at 8 p.m.

Leisure club plans bazaar

OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of the Leisure Club held their regular meeting at Woodlawn Adult Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

President Colin Robinson conducted the meeting. Members were reminded of the zone area meeting which was held at Tillsonburg, Wednesday, October 11.

Plans for the annual bazaar were discussed and tickets are in the hands of members for the lovely afghan. There will also be a sale of home baking.

Those who had been birthday celebrants in July and August were honored and two lovely cakes, made by Mrs. Avey and Mrs. Cole, were enjoyed in the social hour. Those honoured were Max Avey, Melville Beecroft, Orris Beecroft, Lena Lucas, Frank Hicks, Colin Robinson, Grace Squance, Agnes Magneshazi, Katie Mics and Lorna Leitch. Happy Birthday was sung and a social time spent.

Owing to the death of a member, Stanley Arthur, the Leisure Club meeting was withdrawn until Thursday.

Club members met at Woodlawn and plans were continued for the bazaar on the 4th of November which is fast approaching.

Costumes judged

OTTERVILLE (C) — Hallowe'en passed very quietly in the village on Tuesday evening. The weather was ideal for the travellers going from door to door collecting their treats from the hosts of the homes.

Later they met at the Fire Hall where they were judged for their various styles of costume.

Six and under best dressed Girl - Jodie Smith and comic, Shannon Smith.

Boys six and under, best dressed, Paul Harrison and comic, Robin Davis.

Over six best dressed girl was Pam Tisdale and comic was Karen Dow.

Boys best dressed winner was Larry Hussey with comic, Michael Nunn.

Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mr. Don Neale were the judges for the costumes. The children were treated to hot dogs by the members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions club who were responsible for the evening.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

October 21, 1943

On Monday evening of this week the Norwich Quartette took part in a program held at the Kelvin United Church. The quartette consists of the Misses Phyllis Avey and Betty Vigar, guitars; Messrs. Charles Bailey, mandochello, and Roy Schroder, accordion.

A Harvest-Thanksgiving service was held in the Ot-

terville United Church Sunday morning. The choir, under the direction of Miss Ivy Pennington, sang an anthem, and Mr. George Davis sang a solo. Mrs. H.G. Downing was the organist. Lovely baskets of gladiolus and chrysanthemums from the Ryder gardens were used to decorate the altar.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

October 23, 1958

The Norwich Knights Rugby squad swamped Paris Panthers 38-2 in a recent game played in Paris.

Capt. Dave Arthur was the chief target for passer Garner Scott who caught four passes, one for a touchdown.

Arthur was the high scorer adding another touchdown on an interception, and kicking two converts for a total of 14 points. George Luciani gained 100 yards in nine carries to set up one touchdown and score another one himself.

To date, Norwich has scored 151 points and has only 44 scored against them. Joe Holborn, teacher of Boys' P.T., is their coach and the inspiration behind all their steam.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

October 1963

Otterville - Many of the nearby townfolk had their eyes focussed toward the water tower on Thursday and Friday of last week to watch proceedings as the Bridge and Tank Construction Co. from Hamilton replaced the wooden tank with a steel one. The wooden tank was placed there in 1949.

NOTICE

RURAL RESIDENTS OF NORWICH TOWNSHIP

Effective October 1 - 1978

A New 6 Digit Fire Location Code Goes Into Effect.

If You Do Not Have Your Code Number

Please Contact The Township Office

Or Phone 879-6568



MR. AND MRS. WARD KING

Mr. and Mrs. Ward King *Oct 1/78* observe 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Ward King of RR 1, Otterville, marked their 50th wedding anniversary in the form of an open house held at their home in Otterville.

Mr. King is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe King of Fairground and Mrs. King is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Chancey Matthews of Fairground. They were both born in Fairground and were married there on October 2, 1928, at the United Church parsonage by the Rev. Barbarie.

Mr. and Mrs. King have two daughters, Mrs. Jean Francis of 402 Queensway W., Simcoe, and Mrs. Paul Howse (Ila) of RR 1, Otterville; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. King is retired from Otter Lumber Company after 25 years.

About 200 guests attended the open house from Hamilton, Sarnia, St.

Thomas, Kingston, S. Carolina, Simcoe, Stratford, New York, Burlington, Woodstock, Ingersoll, Otterville and the surrounding area.

Other guests at the house were M.P. Dr. Bruce Halliday and Mrs. Halliday and M.P.P. Dr. Harry Parrott and Mrs. Parrott. They received best wishes from Jules Leger, Governor-General; Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister; Joe Clark and William Davis.

Lunch was served by their granddaughters and ladies of the Anglican Church, Otterville.

A dinner was served at the Anglican Church for 29 guests including the maid of honor at their wedding, Mrs. Ila Lowe of Tillsonburg, and the best man, Mr. Ivan Gates of Delevan, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. King expressed their thanks to everyone for the many cards and gifts, and for the enjoyable day.

Exchange vows at Otterville

OTTERVILLE (C) - Tall white candelabra, with sprays of autumn shades of flowers, decorated Otterville United Church on Saturday, October 21, 1978, at 2:30 p.m. for the wedding of Teresa Schaafsma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Schaafsma of Burgessville, and Larry Robert Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill of Otterville. Rev. Earl Moore officiated and organist, Mrs. Jean McClintock, played Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, and accompanied the soloist, Miss Pat McLay of Norwich, friend of the couple, who sang Turn Around, Wedding Prayer, and You Light Up My Life.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a floor-length gown of white, silk chiffon, enhanced with Swiss lace around a sweetheart neckline and bodice with sheer bishop sleeves. The skirt of fine butterfly pleats was overlaid with Swiss lace. A Juliet styled headpiece of pleated chiffon, trimmed with dainty seed pearls, gently gave way to a cathedral train, trimmed with Swiss lace. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of silk roses in shades of ivory and rust accented with fall shades of baby's breath and ivory daisies with rust and ivory streamers.

Mrs. Janie Schaafsma of Burgessville, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a floor-length gown of rust, polyester, knit jersey, styled with string strapping and rust chiffon cape, worn with matching rust flowers in her hair. She carried a crescent shaped bouquet with rust and beige silk azalias and roses.

Bridesmaids, who were gowned identically to the matron of honor, were Mrs. Sheila Barnim of Burgessville, Mrs. Beverly DeWachter of Norwich, both friends of the bride, and Miss

Linda Schaafsma of Burgessville, sister of the bride.

Miss Cristie Hill, niece of the groom, of Springford, was flower girl, and wore a floor-length, white, polyester, semi-sheer gown with mandarin collar, long puff sleeves with ruffled hem, all trimmed with dainty lace with a sash at the waist. In her hair she wore a flower headband matching those of the bridesmaids and she carried a dainty basket of silk roses in rust and gold.

Best man was Mr. Maurice DeWachter of Norwich, best friend of the groom, and ushers were Michael Oliver of Otterville, Don Longthorne, both friends of the groom, and Wayne Graham Burgess, cousin of the groom. Ring bearer was Jason Schaafsma, brother of the bride. They were all attired in beige tuxedos, trimmed in soft rust velvet.

Reception for 160 guests was held at the Norwich Legion hall, decorated for the occasion with tiny vases of autumn shade flowers on the guest tables. The bride's

table featured a three-tiered wedding cake, trimmed with rust rosebuds and crystal candelabra with rust candles.

For receiving guests, the bride's mother chose a royal blue, floor-length, polyester silk, knit gown, styled with a V-neck, long sleeves, a bodice accented in pearl trim, and worn with silver accessories and a corsage of a combination of blue friesa. Groom's mother chose a gown in a soft, jade green shade. The polyester silk, knit gown featured cape style sleeves, seed pearl trim on the bodice, and was worn with silver accessories and a corsage of talisman silk roses.

For a wedding trip by plane to Vancouver, the bride chose a brown velvet three piece pantsuit, worn with a beige blouse and a corsage of autumn shades of tiger lillies.

Guests were present from Oakville, Brampton, Lexington, Kentucky, Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Ancaster and Burford.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill are residing in Norwich.



MR. AND MRS. LARRY ROBERT HILL
(Rose-Le Studio, Simcoe)

Cheryl and Gary



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Waechter and Mr. and Mrs. Harold McCurdy are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children Cheryl and Gary. The wedding will take place on Oct. 28, 1978, at the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Tillsonburg, at 4:00 p.m.

MRS. CLARENCE (NELLIE) SMITH

Mrs. Clarence (Nellie) Smith of Otterville passed away at Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital in her 95th year.

Surviving are two sons, Russell Smith of Otterville and Paul Smith of London; three grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

Rested at 132 Lisgar Ave., Tillsonburg, until Tuesday, October 10, thence to Plymouth Brethren Hall, Queen St., Tillsonburg, for private funeral service at 3 o'clock.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville in charge of arrangements. 1978

EDWARD STANLEY ARTHUR

Edward Stanley Arthur of Otterville passed away on Sunday, October 1, 1978, at his home, in his 77th year.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ethel Young; two daughters, Mrs. Howard (Joyce) Sweazey of Sweaburg, Mrs. Joseph (Joan) Moses of Woodstock; three sons, Keith Arthur and Donald Arthur, both of RR 2, Otterville, and Clare Arthur of Cambridge; 23 grandchildren; and three brothers, Clayton Arthur of Tillsonburg, James Arthur and Kenneth Arthur, both of Otterville.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until today (Wednesday) thence to Otterville United Church where service was held at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. Earl Moore.

Interment in Bookton Cemetery.

A memorial service was held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock by Tecumseh Lodge, No. 182, at the Funeral Home.

STANLEY ARTHUR

Funeral service for the late Stanley Arthur who passed away at his home on Sunday, October 1st, 1978, was held from the Otterville United Church and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Rev. Earl Moore, minister of the church, conducted the service.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was the organist and accompanied the soloist Mrs. Jack Walther who sang two lovely solos, "How Great Thou Art" and "Unto The Hills, Around Do I Lift Up". The service closed with the hymn, "Now Thank we all our God."

Memorial donations were to the Gideon Bible, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Heart, Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital.

Bearers were Brian Arthur, David Arthur, Bill Arthur, Bruce Adlington, Bruce Rawn, and Brian Sim.

Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery.

Members of the United Church Women served refreshments in the Sunday school room following the service.

PEARL MAE PARSON

Mrs. Herbert Parson, formerly of Otterville, passed away at Maple Manor Nursing Home, Tillsonburg, on Wednesday, October 25, 1978, in her 87th year.

She was the former Pearl Mae Hall, and was predeceased by her husband.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Betty) Brick of Cambridge and Mrs. Lloyd (Barbara) Good of Brantford; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home where service will be held Saturday, October 28, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. H. Herring.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

MRS. HERBERT PARSON OTTERVILLE (C)

Mrs. Herbert Parson, a former resident of Otterville, passed away in Maple Manor Nursing Home in Tillsonburg, where she had been a patient for the past several years.

Born at Cannington, she was the daughter of the late Alfred Hall and Catherine Wilson.

She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church and of the Church Guild.

Surviving are two daughters Mrs. Harold (Betty) Brick of Cambridge and Mrs. Lloyd (Barbara) Good of Brantford; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Saturday at 2 p.m. Rev. H. Herring conducted the service and Mrs. William Butler was pianist.

Memorial donations were made to St. John's Anglican Church and to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pallbearers were Carl Howse, Stanley Gehring, Nate McMullen, Max Avey, Ronnie Good and Clayton Good.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

Following the service, members of St. John's Guild served a cup of tea to relatives and friends.

MRS. EDWARD ARTHUR

Mrs. Edward Arthur of Otterville passed away at her residence on Monday, October 23, 1978, in her 74th year.

She was the former Annie McKnight, and was predeceased by her husband.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Maggie Chrysler of RR 4, Woodstock; and several nieces and nephews.

Rested at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, until noon Wednesday, October 25, thence to Otterville United Church for service at 2 p.m.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

MRS. HAROLD KYTE

Mrs. Harold Kyte of Ingersoll passes away at Alexandra Hospital, Ingersoll, on Monday, October 23, 1978, in her 82nd year.

She was the former Nellie Muriel Patterson.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Charles Kyte of Toronto and Harvey Kyte of Woodstock; a sister, Mrs. Lorena Mills of Hanover; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by a son David Kyte, and by a daughter, Julia; also three brothers, Harvey Patterson, Raymond Patterson and William Patterson.

Resting at the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home, Otterville, where service will be held Thursday, October 26, at 2 p.m.

Interment in Rosanna Cemetery.

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

MRS. EDWARD ARTHUR OTTERVILLE (C)

Mrs. Edward Arthur of Otterville passed away at her home on Monday, October 23, 1978, in her 74th year.

Born in Windham Township, she was the daughter of the late William McKnight and Mary Lowrie.

She was predeceased by her husband Edward Arthur, and a brother, Harold McKnight.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Maggie Chrysler of RR 4, Woodstock, and several nieces and nephews.

A member of the Otterville United Church, Mrs. Arthur took an active part in the activities as long as health permitted. She was a member of the United Church Women and a member of the Otterville Violet Rebekah Lodge No. 330.

Funeral service was held on Wednesday in the Otterville United Church at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Earl Moore with Mrs. William A. McMullen, organist.

Memorial donations were made to the Gideon Bible Society, Tillsonburg Hospital, Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Heart Foundation, Otterville United Church Mission and Service, Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

Pallbearers were Wayne Murray, Mark Murray, Douglas Arthur, Allan Simpson, Michael Piette and Bob Scott.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

Members of the United Church Women served refreshments in the school room following the service.

WILLIAM McDOWELL OTTERVILLE (C)

A memorial service for the late William McDowell of Mississauga, a former resident of Otterville and teacher at the Otterville continuation school, was held in the United Church on Thursday, Oct. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

The late Mr. McDowell was born at Harrow. Besides his wife, the former Pauline Fish, he is survived by two daughters, Joanne and Anne.

Funeral service was conducted at Brampton by the Rev. Ken Vanall and following this service the funeral cortege came to Otterville, where Rev. Earl Moore conducted the service, reading several portions of Scripture.

Rev. Vanall gave the message.

Mrs. William A. McMullen was organist and accompanied the soloist, Mrs. Jack Walther, who sang "All The Way My Saviour Leads Me" and "Unto The Hills." Service closed with "Faith Of Our Fathers" and prayer.

Dr. Clare Arthur's father, the late Stanley Arthur passed away on Sunday and Mrs. Arthur's father, the late William McDowell, also passed away on Sunday, with their funeral service being held in Otterville United Church one day apart.

Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

Following the service, members of the congregation met with the family in the Sunday school room where refreshments were served.



Screens for sifting pastry flour must be checked thoroughly for moth-holes. Fred Kniffen displays one of the screens, made with silk from Switzerland.



Rock's Mill processed 20 to 25 tons of grist a day when it was in operation. Here, Fred Kniffen is seen with a feed grinder.

Mill closed

Rock's flour was popular for baking

BY NANCY GALL

The hoppers, choppers, grinders, mixers and elevators that helped turn out 25 tons of grist a day from Rock's Mill have been silent since August, perhaps forever.

The mill closed Aug. 18 when the heirs of Warren Rock, who died in 1971, decided to put it up for sale, part-owner and operator Fred Kniffen said in a recent interview.

The first mill was built on the Otter Creek east of Tillsonburg in the 1820's by the Stover family. It was sold in the 1850's to Adam Spencer and was acquired in this century by Henry and John Rock. The mill closed in 1911 when a new dam was built. It was destroyed by fire and rebuilt in 1937.

Mr. Kniffen says it's a pity the mill is being sold. Business was thriving before the mill closed but now its 200 regular customers are taking their grain elsewhere and gone as well is the Shur-Gain feed franchise.

A buyer for the mill property and the 90-acre farm that goes with it may not be hard to find, but Mr. Kniffen doesn't think it likely the mill's next owner will resume the milling operation. However, two conservation groups have expressed an interest in the mill and have indicated they would not tear it down, but would lease it, Mr. Kniffen said.

Mr. Kniffen first came to work at the mill in the early 1930's and says things have changed considerably since those days. Increased mechanization has been responsible for most of those changes, he says.

Grain can now be brought into the mill in bulk, as well as in bags, blown into the elevators and conveyed anywhere in the building, depending on what it will be used for. In the days before bulk facilities came into use, all grain was moved around in bags and carts, a cumbersome, time-consuming process, Mr. Kniffen said.

The mill used to make buckwheat flour and shipped two carloads of it to New

Brunswick every winter. Farmers today don't grow much buckwheat, a "poor man's crop," Mr. Kniffen said.

The mill used to process hard wheat flour for bread and long time area residents may remember "Rock's Pride" and other brand names of Rock's Mill flour. Up until this spring, the mill produced soft wheat flour for pastry, but this was phased out when it was known the mill was to be closed, he said.

It took an entire day to set up the sifter for the pastry flour. Screens to be inserted into the sifter had to be checked metriculously for moth holes, because even the tiniest perforation can cause "specky" flour, Mr. Kniffen said. The screens are made of silk imported from Switzerland.

Changes in farming have had their effect on the mill's business, he said. Feed used to be marketed through local general stores, but now farmers prefer to pick up their feed at the mill.

Farmers with larger operations are beginning to buy on-farm mixing mills and doing their own feed processing.

"We're doing more small farmer business now," he said.

When it was still in operation, the mill employed five men and processed 20 to 25 tons a day of grain. The mill runs on two turbines, driven by water power. There are also two five-horsepower motors to run the elevators, but if the hydro goes off, "the only things that don't work are the lights," Mr. Kniffen said.

Mr. Kniffen says he's even busier now than when the mill was open, settling accounts, dealing with real estate agents and generally tying up loose ends. He says he's looking forward to spending some time in Florida.

He's busy, but all the mill's equipment stands idle now. Rooms that used to be filled to the ceiling with grain are empty except for a few sacks of feed and salt licks.

Springford



Ah, the old general store, another vision of the past, summoning up images of large

glass jars full of one cent candy, pickle barrels and sawdust on the floor...



What's past is past and will never be again... or will it? This tranquil old brick house and automobile from

the 1920's makes one wonder if the past isn't still hanging around, at certain places, at certain times.

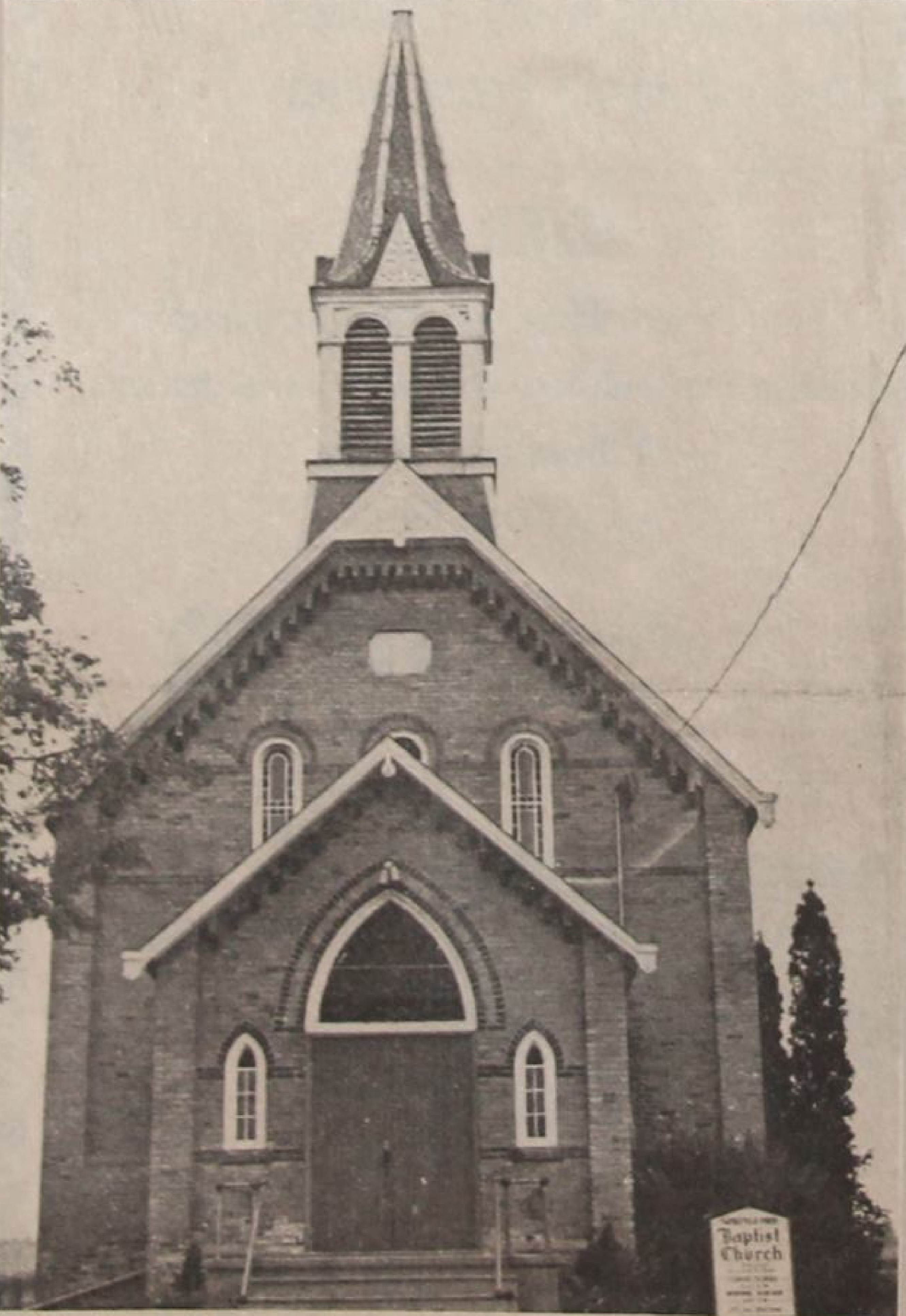
Mrs. Pearce honored at musical evening

SPRINGFORD (C) - A large crowd from Springford and surrounding communities gathered in the Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, October 24, to honour Mrs. Edgar Pearce for the contribution she has made for many years to the music of the church and community, and to wish her well when she goes, in the near future, to live in London.

Mrs. Murray Haley presided for a program that featured music by Bill Popham Jr., and daughters, Linda Haley, Mrs. Gordon Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newman and Dave Ramer.

On behalf of those assembled, and many others who could not be present, Earl Haley addressed the honoree, Mrs. Pearce, and her husband, Edgar, and presented her with a swivel rocking chair and a sum of money. Mrs. Pearce warmly thanked her friends for the gift and good wishes, and invited them to visit her in her new home in London.

After the presentation, lunch and a social time were enjoyed in the Sunday school room of the church, where the guest of honour and friends partook of a beautiful piano cake made and decorated by Mrs. Lillian Broad.



Nothing like a tall steeple or two to make somebody crane his neck as these two Springford churches', one Baptist and the other United, could probably testify.



The air cadets of the 153 Varnavair Squadron will be wearing new uniforms by the end of the month. Corporal Richard Mann, left, wears the old air-force blue wool uniform of the male cadets. Leading Aircraftsman Sherri Murphy wears the green safari uniform already worn by female cadets. Chief Warrant Officer Carey Ouellette, right, wears the new green safari uniform the male cadets will be wearing.

Parking spot for horses

Norwich Township Council took steps to alleviate a parking problem in downtown Norwich during Tuesday's council session but it won't help unless you're on horseback.

Council authorized the construction of a new hitching post which will be 20 feet long and four feet high. It will allow horses to be parked on either side. It was suggested that a "Horses Only" sign be posted to prohibit motorists from using the space.

Laurence Griswold will donate the labour for the structure, using a \$50 allocation from council for materials.

Old profession for Norwich man

'Chimney sweeps cleaning up'

BY MURRAY MOORE

Looking for an unconventional job? Do you like to dress formally? Can you react normally to heights? Do you like to meet people?

If the answer is yes to all of the above questions, then you may be just the person that Steve Van den Borre is looking for.

Steve is looking for an assistant to join his young business, Oxford Chimney Cleaning. Steve cleans chimneys. He is a chimney sweep. As far as he knows, he is the only active chimney sweep in Oxford County.

Oxford Chimney Cleaning has been open for business for only a couple of months. Steve says that business is picking up now that fall is nearing, people are coming back from vacation and starting to think about using their fireplaces. He estimates that he and his 13 year old brother, Paul, have done about 25 jobs. Paul goes along for the fun of it but once school starts he could go along with his 20 year old brother only on weekends. Chimney sweeping can be a one man job but Steve figures that two is better.

Steve started thinking seriously about becoming a

chimney sweep as long ago as January. He saw ads in a magazine called Mother Earth News, a magazine which promotes going back to the land, and ecology. Attracted by the idea, but put off by the price of the equipment offered in the advertisements, he made a local search for equivalent equipment. It just wasn't available, he said. The appearance of an article on chimney sweeping was the final push. He bought his equipment from an American company in June.

After becoming familiar with the equipment, and after practising on the home

chimney and those of some relatives, he began offering his services for pay.

Attractions of the job for Steve are the flexible hours and the opportunity to meet people. Being his own boss is "one of the most important things." The job itself "certainly isn't boring."

He was previously employed by Holland R.V.E. in Norwich for five months at a wage of \$5.25 an hour. He is optimistic that he will be able to equal that figure on his own, in time.

His investment so far in a van and equipment has amounted to about \$3,500. "I'm not worried if I don't make any money this year," he says. He hopes to build up a steady clientele of customers, based on the recommendation of insurance companies and the fire department that fireplace chimneys should be cleaned annually. Fireplaces are a popular feature in homes now being built, and wood stoves are also gaining in popularity, he says.

Fee for the cleaning of a fireplace starts at \$30. If nothing goes wrong, an average job should take from 60 to 90 minutes. There was one job, however, during which a brush became stuck in the middle of the chimney. That job took over five hours to complete.

Because Steve is thinking of hiring an assistant, he has arranged for Workman's Compensation coverage. Luckily for him, however, chimney sweeps do not have to wear hard hats. A trademark of the Oxford Chimney Cleaning service is the wearing by members of the business of top hat and tails.

Customers are impressed by the formal dress, he says. He wears the top hat while on the roof for luck. "I always wear it."

Tools of the trade are fibreglas rods which couple end to end in a second, with wire bristle brushes of various sizes attached to the end. Steve started working on chimneys from the bottom up, but has begun to start at the top.

Brother Paul handles the other major piece of equipment, at the bottom of the chimney, the vacuum. Both sweeps said that the vacuum did an excellent job

of capturing soot, so that they emerge from a job with little covering of soot beyond the hands and forearms.

They carry a wide roll of grown butcher paper in the van which they lay down on the floors of the homes they do, attempting to keep the inside of the house as clean as possible.

Not everybody is impressed by the sweeps sartorial splendour. "Some people look at you as if they see you every day on the street," says Steve.

Steve expects to be a sweep for quite a few years. He'll be attending a national meeting of sweeps in London in late September, along with fellow sweeps from Delhi, Brantford and London.

One area he hopes to be able to come to agreement on is the sweeping of chimneys during the winter. He isn't thrilled by the prospect of climbing around on steep roofs in the snow and bitter winds of winter.

Otherwise, as it says on the back of his official chimney sweep t-shirt, Chimney Sweeps are cleaning up.

And remember, depending on your inclination, it is supposed to be good luck to shake hands, touch on the shoulder, or kiss a chimney sweep.



Assistant chimney sweep Paul Van den Borre and chief sweep Steve Van den Borre stand beside Steve's van. Dressed for a day's work, Steve holds a wire bristle brush coupled to the end of a fibreglas rod. Brother Paul holds a less modern tool of the trade, a weight attached to a brush attached to a rope.

The candidates for Ward One



Carl Beal



Robert Pettigrew



Bill Sanders



Mel Smith



Dan Wagner



Jack Walther

Municipal elections on Monday

Mixture of old, new on Norwich council

Norwich Township electors voted for a mixture of old and new in this year's municipal election, with one new candidate elected in every ward.

This trend also prevailed in the public school trustee race, with new-comer Mary Jull elected to serve with the incumbent Helen Dickson.

In Ward One, Robert Pettigrew came out solidly ahead with 678 votes, compared with 460 votes for new-comer Bill Sanders. Re-elected in that ward was Jack Walther with 393 votes.

Defeated in Ward One were incumbent Carl Beal,

and new-comers Mel Smith and Dan Wagner. Mr. Beal polled 337 votes, with 373 and 290 going to Mr. Smith and Mr. Wagner, respectively.

Carman Sweazey was re-elected in Ward Two with 528 votes. Helen Smith polled a solid 481 to gain her first seat on council.

Defeated in that ward were Lavern Irving and Norman Lusk. Mr. Irving was making a return to municipal politics and polled 296. 296 votes were also polled by Mr. Lusk, who is completing his first term on council.

There was no election for

council seats in Ward Three, as incumbent Cecil Mingle and new-comer to council, John Heleniak gained places by acclamation.

Hardee Richardson, a first-timer in Ward Four, captured a solid 455 votes. Also elected in that ward was incumbent Ross Warboys with 383 votes.

First-time candidate Shirley Wood was defeated with 202 votes. Also defeated in that ward was John Allan with 110 votes.

Helen Dickson was re-elected as public school trustee and polled 2039 votes. Also elected was Mary Jull

with 1795. Defeated in that race was Marilyn Kipp who took 869 votes. This was Mrs. Kipp's first bid at a trustee position.

Voter turnout this year was 46.7 per cent as calculated by the township officials. This was an average, as voter turn-outs varied from a low of 26 per cent in Ward Three, to a high vote of 63 per cent in Ward Two.

Voter turnout in Ward Three this year was affected by the lack of a council race in that ward. Returning officers in that ward said this trend was countered somewhat by a telephone campaign by residents to encourage voters.

Ward Three featured the second highest turn-out in 1976, with 61 per cent of the total vote taken.

Ward Two showed the highest percentage of the vote in 1976 also, with 65 per cent.

Mr. Jack Burn, who officially becomes mayor at the end of the month, remarked that the election had resulted in a "nice blend of novices and veterans."

He said that the "last two councils have been just great."

"I hope we can complete a suitable job in comparison to the past four years," he said. Mr. Burn also praised the work of all candidates in this year's election.

"They were good candidates, they were out working all through the township," he said.

Mayor Peers, who retires at the end of the month, also mentioned the mixture of "novices and veterans."

"I think they've got a good mix there," he said. "We're leaving it (the township) in good hands."

Mayor Peers also described the progress the county has made in the past few years, citing the growth rate which is currently between three and four per cent.

"We're growing better than many urban municipalities," he said.

"We're leaving the township in good shape."

Mayor Peers mentioned the amount of building permits which have been issued in recent months. In the month of October permits totaled approximately \$500,000.

The amount has exceeded \$250,000 in November already.

Although the office of the Township Clerk does not foresee any difficulties with election results, the official list will not be posted until Thursday. This is a change in the Election Act, which previously stated that the official results be made public on the day following the election.

Christmas bazaar held

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the St. John's Anglican Church Guild held a successful Christmas bazaar in the Parish Hall on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Winnie Leach was in charge of the register, which gave the visitor a chance on the door prize.

A well filled table of needlework and crafts invited the shopper. Those in charge were Mrs. Fred Church and Miss Edna Furlong.

In charge of novelties was Mrs. Nate McMullen.

The bake table was another busy section with homemade beef pies being the specialty. They found ready sale and the clerks were Mrs. Derwood Spicer, Mrs. Harold Durkee and Mrs. Emma Strudwick.

At the close of the sale the draw was made for the door prize and lucky prize. They were both won by Mrs. Richard Saunders of Otterville.

Greetings shower

OTTERVILLE (C) — Miss Edna Furlong of Otterville was feted with a shower of birthday greetings with cards and letters on Tuesday honoring her on her 80th birthday. 1978

In the afternoon members of the St. John's Church Guild, of which Edna is a member, visited her to extend best wishes and share in birthday cake and cup of tea. President Mrs. Howse presented Edna with an orchid.

In the evening Miss Furlong was a guest with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Furlong of Otterville, where members of the Furlong family to wish "Aunt Edna" Happy Birthday and enjoy birthday cake and ice cream.

Otterville Guides, Brownies hold sale

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Girl Guides and the Brownies of Otterville held a successful bake sale which was their Christmas bazaar. They were selling homemade crafts, home baking and tables of novelties. The customers had a good choice for shopping. Mrs. Barbara Vonesian convened the day. The total sale netted the club \$400.

On Monday, Nov. 20, the

Girl Guides of Otterville were installed by Mrs. Sharon Ryckman of Norwich. The girls who were installed were Shelley Fallowfield, Donna Butler, Christine Sanders, Jeanette Butler, Pam Forsythe, Kathy Durkee, Lisa Oenema, Sandy Vanbesan, and Stephenie Harris.

Everyone enjoyed the lunch which was prepared by the Guides for their mothers.

Leisure Club bazaar successful

OTTERVILLE (C) — President Colin Robinson feels well repaid for the time which was spent in organizing and planning the pre-Christmas Bazaar which was held in the Community

Hall earlier in the month. Members who were unable to work assisted with donations.

Pieces of woodwork, carving, needlework and

jewellery made a splendid showing.

Mrs. R.E. Pettigrew, 87, had completed pieces of bead work in chokers and other pretty pieces.

The tea table brought

together many folk who spent a social time.

The afghan which was made by Mrs. Harry Lee was won by a Toronto resident. The ticket was sold by Colin Robinson.

Norwich facing water rate rise of 50¢ monthly

WOODSTOCK (Bureau) — A 50-cent monthly water rate increase for Norwich residents, effective Jan. 1, 1979, was approved by Oxford County council Wednesday.

The increase, recommended by Norwich Public Utility Commission and the county's public works committee, will push residential flat rates to \$5 a month from \$4.50.

Metered rates will be increased to 70 cents from 62 cents per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons, and to 42 cents from 38 cents per 1,000 gallons for the balance.

Residents living on the fringe of Norwich will have their rates increased to \$7 a month from \$6.25.

In Otterville, rates will be increased to \$48 a year from \$40. Instead of being assessed once a year, residents will be billed every two months.

The increases were recommended to meet rising operating costs.

A traffic light for Main and Stover streets in Norwich should be a high priority budget item for the new Oxford council, the outgoing council decided.

The new council takes over in December.

The resolution followed a request for a light by a delegation of Norwich residents.

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Spokesman Brenda Stone said the town, which has been requesting lights for several years, is concerned for the safety of children and senior citizens.

A county engineering department traffic count in 1976 estimated 1,375 vehicles passed through the intersection in an eight-hour period. The minimum requirement for a traffic light is 5,760.

However, Mrs. Stone said she sponsored a more recent survey which indicated traffic was closer to 6,360 vehicles.

Council's recommendation was opposed by several Woodstock councillors who argued the request should be referred to the county public works committee.

The city has been fighting for two years to have a light installed at the intersection of Highway 59 and Parkinson Road.

Waste disposal, industrial promotion and boundary adjustments are the main problems facing the incoming Oxford council, retiring Warden Ken Peers said.

Since restructured government came into effect Jan. 1, 1975, the council has had its share of problems, but "restructuring is beginning to jell," he said.

"It will take a little longer to bridge the gap between rural and urban municipalities. The problems will be bridged in this room," he said.

Turkey dinner planned for Otterville UCW

OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the United Church Women was held in the Sunday school room of the United Church on Thursday evening and was well attended.

The president, Mrs. Melville Beecroft, presided and opened the meeting with two readings which were written by Helen Rice Steiner. These were entitled "Friendship Is A Golden Chain" and "Prayer." They were followed with a hymn "One Man" and followed with prayer by Mrs. Beecroft.

Mrs. Boyd Little, secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting and Mrs. Donald Neale, treasurer, gave the financial report showing that the Turkey supper which was held in October was the most successful the group had sponsored.

The correspondence read by Mrs. Beecroft included many thankyou notes and an invitation from the ladies of the Baptist Church inviting the members of the UCW to their meeting in the church on Tuesday evening at 8 p.m.

Announcement was also made of the Christmas dinner for the members of

the O.E.S. which the members will cater to.

Members were reminded of the December meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. which will feature a turkey dinner, after the meeting.

The nominating committee will present the officers for the ensuing year. Members were asked to bring suggestions for improvements in the church.

The offering was presented by Mrs. Jack Walther and Mrs. Adam Oliver. Mrs. David Kennedy presided for the worship service and gave a reading "Why All The Trouble?" which was followed with the reading of the Scripture Job: 5-9 and also another reading "Trouble Comes to Us" which was followed with prayer.

A service "In Memory" for the late Annie Arthur, was conducted by Mrs. Kennedy.

The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Douglas Babbey of Springford and she spoke of "The Life of Helen Rice Stiner."

Mrs. Babbey was introduced by Mrs. Beecroft and appreciation was expressed to her by Mrs. Tylor who presented the speaker

with a corsage.

The meeting closed with a hymn and prayer.

The members were invited to the tables where lunch was served and a special time followed.

Mrs. Jack Walther was the pianist for the meeting.

EDGAR R. PEARCE

Edgar Ross Pearce passed away in London Hospital on Saturday, November 4, in his 87th year. 1978

Born at Harley, in Brant County, on August 17, 1892, he was a son of the late Arthur Pearce and the former Harriet Beaton.

He moved to Cornell in South Norwich at an early age and farmed there until he retired in 1953 and moved to Springford.

He was a member of the Springford Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ethel Oatman; one daughter, Mrs. George (Marion Jean) Leatherdale of London; four grandchildren, Patricia Leatherdale, Joan Leatherdale, Stewart Leatherdale, and Barry Leatherdale, all of London; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by four brothers, Thomas Pearce, George Pearce, Marshall Pearce, and Ira Pearce; and by two sisters, Mrs. James (Carrie) Jackson, and Mrs. H.W. (Lucy) Holmes.

Rested at the Gleason Funeral Home in Otterville where service was held Tuesday, November 7, at 2 p.m., conducted by Rev. Gibson Brown of Springford Baptist Church. Mrs. Gordon Haley sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Lilian Broad at the piano.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Earl Haley, Wilford Mansfield, Donald Wilcox, David Ramer, Kenneth White, and Theodore Ludwig.

Plan Yule dinner

OTTERVILLE (C) — The regular meeting of the Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon with president Colin Robinson presiding for a brief business. An informative review was heard of the successful bazaar and appreciation was extended to the president and Mrs. Robinson by Mr. Max Avey who stated that without the president the bazaar would have been nil. Appreciation was extended to everyone who served along the way.

Christmas plans are progressing favourably when the Club will dine in Tillsonburg at 12 p.m. for their Christmas dinner Dec. 13th.

Following dinner the members will return to Woodlawn for the program for which Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. David Kennedy are the program committee.

Cards were enjoyed for the remainder of the afternoon and a social repast.

Sunshines dress up

OTTERVILLE (C) — Members of the Sunshine Club met at the home of Mrs. John McSkimming for their regular meeting.

There were 12 members in attendance. In keeping with Hallowe'en, several of the members were dressed in Hallowe'en costumes.

Mrs. Fred Pearce conducted a contest.

Miss Dorothy Wardell invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

Mrs. Kay Durkee assisted the hostess with the social time and the members expressed their appreciation to the hostess for the pleasant time spent.

Springford Institute has 75th anniversary

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OTTERVILLE (C) — The November meeting of the Otterville Women's Institute was held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Friday evening Nov., 1978, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Melville Beecroft, convener of World Affairs, was the speaker for the meeting. She had a beautiful picture which were taken on her trip to Hawaii and gave an interesting introduction describing the areas. Mrs. Beecroft and company visited. This gave the members the feeling they had been there also.

The president Miss Vera Welsh presided for the meeting which opened with the Institute Ode, Mary Stewart Collect and followed with the Lord's Prayer.

In keeping with "Remembrance" the president gave a reading which followed with two minutes silence and the singing of "O Canada."

The roll call was answered by members telling a place of interest they would recommend to others to visit.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved and financial report given by Mrs. Jack Walther.

An invitation was read from the Springford Institute inviting the members of the Otterville Branch to their meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, to be held in the Springford Hall at 8 p.m. This will mark the occasion

of the 75th Anniversary of the Springford Institute.

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen" and the Institute grace and a social time brought the evening to a close.

Appreciation was extended to Mrs. Beecroft, convener and speaker at the meeting, and to the social committee for their part.

Open house marks anniversary

OTTERVILLE (C) — "Open House" was held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, Nov. 5; to extend "Best Wishes" to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Durkee of Otterville in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Durkee were married in St. John's Anglican Church Rectory, Tillsonburg on November 9, 1943 by the late Cannon H.H. Farr.

Members of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, Mrs. Durkee is a member of the Church Guild, a member of the O.E.S. and of the Otterville Women's Institute.

The family receiving the guests at the door were their daughters and son Mrs. Ronald Newstead, Brantford; Mrs. John Williams,

Simcoe; Kathy Durkee and Jim Durkee of Otterville.

Mrs. Durkee received wearing a pale blue polyester floor length dress with a corsage of rosebuds and carnations. The ladies at the door wore pale green polyester dresses fashioned like that of their mother's.

Mrs. Aubrey Babcock, niece, and Mrs. William Hanson a friend, both of Otterville were in charge of the Guest Book.

From a prettily decorated table which was covered with a cutwork cloth and centred with red roses, tea was poured by Mrs. Verna White, Otterville; Mrs. B.D. Burn, Tillsonburg; Mrs. R.J. McMann, Musselman's Lake; and Mrs. Earle Petch, Otterville.

Mrs. Donald Barnim and the grandchildren served the

cup of tea and lunch.

At 6 p.m. 47 relatives and friends sat down to a bountiful dinner served by the ladies of the church - Mrs. Violet Howse, Mrs. Bob Furlong, Mrs. Bob Picknell and Miss Eva Deveney.

Carl Howse was master of ceremonies, and toasted bride and groom. Mrs. Durkee responded. Rev. H. Herring spoke briefly. Among the honored guests were Mrs. Edna Pearce of

Tillsonburg, aunt of the groom.

Seated at head table were Mr. and Mrs. Durkee, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Babcock, Mrs. Elsie Pearce and Rev. and Mrs. Herring.

Wedding cake centred the table and red roses were used effectively. Guests were present from Brantford, Simcoe, Musselman's Lake, Straffordville, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Curries and Otterville.

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Edna Pearce

Doug Babbey serenades residents of Maple Manor Thursday at the manor's first Oktoberfest. The seniors enjoyed hot dogs and

steins of beer and cider, danced the polka to accordion and guitar music, and sang their old favourites.

Anglican Church of Canada

REV. HERB HERRING
S. TH., MINISTER
TRINITY XXVI

ST. JOHN'S
OTTERVILLE
MRS. McMULLEN
ORGANIST

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer.

HOLY TRINITY
NORWICH
MISS TARA HYLAND
ORGANIST

11:15 a.m. Sunday School.
11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer.

ST. CHARLES
DEREHAM
MISS JANICE ECKER
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2:00 p.m. Evening Prayer.

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Advent IV
Christmas Sunday

ST. JOHN'S
OTTERVILLE
MRS. VIOLET HOWSE
ORGANIST

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer.

9:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve
Communion Service.

HOLY TRINITY
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11:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve
Communion Service.

ST. CHARLES
DEREHAM
MISS JANICE ECKER
ORGANIST

2:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer.

7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve
Communion Service.

Carol singing at the three services.

All are invited to attend.

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Most of the main floor area of Norwich's Post Office was destroyed by fire last week and other rooms suffered extensive smoke damage. Cause has yet to be determined but is believed to have started in the heavy double floor. The building was built more than 50 years ago and at one time housed a Canadian Customs office. (News-Record Photo)



Norwich District High School held their Graduation ceremony on Friday night. Shown here are Ontario Scholars, Heather Holbrook, Linda Dymment and Michele Scheurman.

Norwich Post Office moved into trailers

By Ted Whipp
News Editor

NORWICH — While volunteer firefighters here puzzle out the cause of the fire that damaged the town's post office, postal officials are busy arranging temporary quarters to handle mail delivery.

The fire last week caused an estimated \$125,000 damage and destroyed much of the building's main floor including lockboxes with some mail inside. Cause of the fire last Wednesday morning is not known yet but is believed to have started in the building's heavy double floor. A large section of the floor was destroyed by the fire that caused extensive smoke damage throughout the building.

A paper carrier boy and London newspaper delivery vendor are credited with turning in the alarm and helping avert further damage. Gary Edwards, a newspaper paper boy said he noticed smoke inside the building as he awaited delivery for his route. The two turned in the alarm.

As firefighters raced to extinguish the blaze, smoke poured from open windows and doors. Inside, thick, shrouds of smoke forced firefighters to crawl along the floor with large air-packs strapped to their backs and around their heads.

The building was under review to determine whether a new one should be built, Delhi Postmaster Jack Taylor said.

He supervises the post office here in his Delhi district.

Mr. Taylor said it had been determined there wasn't enough adequate space in the existing building. He was uncertain whether the fire would change any decisions or plans to be made by the Department of Public Works that handles buildings for Canada Post.

In the meantime, he said temporary quarters were arranged in the former North Norwich Township building in the north end on Highway 59. Later this week trailers will be installed as temporary quarters. The building is too small to accommodate 500 lockboxes and provide space for staff he said.

Staff worked for two days straight to salvage mail left in lockboxes overnight during the fire, he said. By the time the fire started, the day's previous mail had been shipped and Wednesday's delivery hadn't been made. Firefighters arrived on the scene around 6:30 a.m. Mail from the inside letter drop box was also lost.

What mail could be salvaged has been returned, Mr. Taylor said. Several pieces of mail handling equipment are unsalvageable. About 10' of lockboxes were destroyed along with the counter and main work area.

The town's new postmaster returned abruptly from his vacation because of the fire, Mr. Taylor said. Gordon Shearer was vacationing near Parry Sound and returned on the weekend. Mr. Shearer was assistant postmaster in Delhi.

Post office fire linked to wiring

NORWICH (Bureau) — Faulty electrical wiring is believed to have caused an early morning fire which destroyed the inside of a two-storey post office building here Wednesday, fire officials say. Damage to the 80-year-old building is estimated at \$125,000.

Norwich Fire Captain Lawrence Griswold said the fire started in the basement at about 2:15 a.m., the time the post office clock stopped. It was reported at 5:30 a.m.

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Powell expanding at Otterville

BY CHRIS HOLLAND

Powell Agri-Systems of Otterville plans to double its production of mobile bulk curing systems with a 15,000-square-foot expansion project.

The expansion will allow for production of the bulk curing systems to increase from three units to six per day.

Howard Avey, vice-president and sales manager of the firm said the move is designed to "better serve the domestic market." This market includes Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Mr. Avey said that the "demand is exceeding production facilities."

"The acceptance of the Powell equipment has made it necessary to increase the production facilities," he said.

Mr. Avey stressed that the plant is not just an assembly area. It manufactures all products from raw materials.

The plant in Otterville also houses the direct sales operation. Seven salespeople are employed at the firm, and there are 100 employees in the manufacturing area.

There are sister plants in Bennetsville, South Carolina and Dunham, North Carolina. There are no American personnel in the Otterville plant.

"It is independently run by Canadians," said Mr. Avey.

The new addition will be an all steel structure with modern production equipment. It is expected that the Otterville plant will employ 150 people when the addition is in operation.

The company hopes to have the expansion ready by January, and will have construction crews pouring cement through the holiday season.

The Powell system presents a "totally mechanized" approach to tobacco farming, and can cut labour by 50 per cent, according to Mr. Avey. A total mechanized package can amount to an investment of \$100,000.

The system involves less handling and gives greater control over curing. It also

eliminates problems from weather factors such as wind, rain or humidity.

The curing kilns are equipped with temporary wheels at the Otterville plant, towed to the farm, and lowered onto a concrete pad. The wheels are removed, and the system is operational immediately.

Mr. Avey said that considerable promotion was necessary before farmers accepted the concept of mechanized tobacco handling, as it was necessary to prove that the equipment would save labour costs. Powell provides complete service for the equipment, with 20 radio-

equipped service vehicles operating in the summer. During harvest the service department is on 24-hour call.

The plant is incorporating many new engineering aspects into their equipment. A current concern of tobacco farmers is energy conservation during the curing process.

The curing furnaces built at the Otterville plant incorporate a modular control, which can save energy by up to 20 per cent if used properly.

Other innovations include the first two-row tobacco combine, which was designed

and built at the Otterville plant in 1973. The original design has already been improved to cut down on leaf loss and breakage.

The plant also manufactures transplanting equipment, automatic toppers and high track sprayers.

Powell located the plant in Otterville in 1967, because it was the geographical centre of the tobacco industry in the area. The original plant was 50,000 square feet.

In addition to the main plant on Dover Street, the company has a building on Main Street. This building is used only for the assembly of transplanters.



The partially completed Powell Agri-Systems expansion is shown here. The company hopes to have the 15,000-square-foot addition

finished by January. The addition will be used to increase production of the mobile bulk curing systems.

Norwich building tops \$5.7 million

Value of building permits issued in Norwich Township during 1978 reached a total of \$5,769,405 according to figures released at Monday's council session.

The breakdown among the wards is as follows: ward one, \$1,641,100; ward two, \$1,153,080; ward three, \$1,915,650 and ward four, \$1,059,575.

In ward one 17 permits were issued for new dwellings for a total of \$589,000. Ward two showed 15 dwellings for an amount of \$504,000. Eighteen permits were issued in ward three for a total of \$942,300 in dwellings. Ward four accounted for 10 permits with a

total of \$411,000 in dwelling construction.

The top figure for commercial building in ward one was \$153,000 for Powell Agri-Systems in Otterville.

Ward two featured two major projects with the senior citizens building at \$352,280 and Holland R.V.E. construction amounting to \$100,000.

Ward three showed substantial commercial building with Farmers Elevators at \$280,000, Norwich Packers at \$95,000 and Fidin Pontiac Buick at \$125,000.

The United Co-operatives structure permit in ward four amounted to \$80,000 and the Wall Brothers Welding Shop totalled \$38,000.

FIFTY YEARS AGO December 1928

There has been considerable sneak-thieving going on around town during the past week. On Tuesday night night-dresses were stolen from the clotheslines of Mrs. W.S. Scott and Mrs. A. McNabb, and a bicycle belonging to Clarence Palmer was stolen from the rear of Imrie and McFarlane's store.

Montreal, Dec. 12 - Russel Oatman, relief left wing player of the Montreal Maroons, has been sold to the New York Rangers and will be in a Ranger uniform when the world's champions play the Canadiens here tomorrow night.

20 YEARS AGO December 31, 1958

Edward Arthur, superintendent of the Otterville United Sunday

school was the chairman for the annual Christmas concert which was held in the school room and was filled to capacity. The program opened with "Silent Night" and the chairman's address which was followed by recitations by Leslie Gehring, Dianne Oliver, Joan Downing, Marlene McSpadden, Larry Hill, Debbie Church, Michaela Maloney, JoAnne Pettigrew, Sharon DeVoogdt, Joan Gehring, Janet Taylor, Margurite Little, Brenda Oliver, David Avey, John Walther, Karen McSpadden, Gordon Hill, Douglas Mc-

Spadden and Ken Downing. Vocal solos were given by Dorie Walther, Wayne Beecroft and Larry Baguley. Piano solos by Peggy McClintock, Douglas McSpadden, Heather Pettigrew and Linda Addison. Christmas chopsticks was given by Andrena, Helen and Beth Collver and tap dancing was enacted by Barbara and Marlene Finch.

Help bring the Christmas Spirit to

OTTERVILLE

Join in the

^{1st} SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Sat., December 16, 1978 2 p.m.

Township Shed

Entries and floats
line up at 1 p.m.

TO

School

Visit Santa
Candy
Hot drinks

Over 20 parade entries

^{Dec/78} Santa visits Otterville

Clear roads and pleasant weather favoured both participants and spectators for Otterville's Santa Claus parade on Saturday. Over 20 entries lined up at the Township shed under the direction of Parade Marshalls Rod Taylor and Don Neale.

Villagers lined Main St. and children along the route to the school collected candy from the clowns as they passed by.

A group of three judges, headed by Mae Leonard, drew up the list of prize-winners. Mel Smith, donor of the first prize plaque, announced the winners and presented the plaque to Otterville Public School in the gym at the school. Mary Lou Pickering presented ribbons to three other floats. First went to the Historical Society, second to Otter Lumber, and third to The Cabbage Patch.

Santa was visited by almost 200 children who were given bags of candy and a tangerine. Children

and adults enjoyed hot chocolate, coffee and donuts served by the Sunshine Club. Organizers of the parade

said it was a "great success" due to the involvement of individuals, businessmen and clubs.



Santa Claus visited Otterville on Saturday. The parade included a wide variety of floats, including Santa's unusual sled shown here.



Otterville Boy Scouts contributed one of the more colorful and imaginative floats to the Otterville Santa Claus parade Saturday. The parade featured about 20 entries. It began at the Township of Norwich yard and

travelled the hamlet's main street for parents and children lined up to watch. Santa himself brought up the rear, of course. *1st. all Otterville Santa Claus Parade*

THE OTTERVILLE BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

would like to cordially thank
**MRS. MARION DOWDS and
 MRS. MARYLOU PICKERING**
 for their initiation and convening of the Otterville Santa Parade.

The following merchants and individuals made donations toward the parade:

- Michael Ash Construction
- Cope Hardware
- Coyle's, Tillsonburg
- Davis Bros. Plumbing & Heating
- Guides & Brownies Parent's Committee
- Paul Groeneveld & Sons Garage
- Janny's Groceries and Dry Goods
- Lions Park Committee
- Adam Oliver Agency
- Otter Lumber Co.
- Otter Valley Auctions
- Otterville Heating
- Powell Agri-Systems Ltd.
- Sanders Mart
- VI & Mel Smith
- Rod & Marlon Taylor

We also acknowledge the assistance offered by other merchants and individuals. Thanks to the Sunshine Club Ladies who prepared and served the after-parade snack, and, thanks to the volunteers in the band.

Mrs. M. Beecraft heads church women

OTTERVILLE (C) — December Christmas meeting of the United Church Women was held in the church hall on Thursday evening, attended by more than 50 persons, including member's husbands.

The evening opened with a delicious turkey dinner and trimmings prepared by members of the executive.

Following the dinner, president Mrs. Melville Beecraft presided for the Christmas program opening with a poem "The Priceless Gift of Christmas", by Helen Steiner Rice.

Financial report for the year was given by Mrs.

Beecraft and quilting report by Mrs. Lorne Treffry.

Announcement was made of the Oxford Presbyterial to be held in Woodstock on January 31.

Mrs. Rod Taylor gave a brief story telling of the little boy in India who is supported by the U.C.W. and a collection was taken for him.

Mrs. Adam Oliver, convener of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers as follows, past president, Mrs. Rod Taylor; president, Mrs. Melville Beecraft; vice-president, Mrs. Irvin Gehring; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. W. Harris; recording secretary, Mrs. Boyd Little;

treasurer, Mrs. Donald Neale; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Earl Moore; program and literature, Mrs. Edward White; social convener, Mrs. Lorne Treffry; manse committee, Mrs. Fred Cole and Mrs. William Hanson; financial, Mrs. Laura Hooker and Mrs. Donald Neale; friendship, Mrs. Rod Taylor and Mrs. Harold Waring; supply, Mrs. Harold Waring; reporter, Mrs. Harold Waring; news and views, Mrs. Colin Cope; archives, Mrs. Earle Petch, Mrs. William McMullen and Mrs. Harold Ryder; nominating committee, Mrs. William Hanson and Mrs. Edward White.

Worship service followed with Mrs. Sam McSpadden,

Mrs. Bert Hill and Mrs. Ruth Colver taking part.

Mrs. Hill read Scripture Matt. 1: 18-25 and Mrs. McSpadden gave a reading "If Christ Had Not Come," followed with prayer.

Mrs. McSpadden gave several selections of Christmas music on the accordion.

Mrs. Hill read a paper prepared by the late Annie Arthur entitled "What Christmas Means to Me," and Mrs. Colver read a poem "The Meaning of Christmas."

Christmas carols were sung throughout the service with Mrs. Jack Walther at the piano.

Rev. Earl Moore closed the service with prayer.

Ladies Guild hold meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The St. John's Ladies Guild held their Christmas dinner at 12 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. Violet Howse on Thursday afternoon.

The roll call was answered by seven members and one visitor. Minutes were approved as read.

Everyone was requested to attend the special meeting

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 January 17 in the Parish Hall.

Courtesy remarks and thank you were made by all. Cards were signed for shut-ins.

The meeting closed with prayer by the president. A social time was then enjoyed with a Christmas tree. Games were played and enjoyed by all.

OTTERVILLE (C) - The Women's Missionary Fellowship held their annual special missionary meeting on Tuesday evening in the Sunday school room of the church with ladies of other churches in the district as their guests.

President, Mrs. Bruce Stover, presided. Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Ted Oenema and prayer offered by Mrs. Donald Gorrie.

Mrs. Jack Walther was guest soloist and sang two selections "Jesus Never Forgets" and "Reach Out and Touch." Ushers were Mrs. Kenneth Lee and Mrs. Hilda Stockmans. A missionary offering was taken and presented to the special speaker, Dr. Hazel Wrigglesworth, who spent her early years in this community and church. She was introduced by Mrs. Wilma Butler.

Miss Wrigglesworth has been serving in the Phillipines doing translation work with Wycliffe Translators since 1961 and has about half of the New Testament published in the previously unwritten language of the Manobo people. The speaker showed a very interesting film "The New Generation" which

contrasted the life and conditions of the native peoples before and after receiving the Bible and Good News of Salvation.

An interesting question and answer period followed the film when Miss Wrigglesworth gave a real insight into her work there.

A social time followed the meeting with dainty refresh-

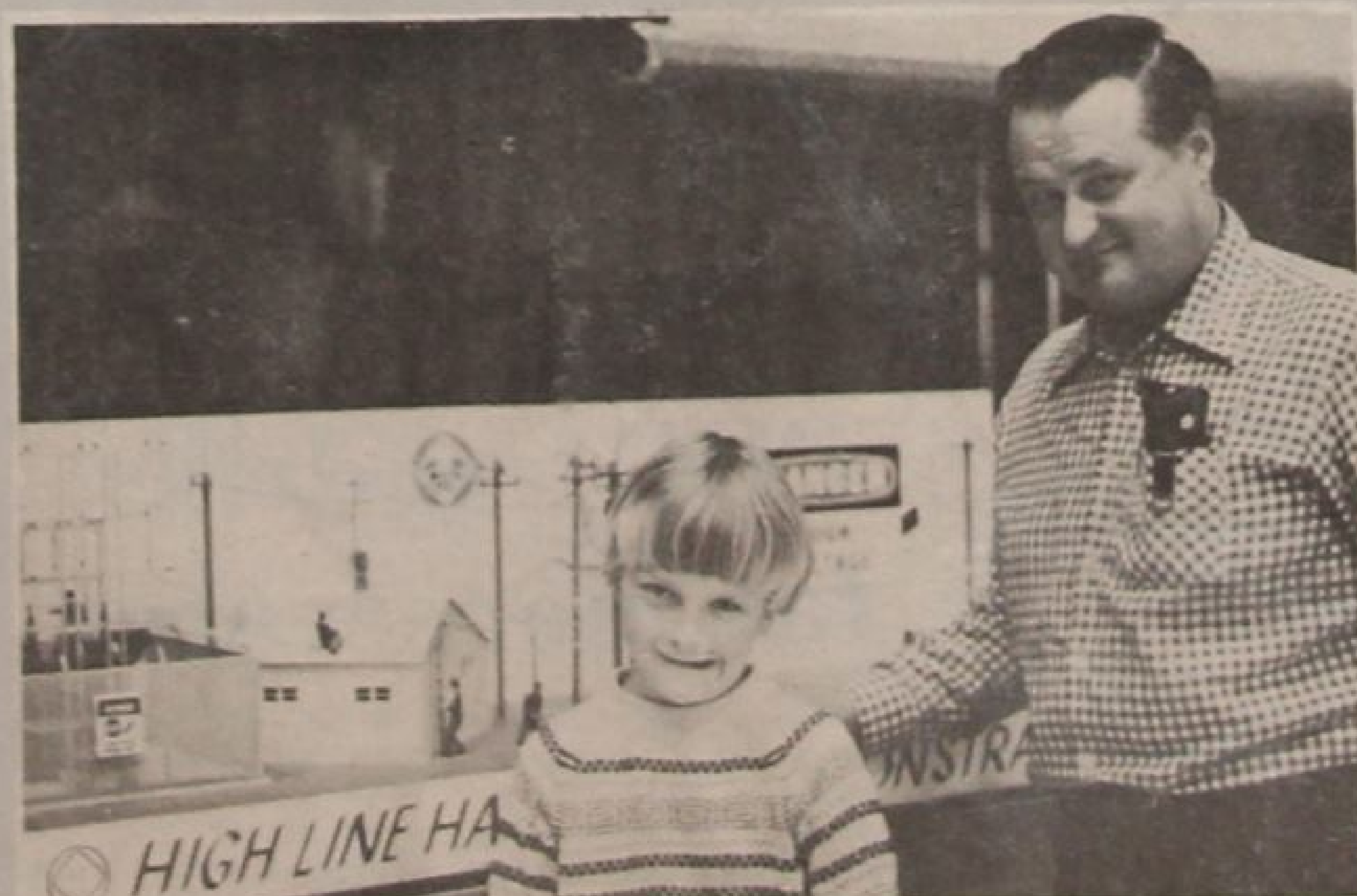
Concert held by church

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 OTTERVILLE (C) - Members of St. John's Anglican Church held their annual Christmas concert in the parish hall on Sunday evening with 56 in attendance.

The evening opened with the singing of Christmas Carols and several little folk gave recitations.

Santa arrived and distributed gifts from the tree, to complete the evening, which had been preceded with a potluck supper prepared by the ladies.

St. John's Church Club met in the parish hall for their regular meeting. Carols were sung and members exchanged gifts revealing their secret pals. A social time closed the meeting.



Marty Woodford of Norwich Public School is shown here with August De Wachter and the "High Line Hazard Board." Mr. De Wachter, manager of the Burgessville division of the Public Utilities Commission, uses the board to illustrate the dangers of ignoring hydro safety rules. *Dec 178*

CYRENUS CECIL

PAYNE

OTTERVILLE (C)

Cyrenus Cecil Payne of Otterville passed away in Tillsonburg District Memorial Hospital on Monday, December 4, 1978, in his 79th year.

Born at Frogmore, he was the son of the late Anassa Payne and Harriet Paren. Surviving are his wife, the former Viola Thurlby; three nieces and one nephew.

The late Mr. Payne was an employee at Livingston Industries, Tillsonburg, where he was Engineer.

Funeral service was held from the Nelson F. Gleason Funeral Home on Thursday, conducted by Rev. Herb Herring.

Pianist was Mrs. William A. McMullen. Memorial donations were made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario Heart, and Tillsonburg Hospital.

Pallbearers were Donald Chisholm, Gordon McMullen, Bill McMullen, John Davis, Norman McClintock, and George Smith.

Interment in Otter Cemetery.

WILFRED EARL

OATMAN

Funeral service for the late Wilfred Earl Oatman of 12 Main St. E., Springford, who passed away on December 24, 1978, was held at the H.D. Verhove Funeral Home, Tillsonburg, on December 27, at 2 p.m. conducted by Rev. Earl Moore of Springford United Church.

The service was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Newman sang a duet, "Beyond the Sunset," accompanied by Myra Claringbold at the organ.

Flower bearer was Max Scott.

Pallbearers were Bob Hicks, Jim Crane, Elmer Waite, Garfield Wardel, Stan Palmer and Doug Wilson.

Interment in Springford Cemetery.

LEO WALTER COTTON

Leo Walter Cotton, passed away at Simcoe Hospital, Sunday, Dec. 24, 1978, in his 84th year. Survived by daughters Vern (Rubie) Norwood of North Carolina, Dorothy of Hamilton and Mrs. Murray (Bonnie) Cowie of London and sons Leo of Lyndoch, Walter (Jim) of Waterloo and Leonard of Brantford. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Armstrong of Otterville, Mrs. Una Hemphill of British Columbia, brother Oscar of London and 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral service was held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. from Arn and Son Funeral Residence, interment to follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Lyndoch, Ontario.

Otterville WI meet for Christmas

OTTERVILLE (C) — Meeting closed and the December Christmas meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lorne Treffry on Friday afternoon. The hostess was assisted in serving Christmas cookies for the social hour.

Due to the absence of president Miss Vera Welsh, who was ill with a cold, the first vice-president, Mrs. Murray Treffry, presided and read a Christmas greeting card from the president. There were 15 ladies present.

Regret was expressed at the illness of Mr. Harold Durkee, who was confined to hospital.

Roll call was answered by members telling something they had learned from a younger person.

Mrs. William McMullen announced the January meeting will be held at her place in the evening.

Christmas Carols were sung throughout the meeting with Mrs. William McMullen as pianist.

Mrs. Melville Beecroft gave a reading "The First Christmas In Canada" and Mrs. Lorne Treffry also read the account of "How Christmas Came to St. Anthony" which was written by Wilfrid Grenfell.

A nice assortment of articles was brought to the meeting for the Sunshine cupboard.

Mrs. James Squance gave a reading "When Ma is Sick."

Leisure club names officers

OTTERVILLE (C) — Regular business meeting of the Leisure Club was held at Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon. President Colin Robinson presided.

Mrs. Harry Lee, convener of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers which will be: past president, Harry Lee; president, Colin Robinson; 1st vice president, Mrs. John Pritchard; secretary - treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cole; Good Cheer convener, Mrs. Max Avey; social convener, Mrs. Colin Robinson.

Next regular meeting will be Wednesday, January 3.

Entertain at Leisure club

OTTERVILLE (C) — The annual Christmas party of the members and friends of the Otterville Leisure Club met at the Woodlawn Community Centre on Wednesday afternoon.

At noon the members and friends attended a Christmas dinner at the Mocca Restaurant, Tillsonburg. Grace was sung and all enjoyed the dinner with the ladies each wearing a lovely corsage.

The members returned to Woodlawn where an enjoyable afternoon was spent with a most interesting program convened by Mrs. Max Avey and Mrs. David Kennedy.

President Colin Robinson was MC for the afternoon and welcomed all present with holiday greetings.

Mrs. Harold Waring was called upon to introduce her guests for the day which were Mr. and Mrs. Robert English of Albert St., Norwich. Mrs. English was the pianist for the afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morley of Burgessville. Mr. Morley assisted with the program. Mrs. John Pritchard gave a humorous reading "The Day After Christmas." Mrs. Robert English gave a piano solo, and Mrs. Beulah Sweazey gave a reading.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft sang several vocal duets with Mrs. Nate Mc-

Mullen at the piano. Mr. Wilbur Morley gave a couple of readings and Mrs. Harold Waring gave whistling solos.

Mrs. Fred Cole gave a reading. This part of the program closed with the singing of "The Queen."

A fitting climax to the program was a skit "The Nativity Scene" which was presented by Melville Beecroft, Charles Bradford, Petunia McNally, Lena Lucas, Bruce Alexander, Annie Pritchard, Amie Cowie and Violet Cole.

Mrs. David Kennedy was the director.

At the close the club was pleased to have members of the First Brownie Pack of Otterville visit them and they presented their program to them. The members of the Leisure Club were pleased to have this visit of the members, along with their leaders Mrs. William Dowds and Mrs. Ivan Pickering. The Brownies presented club members with candy, and the club served the Brownies cocoa and cookies.



The temporary post office at the police station received a new sign. Shown here are Postmaster Gord Shearer and Assistant Postmaster Win Watts. The post office is currently opening at 8:30 a.m. to avoid congestion due to mail delivery in the morning.

Historical buildings in LACAC book

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Outstanding examples of historical architecture in Norwich Township are featured in a book compiled by the local Architectural Advisory Conservation Committee.

The book, entitled "With Mortar and Pine" is about the architectural heritage of the Township of Norwich. Published in soft cover, it contains 38 drawings of buildings of the Township, plus portions, such as windows, doorways, and porches, of another 20 buildings. These drawings are mostly of homes, but some commercial buildings, two schools, a church, and two barns are also included. The articles accompanying the drawings are historical as well as architectural. The purpose of the book is to encourage appreciation of our architectural heritage.

"With Mortar and Pine" has been compiled by the Township of Norwich L.A.C.A.C. The Norwich and District Historical Society and the South Norwich

Historical Society, with the support of Wintario, have made the publication possible. It is being sold by the two historical societies.

The book offers only a portion of the architectural heritage of the area, but it is hoped that through the drawings and text people will have a greater appreciation of the heritage in their midst.

The drawings have been done by Joanne Pettigrew, a graduate of Fine Art and native of the Township.

Honored on 83rd birthday

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OTTERVILLE (C) - Mrs. Edna Pearce of Tillsonburg, a former resident of Otterville, was pleasantly surprised at the home of her son Fred and Mrs. Pearce on Tuesday, December 26th. The happy event was in honour of Mrs. Pearce's 83rd birthday.

Relatives and friends called throughout the afternoon and were happy to meet with the honoured guest.

Mrs. Pearce is a resident of Maple Manor, Tillsonburg and is always happy to have visitors.

She was the recipient of many cards carrying the birthday greeting and wishing her Season's Greetings.

The hostess served refreshments to complete the afternoon.

Sunshine Club

Christmas meet

OTTERVILLE (C) — The Christmas meeting of the Sunshine Club was held at the home of Mrs. Fred Pearce with 14 members and one visitor present.

The president, Mrs. James McMurchy presided. The roll call, suggested by Mrs. Don Neale, was answered with the members giving a Christmas symbol.

The members practiced their annual Good Cheer Greeting to shut-ins and this season they travelled by truck singing carols along the way and leaving their good cheer to the shut-ins. This was deeply appreciated and more than 20 calls were made.

Secret Pals were revealed and new Secret Pals were drawn.

A new slate of officers will be presented at the next meeting.

Mrs. Robert Pettigrew invited the members to her home for the first meeting in January which is slated for Thursday, January 11 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Grant Mountain and Mrs. F.R. Gould assisted the hostess for the social hour. Mrs. Gordon Shearer gave the courtesy remarks.

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Lyle Cassidy spends countless hours in the basement of his Norwich area home patiently turning out models like this fine detailed replica of an 1897 steam calliope owned by the Thompson Museum of Stratford.

All that comes out of Canadian winters is not bad and for some like Lyle Cassidy, 71, of RR 3, Norwich, they bring out a hidden talent.

"I'd go nuts in the winter if it wasn't for this," said Cassidy as he talked about his hobby of building miniature models of mostly farm-oriented items.

Retiring from farming in 1966 Cassidy kept busy in the summers but winter was a drag until one year his granddaughter bought him a model of a Belgian horse as a present. He made a harness for it and later bought another model that led to a team with full harness. Then he built a hay wagon to hook the team up to and his new hobby was born.

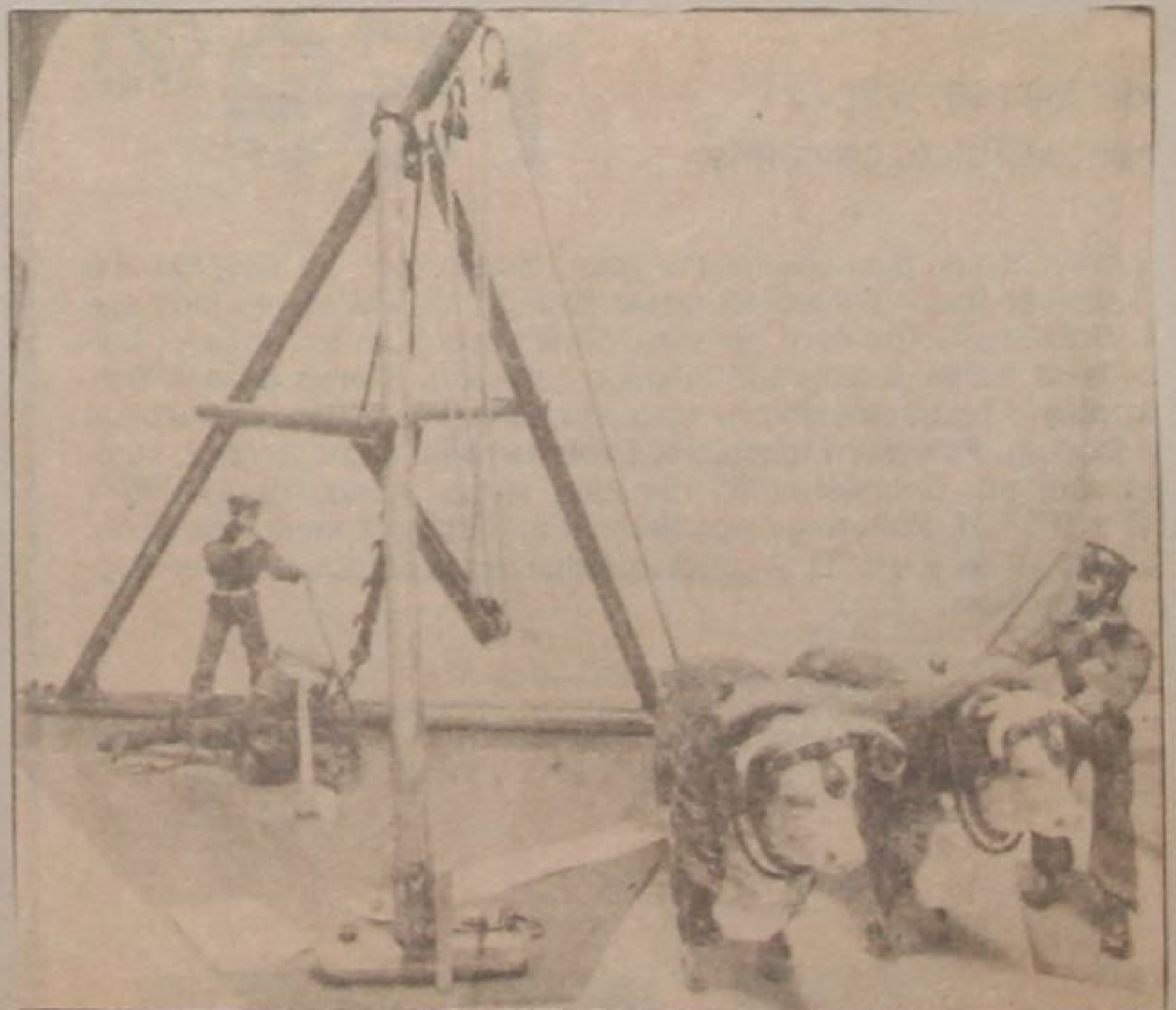
Today he has about 24 models — almost exclusively farm-drawn implements — that he takes for occasional showing at steam reunions or fairs.

"I enjoy it when people enjoy the models," he says.

He builds the models in several ways, some like a model of the enormous steam calliope of the Thompson Museum in Stratford which he fashioned from a photograph. Others are built from memory and some like the working model of a late 1800's Massey Harris reaper came after restoring a real one for the Norwich Historical Society.

Harness for his horses which take three to four days is the hardest item to recreate.

"Sometimes my hands get too shaky and I just walk off and leave them. After all, I have lots of time."



A working model of the Burkholder Brothers stump puller built in 1870 near Otterville uses oxen in place of Cassidy's favorite power, the horse.



This working model of a late-1800s Massey Harris reaper includes the inards of an old clock.

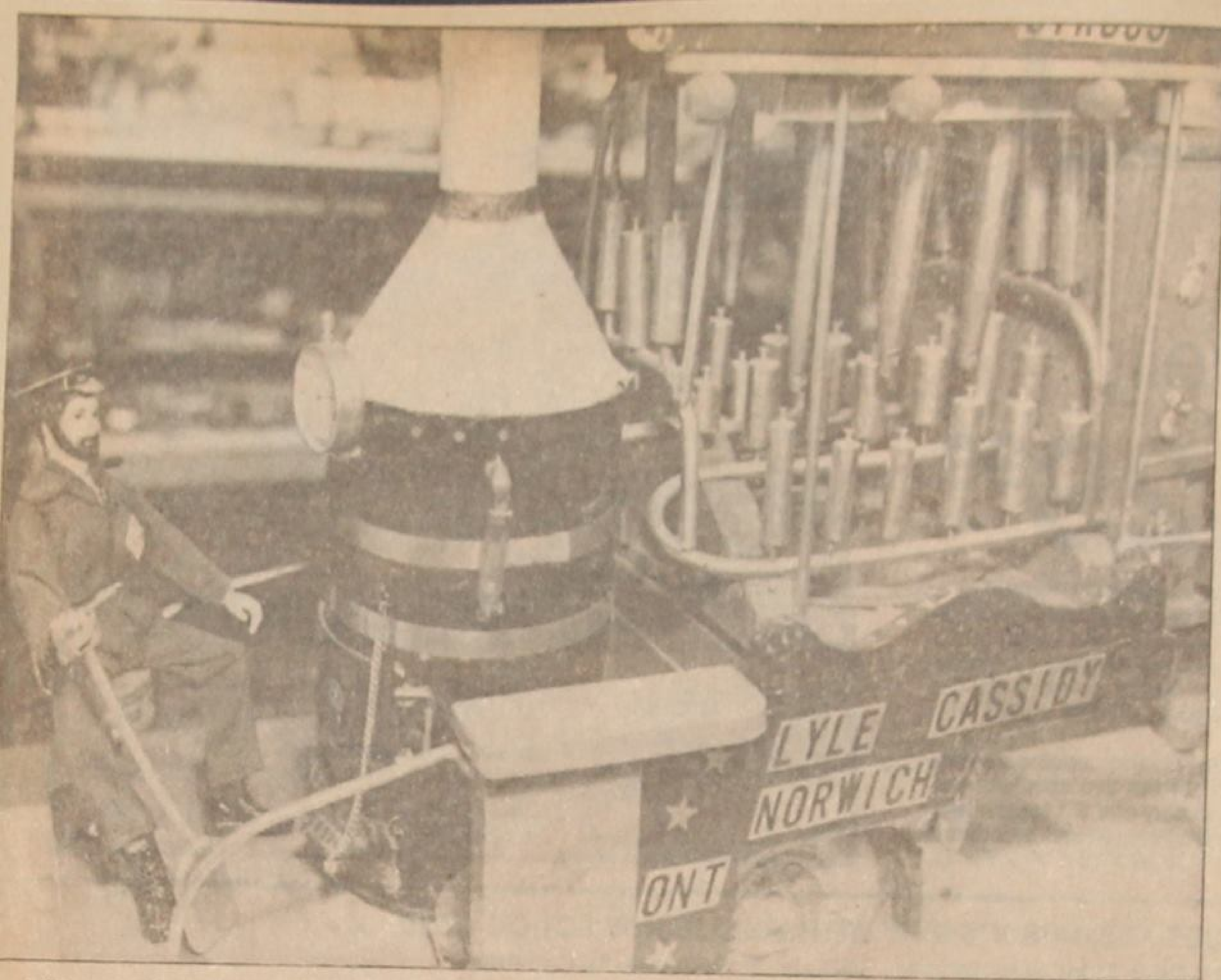


This full-arched axel buggy was one of Cassidy's greatest challenges.

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NAME Mrs Ken Mann
Ottawa Ont



A fireman sits ready to tend the boiler at the rear of the steam calliope which took four months to build.

A sling rope neatly hangs over the front standard of a flaring siderack hay wagon.

Plant puller — a back saving invention

Someone who doesn't like his job can either quit or change things.

Joe Balint found a way to change things so he could quit and still get the job done.

Along with Mike Verhaeghe, Mr. Balint designed and built the first automatic plant puller that really works. The machine has been used for two seasons now, and has been patented.

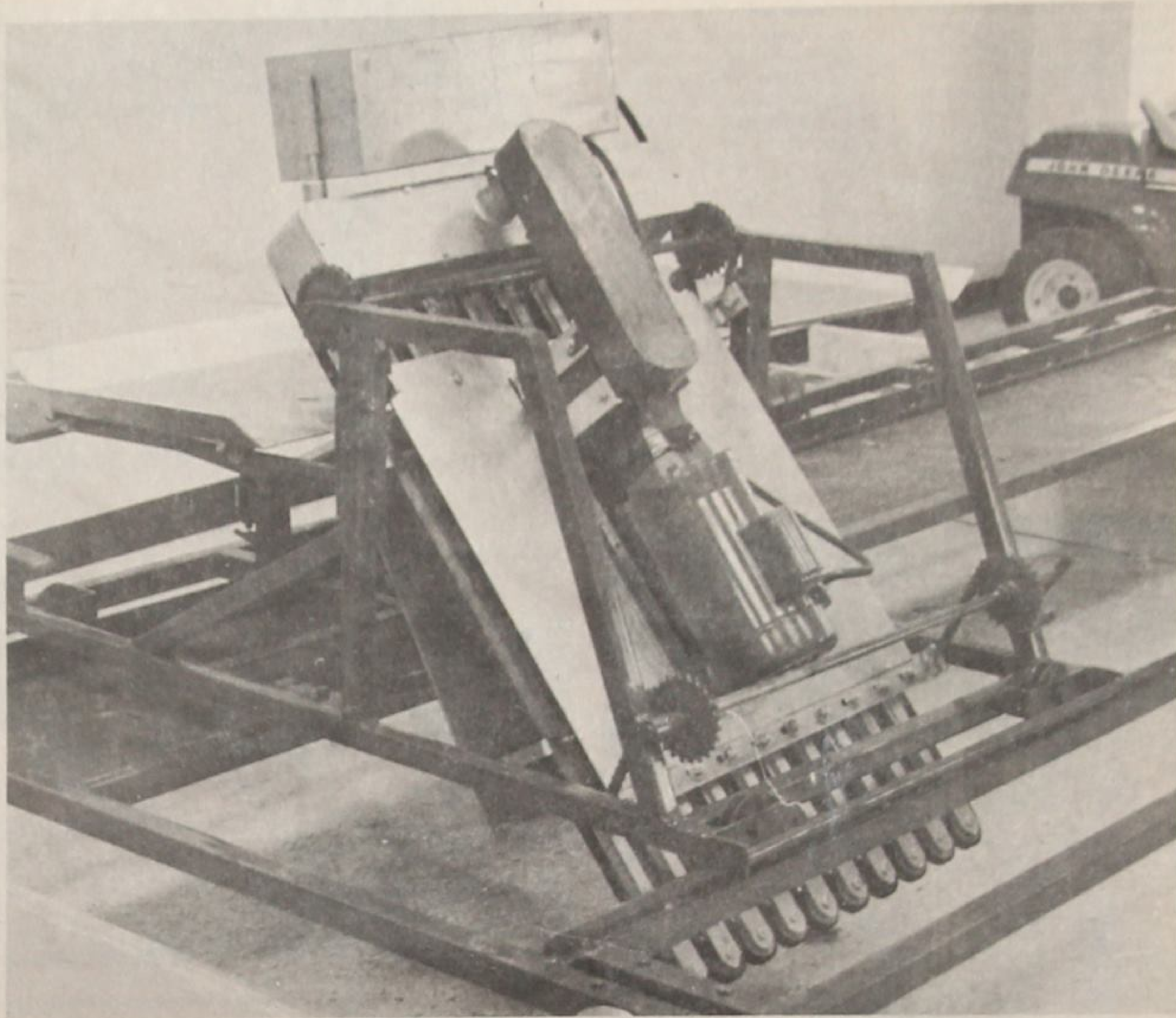
From as far off as Georgia and Prince Edward Island tobacco growers have purchased the machine. Exclusive distributors of the machine are Alex Keresture and Green Valley Equipment in Burgessville.

Mr. Keresture said he expects 80 to 90 per cent of all Ontario tobacco farmers will be using the machine within two years.

The machine pulls the tobacco by the leaves, not the stem. It grabs the plants between rubber belts according to height and can do in five minutes what it would take one good employee an hour to do.

About 1.25 acres can be pulled by the machine in an hour with one or two people operating it. In about three hours, it can complete the pulling in a 100-foot greenhouse. The machine could also be adapted to pull vegetables.

Two extra machines are kept on hand by the distributor in case of a breakdown, supplies are available.



It takes only five minutes for this machine to pull as many plants as it would take a good employee an hour to pull.



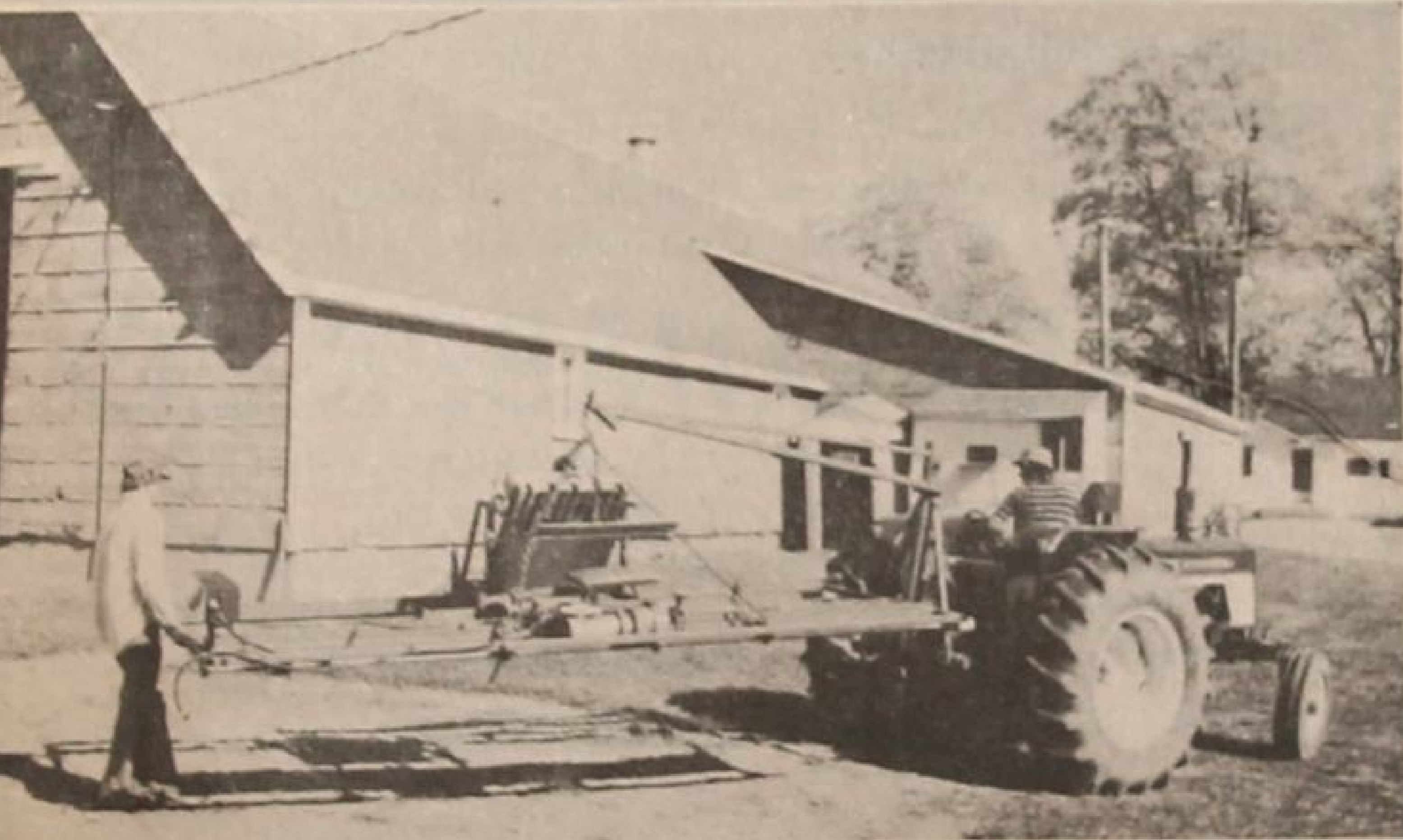
One or two people can operate the plant puller as it travels up and down the greenhouse.



The controls of the plant puller regulate the speed with which it travels from one end of the greenhouse to the other, the speed with which the belts pull the plants and the minimum size of the plants to be pulled. The women operating it take the plants as they are dropped by the belts and place them in boxes to be transplanted.



Set up on one side of the greenhouse, the plant puller moves along the side pulling only the plants big enough to be transplanted. A 100-foot greenhouse can be pulled in about three hours.



Using a hydraulic lift on a tractor, the automatic plant puller can easily be transported from storage to the greenhouse and back again.

TIP SAYS



A HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES OF LAND, AND YOU HAVE TO BURY YOUR X@Q@! ROTTEN WOODCHUCK IN THE GREEN HOUSE!

What is a farmer?

The following item was taken from the Junior Farmer's Bulletin. Unfortunately, there was no name attached to this work, but we would like to thank whoever wrote this for allowing us to share it with our readers.

A farmer is a man who wears out two pair of overalls growing enough cotton for one.

A farmer can shape an axe handle from a persimmon sprout, and shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire.

A farmer starts every year with nothing, loses everything he grows and at the end of the year comes out even.

Nobody knows how he does it.

He doesn't even know himself.

Farmers are made of bent nails, rusty horse shoes, barbed wire and held together with callouses.

Planting time and harvest season he finishes his forty hour week by Tuesday noon - then painin' from tractor back puts in another seventy-two.

He can make harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps.

He grows corn and melons mostly to make fat crows and squirrels.

He loads his planter with fifteen hundred dollars worth of seed, fertilizer, herbicide and insecticide. That's one hours worth.

In a normal farm afternoon, one to ten p.m., he'll bury \$13,500 in the ground in half a day.

Odds are it'll get too wet, dry or there'll be hail, wind, early snow, bugs, brickbats and bureaucrats.

And if he gets a good crop, he won't meet expenses.

Yet the only lines on a farmer's face are from grinin'.

You look at his unattended chores, unpainted buildings, unsharpened tools and untidy barnlot and you say, "The smartest man in the world would starve trying to do that!"

And you're right.

The smartest man would starve.

But not the farmer.

His wife won't let him.

She has a basic menu, she serves what she has.

In good years that may be six vegetables at one meal.

In lean years she jumps from poke salad to black-eyed peas.

The farmer orders a seventeen foot disc for \$4,300.

By the time it's delivered it's \$6,500.

He's got a forty thousand dollar machine needing repair. It's five-thirty p.m. and the company owned stores are closed. And he's got five hours of daylight he can't let to go waste.

So he borrows a machine from a neighbour, is movin' it down the highway when he's run into a ditch by some joker pullin' a boat.

Yet he remains the world's most suttborn optimist. He believes that the fact he's come this far proves he can go the rest of the way.

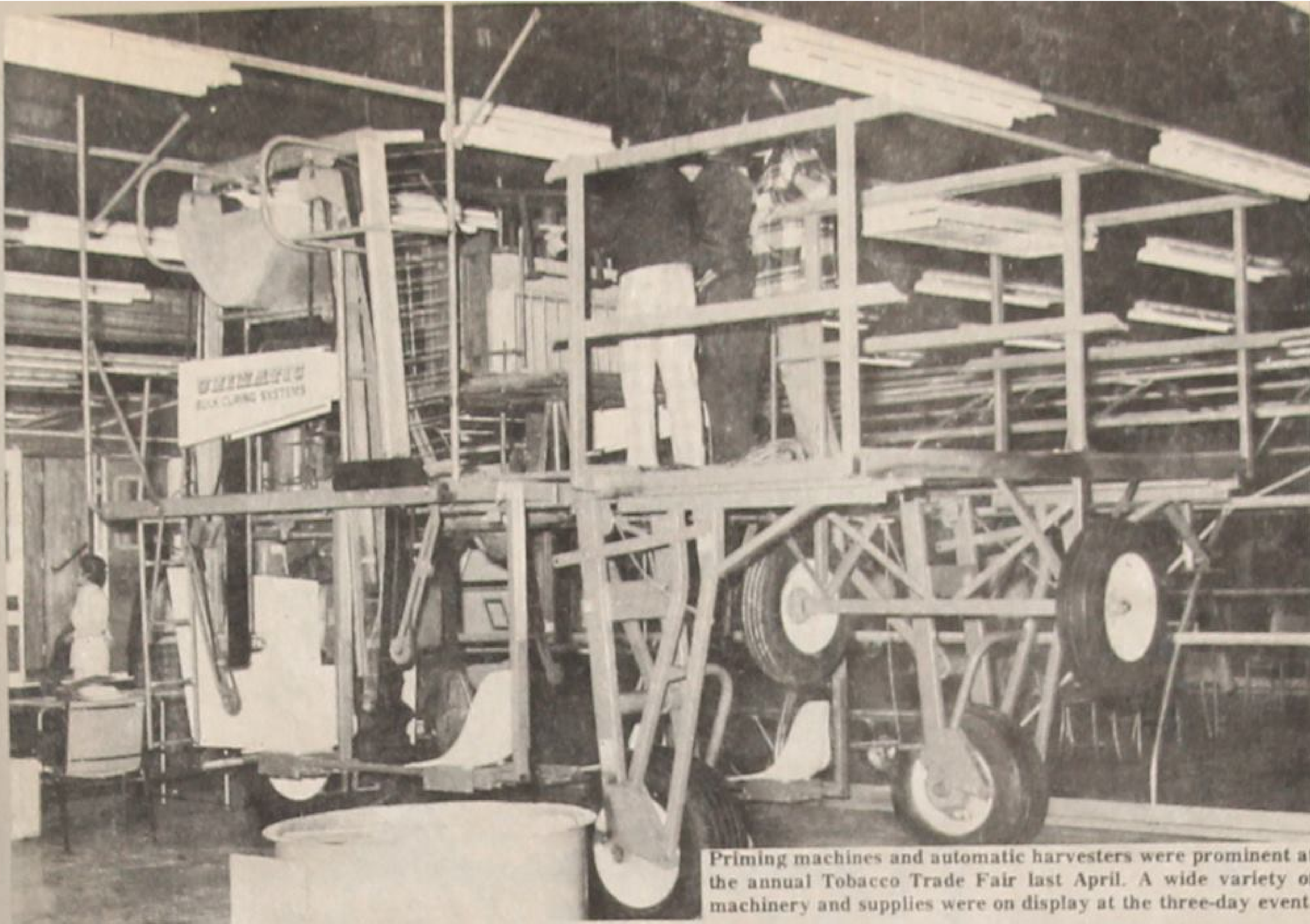
He buries last year's disappointments with springtime plowin' because his faith is not in himself alone.

He'll finish a hard week's work with a five mile drive to church.

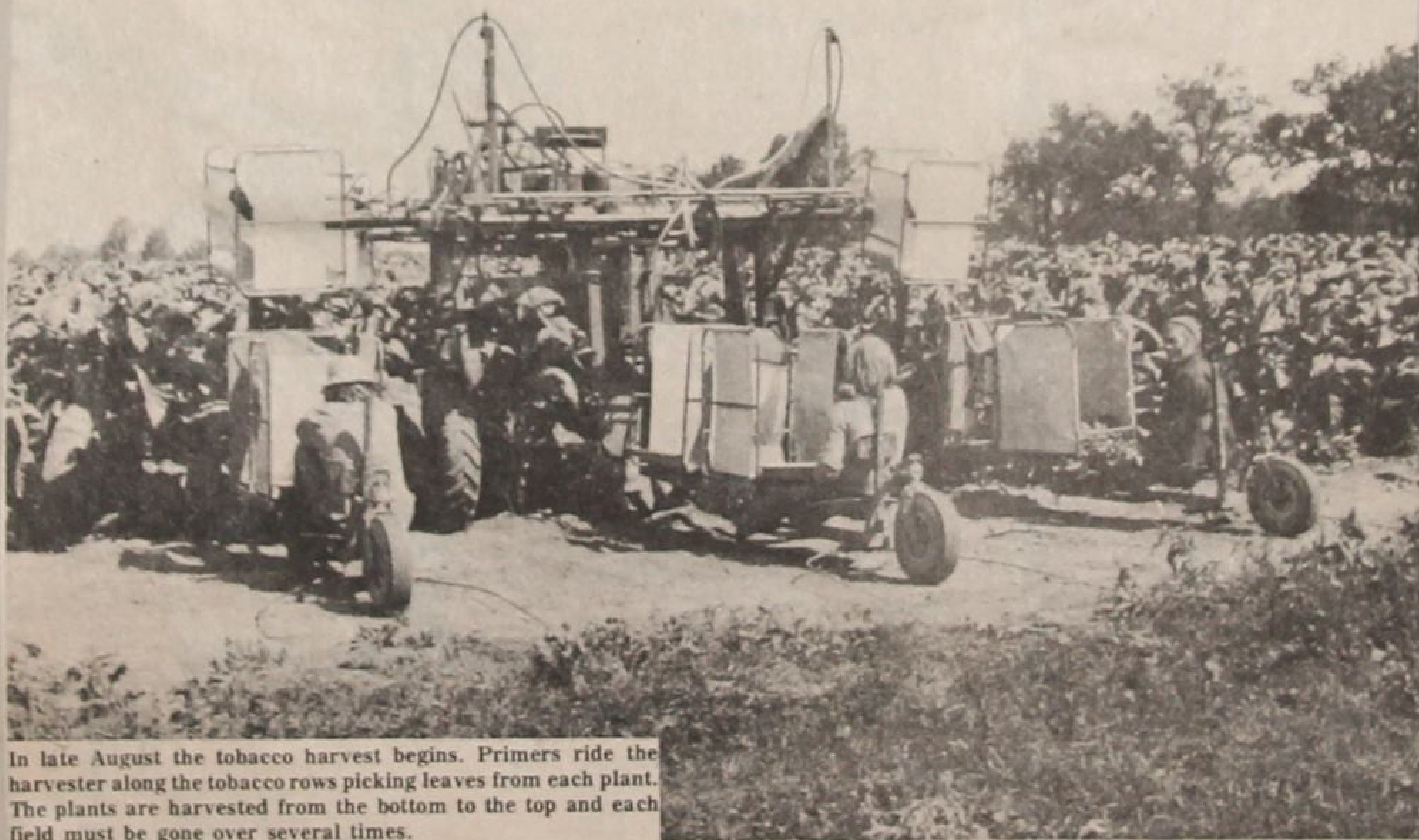
And so he plants in hope, cultivates in faith and ends in debt - then starts over with greater hope and stronger faith.

Heaven help the family that depends on a farmer for support.

Heaven help the nation that doesn't have him to support it.



Priming machines and automatic harvesters were prominent at the annual Tobacco Trade Fair last April. A wide variety of machinery and supplies were on display at the three-day event.

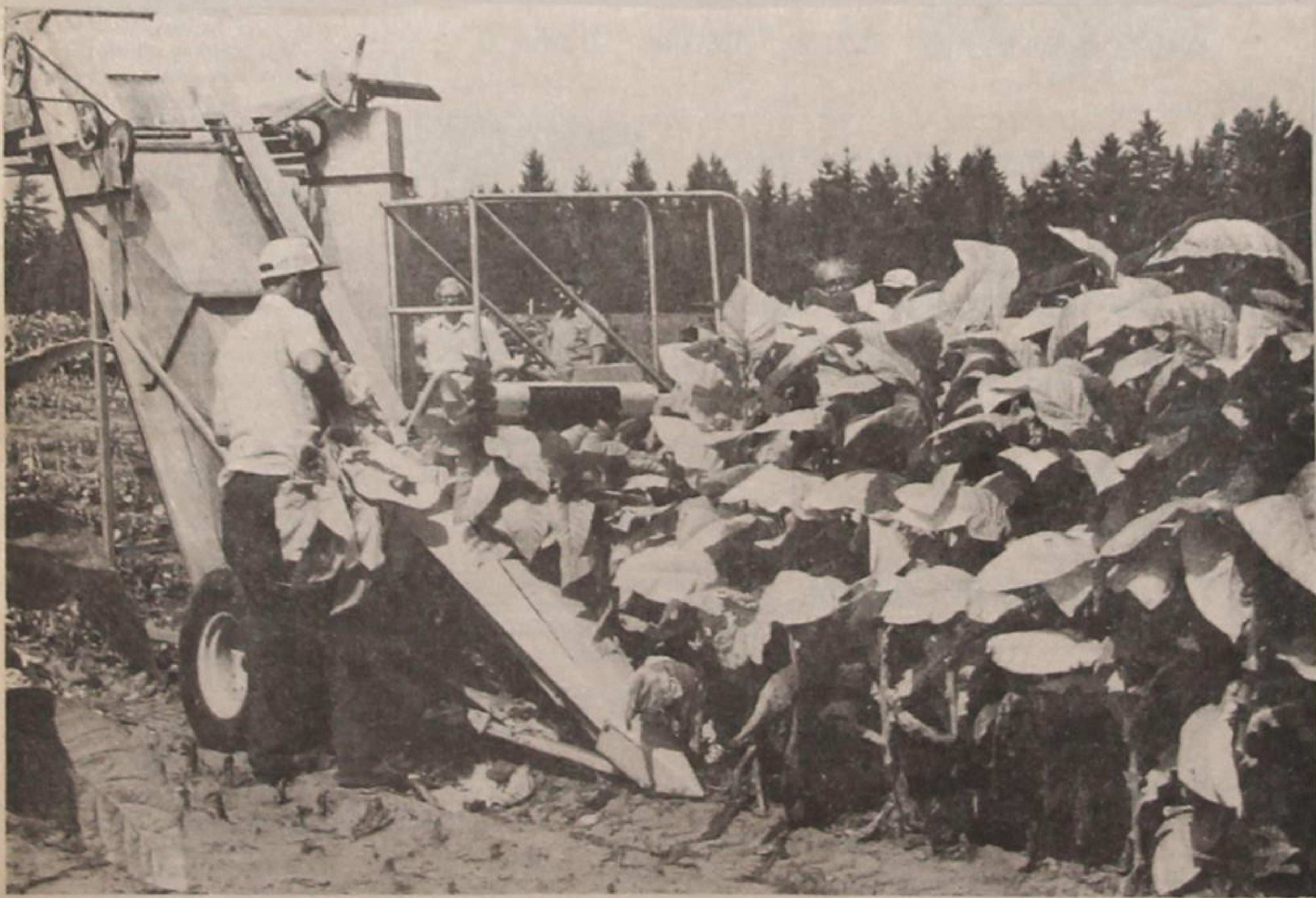


In late August the tobacco harvest begins. Primers ride the harvester along the tobacco rows picking leaves from each plant. The plants are harvested from the bottom to the top and each field must be gone over several times.



Workers at the Delhi Tobacco Research Station load a curing box onto a fork lift to be taken to a specially modified bulk kiln for

curing. The forklift driver is one of only three people needed to harvest the close-grown crop.



Ken Walker stops for a moment to unclog a build-up of tobacco in the forage harvester used for close-grown tobacco at the Delhi Research Station's harvest last fall. The double rows of tobacco

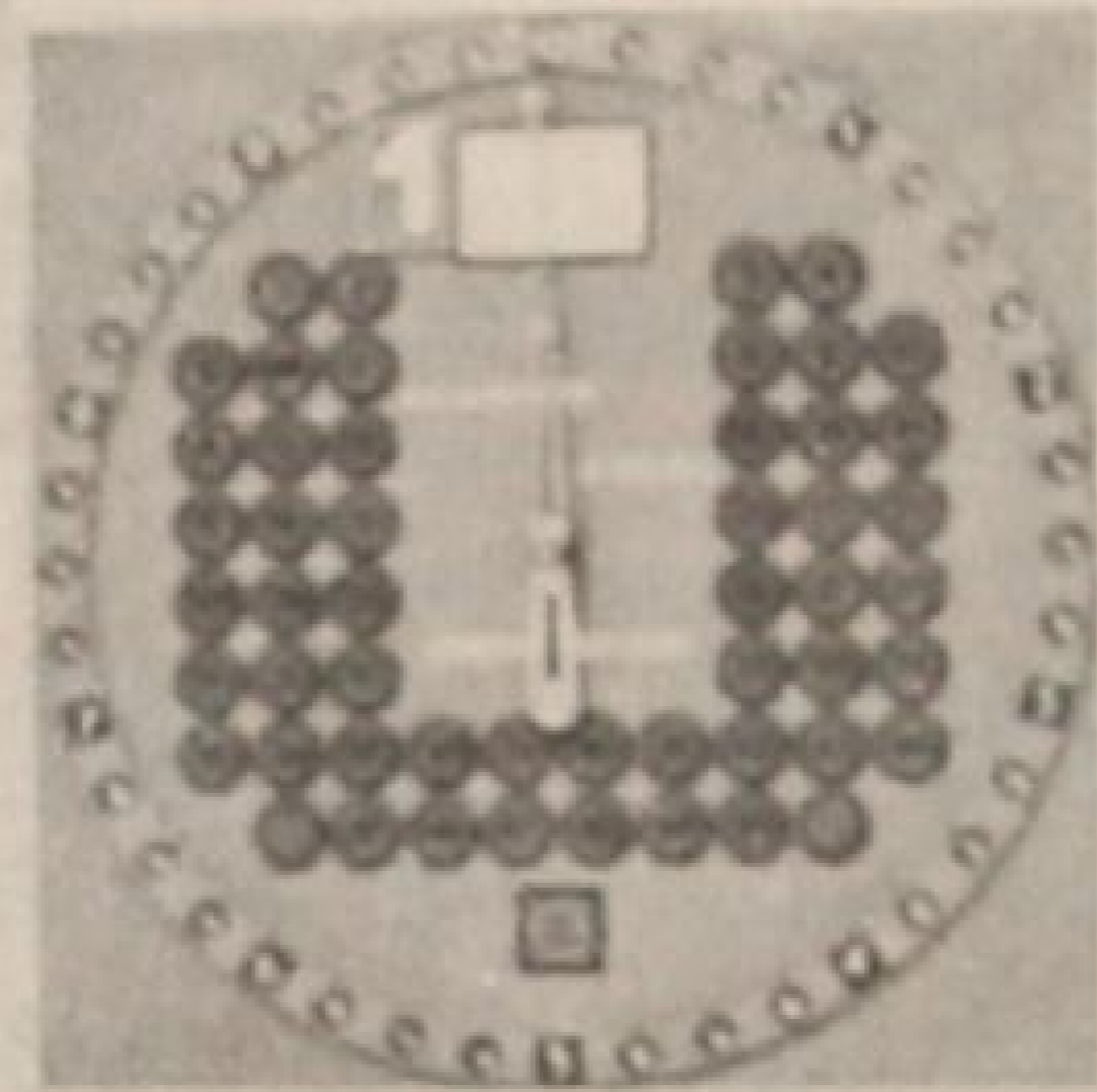
are chopped up by the harvester, fed up an elevator, carried across a horizontal elevator and dropped down a chute into a curing box to be taken to a bulk kiln.



Workers on a table gang tied the harvested leaves to sticks so they will hang in the kilns, allowing the forced-air to circulate around them evenly.

MINIMUM GRADE PRICES FOR THE 1978 FLUE-CURED CROP

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6
BL	117.75	115.25	111.75	106.00	89.00	67.00
BF		118.75	117.25	114.00	99.25	64.75
BM				120.50	99.00	56.50
BK			74.50	73.25	55.75	40.00
BGL			106.50	88.50	66.00	35.75
BGF			106.50	87.00	69.50	37.75
BCR	95.00					
CL	117.75	115.25	111.75	107.00	104.50	98.00
CF		115.25	110.25	104.25	94.50	86.00
CK				62.25	60.00	29.00
CGL			106.50	101.75	88.25	63.25
CGF				86.50	63.75	46.75
CCR	90.75					
XL		114.75	109.50	95.50	76.50	66.75
XF			95.25	76.00	68.25	64.75
XK				57.75	46.50	43.00
XGL					79.25	51.00
XCR	63.75					



Tobacco buyers from the many companies made bids by pushing a button to stop the dutch clock.

The first day of the market of the 1978 Ontario flue-cured tobacco crop saw an average price of more than \$1.10 per pound for the almost 1.2 million pounds sold Monday at the three auction exchanges in Tillsonburg, Delhi and Aylmer.

Although less than the anticipated 1.95 million pounds was sold, the average price paid was four cents higher than the guaranteed minimum per pound.

If an average of 1.95 million pounds can be sold each day, the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board expects sales to last 117 days, with a 10-day break at Christmas, and conclude in mid-April.

The 230-million-pound crop produced this year is the largest tobacco crop to be grown in Ontario. Of the total, a record 103 million pounds is slated for the export market.

Although the early market opening was feared to be a problem for some growers, the board reminded farmers that they are allowed to switch shipping numbers on the same round to expedite sale of the crop and accommodate growers not quite prepared to go to market.

The first round runs until Oct. 31, when growers will have shipped 10 per cent of their production. The second round begins Nov. 1 and runs until Dec. 8. It will handle another 30 per cent of each grower's crop.



In this room, growers can listen to sales via a PA system and make notes on catalogue pages provided.



Larry Dobbelaere, warehouse employee, bringing a flat of sold tobacco to the weigh scales.