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(By our own correspondent)

The passing of John R. Johnson, Springford, Thursday noon, brought to a close a long and useful life in the South Norwich township community. Mr. Johnson was warden of Oxford county in 1921, and it was largely through his efforts that the Community park with its floodlights and community hall have had their present improvements and has been the active president for nearly thirty years. Born in August, 1859, Mr. Johnson has been a prosperous farmer and a prominent citizen and has always maintained an active interest in community improvements. He has served as director and also as president of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Company for nearly 50 years, and he was the first president of the Southern Ontario Flue Cured Tobacco Growers' Association, filling this office in 1933. Just after the turn of the century he made trips across the Atlantic to bring back fine Clydesdale horses from Old Scotland. Mr. Johnson has been a director of the Western Farmers' Wind and Weather Insurance for many years, and has taken a keen interest in the activities of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club of which he was a member.

Mr. Johnson was twice married, his first wife, Ella Anstice, passing in 1890, and his second wife, Mary Robinson in 1933. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. M. Holmes (Velma), Otterville; Mrs. Charles Kelly (Jennie) of Burgessville and Miss Pauline Johnson, Reg. N., at home. He also leaves two granddaughters, Mrs. Grenville Johnson and Mrs. Rodney Taylor, both of Toronto and two great-grandsons, Murray Johnson and Bryan Taylor, also of Toronto.

Friends and associates from many parts of Ontario gathered to pay tribute to the late Mr. Johnson at the funeral service held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville. The services were conducted by Rev. George T. Shields, minister of the Springford-Otterville charge, assisted by Rev. Harold Johnston of Mitchell, a former minister of the Springford United church, and both gave messages of comfort and inspiration to the large gathering of friends from all walks of life. During the service Mrs. Edgar Pearce of Cornell, sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Charles Bell of Springford at the piano. Mrs. H. G. Downing, Otterville, also played favourite hymns before and after the service.

Mr. Johnson had lived in South Norwich township all his life, and was born on the farm a mile and a half north of Springford, 86 years ago, and moving into the village of Springford in 1919. There were many lovely floral tributes from relatives, friends and from organizations with which he was associated, including the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, the South Norwich Community Park Board, the ex-Warden's Association, the Western Farmers Weather Insurance Co., the Directors of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Norwich and the Springford neighbours, and 18 representatives of these organizations were the flower bearers. The casket bearers were neighbours: Clarence McKee, Douglas Finch, Howard Davis, John Hyde, Chas. Bell and Frank Medd. Relatives and friends were present from Toronto, Burgessville, Goderich, Embro, Thamesford, Stratfordville, Port Burwell, Woodstock, Norwich, Tillsonburg, Scotland, Hickson, St. Williams and other places. Interment was made in the Springford cemetery. *JAN 31/46*

1946
Vestry Meeting

The annual vestry meeting was held in the St. John's Anglican Church parish hall, preceded by a potluck supper served by the members of the Ladies' Guild. The rector, Rev. Lyle Crawford, presided for the meeting, which was opened with a prayer. Mrs. William Law gave the church report, Mrs. A. Byers the report for the Ladies' Guild, W. J. Harford for the Cemetery Board, Carl Howse for the Sunday school, and Miss Jane Furlong for the A.Y.P.A. and organ fund. The missionary budget was paid in full, and this report was given by Mrs. Law. A donation was given for the Forward Commission.

Officers for the year were appointed as follows: Vestry clerk, and auditor, Mrs. Nate McMullen; lay delegate to Synod, Carl Howse; alternate, J. Riste, rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, William Pavely; church treasurer and budget secretary, Mrs. William Law; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen. All other officers were re-appointed.

All departments of the church showed a good balance on hand. The rector expressed appreciation to all officers of the church, and also expressed appreciation for the Christmas collection. Mrs. Nate McMullen expressed appreciation to the members of the Ladies' Guild who had presented her with a lovely chenille bedspread at Christmas for her work in the church activities.

Play Presented

The young people of the Presbyterian Church at Bookton presented their play, "Grandpa's Twin Sister," in three acts in the Community Hall, which was packed to seating capacity, many being obliged to stand. The members of the cast were highly commended on the way they took their parts. The members of the St. John's Anglican Church Ladies' Guild sponsored the evening of entertainment, and the proceeds were very gratifying. Kenneth Hill furnished music on his guitar, singing to his own accompaniment. This, too, was enjoyed by all.

MRS. JOHN C. SMART

The death occurred at Brantford General Hospital, Thursday, January 3, of Mrs. Florence Smart, widow of John C. Smart, formerly of Springford. She passed away on her 79th birthday.

Mrs. Smart, who was a native of England, came to Springford as the bride of J. C. Smart, a good many years ago and always manifested a deep interest in the various activities of the community. She was an active worker in the United church and will be very much missed by her many friends in and around Springford. She visited England twice during the years she lived in Springford. Her husband predeceased her by several years.

Armstrong - Elliott

OTTERVILLE — A wedding was solemnized at Hamilton by Rev. J. A. Wilson when Miss Nancy Yvonne Elliott, of Otterville, was united in marriage to Verne Armstrong, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Armstrong, Otterville. Following a brief honeymoon in Hamilton the bride and groom returned to Otterville where they are visiting at the homes of their parents. *Jan 31/46*

Addison - Eakett

OTTERVILLE — A wedding was solemnized at the home of the groom's grandmother, Mrs. C. E. Addison, Otterville, when Miss Velma Harriet Eakett, youngest daughter of Mrs. Eakett, Speedside, and the late Frederick Eakett, was united in marriage to Donald Wilfrid Addison, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Addison, Otterville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George T. Shields, Otterville.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Wilford Duncan of Orton, wore a gown of white slipper satin. The fitted bodice had points which extended into the full net overskirt. Her finger-tip veil fell from a Queen Anne headdress held by a halo of orange blossoms, and she wore the groom's gift, a gold locket, and carried a shower bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Miss Patricia Davis, Otterville, was the maid of honor, and her gown was of pink sheer. She carried a bouquet of deep pink roses. The groom's brother, Richard Addison, was best man.

The bride and groom left by motor for a honeymoon trip to Brantford, Toronto and Guelph, the bride traveling in a beige crepe dress with brown tweed coat and matching accessories and corsage bouquet of roses. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Addison will reside in Otterville. *FEB 2*

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Tazzman - Berger

In an all-white setting of calla lilies and stocks with palms and ferns, Central United Church, Woodstock, was the scene of the wedding of Doris Norene, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Berger, Canterbury street, Woodstock, to Pte. Walter David Tazzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Tazzman, Dundas street, London. Rev. E. J. Robertson officiated. Mrs. S. Bowyer played the bridal music and Miss Ruth Patton was soloist, singing "At Dawning" prior to the ceremony and "I'll Walk Beside You" during the signing of the register.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of ivory satin with insets of lace, made in princess lines, long sleeves tapered to points over the wrists, and her finger-tip veil was caught to a feather headdress. She carried a shower bouquet of Briarcliff roses with adiantum fern. The bride's attendant, Mrs. Ivan Percy, of Woodstock, wore a floor-length frock of powder blue sheer with matching feather headdress and pale pink lace mitts, and carried Butterfly roses.

Helega Jorgensen, of London, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Sgt. Jack Berger, R.C.A.F., of Mountain View, brother of the bride, and Duncan McNab, Toronto.

Following the ceremony a reception was held for 40 guests at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother received in a fiesta blue shadow crepe dress with corsage of Delight roses. The mother of the bridegroom was in copen blue crepe with corsage of Rapture roses. For a wedding trip to points east the bride donned a frock of turquoise blue with brown accessories, topped by a minkstone muskrat coat and corsage of Johanna Hill roses. Pte. and Mrs. Tazzman will reside in Woodstock for the present.

District Families Given Farewell

OTTERVILLE — Three families who are leaving the Summerville district were honored at a social evening arranged by the Summerville Branch of the Women's Institute at the Community Hall at Otterville and attended by about 75 of the neighbors of the district.

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hussey and Mr. and Mrs. Macklin Hussey and daughters are moving to their new home west of Norwich, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hussey and family are moving north of Tillsonburg.

Cards and crokinole were enjoyed.

Alvin Dwyer gave an address expressing regret at the departure of these families, and each family was presented with an electric lamp and magazine rack. Stanley Arthur and Mrs. Ida Graham made the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Hussey, Lorne Jeffrey and Mrs. Russell Mudge to Mr. and Mrs. Macklin Hussey, and Mrs. Stanley Gehring and Clayton Arthur to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hussey. *Feb-1946*

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OTTERVILLE

(Intended for last week)

Farewell Parties

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walther gathered at their farmhouse recently to honor them before their removal to the village. The evening was spent in cards, after which Harold Arthur gave an address and Murl Graham presented Mr. and Mrs. Walther with a mirror from their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Walther purchased the property on Dover St., opposite St. John's Anglican Church.

A farewell party was held in the Community Hall for the Nean McMullen family, who are moving to their new home at Newark. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were presented with a smoking stand and a chenille bedspread, and their daughter, Ann, received a signet ring. Mrs. Emily McMullen was presented with a boudoir lamp. Each expressed appreciation for the gifts. The evening was spent in playing progressive euchre, after which refreshments were served.

REBEKAH LODGE FOR OTTERVILLE

Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, No. 177, I.O.O.F., at its regular meeting on Tuesday evening made arrangements to charter a bus to go to Otterville on Friday evening, when the degree staff will conduct initiation ceremonies following the institution of a new Rebekah Lodge there.

The institution ceremonies will be conducted by the president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, Miss Violet Pearce of Toronto.

The vice-grand, Mrs. Clara Markham, presided and in opening the meeting welcomed the noble grand, Mrs. Theresa Rouse, who has been ill. After degree practice the social committee, Mrs. Amy Rohrer and Miss Edith Hepburn, served refreshments.

Mrs. F. A. Riach was the hostess on Thursday evening for the monthly meeting of the Past Noble Grands' Club of Myrtle Rebekah Lodge. The president, Mrs. Anne Rogers, conducted the business session.

Violet Rebekah Lodge Organized At Otterville

The president of the Rebekah Assembly, Mrs. Annie Courtney, on Friday afternoon called a meeting for the purpose of instituting a Rebekah Lodge at Otterville, which will be known as Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330. Assisting Mrs. Courtney were: Assembly secretary, Miss Violet Pearce, Toronto; Mrs. Taggart, P.N.G., Delhi; Mrs. Mabel Porter, P.D.D., Mrs. Eula Riach, P.D.D., Mrs. Edna Rohrer, P.N.G., Mrs. Amy Rohrer, P.N.G., Mrs. Mabel Mabee, P.N.G., Mrs. Hazel Hughes, P.N.G., Mrs. Florence Weeks, P.D.D., Mrs. Ann Rogers, P.N.G., all of Tillsonburg, and Mrs. Colbert, P.N.G., Simcoe.

Those who petitioned for the charter were the following: Maxwell Avey, Stanley Gehring, Clayton Arthur, Rev. G. T. Shields, Albert Byers, Dee Scott, Mrs. Emma Strudwick, Mrs. Thelma Byers, Mrs. Alice Arthur, Mrs. Ethel Arthur, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen, and Miss Josephine Henderson.

The evening session was opened with about 200 members and visitors present. The vice-grand-elect retired and introduced Mrs. Annie Courtney, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario; Miss Violet Pearce, secretary of the Assembly; and Mrs. Mabel Norman, district deputy president of East St. Thomas District No. 10. Mrs. Betty Dundas, treasurer of the Rebekah Assembly, was introduced by Mrs. Norman, and Byron Dundas, past grand master, was introduced by a district deputy president of London District. Myrtle Lodge of Tillsonburg conferred the degree on 47 candidates in a capable manner. Following the initiation, Mrs. Mabel Norman, district deputy president, and staff of Edna Rebekah Lodge, St. Thomas, installed the officers for the present term as follows: P.N.G., Maxwell Avey; N.G., Mrs. Emma Strudwick; V.G., Mrs. Alice Arthur; R.S., Josephine Henderson; F.S., Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Byers; warden, Mrs. Betty Slaght; conductor, Mrs. June Ash; chaplain, Mrs. Ethel McArthur; I.G., Mrs. Ruth Collyer; O.G., Mrs. Ann Rachar; R.S.N.G., Mrs. Daisy Mannell; L.S.N.G., Mrs. Etta Collver; R.S. V.G., Mrs. Edna Honsberger; L.S. V.G., Mrs. Laura Scott.

Brief addresses were given by the Grand Lodge officers and Maxwell Avey of Violet Lodge. Myrtle Lodge presented the Bible to the new lodge and roses to the noble grand, and the Assembly president gave a gavel. The noble grand presented Mrs. Courtney, Miss Pearce and Mrs. Norman with a token of appreciation.

Visitors were present from Aylmer, Tillsonburg, St. Thomas, Port Stanley, Springfield, Dundas, Simcoe, Norwich, London, Delhi and Port Dover. Refreshments were served before the visitors departed.

Pretty Ceremony At Otterville Saturday

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Saunders, Otterville, on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, when Kathleen Evelyn, daughter of Mrs. J. Willets of Otterville, was united in marriage to Percy John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Walters of Otterville.

The ceremony was conducted by Rev. L. H. Crawford and during the signing of the register, "O Promise Me," was played.

The bride entered the room, where the ceremony took place, on the arm of her stepfather, by whom she was given in marriage. Her lovely wedding dress was a floor-length gown of white chiffon over taffeta, with embroidered bodice, sweetheart neckline, long bishop sleeves and full skirt. Her fingertip veil of net was caught with a halo of orange blossoms and she wore the bridegroom's gift, a lovely oval locket. Her shoulder corsage was of American Beauty roses.

She was attended by the groom's sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward Walters of Toronto, dressed in a floor-length gown of pink chiffon over satin with a form-fitting bodice, bishop sleeves and high neckline. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by a crown of pink carnations and her corsage was of American Beauty roses.

The best man was Edward Walters, brother of the bridegroom.

Following the ceremony, a buffet luncheon was served to 30 guests by Mrs. R. K. Saunders and Mrs. Harold Durkee, sisters of the groom, assisted by the bride's mother, who wore a two-piece blue crepe ensemble with black accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. The bridegroom's mother was in colonial blue crepe trimmed with silver nailheads and a corsage of pink carnations.

The bridegroom's gift to the bridesmaid was gold wedding-ring earrings, and to the best man a tie set.

The wedding table was attractively decorated in pink and with daffodils. It was centred with an attractive three-story wedding cake, which was later cut by the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters left on a wedding trip to Toronto and points east. For travelling the bride donned a brown tailored suit with a white crepe blouse, brown accessories and beige topcoat. On their return they will reside at Otterville.

Guests were present from Toronto, Harriston, Woodstock, Otterville and Norwich.

March 28-1946

South Norwich Banquets War Veterans Thursday

Otterville.—Tribute to more than 130 servicemen from South Norwich Township was given at a banquet in the Community Hall at Otterville on Thursday evening, after which framed certificates of honor and leather billfolds were presented. The Women's Institute served a splendid dinner, which featured roast chicken and pie and ice cream and many other good things, from tables that were attractive with decorations of spring colors and centred with tulips, daffodils and violets.

Reeve T. Cooper welcomed those who were able to attend, expressing the hope that many of them would be remaining in the township. Ex-Reeve J. M. Ryder took charge of the presentations, first with a minute of silence for those who gave their lives, and about 80 servicemen and one woman. Lieutenant Nursing Sister Evelyn Scott, were presented with their gifts by Rev. T. G. Shields, a veteran of the First Great War, and his son, Rev. G. Alfred Shields, a veteran of the last war, and Alex Slaght, village trustee.

Rev. G. Alfred Shields, in expressing appreciation to the community for the fine tribute paid to them, also paid tribute to the ones at home who stood back of the boys, and helped, especially during the first phase of the war, and he asked for a kindly understanding of the many changes found in many of those who have returned to civilian life.

Ex-Reeve Ryder asked any from the township who had been in the service and had been omitted, to get in touch with the clerk, C. W. Ottewell.

A splendid program, arranged by Mrs. McDonald of Waterford, was presented and heartily enjoyed. Violet Murray of Toronto sang favorite songs. Mickey Connolly of Toronto was an accomplished acrobat and tap dancer, and Rod Roddick, also of Toronto was a magician, delighting the large audience with his art.

Practically all of those who have served overseas have returned to their homes, and the remaining few are expected home shortly, and their gifts given to members of their families, and those who were unable to be present, either have had their gifts presented to a member of the family or retained by the clerk until they can be presented.

The names called for presentation in South Norwich were: Alvin Rachar, Harold Palmer, Laverne Haley, George Cartwright, Harry Langman, Harry Cupples, Wray Lapiere, Jack Medd, Jack Rice, Donald McKee, Henry Barnim, Walter Barnim, Clarence Holman, Ronald Vanderbosche, Gerald Hyde, Edwin Hyde, Raymond Finch, Lorne Holman, Charles Hopkins, Alvin Hopkins, John Tarr, William Jury, Archie Hanson, Thomas Nold, John Dixon, George Dixon, Kenneth Arthur, Brock Hussey, Donald Hussey, Steven Tarr, Bernard Morgan, John Pucula, Austin Killingback, Gordon Wavell, Wilfred Nold, Edward Nold, Madeline Hicks, Mervin Hicks, Donald Lillow, Harvey Lonsbury, Truman Lonsbury, Blake Oatman, Ronald Ecott, Beryle Boughner, David Smiley.

Donald Addison, Elgin Armstrong, Bertram Madgett, J. M. Mitchell, Gordon Kilpatrick, Rey Rachar, Paul Smith, Frank Finch, Robert Kellner, Henry Tilleman, Milton Pettigrew, Fred A. Church, Sam McSpadden, Louis Morrison, Edward Picknell, Chesley Bateman, Kenneth Maloney, Ross Davis, William Butler, Robert Exelby, Douglas Pettigrew, William Barker, Harold McCollow, Allan Jarline, Murray Downing, Grant Mountain, Gordon Turner, Charles Iowse, Ivor Mann, Richard Englund, Clayton Rachar, Wilmer Keller, Robert Mann, James Wilson, Evelyn Scott, Gordon Squence, Robert Squence, Max Kerr, Holly Smoke, Fred C. Church, Nelson Englund, Ivan Armstrong, Richard Saunders, George Childs, LaVerne Armstrong, Keith Squence, Jack Walters, George Taft, Robert Pettigrew, Albert Pottleberg, George King, William Slaght, Warren Kennedy, Robert Mann, Arnold Manell, Howard Petch, Fred McKie, Burwood Spicer, Grant Scott, Edward Walters, Herbert Law, Stanley Riches, Albert Beemer, Mac

Pickersgill, George Davis, David Kennedy, Leonard Williams, Doris Brennan, Merle Kilpatrick, Clifford Rachar, Art Englund, Clifford Smith, Graham Medley, Ellis Almost, Harry Kent, Robert J. Manning, Jack M. Herbert, Harry Manning, Reginald Wavell, John Martin, George Logan, W. Dickenson.

Those who gave their lives in service were: Kenneth Childs, Wilfred Obediah, Douglas Addison, Tony Kellner, Paul Childs, Robert Rice, John Fox, Alex. Daiken, Marcel LeSage, Vincent Wagner, Sigford Englund, Ralph Kellner, Dorion Kerr.

MRS. JAMES KELLAM

NORWICH, April 4 — Becoming ill while attending ceremonies of the institution of the Otterville Rebekah Lodge, on Friday evening, Mrs. James Kellam was removed to Woodstock General Hospital on Sunday and died there late Tuesday evening. Mrs. Kellam had been a resident of Norwich since 1937. She was born in Norfolk County and was formerly Ada Beatrice Bauslaugh, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Bauslaugh. She was in her 63rd year. Her husband, James Kellam, who died in August, 1943, was formerly in business at Simcoe and Tillsonburg. A member of the Tillsonburg Chapter, Order Eastern Starr, and the Vigilant Rebekah Lodge, she was active in both organizations. She was also an adherent of the Norwich United Church. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. F. J. McFadden, Merrittton, and Mrs. Lorne Boyse, Beachville; a sister, Mrs. Martha Deslandes, Tillsonburg. The funeral will be held from the Arn funeral parlor on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with interment in Norwich Cemetery. APR 19 46

MARSHALL — In Toronto, on Wednesday, April 3, 1946, Mrs. Margaret McFarlane Marshall of Otterville, in her 79th year. The funeral will meet at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 for the service. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery.

MRS. MARGARET MARSHALL

OTTERVILLE, April 4 — Mrs. Margaret Marshall, a resident of this district practically all her life, died at the home of her son, Robert Marshall, in Toronto, on Wednesday. Mrs. Marshall who was in her 79th year, went to Toronto during the Christmas season to visit at her son's home, and owing to poor health was unable to return to her own home here. Possessed of unusual talent as a singer, she had a large circle of friends, and before her marriage she taught music in this district. She was a member of the Otterville United Church and Otterville branch of the Women's Institute. Mrs. Marshall, who before her marriage was Margaret McFarlane, is survived by her son. Her husband, William Marshall, predeceased her in 1913. Resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery. APR-3-46

MRS. ALFRED E. MOORE

OTTERVILLE, April 24 — The death occurred suddenly Easter Sunday of Mrs. Alfred E. Moore, resident of this district all her life. Before her marriage 51 years ago she was Martha King and was born in North Norwich Township 74 years ago, coming to their farm between Otterville and Springford after their marriage where they lived for 25 years before coming to the village. Mrs. Moore was a member of the Otterville United Church, and was president of the Women's Association for 18 years. She is survived by her husband and one sister, Mrs. Ernest Jull, of Newark.

The funeral was held from the Addison funeral home, Otterville, today. Interment was in the Milldale Cemetery. APR. 21-24/46

AWARDS ARE PRESENTED AT OTTERVILLE SCHOOL

OTTERVILLE, April 12 — The Otterville Continuation School held commencement exercises, with a capacity audience. F. W. Furlong was chairman, and the program included: "Rural Rhythm" by a group of girls; pyramid building by the boys; piano solos by Jennie Denys and Naureen Petch; choruses by eight girls, and a phantasy, "The Maker of Dreams," and the school phophecy by Betty Cooper. A play, "Elmer and the Lovebug," was well presented, the chief role being taken by Hubert Pettigrew.

Trustee Nate McMullen presented the intermediate certificates to Clare Arthur, Gordon Fish, Robert George, Margaret Ann Hillier, Inez McElhone, Leona Swartz, Murray Wardell, Mary Ellen Bachelder.

Trustee Mrs. Edward Arthur presented the Charles Mannell Trophy for academic proficiency to Marion Kiohe; the Dr. Downing Trophy to Leona Swartz; Wilson Young Trophy to Hubert Pettigrew, who also won the general proficiency award from the Lions Club. The King & Easton Trophy for girls' athletic champion was won by Betty Cooper, and the Fred Furlong Trophy for boys by Gordon Fish. Prizes for the runners-up were won by Margaret Pettigrew and Murray Haley.

South Norwich Clinic Handles 1,225 X-Rays

OTTERVILLE, April 30 — The Chest X-ray Clinic held at Otterville last week handled 1,225 residents of South Norwich Township. Less than 100 persons in the township failed to keep their appointment, and a few of these were prevented by illness.

Captains and the canvassers in the township included, chairman, J. K. Wardell; secretary, Mrs. W. L. Addison; Mrs. A. M. Grandy, Mrs. Edward Arthur, Mrs. Carl Howse, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Miss Olla Miller, Miss Dorothea Edmonds, Miss Muriel Barrett and Mrs. Stanley Riches.

The 50 pupils of the Continuation school at Otterville, were each X-rayed, and also 37 pupils in the public schools in the township who had re-acted in the patch test.

Otterville Woman Given Son's Award

OTTERVILLE, April 30 — The operational wings of the Royal Canadian Air Force, posthumously awarded to Sergeant Douglas G. Addison, have been received by his mother, Mrs. W. L. Addison, Otterville, with a certificate in recognition of "gallant service in action against the enemy."

Sgt. Addison lost his life over Germany in one of the first 1,000 plane raids, on November 19, 1943. He was buried with other members of his crew in Germany.

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Army Medical Officer Tells Lions Overseas' Experiences

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Dr. Murray Downing Speaks To Lions Club Of Tillsonburg On Experiences As Medical Officer—Germans Certain They Did Not Start War—Holland's Progressiveness Opened Canadians' Eyes—Russians Refuse Permission To Visit Berlin—On Courts-Martial With Dalton Dean—Tillsonburg Kinsmen Club Challenge Lions To Softball Game—Film Library Planned For Tillsonburg

Dr. Murray Downing of Brantford, a son of Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Downing of Otterville, who spent three years overseas with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, addressed the regular dinner meeting of the Lions Club of Tillsonburg on Monday evening. The meeting, held in the Royal Hotel, was presided over by Lion A. R. Weeks, the president, after being opened by the second vice-president, Lion A. C. Wilton.

(Dr. Downing, a graduate of the Norwich High School and the University of Toronto, enlisted in 1941 and went overseas in October, 1942. He returned in September, 1945. His wife is the former Lorraine Wynn, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Wynn of Yorkton, Sask. They have a son, Wynn, who is four months old. Dr. Downing intends to return to Otterville at the end of the month to commence a practice).

Introduced by Lion Dr. C. A. Richards, Dr. Downing announced as his subject, "A Few Experiences As a Medical Officer." His first experience, after enlisting, he said was that of getting a good look at the Canadian boys who had joined the army. He said the boys who joined the Medical Corps did a remarkable job overseas.

The speaker said England is a beautiful country, where his experiences were similar to those of all the members of the armed forces. His next experiences came in Italy, where he met German prisoners of war. "The first batch that we saw

were those who had been wounded," he said. "Half of the German soldiers could speak English very well, and they thought the war would be over in six months, with victory for them. Later they said it looked as though Germany would lose. They were certain," said Dr. Downing, "that we started the war, and there was not much point in talking to people with that attitude."

The speaker said the German radio programs were 100 per cent. Canadian, and the German newscasts were in English. The B.B.C. programs were uninteresting to the Canadians, who would listen to their newscasts and then flip the dials over to the German musical programs. Dr. Downing told how convincingly the Germans put across their propaganda under cover of some extreme exaggeration.

The war for the first 10 months in Italy was on a small scale and casualties were light until Ortona. Italy, said the speaker, was a great introduction and a good training ground, especially for Canadians. Italy, Dr. Downing said, "has really had it." The pride of the Italians in their country is practically non-existent.

Continuing the account of his experiences, Dr. Downing spoke of the enlarged scale of the Normandy campaign, where 1,000 planes would be seen to 100 in Italy. The attitude of the Germans there was the same—"It was up to us to call the war off, as we started it," he said. "The Germans had a very clear conscience."

He had an impressive experience in going from France to Belgium, as the countries are very much different. Belgium is very modern and progressive, and the homes are good. The Belgians, Dr. Downing said, are quite energetic.

The speaker related some experiences with some German prisoners of war, mentioning one prisoner, with ulcers of the stomach, who belonged to an "ulcer" brigade, for which the cook had only one diet to prepare. "We seldom saw a German prisoner of war who hated us," he said.

Holland was even more modern and progressive than Belgium, and the Canadians really had their eyes opened there, the Lions were told. "We never saw villages here as modern, clean and prosperous as they were in Holland. There were fine buildings in Amsterdam, and the apartment buildings were beyond description. You would find a smart swimming pool in a town the size of Tillsonburg that would knock your eyes out, and it would have a glass dome."

In Germany on the day the war was over, Dr. Downing said the job of his unit was over also, there being no further use for the advance surgical unit. He described an automobile trip, in German vehicles, which his unit of 11 members took through Germany. They went through the British zone, remarking that the British "are really fine soldiers," and that they had been told by their fathers not to let Germany off easy this time.

All the centres heard of in air raids, said Dr. Downing, were completely finished. There was no mistake about that: all the German cities were the same, with nothing left except around the edges. "The German women and children did not look at us with any hatred—for them the war was over and they thought they should start to rebuild. The Germans," he said, "are very industrious."

Dr. Downing spoke of the hospitality in the American zone, saying that it is an impressive army which is patrolling Germany very efficiently. They went on, with their destination as Berlin, into the Russian zone. And they were the first Canadians to go down that road. The Russians, at the tollgate, each had a tommy gun, and none wanted to shake hands. There was no sign of recognition, he said. "They were the toughest soldiers we had ever seen: they wouldn't even think of taking a cigarette. We got as far as the first town, about four miles in the Russian zone." Unable to go farther, Dr. Downing said his unit was glad to get out. The discipline of the Russians is terrific, he told the Lions, and "for them the war is still on." They were very hostile, he remarked.

The unit took a trip through a large part of Germany, where they found the towns good, the roads excellent, and the country itself very prosperous. "We then went to France, and the contrast was more than you could believe." Paris, he said, is the finest city in the world, and everything about Versailles was beautiful. "We got the impression," he said, "that Paris has milked France to beautify itself."

Dr. Downing told of serving as the prosecutor on seven courts-martial, with Dalton G. Dean, formerly of Tillsonburg, as the judge-advocate. Six of the seven men, he said, had family troubles in Canada.

Lion C. C. Macdonald thanked Dr. Downing for his interesting address. A contest was won by Lions



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COMEDY PRESENTED 10TH TIME LAST WEEK—This Dereham Centre group presented the comedy, "The Absent-Minded Bridegroom," at Otterville last week, which marked the 10th performance of the play since it was first presented at Dereham Centre on February 7th. Early in the year, the members of the cast, belonging to no group or organization, decided that they wanted to present a play. Rev. G. A. Cowper-Smith, the minister of the Dereham Centre United Church, directed the play for them. Already they have presented the play at Dereham Centre, Mount Elgin, Burgessville, New Durham, Bookton, Norwich, Culloden, Avon, Verschoyle, Brownsville, and Otterville. Their future bookings include Corinth, North Field, Foldens and possi-

bly Crampton. The members of the cast, photographed last week on the stage at Otterville, are as follows: (left to right) Betty Garnham as "Daphnay Rooney"; George McDonald as "Timothy Shea"; Audrey Leaman as "Tessie Connors"; Billy Rooke as "Yonnie"; Janet Garnham as "Yennie"; Marion McDonald as "Yaney"; Rev. G. A. Cowper-Smith, the director of the play; Max McDonald as "Slade"; Donald Fewster as "Fred Grady," impersonating "Mrs. Pete Peterson"; seated at the right (left to right), Laura Jeffrey as "Nora Shea"; Robert Claus as "Jimmie Rooney"; Carol Rooke as "Kathleen O'Connor"; Wilbert Leaman as "Patrick Rooney." The latter appeared in the same play several years ago, in the role of "Slade," and was responsible for the suggestion that this three-act comedy be selected for production by the group.



THE ONLY TWO CHAPLAINS IN UNIFORM attending the 87th session of the Synod of Huron are shown at the left and right of L. J. Crawford, of Norwich. They are, left, Capt. William Hall,

Old Newspaper Tells

South Norwich History

Otterville.—The early history of South Norwich Township is contained in a yellowed newspaper printed nearly 70 years ago, and is the prized possession of Mrs. R. M. Holmes of Otterville, and the following story is that which was written by her great uncle, Milton Cameron.

"Believing that the many readers of your valuable journal throughout our county will be interested in reading a few facts and incidents relating to the early settlement of one of its most flourishing townships, I will proceed, with your permission, to lay the same before them. At the early date of which we write, the northern part of Norwich Township was known as the Upper Settlement, and the southern part of the township, of which alone our sketch will treat was known as the Lower Settlement.

"First settlers who took up their abode in what is now South Norwich Township came here in the year 1808 and located themselves as follows: Along Spitler Creek, between the 6th and 8th concessions: Anthony Sells, Joe Spitler, John Phillips, John Phillips, Jr., Archie Philips; around Otterville were located Robert Sweet, Joseph Stafford, Seeley Stiles and a man named Martin. In the same year Cook and Galloway built the first house on what is the present site of Otterville, and finding such an excellent mill site there, proceeded at once to erect the first grist and sawmill which ever ornamented Otter Creek. From this circumstance, the place took the name of Otter Creek Mills, which it retained for many years.

"First mill was a rather primitive affair, being only 18 feet square, built of two-inch plank, dove-tailed together at the corners. This mill occupied the site where the Otterville carding and fulling mill at present stands. As there were no means for bolting flour in this mill, it merely ground the wheat without bolting it; until a later date when a bolting cloth was put in, to which the meal was conveyed in bags by the miller, as elevators were not yet introduced.

"In the latter part of the year 1808, Josiah Gilbert came into the Lower Settlement and located on the lot now occupied by F. C. Anstice, where he made the first clearing in the neighborhood, now known as Springford. Land in the township was selling at \$1.25 an acre at that time. Mr. Gilbert brought with him the first horse which ever found its way into our township. The horse was wintered on browse the first year, as no other feed could be obtained.

"The above-named men, with their families, were the only white settlers in our township till the year 1811, when Squire Haley moved in and located just west of Mr. Gilbert on the farm now occupied by William Haley. When Mr. Haley settled here his nearest neighbor on the west was in Malahide Township at a distance of 20 miles. The nearest settlement on the east of our pioneers was at Waterford, whither our settlers went once a year to do their shopping with one Job Lodor, who kept a small store at that place. At

is date the nearest goal was at Long Point, and was a log structure about 20x30 feet. There was little use, however, for goals, as there were no magistrates to confer law, every man doing that which was right in his own eyes. If a man considered himself aggrieved, his only redress was to fall back on his muscle, and thrash the offender if he could.

"As there were no facilities in our township for obtaining the luxuries of whisky and tobacco, lovers of the same sometimes felt an inward longing for a little indulgence in that direction, as witness the following: In the year of 1813 a wandering vagrant named Joseph Tah, feeling rather thirsty, wended his way through the forest, guided by blazed trees to West Oxford, where he secured a bottle of the needful, but partaking rather freely, he lost his way on returning and was frozen to death in the woods. Not returning when he should, a party of our settlers turned out to hunt for him, and found him frozen stiff, a short distance from the blazed track. His bottle was about half emptied and on turning him over Joe Spitler discovered a quid of tobacco between the dead man's teeth, and concluding that it was capable of doing more service, pried his mouth open, secured the delicate morceau, and transferred it at once to his mouth, where it was again subjected to the masticatory process.

"Our settlers had not been long here, before their number was augmented by the birth of the first white child born in South Norwich, who was Sarah Gilbert, born in 1809. The first marriage in our township occurred in 1813 when Miss Brennis Cook of Otter Creek Mills was united in marriage to Gilbert Harris of West Oxford. The first death was a lad aged 16, Royal Sweet, son of Robert Sweet. The cause of death was white swelling on the knee.

"Medical aid at that date was difficult to obtain, the first licensed M.D. who found his way into our township from Oakland in 1814 (remainder of paragraph undiscernable).

"First house for worship built in our township was of logs erected by the Society of Friends, situated on the plot of ground west of Otterville.

"First licensed tavern was built of logs, by Asabel Oatman, in the year 1830. It was first kept by Stephen Yarrington, and occupied the site in Otterville on which the Cleveland House afterwards stood.

"Pioneer schoolhouse was built in the year 1812, and was situated on the Eastern high banks of the Spitler, near the 7th concession. As this building differed somewhat, in architectural design and construction, from the schoolhouses of the present day, a short description of it may not be uninteresting. It was 16x18 feet on the ground, walls built of round logs; roof built of logs carried up to a peak; these were covered with shingles four feet in length, held to their places by poles running lengthwise of the roof. The door was made of rough boards fastened to cross cleats by wooden inch pins; the windows were slits in the wall covered with oiled paper. A thorough system of heating and ventilation was secured by means of a fire-place seven feet in width, built of mud and sticks. Thus not a nail nor a pane of glass nor a stone nor brick was used in the construction of the

whole building. Here the young idea was taught how to shoot by John Philips, Jr., who taught the first public school in South Norwich.

"First store in South Norwich was built in 1816 at Otterville, and was kept by William Holes. It was a log building and stood on the flats a few rods south of where the bridge now crosses Otter Creek. Before the erection of this store our settlers found it very difficult to secure supplies of groceries. For soda they used the ashes of burnt corn cobs as a substitute; for tea, they steeped the leaves of a shrub they found growing on the plains; and in the year 1813 salt could hardly be obtained at any price. Squire Haley in that year gave a dressed hog weighing 240 pounds in exchange for 40 pounds of salt. To add still further to their embarrassment, a famine occurred in the year 1816, when our settlers were obliged to live for four weeks on green wheat boiled in milk.

"First post office was opened at Otterville in 1830, by John Cornell; this being the third post office opened in the county. Norwich opened also in 1830 claiming to be the second, and Ingersoll opened in 1821 being the first.

"First magistrate was Solomon Lossing, who received his commission as justice of the peace in the year 1829.

"First concession opened in our township was the eighth, which in 1827 was opened from Springford to the east quarter townline. Previous to this, the only roads were crooked bush paths meandering from one neighborhood to another.

"The first apple orchard was planted in 1810 by John Philips, on the farm now occupied by James J. Johnson, where some of the old trees are still standing.

"At that early date some of our settlers had never seen bees, and one of these having occasion one fine June morning to visit his neighbor, Joe Spitler, discovered a swarm of Spitler's bees hanging on a limb; when he very innocently asked Mr. Spitler to let him have a handful or two to take home with him, as he would like to get into the seed.

"Our pioneers had an occasional introduction to Bruin, one of which occurred as follows: One evening before going to bed Squire Haley heard one of his pigs squealing loudly, and suspecting what was the cause, seized an axe and ran out, when he discovered a large bear carrying off his pig. Striking Bruin with the axe, he dropped

the pig, which was so scared it immediately ran between Mr. Haley's legs for protection. Bruin, however was not to be baffled, for he rushed up and actually took the pig from between Mr. Haley's legs and marched off in triumph.

"Conclusion: Thus, have we glanced backward and seen what our township was 70 years ago; but who can forecast its future; who can tell what strange scenes the curly headed boy of today may behold, before his locks shall have been whitened by the frosts of 70 winters. South Norwich, with her easily tilled lands, her magnificent water privileges, her three railroads, and her enterprising and industrious population, should and no doubt will keep fully abreast of these stirring times."



PROBE MYSTERY SHOOTING

Apparently discussing some detail which they hesitated to disclose are provincial police at the scene of a mystery shooting at Otterville yesterday. They are seen beside the car in which was found the body of Mathew Boros, Hungarian tobacco farmer, early yesterday morning. At left is Charles Vezsenyi, at whose home Boros is

alleged to have spent the night. The police are, left to right: A. L. Kilpatrick, chief of the Otterville police force; Provincial Constable Guy Carmichael (back to camera), of Tillsonburg; Inspector Clem Jordan, London district, and Provincial Constable John Clark, of Woodstock. (Free Press Staff Photo.)

Body Found in Locked Car By Otterville Friend

BY JIM BOWES

Free Press Staff Reporter

OTTERVILLE, April 28—A blood-spattered car, found in a farmyard two miles east of here, may provide police with the answer to a mystery shooting which took the life of Matthew Boros, 40-year-old Hungarian tobacco farmer, early today.

Charles Vezsenyi, at whose home the police said Boros spent the night, found the body of his friend slumped in the front seat of the car, a bullet wound in his temple and a small automatic pistol clenched in his right fist.

An intensive police investigation got underway when fresh blood stains in the rear of the car, and absence of powder marks around the wound indicated Boros' death might have been murder, and not suicide.

Family Questioned

Provincial police from London, Woodstock, and Tillsonburg, working under Inspector Clem Jordan, London, questioned Vezsenyi and his family through the day. No arrests were made.

Coroner A. H. Downing, of Otterville, said no decision on an inquest will be made until results of police investigation have been placed in the hands of Crown Attorney Craig McKay, of Woodstock.

Most significant evidence against the suicide theory were blood stains on the rear seat floor of the car. They were covered by a valise which Vezsenyi told police had been in the car all night.

Inspector Jordan said police investigations were not yet complete. He indicated the blood found in the back of the car will be sent to police laboratories for analysis. He refused to comment further.



Charles Vezsenyi, Hungarian tobacco farmer who found the body of his friend early yesterday morning, slumped over in the front seat of his car, a small automatic pistol in his hand. Vezsenyi is shown, illustrating the size of the gun involved. (Free Press Staff Photo.)

Just Out of Hospital

A reliable source told The Free Press that Boros, who has farmed near Teeterville for the past four or five years, had been discharged from a Woodstock hospital only last Tuesday. He was scheduled to go to Tillsonburg Hospital this morning.

Boros was said to be something of a mystery man in the district. He did little visiting, it was said. Divorced sometime ago from his wife, now living in Port Colborne, Boros had no relatives in the district.

Speaking in halting English, Charles Vezsenyi said Boros, who visited his home once or twice a week, had been despondent lately, complaining frequently of "a pain in the head."

Came Saturday

Vezsenyi said his friend had arrived at his farm late Saturday night. He said that, although he intended to stay the night, Boros had left his large valise in the back of his car.

"I woke up about 7.30 this morning," he recounted, "and there was Matthew, dressed in his pants, underwear, shirt and shoes. He said he was going outside."

Vezsenyi said he began to worry about his friend when he didn't return in half an hour. He went outside, he said, looking without success in the tobacco greenhouses, and at the front of the house.

"I looked over at his car," he said, "and saw him sitting in the front seat. I shouted at him but he didn't answer. I thought he had gone to sleep."

Car Locked

The farmer said he tried both doors of Boros' car and found them locked. He pried open a window, and reached a door handle by stretching his arm through the opening.

Vezsenyi said he shook Boros, and the body slumped down into the seat. It was then, he said, that he noticed the bullet wound in the temple and the automatic held in his right hand.

"I didn't even know he owned a gun," Vezsenyi said.

Vezsenyi said he jumped in his car and headed full tilt for Otterville where he sought out Dr. H. H. Batson.

Dr. Batson, who was accompanied to the scene by Otterville Police Chief A. L. Kilpatrick, made a preliminary examination of the body before notifying the coroner and Provincial Constable Guy Carmichael, at Tillsonburg.

Carmichael, puzzled by the unusual circumstances, sounded an alarm which brought Inspector Jordan and Constable William Wellheiser, of the London detachment, and Provincial Constable Jack Clark, of Woodstock, rushing to the Otterville farm.

First Birthday Of C.O.E. Chapter

OTTERVILLE—The Lt.-Col. John McCrae Chapter, C.O.E., held its first birthday party in the United Church at Otterville. Mrs. H. G. Downing was the organist and accompanist. The regent, Miss Muriel Barrett, presided. Miss Phyllis Cooper was the standard bearer and Rev. G. T. Shields led in prayer. Seven

girls from the Otterville Public School provided several musical numbers. Sopranos were Marie DeMeester, Dorothy Davis and Cecelia Degroote. Second sopranos were Catherine McMullen and Barbara Morrison and altos were Elaine Marshall and Anna Morrison. Cecelia Degroote sang "Ave Maria."

Magistrate R. G. Groom, of Tillsonburg, was the guest speaker, and gave an address enjoyed by the younger members and the visitors. He impressed his listeners with the necessity of being better prepared to assume greater responsibility as Canada assumes a greater role in world affairs. Magistrate Groom told the origin of many popular and common superstitions, and the danger of jumping at conclusions.

Birthday greetings were received from Mrs. M. S. Somers, Tillsonburg, Tecumseh Lodge, Otterville, Miss Dorothy Raymond, the Barretts, and Mrs. W. E. Johnston for the Municipal Chapter, Brantford.

Appreciation was expressed to Stanley Gehring and his son Gordon for assistance given chapter activities during the year, also to the hostesses and speakers of the winter meetings. Special stress was placed upon the clothing drive for flood victims in England to be held in Otterville on Saturday. There was also an announcement of food cartons being sent to England early in June.

During the tea which was served by the members, several of the girls played piano solos. The birthday cake centred the tea table and the single candle was lit by the regent, Miss Muriel Barrett. The room was attractively decorated with pink and white streamers and baskets of spring flowers. Corsages of roses were presented to Miss Muriel Barrett, regent, and also to Miss Dorothea Edmonds and Mrs. R. G. Groom, who presided over the tea table.

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Meester (H), Marie DeVoogdt (H), Jean Exelby, Barbara Furlong (H), George Jakubowski (H), Joe McElhone (H), Billy McMullen, Mavis McVeety (H), Gordon Pennington (H).

Grade 7—(Honors are listed as first, second or third class)—Gordon Gehring, Harold Hudson (3), Jackie George (2), Catherine McMullen (1), Shirley Moore (3), Anna Morrison (1), Barbara Morrison (2), Donald Petch (1), Norman Riches (3), Sheila Squance (2), Jimmy White, Mary Jane Zimmer.

Grade 8—Vera Briggs, Joan Brown (1), Mary Degroote, Tom Furlong (1), Margaret Hooker (2), Betty Hudson, Jean McMullen, Wanda Myers, Ronald Obediah (2), Reg Saunders (3), Eddie White (3).

Teachers: Room 1, Irene Scidmore; room 2, Dorothy Fish; room 3, Muriel Barrett, principal.

1946 "Queen Mary" Carrying 85 District Dependents

A party of 85 British dependents of servicemen from Western Ontario are crossing the Atlantic aboard the liner "Queen Mary" which is expected to dock at Halifax on Thursday. Arrival time of the group in London will be announced later by District Military Headquarters. The following is the nominal roll:

—Audrey, wife of Tpr. A. J. Jardine, to N. McMullen, Otterville; Winifred, wife of Pte. W. G. Williams, and

OWNERSHIP CHANGES

The Revere Hotel, Otterville, has changed owners, the new purchaser being Wilfred Lawson of Tillsonburg, who took possession on June 1st. He bought it recently from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Riste, who have operated it successfully for several years. Previous to that time, Mrs. Riste's father, the late Wilson Young, operated the hotel for about 30 years. Mr. and Mrs. Riste are moving to the hill in the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson.

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ONLY WOMAN BAND PLAYER in the Woodstock Canadian Legion band is Mrs. Fred Stover, of Embro, shown above as she played at the Presbyterian decoration service in Woodstock Sunday.

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Lovely June Wedding

Saturday At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—St. John's Anglican Church was the scene of a lovely June wedding on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when Josephine Elizabeth Henderson, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann of Otterville, became the bride of Carl Merlin Howse, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Leith Howse of Otterville. The double-ring ceremony was conducted by the rector of the church, Rev. L. H. Crawford of Norwich.

The bride, given in marriage by her stepfather, was lovely in her long white satin gown, the yoke being of net, also the full gathered overskirt. The fitted bodice had a high neckline and long sleeves ending in points over the hands. Her veil fell from a Queen Anne head-dress held by a halo of orange blossoms, and her only ornament was a double strand of pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of red roses with white taffeta streamers.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Arnold Spiers of Detroit, was the matron of honor, wearing pale blue satin with a sweetheart neckline, and made with a net overskirt. Her bouquet was of pink roses.

Miss Jane Furlong of Otterville was the bridesmaid, wearing pink taffeta with a net overdress, and a pink net shoulder veil, and her bouquet was of pink and white roses. Little Doreen Howse, niece of the groom, was the dainty little flower girl, wearing a long white dress and carrying a nosegay of pale pink roses. Charles Howse, brother of the groom, was the best man, and the ushers were the groom's brother, Frederick Howse, and the bride's brothers, Robert Mann and Ivor Mann. The guest pews were marked with red roses tied with white satin, and the church was decorated with baskets of summer flowers and ferns.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Nate McMullen, and during the signing of the register Miss Dorothea Edmonds of Simcoe sang "O Perfect Love," accompanied at the organ by Miss Muriel Barrett of Brantford.

A reception was held in the parish hall after the ceremony for 75 guests. The bride's mother received, wearing a two-piece dress of floral and white silk jersey, with white accessories and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore silk jersey in floral pattern with white accessories and a corsage of roses.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse left on a motor trip for Niagara Falls, St. Davids and Burlington, the bride travelling in a gold herringbone suit with brown and white accessories. On their return they will reside in Otterville.

Dutton Man Dies Visiting Relatives

OTTERVILLE, Sept. 13 — Unconscious since Monday when he was taken ill while visiting at the home of his wife's parents here, Leo Glen Avery, of Dutton, died this morning in Tillsonburg Hospital of a cerebral hemorrhage.

In company with his wife, the former Mabel Wilson, they came to Otterville last week-end. He was taken ill suddenly Monday night and removed to hospital in Tillsonburg in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Avery was born 47 years ago near Norwich, the son of Fred Avery, Norwich. In his early childhood he made his home with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Tubbs, Norwich. Twenty-four years ago he married Miss Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson, of Otterville. The couple made their home near Tillsonburg. Later because of poor health he moved to Otterville, and about four months ago moved to Dutton. Mr. Avery conducted a barbering business with a brother-in-law Maddison Wilson.

Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, his father, a sister, a brother and two grandchildren.

Commencement Program For Otterville School

Otterville — The Otterville Continuation School held its commencement exercises in the Community Hall, which was filled to capacity, many willing to stand throughout the program. F. W. Furlong was the chairman and the program included "Rural Rhythm" by a group of girls, pyramid building by the boys, piano solos by Jennie Denys and Naureen Petch, choruses by eight girls, and a fantasy, "The Maker of Dreams," and the school prophecy by Betty Cooper. A play, "Elmer and the Lovebug," was well presented, the chief role, that of Elmer, being taken by Hubert Pettigrew, and provided plenty of humor.

Trustee Nate McMullen presented intermediate certificates for the satisfactory completion of the general courses in grades nine and 10 to Clare Arthur, Gordon Fish, Robert George, Margaret Ann Hilliker, Inez McElhone, Leona Swartz, Murray Wardell. Mary Ellen Bachelder received her secondary school graduation diploma for satisfactory completion of grades 11 and 12.

Trustee Mrs. Edward Arthur presented the Charles Mannell trophy for academic proficiency in grade nine for 1944-45 to Marion Koho; the Dr. Downing trophy for grade 10 to Leona Swartz; the Wilson Young trophy for middle school to Hubert Pettigrew, who also won the general proficiency award from the Lions Club for grades 11 and 12 of \$10. The King & Easton trophy for girls' athletic champion was won by Betty Cooper, and the Fred Furlong trophy for boys by Gordon Fish. Prizes for the runners-up were won by Margaret Pettigrew and Murray Haley. The teachers, Melville Beecroft and Dorothea Edmonds, were congratulated.

Leo Glenn Avey Service Held Sunday Afternoon

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The funeral service for Leo Glenn Avey of Dutton was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Sunday afternoon and was very largely attended. Mr. Avey moved from Otterville to Dutton four months ago, where he and his brother-in-law, Madison Wilson, had purchased a bakery business. Mr. Avey and his wife, the former Mabel Wilson, were visiting relatives in this district last week when Mr. Avey suffered a cerebral hemorrhage last Monday and was removed to the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, where he died on Friday morning without regaining consciousness. Born in Norwich 46 years ago, Mr. Avey's mother died when he was very young and he resided with his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Tubbs, until his marriage 24 years ago. Since that time he farmed in the Tillsonburg district, returning to Otterville after he sold his farm in the Cornell district.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Lorne Holman and Mrs. Wilford Oatman of Cornell, and two granddaughters, Shirley Holman and Sharon Oatman, also his father, Frederick Avey of Norwich, one brother, Maxwell L. Avey of Otterville, and one sister, Olive, in Toronto.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. L. H. Crawford of Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, assisted by Rev. George T. Shields, minister of the United Church. Many lovely floral tributes surrounded the casket.

Among the relatives and friends from a distance at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. E. Tubbs of Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tubbs and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Bates of St. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avey of Norwich, Mrs. N. Carswell of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Collier and Miss Betty Swank of Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McMullan of Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Wilson and James Wilson of Dutton, Ed. Elson, Albert Houston, Jack Walmsley, Reeve Tripp, Roy McNeil, Dr. Haefel, Gordon Plum and Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, all of Dutton, and George Chapman of London, and friends from Tillsonburg and other places.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, the pallbearers being Nate McMullen, Jack Furlong, Fred Church, Wellington Armstrong and Fred Howe of Otterville and Harold ePocraefyTh MuSam, shrdlu old Pearce of Cornell. These also acted as flower bearers and were assisted by J. K. Wardell and Claude Morrison.

Dec. 2 Rebekahs Meet 1946

The regular meeting of the Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, Otterville, was held in the I.O.O.F. hall on Monday evening, with 46 officers and members present, and visitors from Tillsonburg, Norwich, Hamilton and Detroit. Mrs. Emma Stoudwick, the noble grand, was in charge.

During the evening, the degree captain, Mrs. E. Stoudwick, and her staff conferred the degree on two candidates, Mrs. Bernard Babcock and Mrs. Irvin Gehring. A lovely solo, "My Task," was sung by Mrs. Roy Rachar, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Albert Byers. Mrs. Alice Arthur, the vice grand, presented the degree captain, Mrs. Stoudwick, with a lovely cup and saucer and a plate from the staff. Mrs. Stoudwick expressed her appreciation to the team.

Plans were made to charter a bus for the degree staff and members to go to the Aylmer Lodge to confer the degree on five candidates. Addresses were given by the noble grand of Myrtle Lodge, Tillsonburg, Mrs. Mills, the noble grand of Vigilant Lodge, Norwich, Mr. Edmonds of Detroit, Rev. G. T. Shields, Max Avey, Albert Byers and Clayton Arthur. All of the speakers complimented the captain and her degree staff for the splendid manner in which the degree was conferred and for the fact that it was the first time that the staff had conferred the degree, as the lodge was only instituted six months ago.

After the closing of the lodge, a sumptuous lunch was served by the members.

Figure This One Out And You're a Genius

OTTERVILLE, Ill.—(U.P.)—Oscar Dabbs, Otterville, and Bert Dabbs, Grafton, can't decide whether they are first cousins, second cousins, stepbrothers or all three.

Their mothers were sisters, making Oscar and Bert first cousins.

Their fathers were first cousins. That should make the two Dabbses second cousins.

After Oscar's father and Bert's mother died, Bert's father married Oscar's mother. That, they believe, makes them stepbrothers.

Just to increase the confusion, Oscar points out that his stepfather is his uncle and Bert's stepmother is Bert's aunt.

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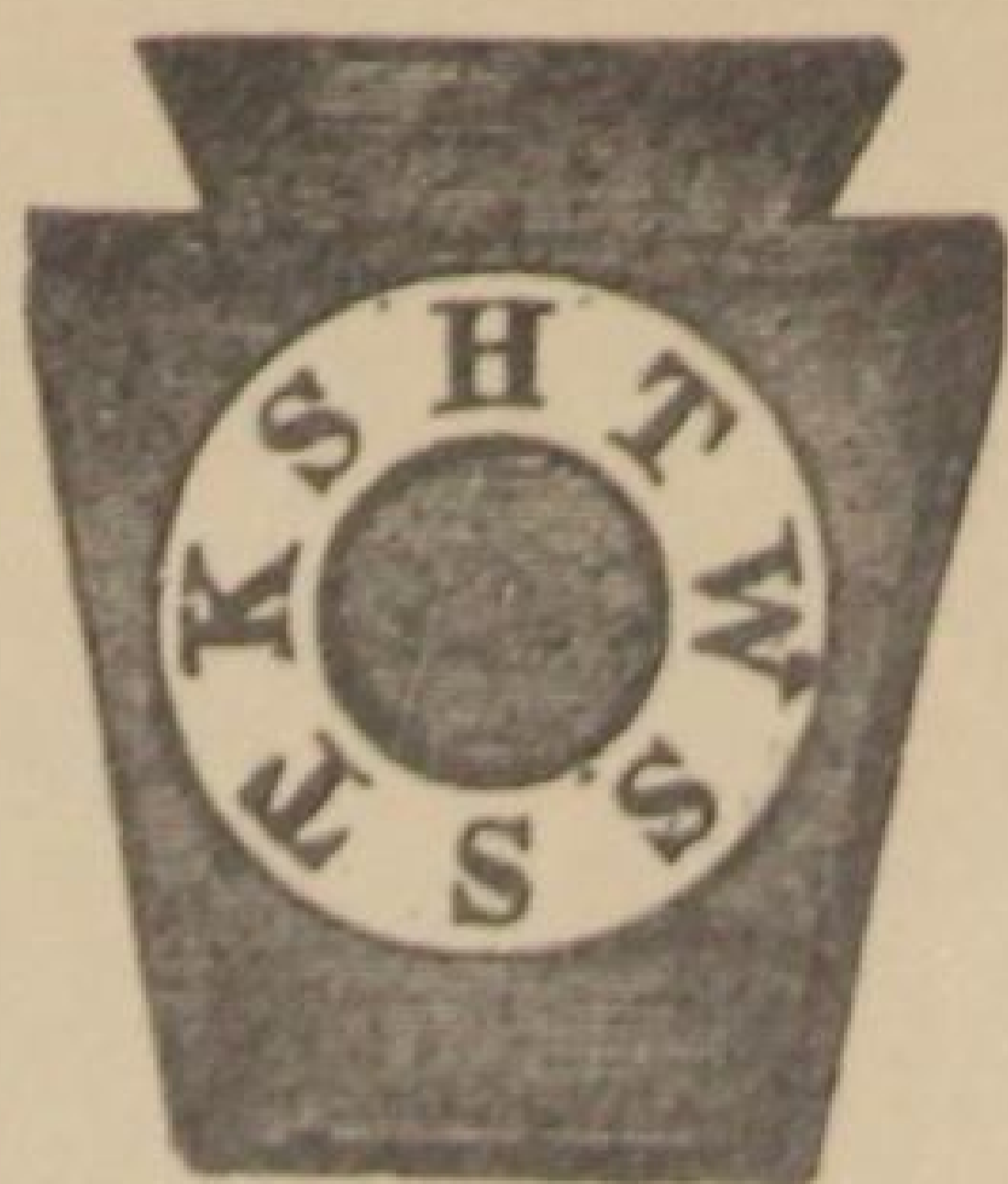
OTTERVILLE, Dec. 22 — George C. Smith, a life-long resident of Otterville, died Thursday morning at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, at Tillsonburg. Mr. Smith had been in poor health for several weeks, and suffered a severe heart attack Wednesday. He was removed to the Tillsonburg Hospital by ambulance but he failed to recover from the attack. Born in Otterville 74 years ago, he had lived practically all his life in the village. He was a butcher for about 40 years, and also spent several years with the Grand Trunk Railway. For nine years he was a member of the Otterville School Board, and he also served for several years as a village trustee. For many years he was a member of the Oddfellows Lodge, and had his 25 years jewel. He was an adherent of the Otterville United Church. He is survived by his wife and one son Rev. Clarkson G. Smith, of Gowanstown, and three grandchildren; one sisters, Mrs. William Harford, of Otterville, and one brother, Jack Smith, of Norwich. The funeral was held from the Addison funeral home, Otterville, Saturday. Interment was at the Otter Cemetery.

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Funeral On Saturday

The funeral service for George C. Smith was held at the Addison Funeral Home on Saturday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. George T. Shields. During the service, George Davis sang a solo, "Lead, Kindly Light," with Mrs. Nate McMullen playing the piano accompaniment. Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Mr. Smith's son and family, Rev. Clarkson Smith, Mrs. Smith and children of Gowanstown, Jack Smith of Norwich and his daughter, Mrs. Baker of Woodstock, and her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Andrews of Kelvin and others. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The pallbearers, who were also the flower bearers, were Cecil Hooker, Charles Mannell, Cecil Finch, R. M. Holmes, Sam Logan and George Davis. The deceased's son, Rev. Clarkson Smith, conducted the service at the grave. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.



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Allison, T.	Dempster, J.
Arn, A. C.	Despond, G.
Blueman, C.	Foe, S.
Brabyn, F.	Garfat, E. R.
Brown, F.	Glaves, E.
Bailey, H.	Harvey, K. W.
Brignall, F.	Hay, T.
Bond, F.	Henderson, H.
Buckridge, E.	Harley, L. M.
Barlow, W.	Hill, J.
Baker, H. H.	Hibner, J.
Babcock, L. N.	Hill, W.
Bowles, A. A.	Harper, G.
Butler, H.	Holland, W. A.
Brown, A. E.	Huntly, A.
Canfield, P. L.	Hodges, W. F.
Case, E. C.	Harrington, F.
Coppins, E. S.	Harrington, E.
Collins, E. O.	Harrington, F.
Campbell, W. M.	Hughes, R.
Cole, A. W.	House, A. A.
Cosford, T. A.	Harvey, G.
Cuddie, J. H.	Irving, G.
Cullin, J.	Jolly, J.
Clark, J.	Jenkins, C. R.
Dent, T.	Johnston, C.
Dain, G.	Jackson, J. E.
Derbyshire, F.	Jackson, T.

Jupp, J. B.	McIntosh, H. N.
Kendall, A. C.	McLeod, D. J.
Krupp, W.	McMullin, Nate
King, H.	McPherson, C. D.
King, M. R.	Nutt, G.
Kendall, H.	Osterburg, K.
Kennedy, D.	Pullin, J.
Laidler, T.	Pue, C. R.
Lampman, C.	Price, F. E.
Lynch, L.	Parker, A.
Lee, E.	Reynolds, H.
La Craw, P.	Ratz, W. J.
Loveys, S.	Rodgers, R.
Mark, S.	Reid, R. H.
Mansell, G. K.	Reid, W. M.
Massie, A. W.	Ross, A.
Maybee, R.	Root, B. C.
Matheson, W.	Sales, W. J.
Murray, W. W.	Scott, G. H.
Meadows, E. F.	Smith, G. A.
Morrison, R. Y.	Smith, N. A. B.
Martin, J. K.	Smith, Rev. P. M.
Muckle, G.	Stiling, F.
Murray, G.	Sutherland, W. J.
Munro, G.	Tilford, T.
Myers, B.	Treleavan, R. L.
Mather, G.	Tucker, W.
McKenzie, R. D.	Thornton, E. C.
McDonald, N. A.	Trememman, G.
McJannett, J.	Tilford, W. E.
McDonald, D.	Walker, C. H.
MacWhinnie, W.	Wiseman, G. H.
MacWhinnie, A. R.	Wishart, A.

Wed 50 Years Ago 1947



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ash, of Otterville, who tomorrow will mark their golden wedding anniversary. Members of the family will assist them in receiving their friends afternoon and evening at a reception celebrating the event. Mr. and Mrs. Ash were both born in Italy. They were married in Detroit on January 14, 1897 and came to South Norwich Township where they farmed on the 11th concession, near Otterville. Since that time they have also lived in Detroit, Milldale and for 18 years in Otterville.

Couple At Otterville 1947 Mark 50th Anniversary

Otterville—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ash of Otterville received congratulations on their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday. The event was marked by a family dinner on Saturday when all their children were home for the weekend. A reception was held at their home on Tuesday afternoon and evening, when Mr. and Mrs. Ash were assisted by members of their family in receiving their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ash were both born in Italy, coming to Canada when they were 10 and 18 years old. They were married in Detroit on January 14, 1897, and immediately came to South Norwich Township where they farmed on the 11th concession, just a few miles from Otterville. Since that time they have also lived in Detroit and at Milldale, and 18 years of that time in Otterville. They have been members of the R.C. Church of Our Lady at LaSalette for about 50 years. Mrs. Ash was a faithful worker in the Red Cross during the war years. Mr. and Mrs. Ash have a host of friends who joined in wishing them many more years of happiness together.

They have four daughters and two sons, Mrs. Harvey Brown (Mary) and Mrs. William Stapleton (Elizabeth) of Detroit, Mrs. Henry DeBlock (Gertrude) of Princeton, Mrs. Jack McCready (Emma) of Oxford Centre, Henry of Milldale, and Joseph of Otterville. They also have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ash was Frances Bolone before her marriage, and she has three brothers living in Detroit. Mr. Ash has two sisters there, one of whom is married to one of Mrs. Ash's brothers.

Vestry Meeting 1947

The annual vestry meeting of the St. John's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall recently. It was preceded by a potluck supper, with the rector, Rev. L. H. Crawford, presiding. The church report was presented by Mrs. W. H. Law, who also reported that the missionary budget of \$126 had been paid in full. Mrs. W. Young gave the Ladies' Guild report; W. H. Harford gave the report for the Cemetery Board, and the Sunday school report was given by Carl Howse. Mrs. Law reported for the organ fund and Mrs. D. A. Collver for the Chancel Guild. Officers elected for the year were: Rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, George Wavell; church treasurer and budget secretary, Mrs. Law; delegate to Synod, Carl Howse; assistant, J. W. Riste; auditors—cemetery board, Mrs. Law; church and budget, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Board of Management, rector, wardens and congregation. Carl Howse read the rectory report, and it was announced that \$304 in cash and pledges had been raised on the Anglican Advance Appeal. There were votes of appreciation to the officers and to those who had assisted during the year. Rev. Mr. Crawford also congratulated the Ladies' Guild on its splendid work.

GIFT PRESENTED IN NEW HOME

NORWICH—A number of Milldale residents were joined by friends from Norwich and Otterville when they met at the home of Mrs. Ed. McMullen, in Otterville, for a combination farewell and house warming party. Mrs. McMullen, who had lived at Milldale for more than 30 years, recently moved to her new home at Otterville.

During the afternoon, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. Bruce Alexander, Mrs. N. McMullen and Mrs. A. Byers entertained with piano solos and duets.

Mrs. George Daiken read an address expressing regret of the Milldale guests at losing a good neighbor and friend and extended best wishes for a happy sojourn in Otterville. Mrs. Henry Ash was chosen to make the presentation of a table mirror, table lamp and mirror picture.

Mrs. W. McMullen, Mrs. N. McMullen, Mrs. Frank Savell, Mrs. Art Moore and Mrs. H. Ash served refreshments. JAN 31/47

Funeral Held

The funeral of Miss Margaret Livingston Lossing of Tillsonburg was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Friday afternoon, and was attended by relatives and friends from Norwich, Woodstock, Springford, Tillsonburg and other places. Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church and the North Broadway Baptist Church, Tillsonburg, conducted the service, during which George Lowe of Norwich sang a solo, "The Last Mile of the Way." Mrs. Nate McMullen was the accompanist and also played a number of favorite hymns before and after the service. Besides the floral tributes from relatives, there were also flowers from her neighbors and friends in Tillsonburg, where she spent the past 20 years.

The pallbearers were six nephews, Reginald Lossing, Leslie Lossing, Harold Nobbs, Leigh Wilcox, Allen Carroll and Ross Carroll. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. 1947

MRS. TRUMAN WILCOX 1947

OTTERVILLE, Feb. 26 — Mrs. Truman J. Wilcox, 78, of Springford, a lifelong resident of Otterville, died today at her home at Springford after about three months' illness. The former Nettie Lossing, she was born in Milldale and spent her early life in Milldale and Otterville, going to Springford after her marriage 42 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox had been visiting in Los Angeles during the winter. Mrs. Wilcox suffered a stroke on December 7. She was brought to her home early in January. She is survived by her husband; one son, Leigh, and one daughter, Margaret Wilcox, at home, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Wilcox was a member of the Baptist Church. Funeral will be held Friday at 2 o'clock at the Addison funeral home. Interment will be in Springford Cemetery.

MRS. EMIL SMITH

OTTERVILLE, Feb. 24 — A former Otterville resident, Mrs. Florence (Madison) Smith, wife of Emil Smith, died suddenly at her home in Buffalo on Friday. She had been in poor health. Two sisters reside in Otterville, Mrs. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Lena Young. The body was brought to Otterville, where the funeral was held from the Addison funeral home on Monday. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Funeral On Monday

The funeral service was held on Monday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, for Mrs. Florence Horsey Smith of Buffalo. Mrs. Smith, before her marriage, was Florence Madison, and was born at Otterville, leaving for Buffalo in 1899. She was widely known as a breeder and trainer of Boston terrier dogs for 30 years. The terriers she raised won many prizes, and she was also active as a judge in dog shows. She is survived by her husband, Emil Smith of Buffalo, and two sisters, Mrs. Jack Wilson and Mrs. Wilson Young of Otterville. Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, had charge of the funeral service. The casket was surrounded by many beautiful floral tributes, and relatives and friends were present from Buffalo, Dutton and Otterville. The pallbearers, who were also the flower bearers, were F. W. Furlong, Cecil Hooker, Alex. Slaght, J. K. Wardell, George Davis, and Charles Mannell. Interment was in St. John's Anglican Cemetery, Otterville. 24.24/47

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Otterville W.I. Members Hear Branch's History

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A short history of the Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute was given by Mrs. R. M. Holmes at the "family night" gathering in the Community Hall, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Institute work. This was for the period from April 3, 1919, to the present—February 13, 1947.

During the First Great War, a group of women in and around Otterville did a lot of Red Cross work and called themselves the "Kitchener Club." After the war was over, they were reluctant to disband, so they decided they would become a Women's Institute branch.

The district president, Miss Irene Wallace of Burgessville, and Miss Lena Anstice, the district vice-president, of Springford, met with them in the Summerville Church on Thursday, April 3, 1919, for the purpose of organizing a Women's Institute branch, and it was at that meeting that the present Women's Institute branch came into being. There were 20 charter members at that meeting — Mrs. A. Addison, Mrs. E. Addison, Mrs. T. Arthur, Mrs. D. A. Colver, Mrs. Charles Daiken, Mrs. George Hensal, Mrs. William Hanson, Miss Edna Hartley, Mrs. S. Honsberger, Mrs. J. Huntley, Mrs. Raymond Hussey, Mrs. William Innis, Mrs. I. Kennedy, Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Mrs. R. McDougall, Mrs. A. G. McMullen, Mrs. E. Pennington, Mrs. John Ryder, Mrs. A. E. Snyder, Mrs. H. Treffry.

The first president was Mrs. William Innis and the first secretary-treasurer was Mrs. Arthur McMullen, and during that first year the membership increased to 43.

The newly-formed Institute got right down to business, and Mrs. Holmes read from the minutes where they had papers on "Flower Culture," "Hatching Chickens," "Consolidated Schools," "Women in Pioneer Life," "Salads," "Women Trustees in the Schools," and "Hot Lunches for Schools." A little later they had a sewing class, a cooking class, and a nursery class. They also had debates, one being on the subject, "Resolved that environment is a greater factor in human life than is heredity." Another debate was on "Because of modern conveniences in the home are we less ambitious than our grandmothers?"

Among the varied activities of the Institute have been a booth at the South Norwich School Fair, where for each year since its organization the Institute has earned the greater share of the money it has raised. Much of this money was returned in the form of prizes, especially in singing, and the Institute paid one-third of the purchase price of the school piano. It has always helped any worthy cause in the community.

Mrs. Holmes said: "It was really our organization that started the ball rolling to have our Community Hall remodelled, when, at a meeting on September 9, 1938, the Otterville Branch of the Women's Institute offered to contribute \$50 to be used towards helping to put the Community Hall in a more presentable condition. Needless to say, we are very proud of our hall now. We donated some chairs and dishes to the hall and completely furnished the women's rest room. Later, we bought a piano to be used in the downstairs only. I will now give to you a list of the presidents from the beginning — Mrs. William Innis, 1919-1922, Mrs. H. G. Downing, 1922-1925, Mrs. G. L. Williams, 1925-1928, Mrs. W. L. Addison, 1928, Mrs. H. G. Downing, 1929, Mrs. Dee Scott, 1930, Mrs. R. H. Kent, 1931, Mrs. J. McPree, 1933, Mrs. Andrew Clinton, 1939, Mrs. Walter Nash, 1941, Dr. Lois Batson, 1943, Mrs. Fred Walthers, 1945; also a list of the secretaries—Mrs. A. G. McMullen, 1919, Mrs. E. C. Addison, 1922, Mrs. W. L. Addison, 1934, Mrs. Max Avey, 1938, Mrs. Paul Fish, 1942, Mrs. Alex. Slaght, 1943, Mrs. S. Riches, 1946. I feel that special mention should be made of Mrs. Ernest Addison, for she was our very capable secretary for 12 consecutive years, and when she gave it up it was on account of ill-health.

"From our local branch, there have been two district presidents and one district secretary, of whom we have every reason to be proud, and we are very glad to have them both with us this evening.

"Soon after Mrs. H. G. Downing had finished three years as president of our local branch, she accepted the office of district president, and she very capably filled that position for two years. In 1938, Mrs. W. L. Addison gave up being secretary-treasurer of our local branch to accept the office of district secretary-treasurer, and she continued with that work for six years. At present, Mrs. Addison is serving her second as district president, and at every branch she visits she is much appreciated. At present we have 52 members on the roll. Refreshments are served at every meeting, and here the women of every church can meet and discuss the events of common interest. The day which was chosen at the original meeting, the second Friday in each month, still remains the day when the Otterville and district ladies turn out in large numbers to the Women's Institute." Mrs. Holmes said in concluding her address.

Conducted Meeting



Mrs. W. L. Addison of Otterville, who, as the president, presided over the annual meeting of the South Oxford District Women's Institutes in the Springford United Church on Friday. Mrs. Addison, who was elected honorary president, was succeeded as president by Mrs. Ralph Burton of Burgessville.

W.M.S. Workers Establish Record

OTTERVILLE — Mrs. Edward Arthur, who has missed only one meeting of the Women's Missionary Society in six years, addressed a largely attended W.M.S. meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Addison. She gave highlights from her recent motor trip to Florida, covering 4,600 miles. To attend a church service at St. Petersburg, Florida, she found it necessary to stand in line for 15 minutes, hearing the service eventually from the Sunday school room over loud speaker. "Stewardship" was the theme of the meeting with Mrs. Earle Petch presiding. The study book was reviewed by Miss Beatrice Lees. Six members were named for having perfect attendance last year, Mrs. J. W. Fish, Mrs. E. Petch, Mrs. Edward Arthur, Mrs. Ernest Treffry, Mrs. Harold Waring and Miss Beatrice Lees. Several others missed only one meeting. Plans were made for the Easter thank-offering and Mrs. Arthur and Mrs. Honsberger were appointed to ar-

Violet Rebekah Lodge Marks First Birthday

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville.—A lovely birthday dinner honoring Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, I.O.O.F., which held its first birthday party in the basement of the I.O.O.F. Hall, was attended by 85 members and visitors from St. Thomas, Toronto and Aylmer. The hall and tables were attractively decorated with green shamrocks and flowers. The convener for the dinner was Mrs. Anna Treffry. The noble grand, Sister Emma Strudwick, asked Sister Annie Courtney, J.P.P. of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, to propose a toast. This was responded to by Bro. Rev. G. was responded to by Bro. Rev. G. T. of Aylmer, proposed a toast which was responded to by Sister Alice Arthur, V.G.

After the banquet, the members and visitors went to the lodgeroom for the regular meeting. The lodge was opened in the usual form, with about 200 present. The visitors were welcomed from Norwich, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Aylmer, St. Thomas, and Toronto. During the evening, the Rebekah degree was beautifully conferred by the members of Violet Lodge on two candidates, Mrs. Dorothy Durkee and Mrs. Gladys Cooper of Otterville, and a candidate from the Delhi Lodge.

Sister Annie Courtney, J.P.P. of the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario, was presented with a gift by Sister Daisy Mannell. Sister Mabel Candy, D.D.P., was also presented with a gift by Sister Alice Arthur, V.G., and Sister Emma Strudwick presented Sister Sadie Gailler and Bro. Clayton of Toronto with gifts from the degree staff, as they helped the degree team to get started. Short addresses were given by Sister Annie Courtney, J.P.P. of the Rebekah Assembly, Sister Mabel Candy, D.D.P., of Aylmer, Sister Mabel Norman, P.D.D.P., of St. Thomas, Sister Sadie Gailler and Bro. Clayton, both of Toronto, Sister Rohrer, P.G., of Tillsonburg, Sister Miller, V.G., of Delhi, Sister Marshall, V.G., of Norwich, Bro. Shields, Sister Brady, Sister Ida McKibbon, N.G., of Aylmer.

Bro. Maxwell Avey thanked the lodge for the lovely banquet, after which the lodge was closed in the usual form. After the meeting, a lunch was served upstairs by Sister Walther and her committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Catharine, have returned to their home after holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hillier at Racine, Wis. They also visited at Milwaukee and Kenosha.

AUCTION SALE

— OF —

FURNITURE

The Complete Furniture and Contents of the

Hotel Revere

Village of Otterville

— ON —

Saturday, April 12

Commencing at 11:30 a.m.

Dining-Room Furniture—Buffet; 16 chairs; also 12 other chairs; 4 dining-room tables; 12 table cloths and napkins; 3 dozen knives; 4 dozen forks; dessert spoons and number of glasses.

Kitchen furniture — Good gas stove; coal stove; Beatty washer and stand, almost new; 7 kitchen chairs; large ice-box; 8-day clock; 42 dinner plates; 22 soup plates; 30 bread plates; 37 cups and saucers; 20 fruit dishes; number of kettles; fry pans; preserve kettles; roasting pans; pie plates, etc.

Sitting-Room — 2 large library tables and covers; 2 upholstered chairs; several stands; curtains, etc.

Other Furniture — Cupboards; tables, and numerous articles.

Bedroom Furniture — 11 rooms complete, including 5 double beds complete, mostly spring-filled mattresses; 4 single beds complete; 2 three-quarter beds complete; 50 cotton sheets; 19 flannelette sheets; 50 or more pillowcases; number of wool and woolcot blankets; 40 quilts and bedspreads; 27 bedroom towels; 10 pairs of pillows; number of mattress covers; 10 dressers with covers; 10 commodes with covers; floor covering on several rooms; blinds; curtains; pictures; number of bedroom chairs.

Miscellaneous—Door and window screens; baby buggy; 100 jars of fruit; 50 jars of pickles; 100 sealers; several cases of canned goods; hundreds of items, such as kitchen utensils, pots, pans, etc., too numerous to mention.

No reserve as hotel sold.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH

Frank Fulkerson

George Keays

Auctioneers

R. Brown, Prop.

Funeral In Toronto

Funeral services were held in Toronto on Wednesday for Marietta LaDell, who died at her Indian Trail home on Sunday after a long illness. Once a prominent international entertainer and elocutionist, Miss LaDell was born at Otterville. She went to Toronto as a young woman and was a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Oratory. Surviving is a sister, Mrs. Fred Holmes, with whom she resided. Interment was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. *APRIL*

Mrs. C. M. Hilliker Dies

Mrs. Agnes Hilliker, wife of C. M. Hilliker, died today in the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital after a long illness, in her 56th year. Mrs. Hilliker was born in South Norwich Township and had resided in Tillsonburg for the past 12 years. She was a member of St. Paul's United Church, and active in the women's organizations of the church while health permitted.

Surviving, besides her husband, are a son, Billy, aged 13 years, a sister, Mrs. H. S. Morgan of Delhi, and other relatives.

The body is resting at her late residence, 59 King St., until Saturday, where the funeral service will be held at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Davidson, minister of St. Paul's United Church, will officiate. Misses Edith and Neta Cuthbertson will sing "God Will Take Care of You," accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Mason of Port Credit. The pallbearers will be Charles Marshall, Clarence Nobbs, Amos Mills, A. M. Stauffer, Arthur Brumpton, and Norman Garton. Interment will be in Otter Cemetery, Otterville. *APRIL 1947*

Maybe April? **COUPLE HONORED** *1947*
BEACHVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. Howard McMullen, of Woodstock, were honored at a community party when they were presented with gifts. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were married recently. Presentation of a table and chair was made by Beverly Wallace and Keith Avey, the accompanying address being read by Lloyd Swartz. The evening was spent in dancing. Refreshments were

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

A happy family gathering took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McMullen, Beachville, on Sunday, May 25, in honour of his mother, Mrs. Emily McMullen, who celebrated her 83rd birthday on Monday, May 26. The only member of her family not present for the important event was Mrs. Wendall Hillier, who resides in the United States. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Graves and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen and family. Mrs. McMullen has eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The event was marked with a bountiful turkey dinner and the table was graced with the three tiered birthday cake which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. McMullen was born in England, but came to Canada as a young girl. She resided in Vancouver until after her two eldest children were born. Since then, up to about a year ago, she resided at Milldale. Now she makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen, west of town. Many friends extend congratulations and extend best wishes for many more happy anniversaries.

Letters to the Editor

Petition In S. Norwich

Ridgeview Farm,
R.R. 1, Otterville, Ont.,
May 27, 1947.

The Editor: In 1907 our forefathers in South Norwich Township fought for and obtained a dry area, as far as the dispensing of alcoholic beverages is concerned. Now, 40 years later, it would appear that enough signatures have been obtained on a petition to bring a vote in the township to obtain a license for a men's beverage room.

It would, of course, be folly to assume (if it were possible to obtain 60 per cent. of the vote, thus making the township a wet area) that the hotelkeeper seeking this

license, or anyone else, having once seen the enormous profits involved, would not seek new outlets to allow women or mixed drinking within the next six months, for such are the mannerisms of the liquor traffic. It is greedy beyond words.

It is difficult to believe that even enough names could be obtained for a petition, but on reading a report of a recent local option vote in another area, where 800 signed a petition but only 400 voted in favor, we can believe that having once been given the facts a great majority of these signers will be ashamed to press further for such a degrading spectacle as a beverage room in our midst.

We, who are strongly opposed to this brazen effort to besmirch our community, hereby serve notice that we are going to give the citizens of South Norwich the facts concerning the outcome of drinking. Having thus done this, we believe that South Norwich will intelligently and overwhelmingly vote to keep a beverage room out.

There are a few older natives who are so often debauched that they are ashamed to be behind such a project, and so they say the "foreigners" will help to bring us the beverage room. My contact with these New Canadians is that, although they may drink alcoholic beverages in the home, they have no desire to bring a beverage room to the community in which they live, knowing full well the results of such public drinking. This charge is an unfair reflection on the character of these New Canadians who want to make a more worth-while contribution to it. Sincerely yours,

SAM INNIS.

LONDONER RELEASED

ST. THOMAS, May 22 — Winston Thomson, 43, 62 St. George street, London, admitted to Memorial Hospital here last night suffering minor head injuries and facial lacerations, was released today.

Thomson was walking along the shoulder of No. 3 highway when he was struck by a car and knocked into the ditch. Percy Noels, Queen street, St. Marys, who was traveling west on the highway noticed Thomson lying on the pavement and took him to hospital.

Rector At St. John's



Rev. J. N. Doidge, B.A., L.Th., whose appointment as rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Tillsonburg, and St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden, has been announced by Archbishop C. A. Seager of London. Rev. Mr. Doidge is the assistant curate of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont.

Clergyman Marks 25th Anniversary

Rev. Hugh G. E. Crosby, Scotia, N.Y., former Western Ontario clergyman, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination, Sunday at St. Andrew's Church, Scotia.

On Ascension Day, May 15, following a corporate communion service he received gifts from the Guilds of St. Elizabeth and St. Ann. Sunday, members of his congregation at St. Andrew's paid similar tribute.

Rev. Mr. Crosby was ordained by the late Most Rev. David Williams, Archbishop of Huron, in St. James Church, Stratford. He began his deaconate year at All Saints Church, Woodstock, where he served until 1923. From 1923 to 1926, he served the parish of Moore, thence until 1930, at St. John's Church, Otterville.

In 1930, he came to the Episcopal Church at Bolton Landing, where he remained until assuming his present charge at St. Andrew's.

Rev. Mr. Crosby married Isabel deM. Woods of Bayfield. They have three children, Paul, a student at the University of Western Ontario; Patricia, a stenographer with the General Electric Company; and David, at Bishop Ridley College, St. Catharines.



SOUTH OXFORD TITLE WINNERS—The Otterville team won the senior "A" championship of the South Oxford Rural Hockey League during the winter. The games were played in Ingersoll. Recently, the club members were honored at a banquet at Otterville. The team, with Goalie Dick Addison holding the trophy, is

shown above: Back row, left to right, Norman Fleming, Alvin Rachar; middle, D. Hankinson, Verne Broad, Earl Petch (manager), Paul Smith, William Briggs; front, Don Broad, Kenneth Mann, John Brennan, Dick Addison, Henry Kozuch, Kirby Kerr.

Former Pastor Ordained

Rev. Laverne Morgan of Bayfield, formerly of Otterville, was one of four priests of the Anglican church ordained to the ministry at St. James (Westminister) church, London on Trinity Sunday, the day traditional in the Anglican Church for ordinations. Rev. G. Percy Parsons, of St. Marys, whose home town is Otterville, preached the ordination sermon. Mrs. Morgan's mother, Mrs. Everett Mountain, accompanied by the latter's sister, Mrs. Vernon and Mr. Vernon of Toronto attended the service, and others from Otterville that were present were Mr. and Mrs. John Riste, Mrs. Wilson Young, Mrs. Nate McMullen also their aunt Mrs. Neil Carswell of Detroit who spent the weekend with her niece Mrs. McMullen.

A birthday party in honor of Donald Broad was held at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Burton Broad, those from out-of-town enjoying a turkey dinner with him were Mr. and Mrs. Vern Broad, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bradburn, Tillsonburg, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell and family, Springford, Miss Muriel Randall, Montreal and Max Prouse.

Among the graduating nurses at the Hamilton General Hospital last week was an Otterville girl, Miss Patricia Furlong, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Furlong. Miss Furlong also received the special award for surgical technique, being a fifty dollar bill in a beautifully engraved leather billfold. Mr. and Mrs. Furlong spent most of last week in Hamilton.

Committee Appointed For Pool At Otterville

Otterville—Members of the various organizations representing those supporting the Soldiers' Memorial Swimming Pool Fund met in the Community Hall to reorganize and plan their work. It was the decision of those present that the work should be gone ahead with, and a committee composed of Edward Arthur, R. E. Pettigrew, Alex Slaght, Dr. G. M. Downing and Mrs. W. L. Addison was selected to meet with the council and Park board before commencing the work. Edward Arthur, who was the capable chairman of the Smokes Fund and later of the Memorial Fund for six years, asked to be relieved as chairman this year, and the vice-chairman, J. K. Wardell, was named to take his place.

Others present at the meeting were Ira Pearce, George Davis, Max Avey, John Segner, Earle Petch, Mrs. S. Riches, Mrs. Carl Howse and Miss Beatrice Lees.

It is the hope of the committee that the work on the swimming pool will commence shortly, as a considerable amount of money has been raised towards this objective.

1947

Mrs. J. Wesley Fish Died On Sunday At Otterville

Otterville—Mrs. J. Wesley Fish, who spent her entire life here, died on Sunday. Mrs. Fish was stricken the day before Easter and had been confined to bed since that time.

Born at Otterville 74 years ago, Mrs. Fish was formerly Belle Tisdale, a daughter of the late Allan N. Tisdale and Laura Hill. A member of the United Church, she taught the Junior Bible Class for many years, continuing as long as her health permitted. She was in her accustomed place in church each Sunday until her last illness. Her ability as a speaker was appreciated by every organization in the community. Many remember her inspiring message at the Easter meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society a few hours before she was taken ill.

In addition to her activities within the church, she was a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society, the Woman's Association of the church and the Women's Institute.

Her marriage to Wesley Fish took place 53 years ago. They had four sons and three daughters. One son, Paul, died three years ago this month. Surviving are her husband; Carman and Marjorie (Mrs. Norman Swift) of Park Ridge, Ill.; Marian at home, Allan of Fort Frances, Pauline (Mrs. W. A. McDowell) and Frederic of Toronto. Also surviving is one brother, Henry Tisdale of Crooked Creek, Alta. *JUNE 6*

I.O.O.F. Service Held At Otterville On Sunday

Otterville—The annual I.O.O.F. church service, commemorating the 128th anniversary of the order, was held in the Otterville United Church on Sunday evening and was attended by members of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., Violet Rebekah Lodge, and the Junior I.O.D.E., numbering close to 100, with an equal number of visitors from Otterville, Norwich, Delhi, Tillsonburg and Burgessville.

Rev. George T. Shields, minister of the church and noble grand of Tecumseh Lodge, presided, with Miss Joyce Batson at the Organ. The Gilmour Quartet favored with two selections, "I Shall Be Satisfied" and "Steal Away," with Mrs. Bickle at the organ. Mrs. Gaskin of Delhi sang a solo, "My Prayer." The chaplain of the lodge, R. S. Pettigrew, gave the Scripture reading and recited "The Lost Chord." The offering for the evening was presented to the Community Band, which provided music in the parade that followed the service.

The address of the evening, "This Is Our Task," by Rev. Mr. Shields, traced the origin of the lodges, their work, and the associations relating to their names. From the lesson of the parable of the Good Samaritan, he charged the members to "Go thou and do likewise," always robed in the garment of friendship, knitted on the needles of give and take. The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of tulips, narcissuses and lilacs. *JUNE*

"Frail One" of Her Family Observing 90th Birthday

OTTERVILLE, July 2—"Ninety Years Young" may well be the title of a sprightly little lady from Otterville, Mrs. Ellen Collver, whose 90th birthday comes on Thursday.

Blessed with a rare sense of humor and a keen intellect, she is up to the minute on all the issues of the day and it is a delight to converse with her. Since the death of her husband, the late Dr. A. J. Collver, 26 years ago, she has kept house, spending much of the time alone, and still does all her own work, including her spring cleaning this year, and washing by hand. After the coal fire was out this spring she even admitted splitting wood, adding, with a twinkle in her eye, "the house was cold, and there was the wood and the axe, so I used it, but I don't think I'll ever make a profession of it."

Born at Brussels, Ont., she was educated at the Lindsay High School and Toronto Normal and taught school for many years before going to Chicago to be with her twin brother, the late Rev. M. E. Dix, teaching at Chicago until shortly before her marriage to Dr. Collver 49 years ago. She and her twin brother were the only ones in her family, and she said: "To think that I was the frail one of the two, and he died at 49 and here I am at 90."

Mrs. Collver is far from being robust, but her quick step and happy smile would not reveal a heart that bothers her considerably at times, and only the fact that she cannot hear well keeps her from the church service which she has always attended. She has taught Sunday school classes practically all her life, starting when she was 14, and only giving it up a few years ago.

A life member of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. Collver rarely misses a meeting, usually telling a story in connection with her office as temperance superintendent. Her ability to tell a story, never forgetting the slightest detail, has kept her busy in the community and she will long be remembered for her lovely portrayal of the many Christmas tales she knew. Many delightful poems and articles under her penname, "Lenore," have appeared in Toronto papers.

This charming woman has been invited to spend the afternoon of her birthday with Mrs. R. M. Holmes in the village, and many of her friends plan to call on her there and extend congratulations to a fellow citizen who will never seem old.



Mrs. Collver

Otterville Promotions

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The following is the promotion report of the Otterville Public School, the names being listed in alphabetical order, in the grades to which the pupils will go in September:

Grade 1—David Arthur, Bobbie Baguley, Wynn Downing, Sharon Furlong, Shirley Graham, Billy Kennedy, Margaret Krohe, Billy McNamara, Bob Mitchell, Caroline Richardson, Fred Thurlby, Frederick Van Parys, Wayne Wilson, Marie Wardle, Ross Young.

Grade 2 — June Baskette, Bob Butler, Jeanette Denys, Shirley DeWachter, Ravid Hisey, Ted McElhone, Rosalee McIntee, Dorothy Pembleton, Shirley Pembleton, Allan Scott, George Smith, Kenneth Thurlby (on trial), Nancy Young (on trial).

Grade 3—Madelon Ash, Audrey Cassidy, Yvonne Collver, David Furlong, Alex. Graham, James Inno, Martin Kowvanetz, Ferne Picknell, Onere Pottleberg, Shirley Pottleberg, Lee Richardson, Sally Richardson, Allan Savil, Ellis Scott, Betty Treffry.

Grade 4 — Norman Alix, Billy Badder (honors), Elaine Butler, Lorette Denys, Auggie DeWachter, Shirley Exelby, Bobby Furlong, Paul Hisey, Larry Hudson, Norbert Jakubowski (honors), John Leitch, Carol Pennington, Agnes Robeys, Betty Saunders (honors), Margaret Walter (honors).

Grade 5—Wilma Cole, Donna DeMeester (honors), Robert Morrison, Marcel Robeys, Bobby Slaght, Billy Zimmer.

Grade 6—Carol Broad (honors), Donna Cole (honors), Jean Daiken, Carolyn Davis (honors), Leon DeMeester, Marilyn Gehring (honors), Dolores Hooker (honors), Jean King (honors), Marion Leach (honors), Janet Leitch (honors), Jack Mitchell (honors), Clayton Obediah.

Grade 7 — Dorothy Davis (honors), Cecelia Degroote (honors), Marie DeMeester (honors), Marie DeVooght (honors), Jean Exelby, Barbara Furlong, Arlene Godby, George Jakubowski (honors), Ronald Jones, Joseph McElhone (honors), William McMullen, Gordon Pennington (honors).

Grade 8—Gordon Gehring, Jackie George (honors), Harold Hudson, Elaine Marshall (honors), Anna Morrison (honors), Barbara Morrison (honors), Catherine McMullen (honors), Donald Petch (honors), Norman Riches, Bob Van Parys (honors), Jimmie White. Teachers—Irene Scidmore, primary room; Dorothy Fish, room two; Muriel Barrett, principal.



Bandits Flee From Norwich

Trio, Dressed as Women, Routed
In Exchange of Gunfire
With Manager

CARRIED GUNS IN HANDBAGS

BY DENNIS ADKIN
Free Press Staff Reporter
NORWICH, June 25—

Provincial police tonight searched a wide area of the district for three bandits dressed in women's clothing who were foiled this morning in an attempt to rob the Bank of Montreal, here following an exchange of gunfire with Bank Manager William Colchester.

Believed to be men masquerading in dresses and a heavy coat

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of make-up, the would-be robbers retreated at the first show of resistance, and escaped, with a bullet from the manager's revolver whining behind them.

Flee Gunfire

A search of the district by police had failed by tonight to divulge any trace of the trio or the get-away car. A spent bullet fired from a bandit's gun was recovered from the ceiling of the bank.

Make-Up Faulty

The bandits attracted attention of staff and customers when they walked into the bank just before 10.30 a.m., dressed "not like local women," coarse-looking and heavily made up.

Whipping revolvers from handbags, with a terse "this is a stick-up," they herded customers into a corner and ordered them to lie on the floor.

Ken Farrell, bank clerk, said

FACED BANDITS' GUNS

Shots from the revolver of Manager William Colchester foiled a robbery attempt at Norwich Bank of Montreal yesterday. Shown inset, lower left, is the bank manager, who grabbed his gun and fired twice from his office at the bandits, caused them to retreat, then followed them to the door and sent a third shot after the get-away car. Although covered by would-be robbers' guns, three girl bank clerks ran downstairs during the attempted holdup. Shown above, left to right, they were: Marion Pascoe, Lois Hanmer and Gladys Cole.

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FAMED DOG BREEDER, JUDGE, DIES IN PARKDALE AVE. HOME

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Otterville, Ont., before the burial in the city of Mrs. Florence Horsey Smith, a prominent resident of Parkdale Ave. who was known as one of the leading breeders of Boston terriers in the United States.

Mrs. Smith who died in her 65th year, had been a resident of Buffalo for more than 30 years. Her end came peacefully last Friday at her late home, 256 Parkdale Ave. Her body lay in state at the Amigone Funeral Home 1389 East Delavan until 2:30 o'clock Sunday and then was taken to Canada.

Born in Otterville, Mrs. Smith,

better known among dog fanciers as Florence Horsey, came to Buffalo in 1899. During her busy life she had successfully raised and exhibited Boston terriers and had won many prizes and at shows throughout the country. She had often been called to act as judge in important dog shows in all parts of the country and was well and favorably known to dog breeders and fanciers in all parts of the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Emil P. Smith, and by two sisters, Mrs. John Wilson and Mrs. Wilson Young, both of Otterville.

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THREE GUNMEN, ATTEMPTING TO HOLD UP THE BANK OF MONTREAL at Norwich yesterday, were routed when Manager William Colchester opened fire from his office. Top photograph shows an outside view of the bank where the attempted robbery took place. Centre shows Provincial Constable T. B. Morkin, of Tillsonburg, pointing out to Constable K. W. McLay, Delhi, the hole made in the glass panelling of Colchester's office by a bullet. The circle indicates where the bank manager's second bullet

penetrated the woodwork. Bottom left, inset, shows Miss Eva Snell, a customer in the bank, who said one bandit wore a turquoise suit and a large black hat, the other a "pinkish" dress and a yellow bandana. Lower centre is Percy Longworth, store-keeper next to the bank, who ran into the alley and got the license number of the get-away car. Upper right insert is Ken Farrell, bank clerk, who saw the "women" entering the bank. Lower right inset shows Mrs. W. W. Morgan, who was about to deposit more than \$500 in cash and checks when the attempted holdup occurred.

Anti-Gambling Squad Costs 1947 Tillsonburg District \$427

TILLSONBURG, August 29—Twenty-five cases were heard in local police court today before Magistrate Groom who imposed fines and costs totaling \$427, as a result of raids by an anti-gambling squad from Toronto.
Milton E. Pettigrew of Otterville pleaded guilty to keeping a common gaming house and was fined \$75 and costs or two months in jail and two seized slot machines were ordered confiscated. Mrs. M. Ivan Hooren pleaded guilty to a similar charge and was fined \$50 and \$15 costs or one month in jail, and one seized slot machine and money was confiscated.
Mrs. Winifred Brown, pleading guilty to a similar charge, was fined \$75 and \$15.75 costs or two months in jail.

William Lewis, Harvey Jacques, William Jacko, Nelson McDonald, James Koeh, Stanley Kearney, Stanley Daduval, Howard Nancare, Gillford Davis, J. Rolcear, Fred Cowan, Lorne Legroces, John Cameron and Howard McKay all paid \$10 each for intoxication and Eugene Walsh and William Briggs were fined \$10 for having no operator's permit. Joseph Connelly paid \$5 for going through a stop sign.
Joseph A. Hemel of Montreal pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the home of Frank Cooper and stealing a wrist watch, masonic rings, shirts, pyjamas, handkerchiefs, shoes and stockings. He was remanded in custody till September 10 for sentence.

PROCLAMATION



TOWNSHIP OF
South Norwich

Civic Holiday

Monday, Aug. 4th, 1947

WHEREAS, at a meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of South Norwich, held on the 7th day of July, A. D., 1947, it was resolved: That Monday, the 4th day of August, 1947, be, and the same is hereby set apart as a Public Holiday, for the current year, and that the Reeve be authorized to issue the necessary proclamation therefore.

THESE are therefore to make known that in compliance with the foregoing resolution, I do hereby proclaim Monday, August the 4th, 1947, a Civic Holiday of which all persons are hereby requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

THEODORE COOPER, Reeve.

Dated at the Clerk's Office, at Otterville,
this 8th day of July, 1947.

GOD SAVE THE KING

LATE HARRY H. SCOTT

With the sudden death on Sunday morning, August 24th, of Harry Heyward Scott, Canadian Agriculturist lost an outstanding leader and this community one of its best known and most highly esteemed residents. In his usual health on Saturday, his sudden passing came as a distinct shock to all.

Born at Hatchley, Ontario, the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, Mr. Scott was in his 56th year. He had been a resident of this district all his life. In December, 1914, he was married to Florence McKenzie, who survives him, and in 1919 he purchased the James Wylie farm where their son, Darwen, lives now. They continued to reside there until two years ago when they purchased the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Beattie, where his death occurred.

Possessed of a pleasing personality and with rare qualities for leadership he was prevailed upon to run for the office of Councillor in North Norwich township in January 1926. In 1929 he was successful in a contest for the reeveship and in 1931 he was elevated to the office of Warden of Oxford County. The next year he retired from municipal affairs and shortly afterward was appointed township assessor, an office he filled with good satisfaction to all, for a number of years.

Perhaps his most outstanding work and the one in which his name became a household word with dairy farmers all across Canada, was that of president of the Ontario Concentrated Milk Producers. Within a few months of the formation of that organization, Mr. Scott was chosen president to succeed Merritt Moore of Aylmer, who had served for a few months, and he continued as president until last autumn when indifferent health caused him to decline re-election. As President of the Concentrated Milk Producers, Mr. Scott traveled to every corner of Ontario in organization work and as well gave valuable assistance to dairy farmers in the other provinces. Often he led the fight for better milk prices to the very seat of government and usually came away with his point gained. He always followed a reasoned and well-considered course of action and urged this method upon those he led.

He was also a member of the executive of the Canadian Milk Producers, which seeks to co-ordinate and present the problems of the dairy farmers in common. Work in this organization took him to every province in the Dominion. Through the years since it was organized he was an officer and leader in the Norwich local. Interested in the work of the Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Scott was the first president of the Ontario Federation and served for more than a year.

Early in life Mr. Scott was a supporter of the Conservative party. With the coming of the United Farmers of Ontario, he gave active support to that party, believing it to more nearly represent the aims of farmers generally. Later still he was a staunch supporter of the late T. M. Cayley and of A. S. Rennie and provincial Liberal candidates. In 1934 he accepted the candidature of the C. C. F. party in Dominion politics.

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A few months later he resigned this position. He was warmly attracted by the policies enunciated by John Bracken, previous to the last election, and he was prevailed upon to submit his name in the contest for a candidate to represent the Progressive-Conservative Party in the subsequent election. He lost out by a few votes to K. S. Daniels, M. P.

Shortly after Premier George A. Drew came to office in Ontario he chose Mr. Scott a member of the special Agricultural Committee of Enquiry, whose duty it is to make recommendations to the Government. Mr. Scott represented dairymen, particularly.

Ten years ago when the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club was formed, he was chosen president and continued in office for a year and a half. His interest in the Club never wavered and he gave active support throughout.

As a young man he was chosen a director of the North Norwich Agricultural Society and later served as its president. He was an honorary director at the time of his death.

For many years he served on the executive of the Otter Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and served as president before being chosen inspector and valuator, which office he held at the time of his death.

Mr. Scott was for years an officer in Knox Presbyterian church, but about ten years ago transferred to the United church in which he was a member of the Board of Stewards. He was also a member of St. John's Lodge, A.F. & A.M.

When a young man Mr. Scott was a popular singer and he, with his banjo, was a welcome addition on many a program. He formerly served as a member of the Presbyterian and United church choirs.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Jack Doan, Aylmer; Mrs. C. F. Gobert, Bardstown, Kentucky; one son, Darwen M. Scott, North Norwich. There are also five grandchildren, three sisters and a brother: Mrs. George Morris, Mrs. Elmer Wright and Mrs. Blanche Savage, all of Brantford, and Lorne Scott, Hatchley.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Kiteley, Minister of the Norwich United church, Wednesday afternoon at the Arn & Son funeral residence. The service was attended by many relatives and former associates from all parts of the province. The beautiful floral tributes

testified to the high esteem in which the late Mr. Scott was held by his many friends and business associates.

The casket bearers were: Charles McGinnis, Erle Kitchen, Allison Graham, Frank Way, James Jenkins and Carlton Dance, who also acted as flower bearers.

A Masonic service was held at the graveside.

Interment was made in Norwich cemetery.

Mrs. Nell Carswell of Detroit and her brother, Frank Young, and daughter, Mrs. Fred Sperin, of Port Stanley were recent visitors with their niece, Mrs. Nate McMullen, and Mr. McMullen.

Attend Races

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen spent the week-end at Northfield, Mich., where the former's race horse, Dillon Flicka, was completing three weeks of harness racing. Mr. Arthur later went to Ohio with his trainer, Alfie Moore, and their horses, for the racing season there.

Smith-Wardle Nuptials Held

OTTERVILLE—A pretty autumn wedding was solemnized at the Otterville Baptist parsonage when Hazel Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wardle, Otterville, became the bride of Paul Douglas Smith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith, Otterville. Rev. Bruce Hisey performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a white street-length dress with white Dutch-style headdress trimmed with matching rosettes, and her corsage was of red rosebuds.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Clark Zimmer, of Otterville, was the matron of honor, wearing turquoise blue trimmed with pink, with Dutch style headdress trimmed with pink rosettes, and corsage of pink rosebuds. Frank Wardle, the bride's brother, was the best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents following the ceremony, the bride's mother wearing a wine dress with black accessories. The groom's mother wore a beige and brown figured dress with brown accessories and corsage of chrysanthemums.

Later the bride and groom left on a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, New York and Toronto, and on their return will reside in Otterville. Sept 1947

Otterville Holds 14th Cemetery Service

OTTERVILLE, Sept. 17—An impressive Decoration Day service was held in the Otter Cemetery Sunday with Major Fred Bowers, Leamington, as guest speaker. The service, under the auspices of Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Violet Rebekah Lodge, was presided over by Rev. W. B. Walker, of the Springfield Baptist Church, due to the absence of Rev. George T. Shields, N.G. of Tecumseh Lodge, who was taken suddenly ill just prior to the service.

Other organizations cooperating were the Col. McCrae Junior Chapter Daughters of the Empire, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, the Otterville Canadian Legion, and the churches of South Norwich. The Community Band led the procession to the cemetery, and provided the music. Rev. Oscar Boomer gave the opening prayer and Rev. Lyall Crawford gave the Scripture.

M. L. Avey, P.N.G., introduced Major Bowers. 1947.

LODGE HAS ELECTION

OTTERVILLE — The Violet Rebekah Lodge held their annual election recently when Mrs. Alice Arthur was chosen grand noble. Other officers are: Vice grand, Mrs. Ruth Colver; recording secretary, Mrs. Josephine Howse; financial secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Walther. Mrs. Arthur was also re-elected as a trustee. The installation will be held on October 6 when other officers will be appointed. The report of the Grand Lodge held recently in Hamilton was given by the past noble grand, Mrs. Emma Strudwick. Oct 6/47.

Will Reside In Otterville

OTTERVILLE — A wedding was solemnized at the St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, when Florence Lorraine Rosehart, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosehart, became the bride of Keith Melrose Howse, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. Lejth Howse, all of Otterville. Rev. Lyall Crawford, rector of the church, performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white, with full double net skirt. The embroidered taffeta bodice had a sweetheart neckline and the long pointed sleeves were embroidered. The floor-length veil was held by a tiara of pearls, and she carried a shower bouquet of American Beauty roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Jane Furlong, wearing a floor-length pale blue net over pink taffeta, trimmed with pink velvet bows. She wore a pale blue net headdress with a halo of pink flowers, and carried Better Times roses. Matron of honor, Mrs. Carl Howse, was gowned in blue net over blue taffeta, with shoulder veil of blue net held by a halo of flowers. She carried Better Time roses. Little Doreen Howse was flower girl, in white ruffled organdy, trimmed with pink ribbon, and white net shoulder veil held in a halo of pink flowers. She carried a nosegay of red roses. Charles Howse, brother of the groom was best man.

During the signing of the register, Jack Riste, Otterville, sang. Wedding music was played by Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville. Ushers were Fred Howse, Carl Howse and Paul Howse, brothers of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, the bride's mother wearing dark brown crepe trimmed with gold sequins and brown accessories, and the groom's mother a grey suit with black accessories. They wore corsages of red roses. Later the couple left on a motor trip to Niagara Falls and Burlington, the bride traveling in a brown suit with white pin stripe, and brown hat and accessories, and corsage of red roses. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howse will reside in Otterville.

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Lovely Autumn Ceremony For Miss N. M. Lamoure

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The Otterville United Church was the scene of a lovely autumn wedding, when Nellie Marion Lamoure of Woodstock, youngest daughter of Clarence Lamoure of Tillsonburg and the late Nellie Lamoure, became the bride of Hubert Hudson Chambers of Woodstock, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chambers of Plattsville. A double-ring ceremony was conducted by Rev. George Alfred Shields of Innerkip.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Kenneth Griffin of Otterville, was gowned in brocaded white satin, designed with a fitted bodice, a nylon yoke and long sleeves extending to points; the full floor-length skirt had a net overskirt. Her fingertip veil of embroidered net fell from a heart-shaped headdress and ended in a point at the floor. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses and her only ornament was a cameo pendant, the gift of the groom.

The bridesmaid was Mrs. Edward Rouse of Tillsonburg, wearing a floor-length dress made with a lace bodice and puff sleeves, and a full net skirt. Her headdress was of pink and white roses and she carried a matching bouquet of roses. Robert S. Garbutt of Woodstock was the best man and the ushers were Glen Lamoure of Tillsonburg, brother of the bride, and James Vance of Bright, brother-in-law of the groom. The church was prettily decorated with pink gladioli, and the guest pews were marked with white satin bows.

Miss Muriel White of Otterville played the wedding music, and the bride's cousin, Miss Joan Griffin of Otterville, sang "The Lord's Prayer," and during the signing of the register she sang "I'll Walk Beside You."

A reception was held at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Griffin, who have also been her foster parents since the death of her mother when she was born. Thirty-five guests were present from Woodstock, Plattsville, Bright, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll and Bookton. Mrs. Griffin wore black crepe trimmed with white, with black and white accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

The groom's mother wore moss green with a matching hat, and black accessories, and a corsage of roses.

A buffet luncheon was served by Miss Ialene Griffin of Otterville, Mrs. Frank Cooper of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Cameron Bailey of Ingersoll and Mrs. James Vance of Bright. The bride's gifts to the bridesmaid and soloist were earrings, to be organst, a silver bonbon dish, and to the waitresses, salt and pepper shakers. The groom's gift to the best man was a pair of kid gloves, and to the ushers, ties.

The bride and groom left on a honeymoon to Toronto and Northern Ontario, the bride travelling in a light navy gabardine suit, with black accessories, and a corsage of red roses. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Chambers will reside in Woodstock.

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Mrs. Heywood Passes

Otterville—A resident of this district practically all of her life, Mrs. Isadora Heywood, widow of Richard Heywood, died after a long illness at her home on Sunday evening. Mrs. Heywood had been in poor health for the past several years, and had been confined to bed for several weeks. Born at Ridgeway 86 years ago, she moved with her parents, the late Nathan and Catherine Cutler, to Hawtrey while still in her girlhood. She later moved to Bookton after her marriage, coming to Otterville about 45 years ago, where she had since resided. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, and of the Ladies' Guild. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Cecil Hussey of Norwich, and three great-granddaughters, Patricia, Gloria and Maxine Hussey.

Interred At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The funeral of Mrs. Isadora Heywood, who passed away after several months' illness, was conducted by Rev. Lyall Crawford at the Addison Funeral Home last Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Nate McMullen, the organist of St. John's Anglican Church, of which Mrs. Heywood was a member, played a number of her favorite hymns before and after the service. Many lovely floral tributes surrounded the casket.

Among those from a distance attending the service were Mrs. Bertha Harwood and Mr. and Mrs. Nash of Woodstock, Lorne Scott and daughter, Mrs. Ian Moore, of Hatchley. Mrs. Frances Heywood, Mrs. Jack Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Metcalfe of London, George Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Blake Harwood, and C. J. Longstreet of Hawtrey, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Zimmerman and Mrs. Agnes O'Donnell of Toronto and Mrs. W. F. Hussey of Lakeview.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Nate and Nean McMullen, F. W. Furlong, Herbert Parson, Jack Riste, and Ernest Treffry. Interment was in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

Popular School Teacher Honored Wedding Guest

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Miss Margaret Furlong, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Furlong of Otterville, was united in marriage to Frederick Arnold Church, the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Church of Otterville, by Rev. G. Alfred Shields of Innerkip, in a lovely candlelight ceremony before an altar banked with chrysanthemums and ferns in the Otterville United Church, on Wednesday evening last.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white satin with a brocaded velvet feather design, made with long sleeves and full gathered skirt. The veil, which extended over the train in the skirt, was held by a bandeau of white velvet forget-me-nots, and she carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and chrysanthemums. Her only ornament was a necklace of matched pearls, which had been a wedding gift to the groom's maternal grandmother.

All the bride's attendants were dressed in white and carried cascade bouquets. Miss Joyce Batson was the maid of honor, wearing a taffeta gown made with a bustle effect, the bodice having a frilled yoke and short sleeves, and she wore long mitts. Her flowers were Briarcliff roses and chrysanthemums and her shoulder-length veil was held by a Juliet cap.

The bride's sisters, Misses Jane and Wanda Furlong, were the bridesmaids, and were gowned alike in white taffeta made with sweetheart necklines, petal sleeves and tiered skirts. They wore shoulder veils held by bandeau of pink roses, white gloves, and their bouquets were of Premier roses.

The groom's brother, John R. Church, was the best man, and the ushers were the bride's brother, William Furlong, and Donald Pettigrew. Miss Muriel White played the wedding music, and Mrs. Ronald Collver was the soloist, singing "Because," and during the signing of the register she sang "O Perfect Love."

A reception was held in the church parlor, the bride's mother wearing a dress of black crepe, with satin yoke and peplum, and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore powder-blue crepe, embroidered in silver, and her corsage was of Talisman roses. There were 80 guests present, from Windsor, Detroit, Ingersoll, Norwich, Toronto, Hamilton, Simcoe, Waterford, Kitchener, and London.

The waitresses, all wearing long gowns, were Mrs. Marjorie Baskette, Miss Joyce Elliott, Miss Frances Childs, Miss Margaret Ann Hillier, Miss Frances Batson, Miss Jean Griffin, Miss Margaret Hooker, and Miss Geraldine Smith.

An honored guest at the wedding was Miss Irene Scidmore, a popular Otterville school teacher for many years. She had the distinction of teaching the entire bridal party, including the bride and groom, the maid of honor, the bridesmaids, the best man and the ushers, also the bride's father and the groom's father.

After the ceremony, the happy young couple visited the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Matthew Furlong, and the groom's grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Church, both of Otterville, who were unable to attend the wedding, owing to ill-health.

The bride's gifts to her attendants were silver clips, and to the soloist and organist, cups and saucers. The groom's gift to the best man was a tie set, and to the ushers, ties. The waitresses were presented with boxes of candy.

Later the bride and groom left on a motor trip to Hamilton, Niagara Falls, and points North, the bride travelling in a navy-blue gabardine suit, with a navy hat and wine accessories, and corsage of white roses. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Church will reside at Otterville.

WI to Oppose Beer Parlour

OTTERVILLE — Summer-ville branch of the Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Moore when three new members were welcomed. The president, Mrs. Arthur Hanson, presided. Mrs. Richard Brayley was appointed the Summer-ville delegate to attend the convention at London on October 28, 29 and 30. Mrs. John Ryder distributed samples of soap at the conclusion of her address on "Mrs. Soap and her sisters the powders." A talk was given by Mrs. Ernest MacDougall on "Soil Conservation, and how it affects us." Mrs. Robert Pettigrew told how to buy graded foods according to the Consumers' Guide, and also gave hints on how to buy materials and clothes. Mrs. Stanley Arthur gave a paper on "Undulant Fever." There was a discussion regarding the approaching vote to decide whether there will be a beer parlor at Otterville, and the members were unanimous in expressing their willingness to oppose it. A donation of \$25 was made to the Ontario Institute for the Blind. Mrs. Muriel Graham extended an invitation for the November meeting to be held at her home. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed.

FIND BODY FLOATING IN POND 'LOOKS LIKE MURDER'—POLICE

Special to The Star

St. Catharines, Oct. 17—"It looks like murder," provincial police investigating the death of Gordon Springgay, 41, said today. Springgay was shipper in a factory here and was the father of six children.

Springgay has been missing since the night of Oct. 8, when he left home telling his wife he was going to help a trucker he occasionally assisted. His body was found yesterday floating in stagnant Martindale pond beside the Henley regatta course between St. Catharines and Port Dalhousie.

Two points aroused police suspicion. There was no water in the lungs, indicating he was dead before entering the pond. The bicycle on which he left home has not been found.

An autopsy was performed by Dr. Lorne Whitaker. The findings have not been made public, but it is understood they show head wounds.

Police today will drag the pond for the bicycle. If it is not found they believe the murder theory will be strengthened.

Mrs. Springgay told police her husband occasionally worked a few hours a night assisting a St. Catharines trucker, and when he left home he told her he would be away about three hours. She reported his absence to police, Oct. 11. She said she knew of no enemies her husband might have had. "But that is a point we are investigating," police said.

Acquaintances described Springgay as a quiet, respectable man and "a good sort." Coroner J. Leo Poirier was present when the body was removed from the pond.

In a six-room wartime house, just off the Queen Elizabeth Way, Mrs. Mildred Springgay was busy with the family washing today. Between sobs, and surrounded by her six children, aged from 11 months to 15 years, she said her husband "came home from work Wednesday, Oct. 9, shortly after 5 p.m.

"It was pay day, and he gave me all but \$10. He left immediately for



GORDON SPRINGGAY

a transport company to help bring in grapes to make extra money for the children at Christmas. He was in such a hurry he did not even stop for supper, but just had time to take baby Linda in his arms."

The distraught mother said the family had lived for the past five years in their present home. Mr. Springgay had just obtained a spare-time job the day previously, and this was his first night at work. He expected to be back, Mrs. Springgay said, about 10 p.m.

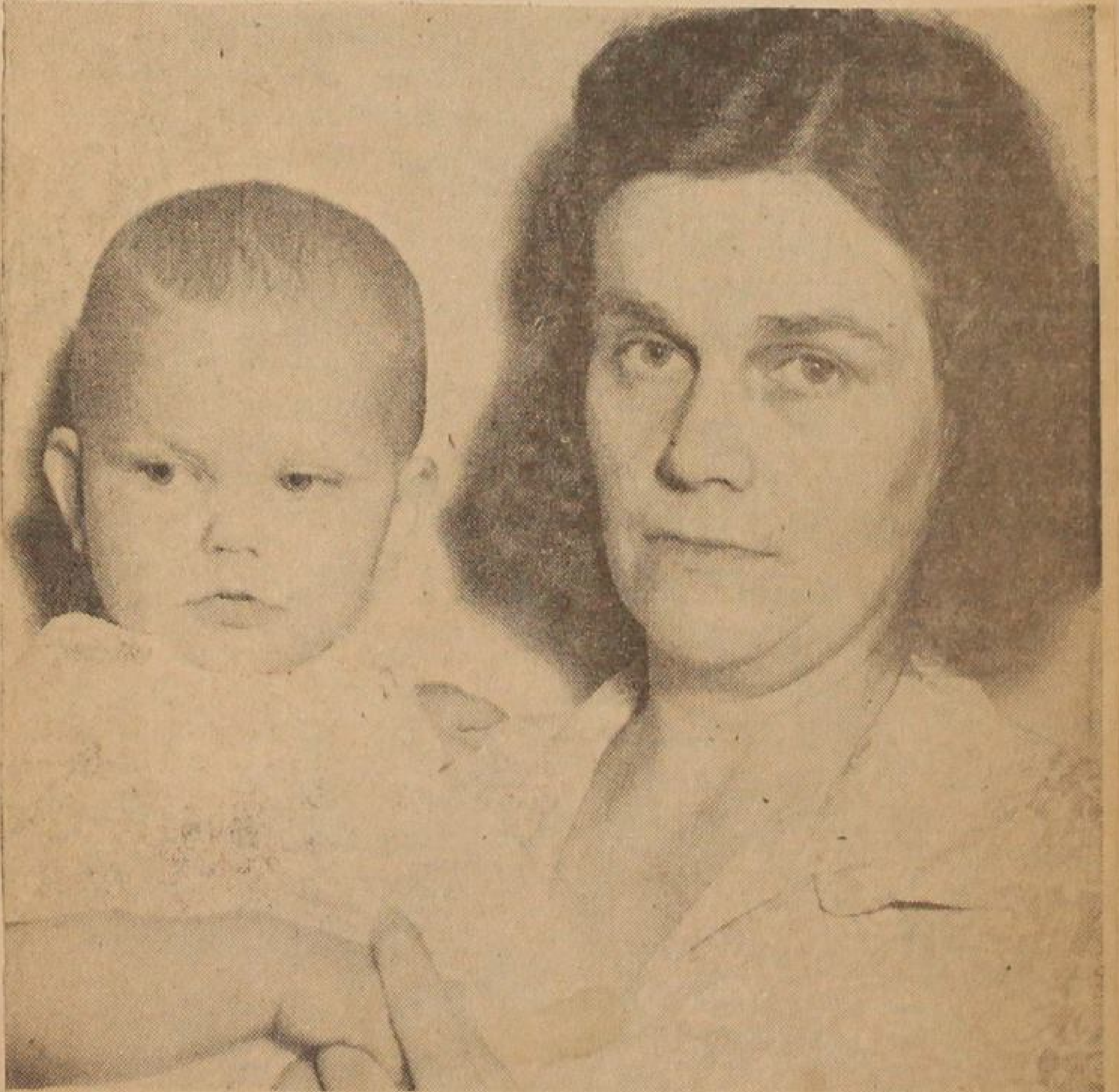
"When he didn't arrive, I was a little worried but went to bed, but when he didn't come home Thursday from work I knew something was wrong," she said, "so called his brother and told him to look for him.

Mrs. Springgay added: "I kept it from the children until Saturday, when I telephoned the police."

The body of the 41-year-old father was noticed by a motorist passing the pond, just five miles from the Springgay home, at 4.30 yesterday. Springgay was wearing blue work trousers and a green wind-breaker.



SIX CHILDREN of Gordon Springgay, 41, St. Catharines, whose death is being investigated, are: Behind chair, Verna, 12, and Douglas, 14; in front, Dorothy, three; Betty, 15, who holds Linda, 11 months, and Kenneth, 11



WIDOWED MOTHER, Mrs. Gordon Springgay, holds baby Linda. Missing eight days, Mr. Springgay was found dead, his body floating in stagnant Martindale pond. Police investigating, say, "It looks like murder"

OTTERVILLE

MORRIS-MITCHELL WEDDING

Oct. 27.—The Otterville United Church was the scene of a pretty autumn wedding on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 2 p.m., when Grace Mae Mitchell, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell, Otterville, became the bride of Douglas Earl Morris, second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris of R.R. 1, Simcoe. Rev. Alfred Shields of Innerkip performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white satin; the fitted bodice had a sheer yoke and a scalloped lace bertha collar, long sleeves extending to a point over hands. The gathered skirt had a slight train, and her embroidered lace veil fell from a petal head-dress. She carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and baby white mums with satin streamers, and wore the groom's gift, a strand of pearls.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Maurice De-Voogdt, was matron of honour, wearing a yellow gown with fitted brocaded satin waist with net yoke and short puff sleeves, ball button closing in the back and double net skirt over taffeta. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses and wore a yellow headdress. Mrs. Maurice Ecclo, sister of the bride, and Miss Marie Lamour of Tillsonburg, were bridesmaids, both dressed in lavender gowns fashioned similar to that of the matron of honour, with matching headdresses, and they each carried pink roses and mums with satin streamers.

Stanley Morden of Delhi was the best man, and the ushers were Stanley Mitchell, brother of the bride, and Francis Morris, brother of the groom. The church altar was banked with yellow and mauve mums, ferns and palms, and the guest pews were marked with yellow rosettes. The wedding music was played by Mrs. Nate McMullen, Otterville, and Miss Jean Griffin was soloist, singing "I'll Walk Beside You" and "Always."

A reception for 65 guests was held in the Community Hall, where the bride's table was centred with a three tier wedding cake and silver candles. The hall was attractively decorated with yellow and mauve. The bride's mother wore a dawn blue velvet dress with grey accessories and corsage of Johanna Hill roses. The groom's mother wore powder blue with black accessories and corsage of roses. Guests were present from Simcoe, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Wilsonville, Thorndale and Innerkip.

Gifts to the matron of honour and the bridesmaids were powder boxes, to the organist a cup and saucer and to the soloist a compact. Leather gloves were presented to the best man, and ties to the ushers. The bride's parents also celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary the same day.

Later the bride and groom left on a wedding trip to Northern Ontario, the bride travelling in a rose wool dress with blue top coat and black accessories, and corsage of red roses. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Morris will reside at 20 William street, Delhi.

SCHOOL CHUMS' REUNION

It was a red letter day for Mr. Jury of Hawtrey when his school chum, E. J. Gladden, who lives at Hull, Quebec, paid him a visit. For 35 years they did not know of each other's whereabouts but about three months ago they managed to get in touch with each other and the reunion soon followed. They were school chums in Kent, England, and also came out to Canada together. Mr. Jury, who is a veteran of World War I, tried to get in touch with Mr. Gladden whilst he was home on leave in England, but was unsuccessful. The day that Mr. and Mrs. Gladden arrived in Hawtrey was their 38th wedding anniversary, and they spent several pleasant days with the Jurys before returning to Quebec, where Mr. Gladden is employed as head electrician for the Can-

adya Cement Co. at Hull.

ATTEND DUTTON WEDDING

Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mrs. Wilson Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Riste, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rachar and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse attended the wedding of the former's daughter, Edna Wilson, to Harold McKellar of Dutton last week. Mrs. Wilson spent the early part of the week also with her sons and daughters at Dutton.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McDowell and daughters Joan and Anne of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mrs. McDowell's father, J. Wesley Fish, and daughter.

Miss Patricia Furlong of Hamilton spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Furlong.

Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Bender and family, of Tavistock, spent Sunday with Mrs. Bender's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Childs.

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Taylor and son Bryan, of Toronto, spent the week-end with Mrs. Taylor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKie and daughter Marina, of Delhi, spent Sunday with Mrs. McKie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arthur.

Mrs. Hyndman of Norwich has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. D. A. Colver, who has been ill. Mr. Hyndman also spent Sunday with them.

Mrs. McMullen and her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Rhodes and two children, of Petrolia, spent a few days recently with the former's daughter, Mrs. Melville Beecroft, and family.

Lloyd Hussey and son, Harold Hussey, of Toronto, and W. F. Hussey, of Lakeview, spent Saturday and Sunday with their mother, Mrs. L. D. Hussey, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry McBride, who have been spending the past months with the latter's sisters, Mrs. H. Huggins and Mrs. Ira Pearce, left Monday for Florida, to spend several months.

Mr. J. Wesley Fish and daughter, Miss Marion Fish, have returned home after spending two weeks with relatives and friends in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell, Mrs. William Kennedy, Mrs. W. L. Addison and Mrs. Alex Slaght attended a special meeting and the reception in honor of Mrs. Tom Burn, the D.D.G.M. for the Order of the Eastern Star in district No. 4 at Tillsonburg last week.

Jack Church of Burlington spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church.

Miss Joyce Batson of Toronto spent the week-end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Batson.

Miss Eva Deveney spent Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Alma Deveney, and other relatives at Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Waring spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William Waring at Springford.

William Slaght of Dawson, Quebec, spent part of Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Slaght.

Miss Lila Jull spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jull at Newark. Her nephew, Russell Jull, accompanied her to his home after spending a week with Miss Jull and their uncle, A. E. Moore.

Miss Edna Furlong of Detroit has been spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Furlong.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kilpatrick spent Sunday with their children at Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McFadden and sons, of Burgessville, were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Melville Beecroft.

Mrs. W. L. Addison spent part of Saturday in Brantford visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lawrence of Port Burwell visited the former's sister, Mrs. C. E. Addison, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McKellar of Dutton visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilson, on Sunday.

OLD HOUSE BURNS

Fire completely destroyed an old house on the Johnson property just west of the Springford cemetery, last week. A woman from the Courtland district had moved into the house just a couple of weeks previous, but was absent when the fire was discovered by a passerby who notified the telephone office. The fire truck and several cars went to the place, but the building was in flames when they arrived.

BURGESSVILLE

COMMUNITY HALLOWE'EN PARTY BY UNITED CHURCH Y.W.A.

Oct. 28.—The Young Women's Association of the United Church sponsored a successful community Halloween party on Friday evening, October 24, in the basement of the church. There were about one hundred present and the great majority of these were in costume. Probably the fact that all in costume were admitted free—those not were charged 25c—might have had an influence. However, everybody had a good time, and the gathering of a motley crowd of coons, clowns, ghosts, old-fashioned outfits and the fancy dress gay gowns from tiny tots to adults, provided interest and amusement. Burpee Palmer acted as master of ceremonies for the different classes competing for prizes, and the judges, Miss M. Pearson, Miss R. Burgess and Frank Broad, found their task not an easy one.

Prize winners were: Best dressed lady, Isabel Morley; best dressed gent, Wilbur Morley; best dressed boy, David Willis; best dressed girl, Caroline Carroll; comic adult, Don Brock; comic child, Elaine Smith; best Halloween girl, Lavina Morley; best Halloween boy, Bill Brock; best disguised adult, Mrs. G. H. Dunlop; best disguised child, Leroy Newton; oldest person in costume, Mrs. T. H. Chant, who is 82 years young; and the youngest person in costume was little Patricia Glover, not quite two years old.

Other attractions of the evening were a jaunt down "Spooks Alley," and from the screams and squeaks coming from that part of the building it must have been spooky. Two ghosts presided for the trip, and two more were at the door to greet the guests on arrival. Then there was homemade candy for sale, and a fortune teller tending her kettle over an imitation fire, and dispensing fortunes for a nickel. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. H. E. Hilliker, Misses Jerrine and Beryl Hilliker, visited Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Fleming in Dundas on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hughes and Janet spent Sunday in Aylmer with Mr. and Mrs. Johnston Hughes.

Mrs. W. Grosskurth and Miss Carrie Maxwell of Toronto were week-end guests of Mrs. J. G. Corless.

Mrs. Fred Griffin and Betty are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. Cowper in Lockport, N.Y., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Patterson of Rochester, Mich., were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillan and Miss Lola McMillan spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Mooney of Woodstock were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Topham.

Friday evening guests of Mrs. W. Howell were Mrs. L. Carpenter and children, Mrs. M. White and Miss Ruth Martin of Royal Oak, Mich.

Mrs. Lloyd Wettlaufer is visiting relatives in Blyth this week.

J. R. McLees was in Drumbo over the week-end.

Mr. J. Bannister has returned to England after spending the past few months with his daughter, Mrs. L. Buckrell, and Mr. Buckrell.

Mrs. B. L. Stiple is visiting Mrs. J. Pearson in London for a few weeks.

Weds At Dutton

Otterville—A pretty autumn wedding was solemnized at the Presbyterian Church manse at Dutton when Edna Belle Wilson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson of Otterville, was united in marriage to Harold Franklin McKellar, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McKellar of Dutton. Rev. Russell Gordon of Dutton conducted the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Madison Wilson of Dutton, wore a street-length dress of light gray crepe with net yoke, and burgundy hat, shoes and accessories. Her corsage was of Better Times roses, and she wore the groom's gift, an engraved gold locket. The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. Arnold Collier of Buffalo, wearing a Riviera lime dressmaker suit with brown accessories. The best man was the groom's brother, Donald McKellar of Dutton.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Glenn Avey, at Dutton where the bride's table was centred with the wedding cake, and the room was decorated with pink and white streamers. The young couple were assisted in receiving the guests by the bride's mother, dressed in figured bengaline, with a corsage of mixed flowers. The groom's mother wore a dress of flowered silk jersey, and a corsage of mixed flowers.

Guests were present from Ingersoll, Buffalo, Tillsonburg, Otterville, London, Dutton and other points, and those serving were Mrs. Jack Riste, Mrs. Stanley Leach and Mrs. Carl Howse of Otterville, Mrs. Perry Palmateer, Mrs. Jack Wamsley and Miss Lenora McNeil of Dutton.

The bride's gift to the matron of honor was a cut-glass dish, and the groom's gift to the best man was a tie clip. Gifts to the waitresses were plastic flower holders.

Mr. and Mrs. McKellar left on a motor trip to Buffalo and Eastern points, the bride travelling in a black suit with white blouse, black accessories and a corsage of red roses. On their return, they will reside at Dutton. Oct 22/47

DEGREE CONFERRED

Otterville—Fifty-five members of Violet Rebekah Lodge attended the regular meeting, with the noble grand, Sister Alice Arthur, presiding. The Rebekah degree was conferred on one candidate and plans were made to invite the Brantford degree team at a later date. Plans were also made to charter a bus to go to St. Thomas on Wednesday evening to see the Degree of Chivalry conferred on five sisters, one of whom is Sister Emma Strudwick of Otterville, a past noble grand of Violet Lodge.

Otterville

By Mrs. Sam Innis

(Beverage room vote on November 12th) 1947

There's a very pleasant village along the Otter stream,
A kind of quiet friendly place—a lovely spot to dream
Of happy days and peaceful way, of home and children dear,
But then a rude awakening comes—"Let's bring in the beer!"
"Let's meet down at the hotel and drink the place up brown,
A beverage room is just the thing to bring a boom to town"
So say the liquor interests—while all we hold most dear
Hangs and trembles in the balance upon the vote for beer.

Wherever there is drink it is never home sweet home,
There love and trust are throttled, and honor is unknown;
When father spends time drinking, how will you find the lad?
Tall and straight and true as steel, or tipping like his dad?
If mother takes the bottle, too, where will the daughter be?
Drink has a pagan partner—it's immorality.

I love our quiet decent town, its dear, its part of me,
I want it to go down—clean and clear—in history!

Reject Beverage Rooms

Otterville—Voters of the Township of South Norwich on Wednesday rejected a plan whereby beverage rooms for both men and women or for men only, might be established.

The vote was 636 opposed, 408 in favor.

A total of 1,432 voters were eligible.

Two questions were on the ballot.

They were: "Are you in favor of sale of beer only under a public house license for consumption on licensed premises to which women are admitted?" and, "Are you in favor of sale of beer only under a public house license for consumption on premises to which men only are admitted?"

The majority of the votes were cast early in the day. Interest in the issue ran high in the district for several weeks. Several well-attended meetings were held. Nov 12/47

Mark Remembrance Day At Otterville Sunday

Otterville — Remembrance Day was observed here when veterans of both wars, led by members of the Otterville Band, paraded to the United Church for the morning service on Sunday. Rev. George T. Shields, a veteran of the first war, and minister of the church, who has been ill for the past two months, briefly addressed those assembled.

Rev. Mr. Facey of Ingersoll gave an inspiring address to the large congregation. The young people's choir sang "Rock of Ages." Miss Muriel White was the organist.

Baskets of flowers were placed in the church by the Daiken, Addison and Furlong families.

After the service there was a parade to the cenotaph, when wreaths were placed for the Province of Ontario by George Childs, for the Township of South Norwich by Reeve T. Cooper, for the I.O. O.F. by Fred Howse, for the Kerr family by Max Kerr, for the Legion by David Kennedy, for the school bard by R. E. Pettigrew, and also for the Lions Club.

Two minutes of silence were observed, after which George H. Davis expressed appreciation to all who had taken part in the service.

The sum of \$40 was added to the Poppy Fund on Saturday when the local girls sold poppies for the veterans. Those taking part were Dorothy Wardell, Frances Batson, Dorothy Davis, Barbara Morrison, Naureen Petch, Barbara Parson, Catherine McMullen, Anna Morrison, Janet Leitch, Caroline Davis.

Wedding Supper Here

Otterville—A quiet wedding took place in the United Church parsonage, when Geraldine Anita, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, St. Catharines, was united in marriage to Franklin D. Finch, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Finch, Otterville. Rev. George T. Shields conducted the ceremony.

The bride wore a sequin trimmed gray crepe dress made with side drape, and black accessories. Her corsage was of American Beauty roses and carnations. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rachar of Otterville, Mrs. Rachar wearing a beige wool two-piece dress with black accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses and carnations.

After the ceremony, the bridal party had a wedding supper in Tillsonburg, after which the bride and groom left on a motor trip to Toronto and Eastern points, the bride travelling in a cerise coat with black stitching on the sleeves. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Finch will reside at Otterville. Dec

Death of Mrs. Matthew Furlong

Mrs. Matthew Furlong, a resident of Otterville for nearly 52 years, died at her home Wednesday morning following a heart attack. Mrs. Furlong has been in poor health for some time, and has been confined to her home since August. Born near Stratford nearly 80 years ago, Mrs. Furlong before her marriage nearly 52 years ago, was kerehappuch (Kay) Lepard, and was the last of a family of six. She is survived by her husband and three sons and one daughter, Fred W. Furlong, and John M. Furlong of Otterville. Miss Edna Furlong, Detroit, and Charles Furlong of Windsor. Two children, Ferne and Herbert died in infancy. She also leaves ten grandchildren. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and she leaves a large circle of friends in this community. While in Otterville she attended St. John's Anglican Church, and was a member of the ladies guild of the church.

The funeral was held Saturday, Nov. 8th at St. John's Anglican church, conducted by the rector, Rev. L. H. Crawford. Interment was made in Otter cemetery.

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Funeral of Mrs. Matthew Furlong

The funeral of Mrs. Matthew Furlong was held in St. John's Anglican church Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended by relatives friends and neighbours. Rev. L. H. Crawford, rector of the church, conducted the services, and a solo "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" was sung by Miss Jean Griffin. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist, and the choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me". Scores of beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends also from organizations and firms which members of the family are associated, surrounded the casket in the home. Relatives and friends were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Jarvis, Simcoe, Delhi, Windsor, Leamington, Detroit, Ingersoll, Woodstock and many other places.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery, the casket bearers being Charles Forman, Cecil Hooker, John

Riste, Nate McMullen, Vivian Rachar and Dee Scott.

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Only Two Survive In Howey Family

Grim Fate Unknown To Orphans

Mass Funeral at Tillsonburg
Monday for Five Members
Of Howey Family

DAUGHTER GOES TO UNCLE

BY J. F. CALDER

Free Press Staff Reporter

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 12

A tiny Christmas tree, flanked by a chubby Santa and two Bethlehem sheep, stood on a sideboard in the Howey farmhouse near Eden tonight in vain readiness for Christmas.

Inside the hush was as great as in the quiet farmyard where the December snow dropped softly. Five of the seven Howeys were dead after one of Southern Ontario's most tragic accidents.

Grief Kills Mother

The mother, Mrs. Lulu Howey, 39, collapsed and died from grief and shock before dawn today, less than 24 hours after hearing that her husband and three of her sons, James, 15; William, 13, and nine-year-old George had been killed in a crossing accident near Eden, six miles south of here.

Upstairs, 64-year-old Lawrence Fulton, Mrs. Howey's father, lay with a nurse in constant attendance. He fought the pain of a lingering and critical illness, and the greater pain that followed when he was finally told that there would be no more Christmases for his daughter and her husband, and three of his five grandchildren.

All five bodies are now lying in a Tillsonburg funeral chapel, where a mass funeral will be conducted on Monday. They will be buried in a communal grave at Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Unaware of Tragedy

Little seven-year-old Mary Lou Howey, who was in the crossing accident while on the way to school with her dead brothers, has no idea of what happened to her. She was taken to the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital at Tillsonburg a few minutes after the accident, and remained there until tonight, when she was taken to her own home by her uncle, J. Harley Howey, an Eden lumberman and farmer. Now it remains for relatives, conscious of the weight of such a family tragedy on a young mind, to break the news of the disaster to her.

The remaining child, 11-year-old Kenneth, is still at Victoria Hospital, London, where he was a patient with an ear ailment at the time of the accident. He, too, has still to be told about the death of his brothers and parents. Meanwhile he joyfully anticipates a gift of a toy train, little knowing that a train brought death to his family.



This group photograph of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Howey of Eden shows Mr. and Mrs. Howey standing behind the children, who are, from left to right, William, George, Mary Lou, Kenneth, and James. Only Mary Lou and Kenneth survive.

BEVERAGE ROOM QUESTION DEFEATED IN SOUTH NORWICH TOWNSHIP

In what was reported as a large vote for the Township of South Norwich, the beverage room question for men and women at Otterville, was voted down yesterday. Below is a summary of the vote in the five polling sub-divisions.

	No. 1 Hawtrey		No. 2 Summerville		No. 3 Otterville		No. 4 Springford		No. 5 Rock's Mill	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Men only	89	51	95	60	133	232	36	178	55	115
Women	93	55	95	60	135	236	33	185	58	114

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SURVIVORS OF TILLSONBURG TRAGEDY

UNAWARE that their parents and three brothers are dead—the mother's death yesterday caused by grief at learning her husband and three sons were victims of a truck-train crash near their Eden farm home Thursday - - - are there two children, Mary Lou and Kenneth Howey. Mary Lou, sole survivor of the crash, was taken last night to the home of an uncle, still not

knowing of the tragic shattering of the family. The photo was taken in Tillsonburg Memorial Hospital. Kenneth is in War Memorial Children's Hospital, London, recovering from an ear infection. Last night relatives were undecided as to how to tell the children of the deaths.

Five Caskets Borne to Grave

BY J. F. CALDER
Free Press Staff Reporter

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 15 — Side by side, five members of the tragedy-haunted Howey family were laid beneath the frosty earth of Tillsonburg Cemetery today.

Two small children and an aged and ill grandfather were left to mourn them, and to wonder why a sudden crossing accident should wipe out a father and three small sons with such tragic violence that

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the shock killed the broken-hearted mother of the family.

Thousands attended the funeral.

Only 200 relatives and intimate friends were allowed to jam themselves into the Ostrander funeral home to hear three clergymen pass on spiritual consolation for a loss that was one of the saddest family tragedies in the history of Southern Ontario.

But outside on the damp, snow-covered lawn nearly 1,000 people

were gathered, listening to the service over a public address system. Another thousand stood across the street, and shared in the service from balconies and upper-storey windows of near-by homes.

Three Cars of Flowers

When the last words of Scripture had been spoken, five hearses passed downtown and out to the cemetery on No. 3 highway through silent crowds that lined the curbs. Ahead of the hearses was an advance convoy of three cars packed with floral tributes from persons all over Ontario who had known the late Elmo Howey as a farmer, a raiser of good horses, and a devoted father.

At the cemetery, another thousand had begun to gather long before the downtown service commenced.

The Howeys' funeral was the largest ever seen in this part of Ontario. The nearest comparable event was the funeral of the late George Tillson, the town founder, 40 years ago.

Impelling Force

Something deeper and more impelling than mere morbid curiosity led district residents to stand for hours on cold turf and watch, with white, strained faces the irrevocable departure of five of their best-loved neighbors.

Businesses Closed

The town was in deep mourning. Mayor E. T. Pinch ordered all business places downtown closed between two and three p.m.

The high school, where two of the fatally-injured Howey children had been students was closed for the day. Men, women and children from all denominations turned out to pay their respects to the dead members of the family.

The mourners were not only Tillsonburg residents. Automobile traffic into the town ever since the fatal crossing smash was so great that Chief Constable Tom Corbett called out all his day and night officers for special traffic duty and Inspector Clem Jordan of the provincial police detachment at London sent five London officers besides two from other points. Even then, there were traffic snarls where No. 3 Highway passes the Ostrander funeral home. Funeral-goers arrived by private car, train, bus and even hitch-hiking.

Children Absent

But the saddest mourners did not appear at the funeral.

One was 11-year-old Kenneth Howey, who was in Victoria Hospital, London, recovering from a serious illness when his father and three brothers, James, 14; William, 13 and George, nine, were fatally injured near Eden, as their father, Elmo, was taking them to school in his truck.

The shock of this four-fold tragedy was so great to Mrs. Howey, that she died of a heart attack less than 24 hours later.

One child, Mary Lou, seven, survived the wreck. She was rushed to hospital by ambulance and with Kenneth is now living on the Howey homestead at Eden.



SO GREAT WAS THE CROWD which attended the Howey funeral at Tillsonburg yesterday afternoon, that a loud speaker had to be set up outside the funeral home so that the hundreds who stood outside might hear the service. Relatives and close friends of the Howey family were the only ones allowed in the funeral home due to restricted space and this photo shows some of the many hundreds who stood outside on the lawn and in the streets, for over an hour to hear the service. (Free Press Staff Photo.)

Seriously Ill

Lawrence Fulton, Mrs. Howey's father, was another who suffered badly from shock after the accident. He was suffering a serious and lingering illness, and the day of the accident his daughter, Mrs. Howey, had gone into Eden to get a nurse for him.

These three — the grandfather and his two surviving grandchildren, yesterday visited Ostrander's funeral parlor in Tillsonburg to see for the last time the faces of the five victims.

The children went first. They stayed in the room with the five caskets, banked with flowers, for more than half an hour. Both broke down, but Mary Lou did not seem to realize the full import of the calamity as much as her older brother.

Not long after the two little survivors had left, Grandfather Fulton arrived. He had been confined to bed, under constant medical care and had been warned not to go by his physician and his relatives.

"If you don't drive me in, I'll walk," was his reply. And the distance was eight miles.

"He has withstood the shock remarkably well", said a close friend. "But he has said that he does not care about life any longer."

Traffic Blocked Off

Following yesterday's funeral service in the chapel, all traffic on Number 3 Highway from the south entrance, to the town, to the cemetery on the eastern outskirts was blocked off for an hour by town and provincial police, and the funeral cortege moved out.

In the lead were three cars bearing floral tributes, which were carried out of the funeral home by 24 high school children and 12 pupils of Eden rural school where Mary Lou and her nine-year-old brother, George had been, students.

There followed the five hearses and 50 other cars bearing the ministers and mourners. In the lead of the cortege was a provincial police car on escort duty.

Hundreds preceded the funeral procession to the five graves. Many more hundreds followed the procession to the cemetery. Among the three carloads of floral tributes which were banked high beside the grave were five huge wreaths, one for each of the victims, donated by their neighbors of Eden community.

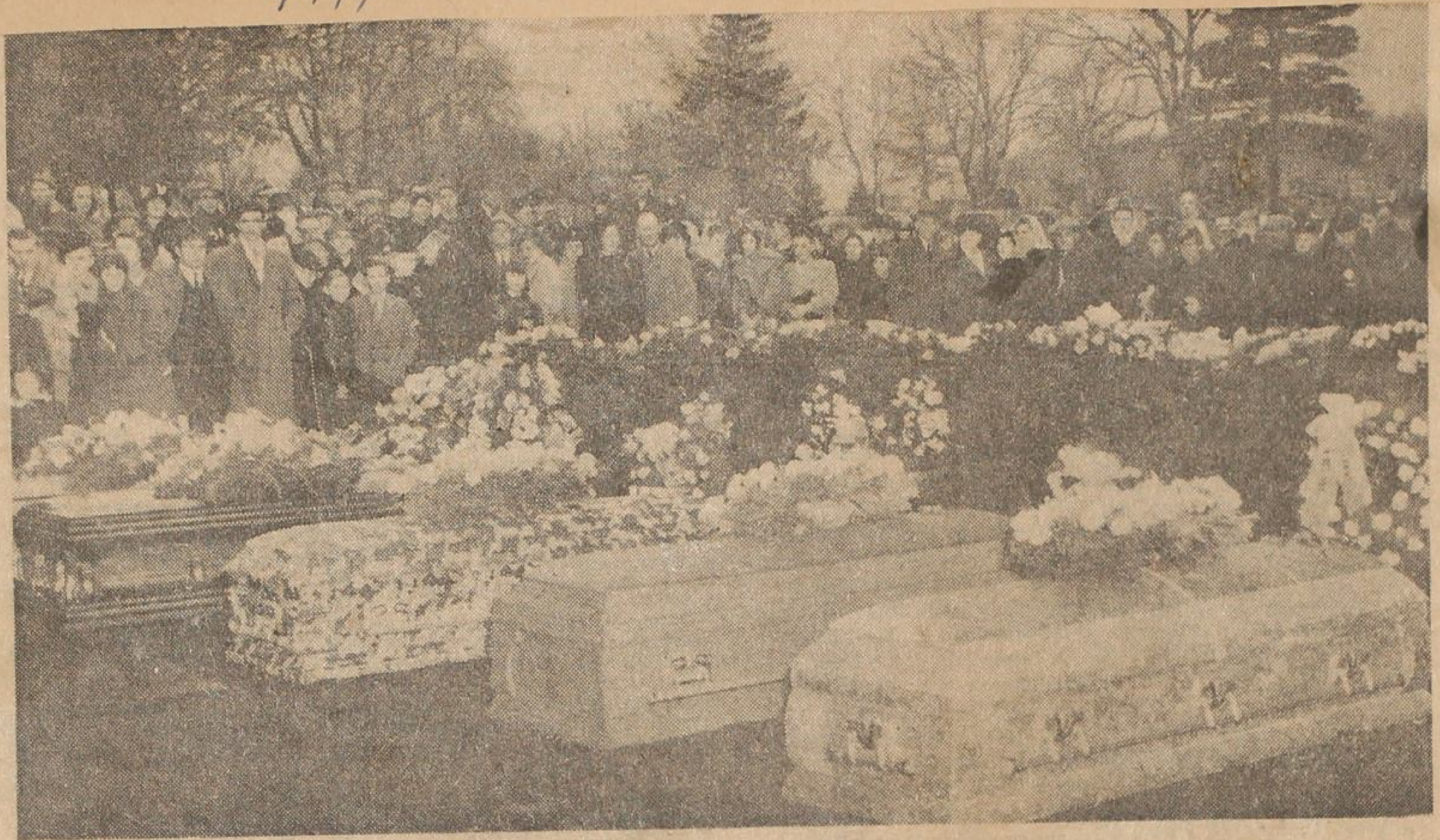
Three Ministers

Conducting the service at the funeral home were Rev. W. M. Thomas, United Church, Straffordville; Rev. F. S. Humphreys, now of Barrie, formerly the family Baptist clergyman, who preached the sermon.

Rev. A. D. Boa, now of Forest United Church who buried Mr. Howie's father and mother and a brother, Leo, was present and assisted at both the chapel and the graveside services.

Chief Constable Thomas L. Corbett was in charge of traffic arrangements. Members of his own force assisting him were Sergeant Sam Ham, and Constables Ray Nunn, Cecil Marquette and Earl Lewis.

Sergeant Robert Witts was in charge of the provincial police traffic detachment. Provincial Constables present from London included Art Dymont, Jack Daley, Reg Beaman, Murray Davis and Jim Knealen. They were assisted by Provincial Police Officers Neil Chamberlain of Ingersoll and William Wellheiser of Straffordville.



THOUSANDS HONOR HOWEY FAMILY

Last rites for five members of the Howey family, of Eden. — three sons and a father, who were victims of a truck-train crash near their farmhouse, and a shocked mother who died short hours after learning of their deaths — were attended yesterday by thousands

of district residents. The five caskets were laid side-by-side in a communal grave in Tillsonburg Cemetery. At the left of the photo are the coffins of the parents, at the right those of their young sons. (Free Press Staff Photo)

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Howey Children With Their Uncle And Aunt

Stratfordville — Mary Lou, aged seven years, and Kenneth, aged 11 years, children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Howey of Eden, have gone to live with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Howey of Eden. Both children are back at school at Eden, and both are happy in their new home. It was Kenneth who decided where they were going. He and his sister had a choice of going to live at Eden or to Stratford with another aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scrimgeour. Kenneth said he did not want to live in a city.

Harley Howey, who attended the inquest on Monday evening into the death of James Howey in the tragedy which claimed the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Howey and three of their sons, said that both Kenneth and Mary Lou are well. The cuts about Mary Lou's face have healed without leaving scars. Kenneth is recovering from the illness which sent him to a hospital in London, and is out skating every time he has a chance.

Mr. Howey said the youngsters are welcome additions to their family. "We had three girls, all going to High School, and no boys," Mr. Howey said. "Now we've got a family of five, and one boy."

Left alone on the homestead farm now is Herbert Gibson, the late Elmo Howey's helper, who was among the witnesses at the inquest. There is nobody else on the Howey place now. Lawrence Fulton, the elderly grandfather from Stratford who is seriously ill and who was staying at the Howey home at the time of the accident, has been removed to his home in Stratford.

Already those who have been managing the affairs of the estate since the accident have wound up one of Mr. Howey's principal enterprises, the keeping of a huge drove of brood mares. When he died, there were 175 on his Bayham Township farms. Now there are only 19 horses left, including a show team and 12 Shetland ponies. The rest are work horses.

First Woman Doctor South Norwich Native

A pamphlet entitled "Concerning the Emily Howard Stowe Memorial Fund" was given recently to the Norwich Pioneers Historical Society by Dr. Stowe's niece, Miss Jessie Duncan, says Stella Mott in The London Free Press.

Dr. Emily Stowe was the first woman doctor as well as the first woman high school teacher in Canada. She was born on her father's farm in South Norwich. She was the daughter of Solomon Jennings and Hannah Howard Jennings, whose mother, the former Pauline Lossing, was Peter Lossing's elder daughter.

Emily Howard Jennings began to

teach school at the age of 15 and finally became a grammar school teacher. She married John Stowe of South Norwich, and was the mother of three children, a good wife, mother and housekeeper. It was her realization of the place a woman doctor could fill in caring for children that led her to carry out her plans for a medical education. She attended New York Medical School and obtained her medical degree in 1868.

Brought up in a Quaker settlement, she may easily have absorbed there her idea of equality of education for women. In the Society of Friends, women for cen-

turies have had equal opportunities in the ministry which are being accorded only recently in other denominations.

The pamphlet referred to includes a letter from James L. Hughes to Flora MacDonald Denison of The Sunday World, appealing for publicity for a campaign for funds to erect a bust of Dr. Stowe as a memorial.

Dr. Hughes wrote of her as a wise and untiring worker in the long struggle for the admission of women to the university and a leader of the women and men of Canada who believed it to be the duty of women "to do their part in every sphere of public as well as private life where they may aid in promoting the welfare and advancement of humanity."

It also quotes from an editorial in The Toronto Globe at the time of Dr. Stowe's death seven years before (1907).

Mentioning the inevitable hardships of any pioneer, the editor said: "Women who now choose the medical profession in Canada and find every facility provided for their various courses of study can never know how deeply they are indebted to the great pioneer who opened the path they so easily follow. (This is equally true of all other professions for women.)"

The struggle for the right to practice in Toronto is then noted, which "with all its attendant difficulties left no trace of bitterness nor personal animosity. In this Dr. Stowe showed the superior mental qualities that won success for an apparently hopeless cause.

"Her faith in the final triumph of enlightened views regarding women's position in society was never shaken. The opening of Toronto University to women, the extension of the franchise to women, and the Married Women's Property Act are among the results due to her persistent efforts.

"She was the Susan B. Anthony of Canada, and wherever women were discriminated against she stood ready to fight their battles."

The bust was to be executed by "Mr. Alward, our noted sculptor." On October 29, 1914, it was unveiled in the city hall and presented by the Canadian Suffrage Association to the City of Toronto.

A life-size portrait of Dr. Emily Stowe hangs in the Norwich Public Library, a gift of Miss Alice Treffry, to whom it had been given by her cousin, Miss Jessie Duncan.

One result of Dr. Emily Stowe's achievements that must have repaid her more than any marble memorial could, was the fact that her daughter, Augusta Stowe, became the first woman to graduate in medicine from a Canadian medical school.

Augusta Stowe was also born at Norwich. She graduated from Victoria College in Cobourg, then obtained her medical degree in 1883 from Trinity Medical School in Toronto, the first degree of any kind granted to a woman by a Canadian university.

Directly after her graduation on May 23, 1883, she was married to Dr. J. B. Gullen (Trinity), the first wedding of medical doctors in Canada.

At the time of her death in September, 1943, the press carried a list of her accomplishments and interests.

She had been on the staff of the Ontario Women's Medical College from the time it opened until it was amalgamated with the University of Toronto, first as demonstrator of anatomy, later as lecturer in child diseases, and then as professor of pediatrics.

She had carried on her mother's fight for women suffrage, had worked for temperance and had founded the National Council of Women. She had belonged to all important women's clubs, had been original staff member of the Toronto Western Hospital, and had

organized its women's board, of which she was president till 1926. She had served on the Toronto School Board, on the Ontario Social Service Council and the Canadian Suffrage Association. Member of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, she had represented the medical profession on the senate of the University of Toronto. In recognition of her services to the profession, the medical alumnae of the University of Toronto presented an oil painting of Dr. Gullen to the Academy of Medicine in 1929. She received the King's Medal in 1935.

A frequent visitor to Norwich some decades ago was Mrs. Adam Shortt, the former Dr. Elizabeth Smith, who graduated from Queen's University Medical School in 1884. She came to Norwich to see her sister, Mrs. Harvey Coon, and their aunt, Mrs. Squire Pettit, who lived on the farm (in East Oxford) just west of Beaconsfield, still owned by the Pettits.

She was born at Winona in 1859 and is still living in Ottawa.

She practiced in Hamilton until her marriage in 1887 to Dr. Adam Shortt, of the department of political economy at Queen's of which he was later head. Mrs. Shortt had been instrumental in having a separate course for women instituted in the Queen's Medical School. From 1887 until 1893 she lectured in the Women's Medical College, which grew out of that course, on medical jurisprudence and sanitary science.

When Professor Shortt was appointed the head of the Civil Service Commission in Ottawa,

they moved to that city. There Mrs. Shortt served as president of several women's organizations, among them the Local Council of Women, and was instrumental in establishing the first supervised playgrounds in Ottawa, and the Elizabeth Residence for Elderly Women. She helped to investigate what had been done in the United States regarding mothers' pensions, and in 1913 wrote the first report issued on mothers' pensions. Committees were convened by her to petition the government in this cause and in 1919 the Mothers' Pension Act was passed.

In 1920, while she was acting president of the National Council of Women, she was one of the two women members appointed to the Mothers' Pension Board and thus was able to help administrate the act which she had done so much to sponsor.

Intelligence, dignity and kindness, together with great perseverance, helped her to achieve great things for the women of Canada.

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Business Meeting

A short business meeting was held at Dorothy Wardell's on Friday evening. Lenora Slaght was the acting standard bearer. Two new members, Catherine McMullen and Marie DeMeester received their pins. Because of prevailing conditions it was found necessary to postpone the paper collection until early in April. A nominating committee of Elinore Leitch, Dorothy Wardell, Anna Morrison, and Frances Batson, was asked to prepare the slate of officers to be presented at the February meeting.

Officers Elected

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Anglican Church held a well-attended meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Mann. After the opening exercises, Rev. Lyle H. Crawford presided for the election of the following officers: Honorary president, Mrs. L. H. Crawford; president, Mrs. Leith Howse; vice-president, Mrs. J. W. Riste; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lena Young; sewing committee, Mrs. D. Spicer, Mrs. Mabel Kerr, Mrs. Peter Wavell; purchasing committee, Mrs. D. A. Collyer, Mrs. Nate McMullen, Mrs. S. Wavell; social committee, Mrs. J. W. Riste, Mrs. H. Parson, Mrs. Charles Mann; auditors, Mrs. William Law, Mrs. Nate McMullen. The secretary, Mrs. George Wavell, gave the financial report, which showed a substantial balance on hand.

The meetings will be held on Thursday afternoon, instead of Wednesday, as has been the custom for the past several months. The members were reminded to bring any Christmas cards they had, and these are to be sent to the British West Indies. They are to be left at the home of Mrs. Petch for packing. A social time was spent following the meeting.

E. Young is convalescing in the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital following a partial stroke which he suffered while visiting relatives at Lynnwood, Mich., on Tuesday last. He was brought from Detroit in an ambulance on Saturday evening, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Nellie Carswell, and was taken to the hospital. JAN

A. E. Young Passes

The death of Albert Edward Young, a resident of Tillsonburg for most of his life, occurred on Sunday, following an illness of seven weeks, in his 77th year. Mr. Young was born at Fingal on May 16, 1871, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young. He was married to Mrs. Rosetta Fleming, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crossett of Tillsonburg, who predeceased him in 1934.

Mr. Young was a tinsmith, and was an employee of the Borden Company Limited. He was an active member of the Salvation Army.

Surviving to mourn their loss are one daughter, Mrs. Leonard Ross of Tillsonburg; one son, Harry Young of Tillsonburg; one sister, Mrs. Nellie Carswell of Detroit; one brother, Frank Young of Port Stanley; and one step-son, Roy Fleming of Tillsonburg. There are also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral service was conducted at the H. A. Ostrander & Son Funeral Home on Wednesday afternoon, by Lieut. C. Ivany of Seaford, formerly of the Tillsonburg Salvation Army, assisted by Rev. V. G. Brown, pastor of Bethel Temple. Capt. G. Smith of the Tillsonburg Salvation Army, sang "Good Night and Good Morning."

The pallbearers were Charles Gray, O. Leach, Andrew Fisher, Charles Hill, W. L. Bennett, and C. T. Eades. The flower bearers were James Priddle, Douglas Pollard, Gordon Stevenson, C. B. Priddle, and A. B. Charters.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, testifying to the esteem in which Mr. Young was held. Interment was in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

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Daughter Shouts Futile Warning

PORT STANLEY, March 3 — Fred Speirn, aged 55, resident of the village and an employee of the Century Coal Company, died in Memorial Hospital, St. Thomas, shortly after five o'clock this afternoon from injuries received when pinned between a loaded coal car and a steam-powered crane shortly before noon.

Car Moves By Self

According to fellow workmen, Speirn was victim of a freak accident. Employed as a fireman on the crane he had climbed down from the cab of the machine and moved to its rear to close the drafts on the boiler, preparatory to leaving the equipment for the lunch hour. While engaged in shutting down the boiler he was pinned between the crane and the loaded coal car, which had moved silently down the track of its own accord, behind him.

Speirn's daughter, Miss Grace Speirn, was an eyewitness to the accident and made a futile effort to save her father's life.

Screams To Father

Also an employee of the Century Coal Company, she was working in the office, just a short distance from the crane and glanced through the window to see the car bearing down on her father. She rushed out and screamed to him to jump clear, but before Speirn could react the car had reached the crane and pinned him to it.

With the daughter aiding, Speirn was released from his trapped position and Dr. A. C. Bell, Port Stanley, called to the scene. Dr. Bell, accompanied by Percy Raine, Century Coal dock manager, rushed the injured man in the physicians car to St. Thomas Memorial Hospital. X-rays indicated the man was in a critical condition and seriously injured internally.

Filling Cars

Speirn was working as fireman for Trimmer Jennings, Port Stanley, operator of the crane. They had been engaged in filling coal cars during the morning from stock piles maintained by Century Coal on the west side of the harbor.

The crane, a self-propelled unit had finished loading operations for the morning and was removed some little distance from the last car filled at the time of the accident.

Other workmen in the yard indicated the car which pinned Speirn to the crane, started to move of its own accord. They reported it had been fully stopped when the crane moved from its vicinity and no reason could be advanced for its starting into motion.

Move Unobserved

According to reports it came down the tracks slowly and quietly and could neither be seen by the victim, whose back was toward it, or the operator Jennings, who was in the crane cab.

Miss Jennings was apparently the first to see her father's danger but her warning was to no avail.

The accident is being investigated by Constable Kenneth Brockmeyer. Dr. A. C. Bell who is also coroner said no decision had been reached in regards to an inquest.

Speirn is survived by his wife and daughter at home and one son, Clifford of Toronto.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Inquest Adjourned In Crane Death

Free Press St. Thomas Bureau
ST. THOMAS, March 4 — An inquest into the death of Frederick Speirn, 56, Port Stanley, who died in Memorial Hospital last night from injuries suffered Wednesday afternoon when he was pinned between a coal car and a crane shortly before noon, opened today and will be continued Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the court room of the city hall.

Dr. D. L. Ewin, St. Thomas, said the inquest, opened at 5 p.m. today in the P. R. Williams and Son funeral home, had the victim's body viewed by the coroner's jury and identified by Police Chief Kenneth Brockmeyer, of Port Stanley.

Members of the jury are Ed. Butterworth, foreman; Orville Laur, William Payne, Gerald Schooley and John Lowry.

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Accidental Death In 'Port' Fatality

Free Press St. Thomas Bureau
ST. THOMAS, March 19—Verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury here tonight following inquiry into the death of Frederick Speirn, 55, Port Stanley, who died March 3 from injuries received when he was pinned between a loaded car and a steam-powered crane at the Port.

Speirn, an employee of the Century Coal Company, died in St. Thomas Hospital shortly after 5 p.m., about five hours after the accident occurred.

Testimony during the inquest proceedings tended to show there was a slight grade at the point where Mr. Speirn received his injuries and in the verdict the jury recommended that tracks be examined by an expert and levelled if possible; also that the last car moved north along the track be securely blocked.

The inquest was presided over by Dr. D. L. Ewin, coroner, with Crown Attorney E. W. Haines acting for the crown.

Members of the jury were. Edward Butterworth, foreman; Gerald Schooley, Orville Laur, William Payne, and John Lowry, all of St. Thomas.

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Two Toots of Her Postal Horn Annie Priddle's Special Signal

BY JEAN MURRAY
Free Press Staff Reporter

NORWICH, March 11 — The perky red feather in her hat matched the driver's cheery smile as the stalwart Model "A" Ford lurched to a start and set off down the main street.

Mrs. Annie Priddle was out on her mail route again.

Six days a week, for the past 15 years, early afternoon has brought the same familiar sight to Norwich residents. "I've missed only two days this winter," said Mrs. Priddle with a touch of pride in her voice.

Widow of the late John Priddle, first carrier of rural route No. 1, Norwich, Mrs. Priddle has been associated with the delivery of mail in the district since it began 35 years ago. She used to help her husband — touring the route on bright summer days in horse-drawn rig, and fighting snowy ruts in a cutter in the winter season.

Every afternoon except Sunday friends in 112 homes on route No. 2 watch for the regu-

lar passing of their mail carrier. Did she stop? They know what to expect.

Two toots of the happy horn mean a special letter—and many a mother during the anxious war years breathed a sigh of relief at the welcome sound meaning news from a son overseas.

The box is moved from its original lengthwise position to sit crossways on the post if Mrs. Priddle inserts a neat bundle of mail. Letters carefully slipped into papers or magazines during the sorting process at the post office have no opportunity to lose themselves before reaching their destination.

If the householder finds a queer, Chinesey character penciled on her daily paper it means "parcel at the post office," though sometimes more formal cards issued by postal authorities are used.

The time required to cover the route—extending six and a quarter miles west, one mile north and back to the village—"depends on how long you gossip on the road," Mrs. Priddle admitted. Sometimes a cup of tea and neighborly chat, along the way make a pleasant break in the job. And there are times when a housewife along the route needs an extra pound of shortening or box of cereal and Mrs. Priddle is called in to the rescue.

The grins and shouts of children, waiting at the gatepost for her arrival, are highlights of the afternoon trips. One little boy was so fond of his mail carrier that he offered to give her his baby brother. The youngsters all know that summer brings an opportunity to tour the route with Mrs. Priddle.

An offer to buy the Model "A" came to Mrs. Priddle last week, but an almost indignant "I wouldn't dream of selling it," was the immediate answer. She has had experience with other cars and returned to the old standby. "The others couldn't take it," she said, and 30 years of driving a car provide plenty of training in caring for its aches and pains.

Mrs. Priddle offered one comment about the mail she carries when chatting with The Free Press photographer and reporter. Just—"I wonder how some people read all the stuff they get."

Of the residents along the route she said: "Some meet you with a smile — some with a frown. And they all get the same service."

Personal knowledge of the life in the homes along her route makes it possible for Mrs. Priddle to determine the destination of a letter addressed simply to "Grandma" and another to "Elaine" whose married name was unknown to her correspondent. She has done it. But she regretted her inability to ensure the delivery of a letter to a man whose death had occurred 10 years before.

Smiling modestly at the suggestion that her occupation is at all unusual, Mrs. Priddle said simply, "I'd rather be doing something than nothing."

Dedication Service *Apr 1948*

At the St. John's Anglican church, Sunday afternoon, a dedication service was held, when a lovely alter book was dedicated to the memory of the late Mrs. Matthew Furlong, through her family. Rev. L. H. Crawford, rector of the church, conducted the service and gave the special prayers of dedication. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the pianist. Flowers were placed on the alter in memory of Mrs. Furlong by her family and also Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Gochenbach, formerly Achsah Hicks. Following the service the members of the Ladies Guild of which Mrs. Furlong had been a member, were invited to the Furlong home where supper was served. Relatives were also present from Norwich and Cornell.

Organize Club *Apr 1948*

A pleasant time was spent at the home of Mrs. Martin Smith on Thursday evening, when 17 ladies met for the purpose of organizing a branch of the Mary Hastings Housewives Club. The newly formed club was named "The Happy Bluebirds," and the following ladies were elected to office: President, Mrs. Henry Ash; vice-president, Mrs. Martin Smith; secretary, Mrs. Carl Howse; treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Ash; pianist, Miss Lila Jull; press reporter, Mrs. H. A. Waring; good cheer convener, Mrs. Wilson Young. The club plans to meet on the third Thursday of each month, and an invitation was accepted to meet at the home of Miss Lila Jull for the May meeting. The first part of the evening was spent in playing progressive euchre, and the prize winners were Mrs. Kenneth Attlebury of Bookton and Mrs. Harold Nobbs of Pleasant Valley. Mrs. Ash expressed appreciation to the hostess for the enjoyable evening. *1948*

Married 72 Years, Norfolk Woman Dies

OTTERVILLE, April 26 — A marriage partnership that had lasted nearly 72 years ended suddenly Saturday morning with the death of Mrs. Edward Cole of Windham Township, Norfolk County.

Mrs. Cole, who was in her 90th year, was born in Yorkshire, England, and came to this district when 11 years old. She attended the Baptist Church.

Besides her husband, who is confined to his home by ill health, she is survived by five sons and six daughters; George, of Wilsonville; Will of Zenda; Lewis of London; John of Otterville; Andrew at home; Mrs. May Swift, Boston; Mrs. Archie Ritenburg, Little Lake; Mrs. Elmer Graves, Brantford; Mrs. Frederick Barnard, Norwich Gore; Mrs. Edith McConachie, Little Lake; and Mrs. Earl Ritenburg, Little Lake. She also leaves 41 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. Two sons predeceased her.

Funeral service was held today at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, and was conducted by Rev. George T. Shields. Burial was in the Vanessa Cemetery.

Died In Toronto

The funeral of Mrs. John A. Martin, a native of Otterville, was conducted on Wednesday at Toronto with interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto. The former Jessie (Judy) May Wiltse, Mrs. Martin received her education at Otterville. She resided in Niagara Falls before moving to Toronto, where she was active as a welfare worker.

Mrs. Martin was a member of the North Toronto branch of the Neighborhood Workers' Association for nearly 20 years. Her interest in social work led her to play a prominent part in the distribution of Star Santa Claus boxes every Christmas season. She took a keen interest in the summer camp activities sponsored by the N.W.A. She was a member of the Red Cross and vice-president of the North Toronto Ladies' Bowling Club.

Mrs. Martin is survived by her husband, one son, Hugh of Connaught, Ohio, and three daughters, Mrs. F. Utley of Toronto, Mrs. D. Kirkpatrick of McKeesport, Pa., and Mrs. M. White of Flint, Mich. *Apr 1948*

MAY 9th Birthday *1948*

A sunny disposition, and that rare ability of seeing something good in everyone has carried Mrs. Annabella Forman of Otterville to the threshold of her 90th birthday anniversary. Born at Lossing's Mills on May 9, 1858, she has lived in Norwich Township for all of the 90 years, except a few months near Stratford. Mrs. Forman was the daughter of the late William Lees who came from Galashiels, Scotland, with his parents when he was 19, and her mother was Mary Howell, whose parents came from Neath in Wales when she was 12. They had settled in Martintown, Que., for a time, later coming to Ontario before Mrs. Forman was born. She was married to the late Gordon Forman on her 18th birthday and has lived in Otterville for 52 years in the house built by her father and mother more than 100 years ago. She has three sons, John who is in a hospital in Detroit, Maurice at Windsor, and Charles at home. Her only daughter died about 20 years ago, and she has 17 grandchildren, one of whom paid the supreme sacrifice in the last war, and 29 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Forman suffered a fall about three years ago and is not in the best of health, but is up and around every day, enjoys doing the family mending, besides piecing quilts, tatting and crocheting. Ever willing to do a kindly deed and give an encouraging word, she has a host of friends among young and old who will sincerely wish her many happy returns of the day. She has been a member of the Methodist Church all her life and took an active part when she was able, and still belongs to the Home Department of the Otterville United Church Sunday school.

Fashions Of Past Century 39 Featured At Otterville WI

OTTERVILLE — A program of historical interest was presented at the meeting of the Women's Institute, held at the home of Mrs. John McFee. The

convener of the program was Mrs. R. M. Holmes who gave the history of South Norwich Township and conducted a quizz on Otterville. Mrs. Holmes also showed a number of pictures and exhibits of articles used in pioneer times, and displayed the Tweedsmuir Village History book.

The president, Mrs. Alex Slaght, wore the 65-year-old wedding dress of Mrs. Cecil Hussey's mother, also her watch which after 65 years was still keeping perfect time. Miss Lila Jull wore her mother's wedding dress and hat of 44 years ago. Mrs. R. M. Holmes had her mother's wedding dress of 1883, and her cape belonged to Elizabeth Bell over 100 years ago, as also was the fan which she carried. Mrs. Fred Walther modeled a dress over 100 years old which had been worn by an aunt of William Bell, of Springford. Miss Marion Fish wore a dress of 65 years ago which had been one of Mrs. Holmes' mother's, and displayed a handkerchief with tatting that had been made this year by Mrs. Forman after her 90th birthday. Little Joanne Babcock was in a dress which had been worn by Mrs. W. L. Addison's grandmother 104 years ago. Mrs. Tom Pearce's shawl was 125 years old, and Mrs. William Steinhoff, one of the oldest active members displayed a cushion which she had crocheted over 70 years ago. Antiques were also shown by Mrs. H. A. Waring and Mrs. John McFee who brought out a shawl that had belonged to her great-great-grandmother in 1700.

Mrs. Andrew Clinton gave a poem which she had composed 56 years ago, "The Power of Words," published in the "Echo" a paper printed by the Otterville Epworth League at that time. Miss Marion Fish told of the various newspapers that were published in Otterville, "The Argos," in 1873; "The Otterville Guide," in 1882; the "Echo," and the Otterville Herald in 1899.

The meeting was held in one of the first frame houses built in the district, as the McFee home was built well over 100 years ago by Mrs. Charles Snell's grandfather.

Mrs. William Kennedy reported that the Otterville Women's Institute had won the third prize for their display of articles at the fall fair. Mrs. Everett Mountain was appointed delegate to the London convention with Mrs. John McFee as alternate.

Otterville's Grand' Old Lady

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REV. G. T. SHIELDS RESIGNS CHARGE

Rev. George T. Shields, pastor of the Otterville, Springford and New Dereham United Church charges, has resigned after 18 years of faithful services on the charge.

Rev. and Mrs. Shields will move to Montreal to be with their daughter, Miss Priscilla Shields, who is a teacher of music in the schools of Montreal.

Prior to going to Otterville, Rev. Mr. Shields was pastor of the Innerkip United Church, where his son, Major, the Rev. George A. Shields, is now the pastor.

To succeed as pastor of the Otterville circuit, Rev. George Wylie, B.A., B.D., of Oakdale has been extended a call. Rev. Mr. Wylie preached on the circuit last Sunday and was heard with acceptance by large congregations. He has been pastor of the Oakdale church for the past 10 years, four of which he spent as a chaplain in the armed forces.

June 1948
**Otterville Minister
Visits Former Charge**

Innerkip—The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Shields of Otterville welcomed them on Sunday when they spent the week-end with their son, Rev. George A. Shields, and his wife and family.

After preaching three times on the Otterville charge, where he has spent 18 years, Rev. G. T. Shields delivered a splendid Father's Day sermon at the Innerkip United Church in the evening. He based his remarks on the words, "And he brought unto them his son." In speaking to the young people he mentioned the great privilege it is to have a Christian father. In giving advice to fathers he enlarged on their responsibility and their privilege of bringing their sons to Christ.

"A son," he said, "can break his father's heart or he can set it singing wonderful harmonies."

Mr. Shields and his family came here in 1919 following his return from active participation in the First World War, where he was shell shocked and gassed. In his 11 years' successful pastorate, during which Mrs. Shields proved to be an exceptionally self-sacrificing, helpful pastor's wife, their sympathetic work with young people was prominent and the parsonage a place where young people were welcome. Mrs. Shields during their years here, was instrumental in organizing the W.M.S., the Mission Band, and the W.C.T.U.

In 1930 they accepted a call to Otterville, where they have served with zeal ever since.

Because of their deep interest in young people, clean sport in the form of softball was played a great deal. Possibly because of this the Innerkip softball team won the Western Ontario championship in 1933.

Mr. Shields is retiring from the active pastorate and will shortly move to Montreal, where they will reside with their daughter, who, following her graduation at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, accepted a position as supervisor of music in the Montreal schools. Their youngest son, Will, who is a civil engineer, also lives in Montreal. Their eldest son, Rev. George A. Shields, is following in his father's footsteps, and with the help of his wife, is giving splendid service on the Innerkip charge.

Rev. George T. Shields has always and still is a great reader and student. At the present time he is studying the situation in Palestine, a land he visited many years ago during the term of missionary service spent by he and his wife in China and India. His sympathies, he says, are with the Arabs, whom he states are first cousins of the real Jews. The majority of the Jews engaged in the present conflict, Mr. Shields points out, only went to Palestine about seven years ago.

CANADA NEWSCASTERS' DEAN BURY JIM HUNTER THURSDAY

Jim Hunter, dean of Canadian newscasters, whose more than 11,500 daily broadcasts had been followed in thousands of Ontario homes in the past 18 years, will be buried Thursday in Prospect cemetery. He died yesterday at Toronto General hospital.

Hunter, who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1901, made his last broadcast May 24. On that day he began to complain of a chest infection and was ordered hospitalized.

A newscaster who had had many sponsors, Hunter broadcast the news for The Evening Telegram for 13 years between 1931 and 1944. Later, he continued at the same times under other sponsorship and during the past year he was called upon by the Ontario Hydro to put across to listeners the importance of power conservation.

"Talking Reporter"

Funeral services for the widely known "talking reporter" will be held at the funeral chapel of A. W. Miles, St. Clair Avve. W.

Mr. Hunter's greatest claim to fame was his radio "world scoop" on the rescue at the Moose River Mine disaster in 1936. Eating and sleeping in snatches beside a microphone, he gave listeners reports every 20 minutes for 129 consecutive hours until Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding were rescued.

He was educated at Simcoe, Woodbridge, Goderich, Hamilton and Toronto. His knowledge of Ontario centres was reflected in his daily news broadcasts.

Washed Dishes For Rent

Hunter set out to be a salesman, a window dresser and an advertising man. He broke into radio doing relief work without pay at WBBM, Chicago, meanwhile washing dishes to pay his room rent.

His first paying radio job was with an Indiana station. He then returned to Canada to take a sales manager's post in Hamilton. He later returned to his first love, radio, and served with CHML, Hamilton. He went later to CKCR, Kitchener, and was newscaster at CKNC, Toronto, before joining the Telegram staff.

He is survived by his widow, his young daughter, Bonnie, and Barbara, a 19-year-old daughter by a previous marriage.



JIM HUNTER

RUSSIA AND LIBERTY

To the Editor of The Star.

Sir: I have taken some interest in Dr. Heustis' article "The Philosophy of Communism" in which he very ably defines the ideals of communism. He has one point which is open to some criticism. He fears communism as it is being implemented in Russia because of their police control and subversion of liberty. This might be very misleading. What is liberty? As I see it liberty is the right to do what one wishes providing it doesn't interfere with someone else's liberty. For instance, if one is at liberty to make a profit on another's labor he infringes on the other's liberty to receive the full benefit of his labor to which he is entitled. The type of liberty the Russians are supposed to be subverting is too long a subject for this letter and requires some reading from an impartial standpoint such as the Dean of Canterbury's book "Soviet Russia Since the War," which would counteract the hysteria made by anti-Russian propaganda. And as for police control, there is no doubt but that it has to be used to combat foreign intervention which might be welcomed by a few still capitalist minded people in Russia. One can get documentary facts on this subject from such work as "The Great Conspiracy" by Sayers and Kahn or the "Plot Against the Peace," by the same authors. G. McMULLEN

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THE ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

OR LAYING ON OF HANDS UPON THOSE THAT ARE BAPTIZED AND
COME TO YEARS OF DISCRETION

¶ Upon the day appointed, all that are to be then confirmed, being placed and standing in order before the Bishop, the Minister shall present them unto the Bishop, and say, *Opening Hymn.*

REVEREND Father in God, I present unto you these persons to receive the laying on of hands.

Bishop. Take heed that the persons whom ye present be duly prepared and meet to receive the laying on of hands.

Minister. I have instructed them and enquired of them and believe them so to be.

¶ Then the Bishop, or some other Minister appointed by him, shall read this Preface following.

DEARLY beloved, To the end that Confirmation may be ministered to the more edifying of such as shall receive it, the Church hath thought good to order that none hereafter shall be confirmed, but such as can say the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments, and can also answer to such other questions as in the Catechism are contained: and forasmuch as these persons present, being by baptism members of Christ's Church, are instructed and prepared as aforesaid, we are assembled together here to pray for them and to bless them by the laying on of hands. This order is very convenient to be observed for divers reasons.

First. Because it is Evident from sundry places in holy Scripture that the Apostles prayed for and laid their hands upon those who were baptized; and the same is agreeable with the usage of the Church since the Apostles' time.

Secondly. In order that by prayer and laying on of hands they that are confirmed may be strengthened by the Holy Ghost.

Thirdly. In order that persons, having now come to the years of discretion and being mindful of their bounden duty to acknowledge openly the vows made by them, or by their Godfathers and Godmothers for them, in baptism, they may themselves, with their own mouth and consent, openly before the Church, ratify and confirm the same; and also promise that by the grace of God they will evermore endeavour faithfully to observe such things as they by their own confession have assented unto.

¶ Then the Bishop, or some Minister appointed by him, shall say,

HEAR the words of holy Scripture written in the eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning at the fifth verse:

Philip went down to the City of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that

Tip-Top Cannery Limited

Greenville - Ontario

ANNUAL
REPORT
1948

GREENSVILLE
ONTARIO
CANADA

Tip-Top Cannery Limited

Greensville - Ontario

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To the Shareholders:

Your Directors submit herewith the Balance Sheet of the Company as at 30th April 1948 and Profit and Loss and Surplus Account for the year ending the same date together with the auditor's certificate.

The net profit for the year from all sources of income before provision for depreciation charges and Dominion and Provincial Income Taxes was \$107,122.68. After deducting Depreciation and Dominion and Provincial Income Taxes the net profit transferred to Surplus amounted to \$46,356.52. The reserve for one full year's dividend on the Class "A" Shares is carried on the Balance Sheet under the caption "Reserves".

During the year under review the Company made capital additions to the plant and equipment amounting to \$44,307.94, plus building and machinery under construction of \$13,190.71 or a total of \$57,498.65. This expenditure was made in order to improve production methods, delivery and provide greater storage facilities.

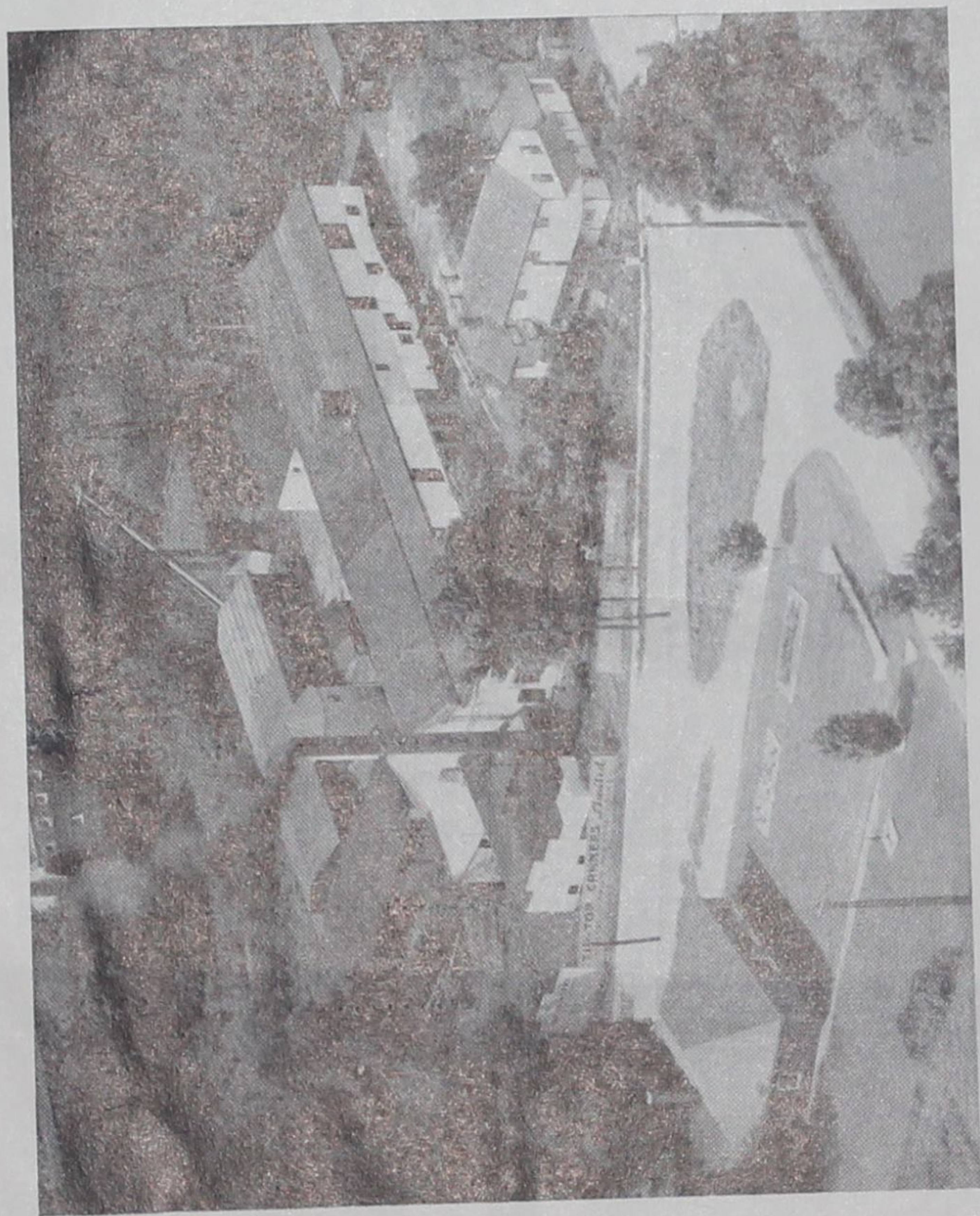
All inventories on hand were priced at cost or market value, whichever the lower, with due allowance for any depreciated stock in trade in order to permit a normal profit on realization.

There was a slight decrease in sales over the previous year due to a decreased pack as the result of somewhat unfavourable weather conditions. At the present date crop and canning conditions appear most favourable and it is anticipated that a better than average pack will be obtained in the ensuing year.

The Directors again take pleasure in recording their appreciation of the services of the officers, staff and employees of the Company.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

W. B. HYSLOP,
President.



Food Processing Plant at Greenville.

Tip-Top Cannery Limited

Burlington - Greensville - Otterville, Ontario

BALANCE SHEET AS AT APRIL 30, 1948

ASSETS

CURRENT		
Cash on hand and in Banks		\$5,075.86
Accounts Receivable:		
Trade	\$57,525.91	
Farmers	1,107.39	
Sundry	1,803.66	
		<u>60,436.96</u>
Investments:		
Dom. of Canada Bonds \$11,750.00 par value, market value, \$11,852.13, at par value	11,750.00	
Accrued Interest to Apr. 30, 1948	97.50	
		<u>11,847.50</u>
Insurance Deposits		8,161.07
Inventories:		
Raw Materials, Finished Goods, and Supplies at the lower of cost or market, as certified to by responsible Officers of the Company		270,282.07
		<u>355,803.46</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		
Deferred Charges to Operations (Prepaid Expenses)		4,572.48
Receiver General of Canada (Post War Refund) ..		33,762.59
CAPITAL ASSETS		
Land, Buildings, Plant, etc.		460,766.18
OTHER ASSETS		
Employees Houses, and Farms, at cost less Reserves for Depreciation to date		22,844.89
		<u>\$877,749.60</u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

CURRENT

Bills payable—Bank (Secured)	\$121,750.00
Accounts, Notes Payable and Accrued Expenses ..	93,756.46
Dividends, Class "A" due and payable	131.75
Provision for Dominion Income and Excess Profits Taxes 1948, less paid thereon	19,756.31
Provision for Provincial Corporation Taxes, 1948 less paid thereon	3,408.88
	<u>238,803.40</u>
Total Current Liabilities	

RESERVES

Bad Debts	\$5,863.33
Depreciation—Plants	293,186.11
Dividend on Class "A" Shares	11,683.00
	<u>310,732.44</u>
CAPITAL SURPLUS	3,791.03

CAPITAL STOCK

Authorized 50,000 Class "A" Shares without Nominal or Par Value.	
50,000 Class "B" Shares without Nominal or Par Value.	
Issued and fully paid:	
23,366 Class "A" Shares without Nominal or Par Value.	
23,366 Class "B" Shares without Nominal or Par Value.	116,830.00
PROFIT AND LOSS SURPLUS	207,592.73

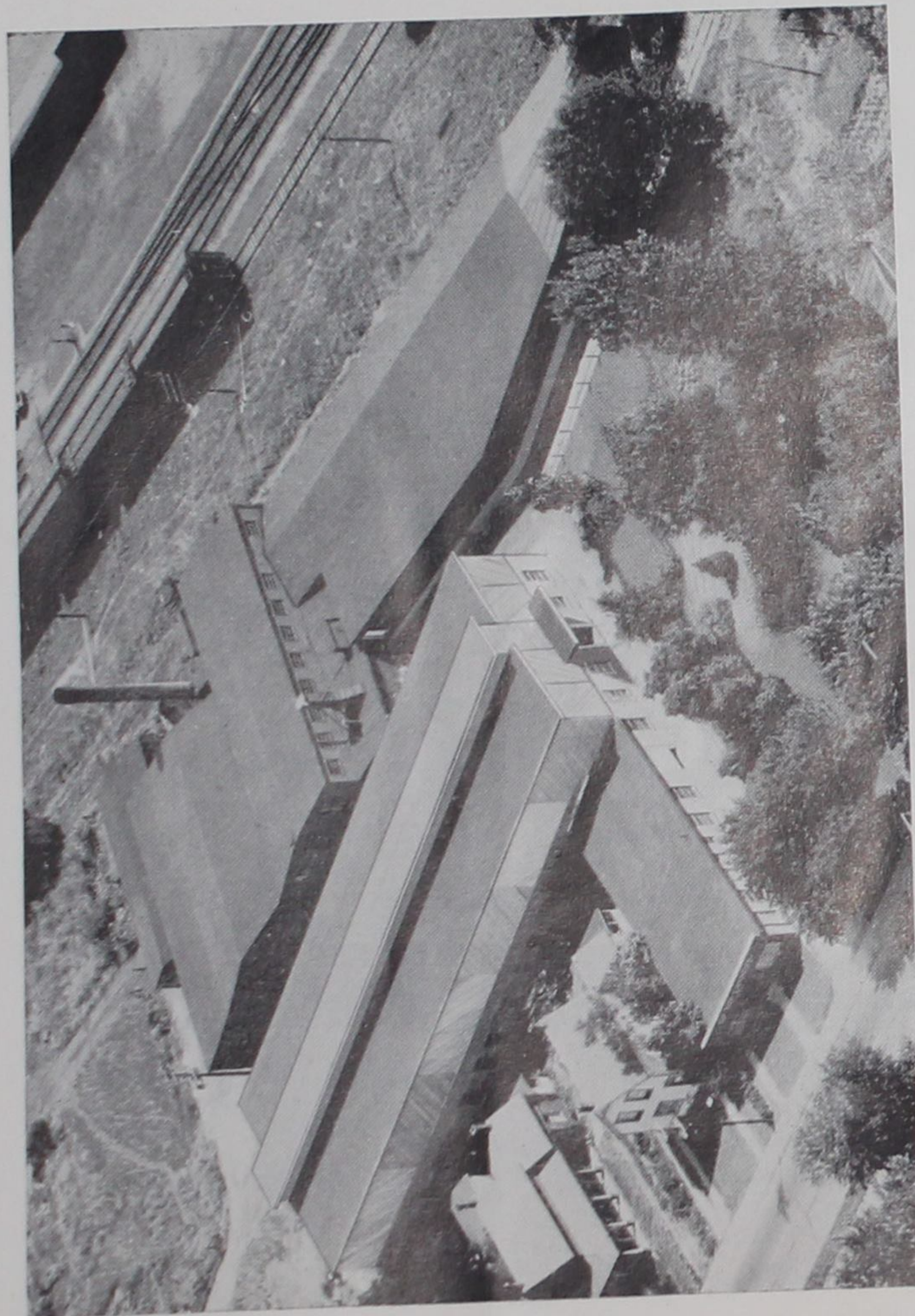
\$877,749.60

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We report to the shareholders that we have audited the books and accounts of Tip-Top Cannery Limited, for the year ended 30th April 1948, and hereby certify that we have received all the information and explanations that we have required and that we are of the opinion that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Company's affairs, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company at 30th April, 1948.

Hamilton, Ontario,
16th July, 1948.

Metherell, White & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.



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PROFIT AND LOSS AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

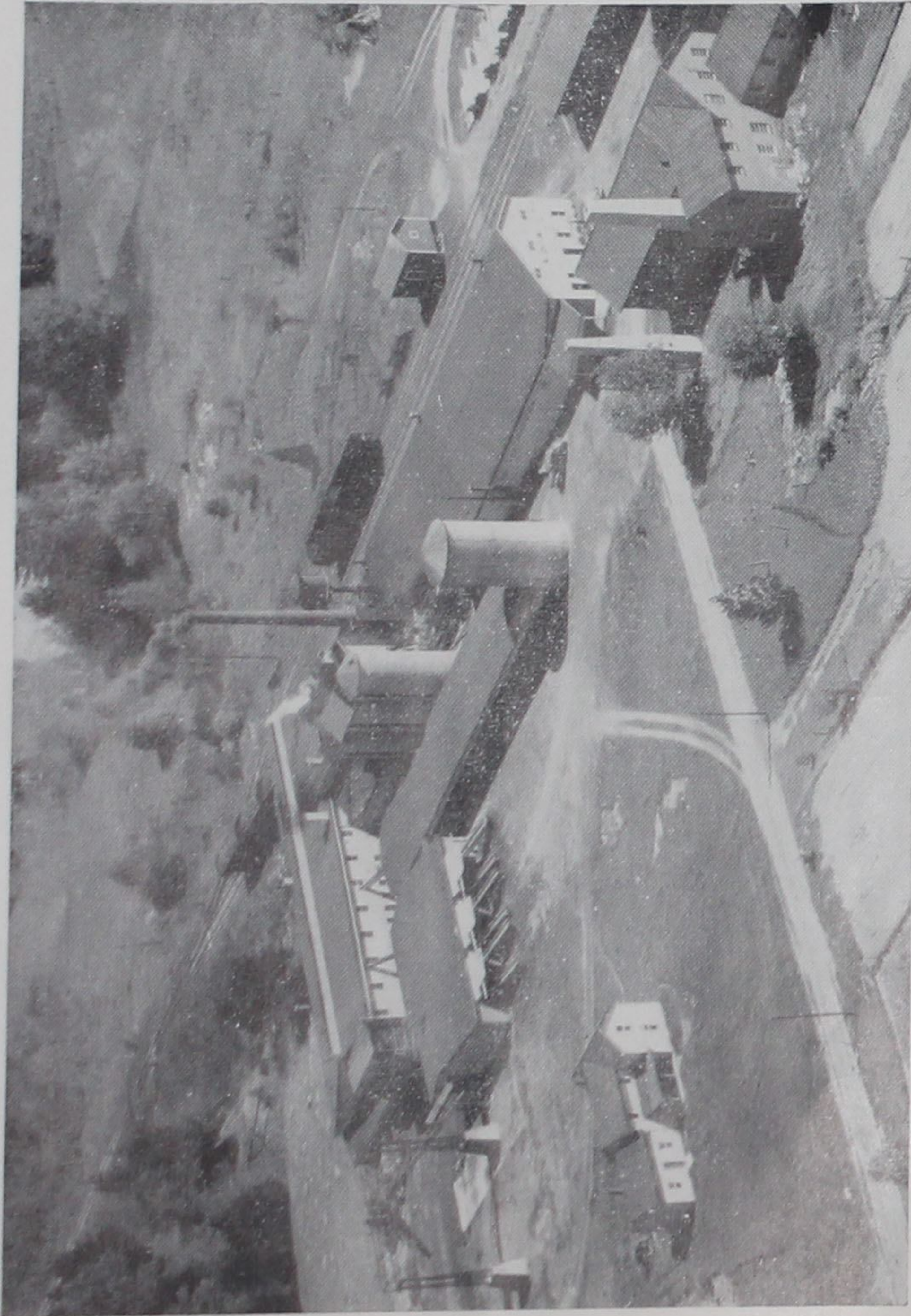
For the year ended 30th April 1948

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

NET PROFIT ON OPERATIONS before providing for Depreciation and Government Taxes on Income ..	\$104,840.94
ADD: Income from Sources other than Operations	
Income from Investments and Rentals \$	492.42
Net Profit on Farm Operations	2,847.56
Net Capital Profit on Sale of Equipment	699.00
	4,038.98
Less: Legal Costs re Listing on Stock Exchange, New Certificates, etc. ..	1,757.24
	2,281.74
NET PROFIT FROM ALL SOURCES OF INCOME, before providing for Depreciation and Government Taxes on Income	107,122.68
DEDUCT:	
Provision for Depreciation	23,016.94
Provision for Dominion Income and Excess Profits Taxes 1948	31,756.31
Provision for Provincial Corporation Income Taxes 1948	5,992.91
	60,766.16
NET PROFIT transferred to Profit and Loss Surplus Account	\$46,356.52

SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward 1st May 1947	\$172,919.21
Net Profit for Year	46,356.52
	219,275.73
DEDUCT:	
Dividend No. 2 Paid on Class A. Preference Shares at 25c	\$5,841.50
Dividend No. 3 paid on Class A. Preference Shares at 25c	5,841.50
	11,683.00
SURPLUS as at 30th April 1948	\$207,592.73



Food Processing Plant at Otterville

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1948

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Registrar and Transfer Agents—Sterling Trusts Corporation, Toronto.

Bankers—The Canadian Bank of Commerce, The Royal Bank of Canada.

Auditors—Metherell, White and Co., Hamilton.

Letter To The Editor

On The South Norwich Memorial Swimming Pool

Otterville, Ont.,
June 8th, 1948.

The Editor: A letter appeared in a recent issue of your paper, signed by Sam Innis, in which he appears to be opposed to a swimming pool as a Second World War Memorial. He is also opposed to the 10-year lease of Community Park concessions to the Lions Club, the club's "excessive profits," and against the Swimming Pool Fund approaching the township council for a donation without a vote of the ratepayers. Can he estimate the cost of such a vote?

We might say that we respect Mr. Innis and his opinions, and when he says that many ratepayers of the township share his opinion, we feel that many other facts should be given public recognition.

The Lions Club has been in existence here for more than 10 years. The members pay yearly fees for club expenses, suppers, etc. Entirely separate from these fees, a special fund is maintained by additional projects, chiefly the selling of War Savings Bonds during the war. From this special fund many cases of defective vision, tonsils, crippled children, etc., among those unable to finance themselves, were cared for. None of this money, nor any now raised in the park is for the benefit of the club itself, and all is used in community projects, with one exception—"Food for Britain." During the war the club assisted the "Smokes Fund" in raising \$5,000 to send cigarettes to the boys overseas.

A year ago a Toronto crown attorney and a police inspector addressed our club on "Juvenile Delinquency," pointing out underlying causes and community obligations involved—organized sports, supervised amusements, etc.

This brings us to the Swimming Pool. Late in 1945 all organizations in the township were invited to an open meeting to consider a suitable Second World War Memorial. This meeting included the Smokes Fund, Women's Institutes, I.O.O.F., veterans, town and township officials, the Lions Club, and others who were interested. A swimming pool in the Community Park was decided upon as the most appropriate memorial. Following the discussion, there was no known dissenting opinion, and at no time has this project been known as a Lions "pet project." An entirely separate organization was established and subsequently an independent engineer was engaged to present plans and supervise construction.

This pool represents much work and effort. The response to the recent canvass, as yet incomplete, is the greatest of any canvass ever held in this township, and the committee has received much more encouragement and gratitude than disapproval. Both provincial and federal governments have wholeheartedly supported such rural projects, and the provincial government has already pledged financial assistance, 25 per cent. of the cost.

Letters To The Editor

AGAINST SWIMMING POOL IN SOUTH NORWICH TOWNSHIP

Ridgeview Farm,
R.R. 1, Otterville,
June 1, 1948

The Editor: In South Norwich the Township Council is being asked for a donation of \$2,000 to assist in building a Memorial Swimming Pool in the township's public park. Surely there must be a law to restrict all kinds of organizations from constantly embarrassing township councils by requesting hand-outs.

According to reports, the majority of the voters of South Norwich are not in favor of a memorial that can be utilized approximately five or six weeks out of 52, and the rest of the time create a probable hazard. They feel that the South Norwich men who died in the Second World War deserve something better.

Again, the question may be asked: To what extent may a park board representing the whole township use its powers? Were they within their rights to grant the Lions Club a contract for 10 years to sell refreshments in the park, with the privilege of selling at excessive profits? And, too, have they the right to grant permission to any organization to build a large concrete hole in a public park? A great number think not. Our public institutions are very apt to be spoiled by too lenient officials who yield to pressure too easily.

There is no harm in the Lions Club building a Memorial Swimming Pool, providing that they put it on land of their own purchase, or take a vote to ascertain if the citizens want it. However, we do believe that there is harm in trying to force the citizens to pay for the Lions' pet project through taxes.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Innis

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Now as to the park concessions—the township tax levied for the Community Hall and the park can scarcely maintain the hall alone. Actually, there is nothing left to maintain in the park, which in recent years has failed to bring in any sizeable financial return. From all appearances, the 10-year lease of park concessions to the Lions Club, (Otterville portion) is mutually a happy one all around—Park Board, Councils, and Lions Club. It entails the Lions investing at least \$5,000 over the 10-year period, not including the cost of maintaining a booth and the dances. In 1947, \$1,300 was invested. This lease also implies that the park and buildings will be reconditioned, washrooms built, that a ball league, tennis courts, and presumably a hockey rink may be sponsored, that the booth and dances will be properly supervised, and that any outsiders will also get a new and favorable impression of our community.

In addition, the Lions have for several years maintained the park entrance and the First World War Memorial. Previously this was a township responsibility, exclusive of the park.

Realizing the number of drownings in our part of the Otter River in the past few years, and that repeated provincial tests of this water are always bad, that swimming has been prohibited and that children must swim, then it becomes obvious that the Lions Club should endorse this Memorial Swimming Pool in all ways possible.

We endorse all efforts to solve juvenile delinquency, to correct disease conditions of childhood, to support organized sport, and supervise recreation, because we believe children and youth to be our country's greatest asset.

Sincerely,

Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

The Editor: The South Norwich Memorial Swimming Fund endorses the above statements made by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club.

Sincerely,

J. K. WARDELL,
Chairman.

Good Progress Made

JUNE On Otterville Pool

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Work on the Memorial Swimming Pool, which was held up owing to the continued wet weather the first part of May, is now going forward at a rapid rate, and it is expected that much of the concrete will be poured within the next week.

A bronze memorial plaque bearing the names of 133 servicemen and women from South Norwich Township, and the 13 men who gave their lives, is being made and will be ready when the pool is completed.

Donations totalling close to \$3,000 have been made by township citizens, organizations, and many contributions have been sent in by former residents and friends of the servicemen. Ever since the decision was reached by a representative group to build a memorial pool, various organizations and the committee in charge have been raising funds to add to the nucleus left by the South Norwich Smokes Fund which functioned during the war years.

Contributions are still being received, as a complete canvass was not made in the township, and a list has been made of those giving from \$100 to \$1, but the amounts of the individual donations is not being published. Following is a list of the donors:

Martin Smith, Mrs. R.M. Holmes, Mrs. William Steinhoff, Dr. H. G. Downing, Slaght Bros., Ronald Colver, Edward Arthur, J. K. Wardell, Dr. Murray Downing, Mrs. W. L. Addison's Sunday school class, Bernard Babcock, Jock Mitchell, Brantford Clinic, Mrs. Alex Slaght, R. E. Pettigrew, George Daiken, Ivan Leitch, W. L. Addison, Otterville Women's Institute, Fred Walther, Col. McCrae Chapter C.O.E., David Kennedy (two donations), Fred Bishop, the Otterville Hockey Club (two donations), R. M. Holmes, Cecil Hooker, the Summerville Women's Institute, the Yotto Meetus Club (two donations), D. C. Morrison, William Kennedy, Cecil Ottewell, Charles Daiken, Norwich Chapter O.E.S., Dr. H. H. Batson, Dr. Lois Batson, E. C. Jones, George McElhone, Irvin Gehring, Donald Baguley, Achiel DeGroote, the Otterville Public School, Stanley Arthur, Alex. Hanson, Harold Wenn, Warren Rock, Arthur Davis, Charlie Kelley, Grenville Johnson, George McCurdy, Charles Mannell, W. Armstrong, Mrs. Charles Addison, Ted Cooper, Mrs. Nate McMullen, M. H. Robertson, Limited, Brantford, Mr. L. Joyce, George C. Williams, Toronto, J. Wesley Fish, Carman Scott, Mrs. J. W. Riste, Mrs. Thomas Pearce, Harold Bishop, James Arthur, Jr., William McMullen, Mrs. H. C. Treffry, Cecil Hussey, W. R. Butler, Mrs. K. Hawes, Port Stanley, Derwood Spicer, E. Turner, Clarence Stover, Mrs. H. G. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moore, V. Rachar, Ernest Garnett, Grant Haley, Charles Bell, Stroud Bros., William Mowat, S. Maunder, Jack Rice, Clarence McKee, Ira Fox, Reginald Wavell.

* Oscar Gare, Archie Hanson, Herman VanParys, Samuel McSpadden, Frank Beaton, A. Bachelder, George Davis, Stanley Addison, Vern Addison, Margaret Hanson, Grace Hanson, Albert Jardine, William Slaght, Leon DeWaele, Max Avey, Fred Pearce, W. E. Marshall, Ernest Addison, Cliff Rachar, Ivan Armstrong, Samuel Schofield, Charter Davis, Ernest Baskette, Charles Otton, James Squance, M. Baskette, Kenneth Moles, Greta Kennedy, Warren Kenedy, John Davis Jr., Doris Brennan, Donald Pearce, Ivy Pennington, Mrs. Carl Howse, Carl Howse, William Pennington, M. Beecroft, Mrs. Nellie Avey, Mrs. W. Young, Mrs. Paul Fish, Stanley Manore, C. Chryslar, J. Birch, J. VanHooren, Oscar Richardsn, Chas. Bishop, John W. Davis, Earle Petch J. Furlong, Milton Pettigrew, Ira Pearce, Mrs. Ira Pearce, Herbert Law, Mrs. Norman Swift, Mrs. Derwood Spicer, Mrs. T. Church and Bertha, Mike Jazur, Buster Motley, Ronald Young, Fred Fish, Clarence Durkee, Alfred Moore.

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There was also a donation in memory of Douglas Addison, and also several anonymous donations, and a number of donations under \$1.

Letters To The Editor

Says Norwich-Otterville Lions Are "Money-Makers"

Ridgeview Farm,
R.R.1, Otterville, Ont.,
June 15, 1948.

The Editor: We appreciate very much your kindness in printing this discussion on the South Norwich Memorial fund project.

This is our final contribution concerning the Lions Club and its relationship to the Community Park. We have checked carefully the list of contributors to the Memorial Pool sent by your correspondent, and considering the extent of the township and even the Village of Otterville, it was not in the least impressive, either in regard to numbers or the location of contributors. If, as Mr. Wardell says, this is the best canvass as yet, it would seem that past canvasses have been extremely weak.

We feel that the Otterville members of the Lions Club should admit that they erred in judgment when they failed to recognize the fact that the park does not belong to Otterville or any group therein, but to the township as a whole. And further, that the Park Board overstepped its proper authority in giving these far-reaching concessions, such as a 10-year monopoly control of sale of refreshments; secondly, in allowing the club to build this very expensive pool which can be enjoyed about six weeks of the year, considering the fact that spring water must be heated to a comfortable temperature for children.

On every hand the question is being asked, "Why spend so much money on a project to be used so little? And why is it costing so much?"

The widespread opposition in the township and village would clearly indicate that the "representative" gathering which started the project was not representative in the true sense at all.

It seems strange that health authorities should condemn the Otter Creek water, when Woodstock's Southside Park popular swimming pool utilizes the same type of water.

When we consider that parks are created for the enjoyment of children, and especially the poorer children, it seems regrettable that their enjoyment of refreshments should be practically cut in half to help the money-making Lions. Oftentimes the end does not justify the means. The question might well be asked, "Why have local groups, who in former years used the park for picnics, been shying away from it in recent years?" We think that the situation just mentioned has a bearing.

Yes, the Lions Clubs have a number of admirable projects, but the ways and means used in attaining those projects have often not been admirable.

We are fully aware of the cost of an election, but we must remember that if we love and cherish democracy we must be willing to pay the cost of protecting it. The 25 per cent. provincial grant is further proof of the deplorable state in which we find politics. Of late more and more grants are being given here, there, and everywhere, indiscriminately, oftentimes around election time, in a desperate attempt to pick up a few extra votes. Yes, they have lots of fun using our money to buy themselves votes.

We conclude that the Lions Club has no legal or moral right to ask the township to pay \$2,000 in furthering this project.

Sincerely yours,
SAM A. INNIS.



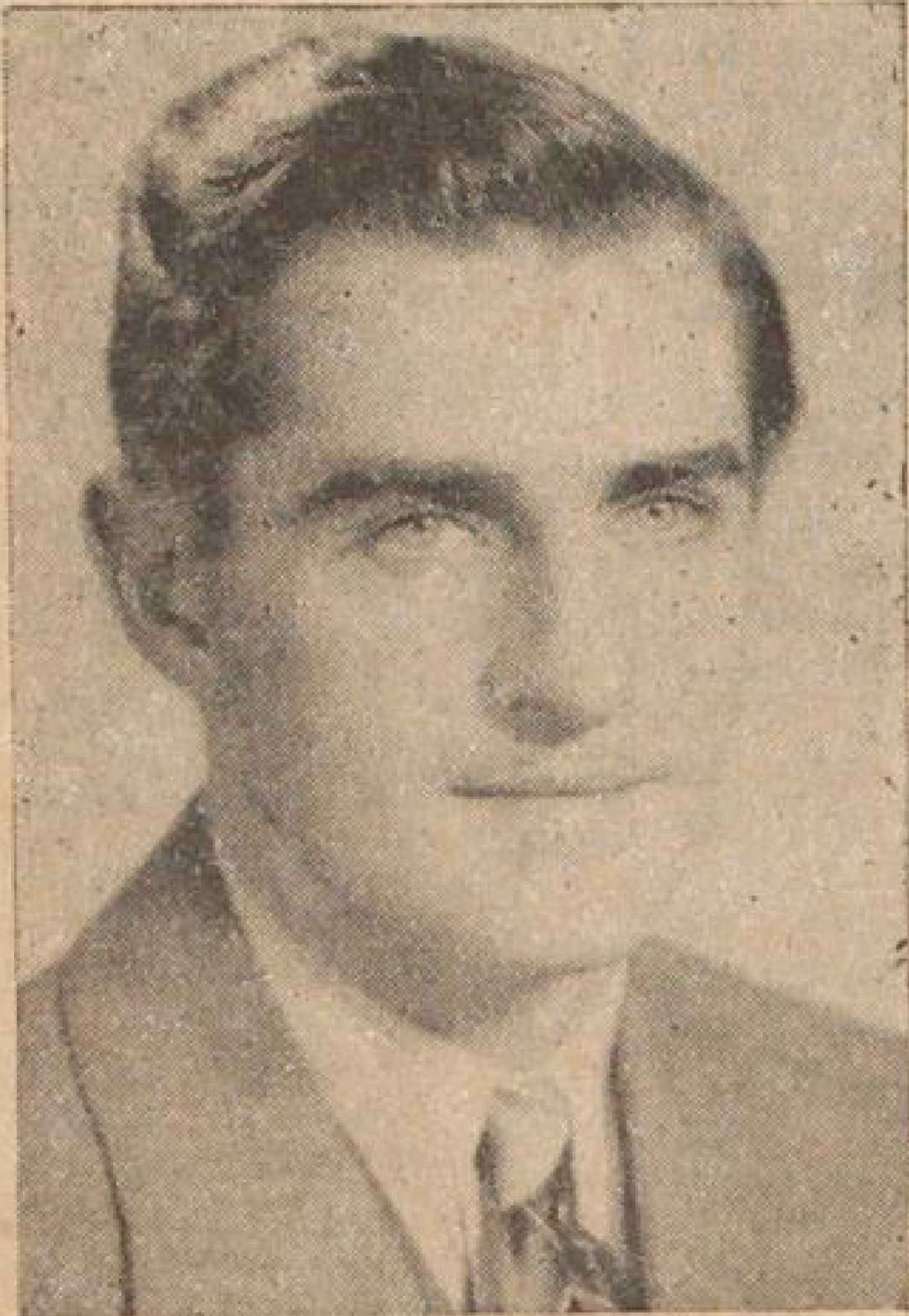
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Brennan Stewart were photographed after their marriage at St. Mary's rectory on Saturday. The bride is Shirley Eleanor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Knowles, Langarth street; the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart, St. Marys. The couple left after the ceremony for a motor trip to Toronto and Northern Ontario.

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A COMPLETE STOCK

Otterville Pacers at Strathroy—

The two Otterville pacers, Dillon Flicka and Miss Senator Brook, were entered in the big race meet at Strathroy on July 1st and both made a good showing in very keen competition. Miss Senator Brook, driven by Alvie Moore of Sarnia, finished with a summary of 5-4-1 and could have been much better if she would leave the starting line on the pace. Dillon Flicka, driven by Ed. Arthur, the favourite of many race fans was really in with the "bearcats", such as Blue Again, Merry England and Frisky Lee, but this daughter of Dillon Mc, paced a creditable race and finished third in the summary, Blue Again and Merry England finished first and second. At present, Blue Again is judged by many horsemen to be the fastest pacer in Canada, with Merry England placed not too far behind him. A crowd of 15,000 fans enjoyed the afternoon's program.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young and daughter April, and William Kelly, all of Terrytown, N.Y., spent several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen, leaving on Thursday to visit relatives at Port Stanley. *July 11/48*

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Mary Hastings' Group Picnics at Simcoe



The Mary Hastings Housewives picnic held Saturday at Simcoe was blessed with perfect weather and the more than 100 persons who attended gave the weatherman their thanks. In the group at the top may be seen the ladies responsible for the smooth-running outing. From left to right they are: Mrs. J. E. Moyer, president of Simcoe; Mrs. M. Smith, of Norwich, sports convener; Mrs. Henry Ash, of Otterville, sports convener; Mrs. Peter Hegmans, of Simcoe, secretary treasurer; Mrs. F. Post, of Simcoe, sports convener, and Mrs. I. Odenback, vice-president, of Delhi.

July 15, 1948

Died In Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—William (Doc) Bell, a resident of South Norwich Township for the past 43 years, died at his home on Dover St. on Thursday, July 8th.

Mr. Bell, who was in his 91st year, was born near Milton and lived there until after his marriage. Sixty-five years ago he married Leila MacMullen, who has nursed him through a long period of ill health. Mr. and Mrs. Bell lived on a farm east of Otterville for nine years, and 34 years ago they came to their present home in the village, where Mr. Bell was a real estate agent for some years. He has been in poor health for some time but was only confined to his bed the past week. Mr. Bell was the youngest of a family of six, and his two sisters and three brothers have all predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, who has been his constant companion. Their only son, Gerald, died at the age of 12.

The funeral service was held on Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, and was conducted by the minister of the United Church, Rev. W. G. Wylie. Among the lovely floral tributes there were baskets from the neighbors, and also from the Otterville Women's Institute, of which Mrs. Bell has been a member for many years. Relatives from a distance came from Stayner and Bayfield. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Ernest Pettigrew, Frank Mustard, Clarence Silverthorne, Thomas Pearce, William Kennedy and George Wavell.

Observes 91st Birthday

Mrs. Bridget Merritt quietly celebrated her 91st birthday at her home in Otterville on Monday, spending most of the day alone, as has been her custom for many years. Mrs. Merritt came to Canada when she was 22 years old and has lived in Otterville since that time. Born in the County of Wicklow, Ireland, she came with her younger sister, Nellie, to keep house for her father who then lived on the farm owned by Charles Daiken. Mrs. Merritt, who before her marriage was Bridgett Doyle, was the eldest of the Doyle children. Her sister Nellie is living in Florida with relatives. Mrs. Merritt said her real name wasn't Bridget, but she just couldn't remember the name by which she had been told that she was christened. After her father sold their farm to Mr. Daiken, they moved to Mrs. Merritt's present home about 30 years ago, and for the past several years Mrs. Merritt has lived alone by choice. A few weeks ago Mrs. Merritt fell and broke her right arm, but except for a couple of weeks she still manages, with the help of kind neighbors who carry her provisions to her, and she much prefers to be alone.

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Club Meeting

Mrs. Henry Ash of Milldale, president of the Happy Bluebird Club of the Mary Hastings Housewives, was the hostess to the September meeting on Thursday evening. Owing to the busy season there was a small attendance of members but a large number of visitors who may become members of this newly-organized group. The president opened the meeting with the reading of the creed and the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Ross Haylock gave an interesting display of her woodcraft and showed many of her articles which she had recently completed. This was followed by Mrs. Ash showing many patterns of gloves and mittens which she had recently made. Both displays were very interesting. Mrs. Albert Byers invited the group to her home for the October meeting to be held on October 21st. The remainder of the meeting was spent in community singing with Mrs. Raymond DeMontmorency at the piano. The hostess, assisted by several of the members, served dainty refreshments.

Attended Western Fair On Wedding Day, 1898

OTTERVILLE, Sept. 15 — Mr. and Mrs. William Harford, Otterville, quietly celebrated their golden wedding this week, and they were the recipients of many congratulatory messages, flowers and gifts. Their only son, Hugh Harford and his wife and their two sons, Bob and Bill Harford, of Kenmore, New York, spent the week-end with them, and brought a decorated anniversary cake and a radio for them.

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25th Wedding Anniversary

In honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, about 20 relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen gathered at their home Sunday evening in the form of a surprise, and an enjoyable evening was spent together. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were presented with a gift from the group and also several individual gifts, to the happy occasion. The visitors provided a dainty lunch afterward.

Sept 12 OTTERVILLE 1948 (Intended for last week)

In honor of their 25th wedding anniversary, relatives and friends numbering about 30 gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen recently, in the form of a surprise, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. McMullen were presented with a gift from the group and several individual gifts. The visitors provided dainty refreshments, which brought the happy evening to a close.

Officers Elected

At the regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge, No. 330, I.O.O.F., on Monday, September 20th, Sister Alice Arthur, the noble grand, presided. During the evening the election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Noble Grand, Mrs. Ruth Collver; vice-grand, Mrs. Josephine Howse; recording secretary, Mrs. Jean Marshall; financial secretary, Mrs. Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Mrs. Gertrude Walther; trustee for a period of three years.

Otterville Lodge Installs Officers

OTTERVILLE — Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, held installation of officers in the Odd-fellows Lodge with Mable Mabee, D.D.P., of East St. Thomas District No. 10 and her staff installing the following officers: J.P.N.G., Alice Arthur; noble grand, Ruth Collver; V.G., Josephine Howse; R.S., Jean Marshall; F.S., Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Gertrude Walther; warden, Jean Baguley; conductor Marjorie Baskette; chaplain, Lena Young; R.S.N.G., Emma Strudwick; L.S.N.G., Betty Slaght; R.S.V.G., Mary Mudge; L.S.V.G., Jane Furlong; I.G., Josephine Mountain; O.G., Eva McMullen; pianist, Lila Jull.

Mrs. Alice Arthur was presented her past noble grand jewel.

Pretty Setting For Fall Bridal

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OTTERVILLE—In the Otterville United Church before the altar banked with ferns and chrysanthemums, Muriel Jean White, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex White, Otterville, was united in marriage to Henry Joseph Kozuch, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kozuch, Otterville. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. W. George Wylie, minister of the church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her gown of white silk chiffon velvet, made with a long fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and long sleeves extending in points over the hands. The full gathered skirt extended into a train, over which fell her veil of silk embroidered net, held in place by a beaded headdress. Her only ornament was a double strand of pearls, the gift of the groom, and she

Mrs. C. Snell Passes

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — The death occurred early Saturday morning of Mrs. Charles Snell, a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Otterville, in her 84th year. Mrs. Snell was the former Ellen Jones, before her marriage 64 years ago. Last month, Mrs. Snell was taken ill and was removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Hussey at Lakeview, where her death occurred. She was of United Empire Loyalist stock, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, having come to Otterville in 1819 after their lands had been confiscated following the war of 1812, and they settled on 200 acres of land received from the crown. On a portion of this land, the Otterville Consolidated School now stands. Mrs. Snell was a member of St. John's Anglican Church and the Ladies' Guild, and was also a valued member of the Otterville Women's Institute.

Mrs. Snell is survived by one son, Welford Snell of Oshawa, and one daughter, Mrs. W. F. Hussey (Gwendolyn) of Lakeview, also several grandchildren and one great-grandson.

The funeral service was conducted in St. John's Anglican Church at Otterville on Monday afternoon by Rev. L. H. Crawford, the rector, and was largely attended by relatives, neighbors, and friends. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist. The pallbearers were Fred Hussey, Lester Lowe, George Prior, Carl Howse, J. Riste, and William Harford. Many lovely floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Snell was held. Interment was in the Anglican Cemetery.

OXFORD COUNTY & INGERSOLL HEALTH UNIT

Court House, Woodstock

Phone 690

In the interests of the prevention and spread of disease.

MUMPS

This communicable disease has been reported according to Regulations and the patient's name given as Catherine McMullen . . .

The patient will be required to be isolated. That means separation of the patient from non-immune children and young children and young people, and exclusion of the patient from school and public places. Isolation to last for 16 days from onset of swelling, if such has subsided.

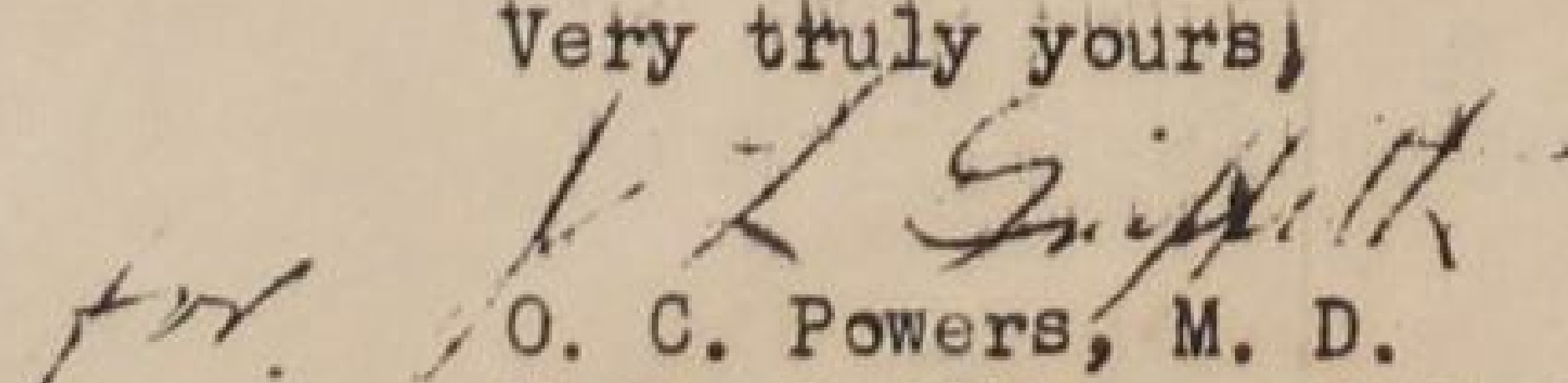
This disease is decidedly less prevalent than the other common communicable diseases of childhood, such as measles, whooping cough, and chickenpox. Winter and Spring are the seasons of greatest prevalence.

The source of infection - secretions of the mouth and possibly of the nose. The disease is transmitted by direct contact with an infected person or with articles freshly soiled with the discharges from the nose and throat of such infected persons.

All articles soiled with the discharges of nose and throat of the patient shall be washed in hot soapy water to which a small amount of disinfectant has been added.

For your information, please.

Very truly yours,

for 
O. C. Powers, M. D.

Medical Officer of Health
Oxford County & Ingersoll Health Unit

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Miss Catherine McMullen
Main Street
OTTERVILLE, Ontario

Norwich Farm Brings \$25,000

NORWICH, Dec. 18 — Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick have sold their farm located two miles south of the village, to the Van Kerrebroeck family for \$25,000, one of the highest prices ever paid for a farm in this district.

Soil of the farm is admirably suited for tobacco growing, but there is no equipment for tobacco production at present. The farm consists of 80 acres and adjoins several other farms owned by the new purchasers.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick, who have lived on the farm for more than 30 years, will remain in the house there for three years more.

Already the new owners have begun uprooting a grove of pine trees.

CERTIFICATE OF PERFECTION Rebekah Assembly of Ontario I.O.O.F.

This Certificate issued by the Rebekah Assembly of Ontario
Witnesseth

That Sister *Lena Young*
a member of *Violet* Rebekah Lodge, No. *330*
located at *Otterville, Ontario* is entitled to this
Certificate of Perfection as a Testimonial of her correct
knowledge of the Unwritten work for the year *1948*

In Witness Whereof The President of the Rebekah
Assembly of Ontario, I.O.O.F. has caused the Seal of Assembly to be
hereto affixed this *fifteenth* day

of *March* A.D. *1948*
Violet Pearce Secretary
Ruby M. Webb President



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Otterville Native On Royal Commission On Transportation

Ottawa — A royal commission armed with far-reaching investigatory powers was launched last week on a search for a solution to Canada's transportation problems.

Task of the commission, perhaps the biggest ever assigned to a transportation inquiry in Canada's history, was to draw up the blueprint of a national transportation policy designed to "best serve the general economic being of all Canada."

To accomplish this job, its terms of reference, as disclosed last Wednesday, gave it authority to examine every angle of economic policy on transportation under parliamentary jurisdiction with but a single reservation.

It was empowered to inquire into freight rates, regional transportation disabilities suffered by any areas, railway financing and accounting and railway legislation.

In addition, it could deal with "various" other transportation services, though it was unlikely this would extend greatly to highway transport, since this is largely under provincial jurisdiction.

A three-man body will conduct the investigation under Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon, high commissioner to Eire and former chief justice of Saskatchewan. He will act on leave of absence from his overseas job.

Mr. Turgeon, 71, has headed two royal commissions on grain and one on textiles for the federal government.

The other members will be Henry F. Angus, 57, head of the economics department at the University of British Columbia, and Harold A. Innis, 54, professor of political economy at the University of Toronto.

Prof. Angus was a member of the royal commission on Dominion-provincial relations in 1937. Prof. Innis has been on royal commissions for the Nova Scotia and Manitoba governments.

Head of the department of political economy of the University of Toronto, Prof. Innis is a noted author and traveller. He was born in Otterville, Ont., in 1903. Dean Innis was a delegate to the International Geographic Congress in Cambridge in 1928, the sixth International Studies Conference in London in 1933 and the Russian Academy of Science in Moscow in 1945.

Their job is expected to take the better part of a year, with public hearings across the country starting perhaps two months from now. It is not expected that a report will be received from the commissioners before 1950.

As commission counsel they will have Rt. Hon. J. L. Ilsley, a former federal cabinet minister in three portfolios and former member of the Commons for Digby-Annapolis-Kings. Mr. Ilsley is a member of the Montreal law firm of the late Hon. J.L. Ralston, who was chief Maritimes counsel in freight-rate cases before the board of transport commissioners in the last two years.

Former South Norwich Township Reeve Passes

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A former member of the Oxford County Council for eight years, ex-Reeve James Johnston, died at his home early last Thursday morning. He had been in poor health for the past five years and had been confined to his bed for the past four weeks.

Born nearly 86 years ago near Cathcart, Burford Township, he moved to the Milldale district in 1884, where he farmed successfully until his health forced him to retire. During that time he served South Norwich Township as councillor for five years and reeve for eight years. He served his last term as reeve in 1933. For 18 years he was secretary-treasurer of the School Board at Milldale. In 1906 he made a trip to Scotland and brought back a team of Clydesdale horses. Mr. Johnston has lived at his present home for the past five years. He was a member of the Society of Friends.

Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Roy Deer of Burgessville. There are also five grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie McIntyre and Miss Nellie Johnston, both of Cathcart.

Funeral services were held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Saturday and there was a large attendance of relatives, neighbors and friends. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. VanEvery of St. Catharines, the minister of Friends' Church, of which Mr. Johnston was a member. He was assisted by Albert Walker of Beaconsfield and Rev. W. L. Mino of Norwich, minister of the Free Methodist Church.

Relatives and friends were present from Burgessville, Cathcart, Kitchener, Tillsonburg, Springford, Norwich, Smithville, Vittoria, Woodstock and other places. Reeve T. Cooper, with members of the South Norwich Township Council and past members, attended the funeral in a body. Interment was

in the Friends' Cemetery, Quaker St., Norwich.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower-bearers, were Arthur Walker and George Hill of Beaconsfield, George Lees and Wesley Lees of Norwich, Charles Longstreet of Hawtrey and R. M. Holmes of Otterville.

OTTERVILLE CHURCH

OTTERVILLE — The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, was held in the parish hall with the rector, Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, in charge.

Mrs. Nate McMullen was appointed vestry clerk and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. W. H. Law, who also reported on the missionary budget, and the organ account.

Carl Howse gave the rector's report and the lots account. The cemetery report was given by W. J. Harford, the Ladies' Guild, by Mrs. Wilson Young, and the Chancel Guild by Mrs. Leith Howse.

Carl Howse reported for the Sunday School, and thanked the teachers. He also thanked the rector and all the organizations for their co-operation during the year, which has been the best year in the church for some time. Mr. Crawford thanked the Ladies' Guild, who had assumed the payments for janitor service.

Mr. Crawford presided over the election of the following officers: Rector's warden, Carl Howse; people's warden, J. W. Riste; church treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Law; vestry clerk, Mrs. Nate McMullen; lay delegate to Synod, Carl Howse; substitute, Charles Otton; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; board of management, rector, wardens and congregation; Sunday School superintendent, Carl Howse; auditors, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Charles Otton.

Mrs. Nate McMullen spent a day last week with her aunt Mrs. Rose Nelson who suffered a broken hip at her home in Tillsonburg. Mrs. Jack Riste also spent a day during the week with her aunt and cousin Miss Effie Nelson.

NELSON—In Tillsonburg, on Sunday, January 9, 1949, Rose Knevel, widow of the late Arno Nelson,

The funeral service was conducted at her late residence, 156 Bidwell St., on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment was in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Resident Many Years, Mrs. R. Nelson Passes

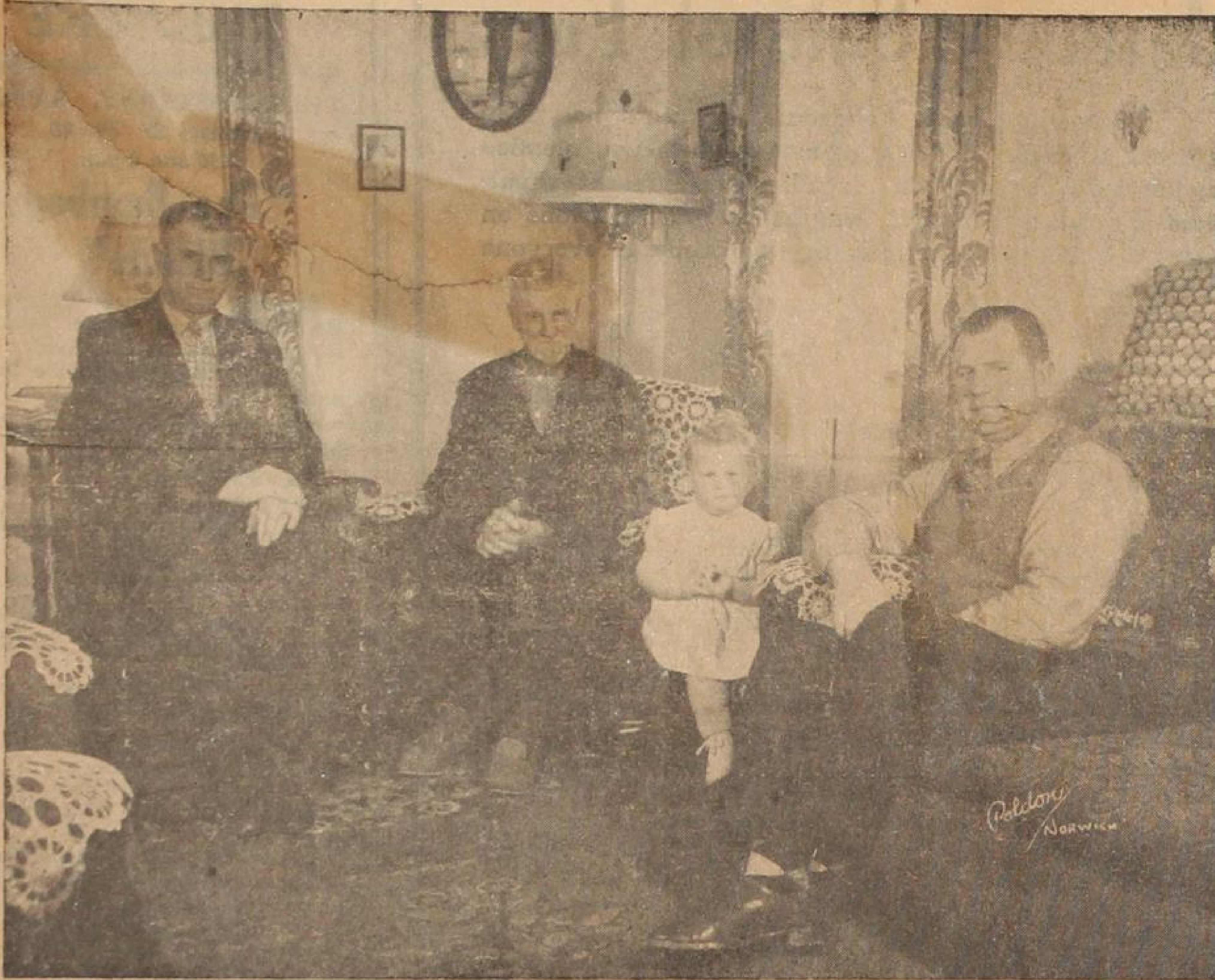
Mrs. Rose Nelson, a resident of Tillsonburg for many years, passed away at her home at 156 Bidwell Street, on Sunday, January 9th, following a fall which she suffered three weeks ago when she received a fractured hip. Mrs. Nelson, the former Rose Knevel, was born in Houghton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Knevel (Mary Thompson). She was predeceased by her husband, Arno Nelson, in 1922.

Surviving to mourn their loss are one daughter, Miss Effie Nelson of Tillsonburg; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Cudney of Port Burwell and Miss Lenora Knevel of Port Rowan; also a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted at the family residence on Tuesday, January 11th, at two o'clock by Rev. Albert Carr, who presented a message of comfort and hope, based on the life of Job. Miss Jean Stansell sang "Beyond the Sunset," accompanied by Mrs. H. C. Brady. The pallbearers were Harold Claringbold, Alex. Cassells, Morley Kennedy, Ancel Sinden, David McLaren, and Campbell Morgan. A profusion of beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Nelson was held. Interment was in the Tillsonburg Cemetery.

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FOUR GENERATIONS



Fred Cotton of Sprucefield Alberta was visiting his son Walter Cotton when this picture was taken. It represents four generations of the Cotton family. From Left to right: Walter Cotton, Fred Cotton, Walter Cotton's son Leo of Lyndoch and Leo's daughter Mary. *JAN*

LATE FREDERICK A. LEACH

The death occurred suddenly on Sunday of Frederick A. Leach, a resident of Norwich for the past five years. On Saturday he followed his daily custom of having a walk about town and in the evening he listened with interest to the regular hockey broadcast and retired in his usual health. Shortly past mid-night he was taken ill and died before four o'clock. Mr. Leach was a native of Brownsville and he spent his early life at Springford and Cornell and was employed as a worker on the railway. After his marriage he commenced farming and for a time lived where Adam Lee lives now. For thirty years he lived near the South Norwich Gore School on the Otterville road. Five years ago he bought the house on Washington Avenue, where he died. A man of quiet disposition he was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Mr. Leach was an adherent of the United Church. Surviving are his widow, the former Elizabeth Daiken; two sons and two daughters: Henry, Otterville; Charles, North Norwich; Mrs. Roy Rachar, North Norwich, and Mrs. Ruby Christo. He leaves also ten grandchildren and two brothers. Russell, of London, and Jack, in Alberta.

The funeral was held from the Addison funeral home, Otterville, at 2.30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. L. W. Mino, pastor of the Norwich Free Methodist church, had charge of the services and interment was made in the Otterville cemetery.

Mrs. Edith McConachie Passes At Little Lake

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — The death occurred suddenly on Sunday evening of Mrs. Edith Louise McConachie of Little Lake, following a stroke on Sunday morning. She had been in poor health for some time, but was working about the home until she was suddenly stricken.

Born at Round Plains 54 years ago, she moved to the Little Lake district with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole, as a girl, and lived there and at New Durham until her marriage to Hector McConachie. After her marriage she lived at Niagara Falls, Norwich Gore, Windham Centre, and spent 15 years in Utica, N.Y., and five years in Florida. After the death of her husband in New York seven years ago, she returned to the farm home to be with her parents, and her mother died in April of last year.

She is survived by one daughter, Nellie Elizabeth, at home, and one son, John Edward McConachie at Burford Airport, and four grandchildren. She also leaves her aged father, Edward Cole, with whom she resided, and five brothers and five sisters, George Cole of Wilsonville, William Cole of Zenda, Lewis Cole of London, John Cole of Otterville, and Andrew Cole at home, Mrs. May Swift of Boston, Mrs. Archie Ritenburg of Little Lake, Mrs. Elmer Graves of Brantford, and Mrs. Fredrick Barnard of Norwich Gore.

Mrs. McConachie rested at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, was conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church. Interment was in the Norwich Gore Cemetery. *JAN*

Death of Mrs. Edith McConachie

The funeral of Mrs. Edith McConachie, widow of Hector McConachie, was conducted at the Addison Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United church, conducted the services, and a solo, "The Day Without a Cloud" was sung by Mr. George Lowe of Norwich, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen of Otterville, at the piano. Many lovely floral tributes surrounded the casket, and the flower bearers were six nephews, Donald Graves, Brantford; Andy Barnard, Tillsonburg; Donald Swance, Zenda; James Wylie, Kelvin; Charles Sibbick, assisted by Wm. Potter of Little Lake Burford and Wm. Rogers, Norwich; The casket bearers were also nephews, John Swift, Boston, Bruce Swift, Hartford, Gordon Cole and Edward Cole, Zenda, Stanley Ritenburg, Norwich and Howard Ritenburg, Norwich. Interment was made in the Norwich Gore Cemetery.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Siple and their five children were killed in a plane accident on Sunday near Ottawa

The community which has had cause to bow its head in grief and been knit closely together in a common bond of sympathy so often in the past three months, was stirred and shocked to its full depth again last Sunday evening and Monday morning when word came of the tragic accident which at one stroke killed Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Siple and their lovely family of three sons and two daughters. First word of the tragedy to reach Norwich came from a Toronto evening newspaper which contacted their reporter to give news of it to him. Through that message the first word was relayed to the two families most closely connected and who mourn the loss of their dear ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Siple, Gordon and Wallace, had flown from Montreal and had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Siple last Friday. The week-end trip was a very special one. Mrs. Siple, the former Annie Wilson, had been in Florida for six weeks, recuperating from a serious operation. While she was there, the two girls, Sharon and Sheila, had been with their

grandparents here. The boys had remained home with their father, and the housekeeper. The trip was to reunite the family once again, and take the girls back home. They left here in high spirits as they waved "Good-bye", and "we'll see you again soon", to grandmother.

Mr. Siple, careful and cautious flyer that he was, had checked regarding flying conditions and was told, while it wasn't clear right then, it was clearing and would become better as they neared home. Before they left Ottawa they had been given the "all clear" signal.

The families were worried when the usual phone call was delayed and both Siple families were on the phone when the reporter talked to Mrs. Carl Siple to relay the sad message to her. This was the first accident Wallace had ever had in thousands of miles of flying which had taken him all over the world and it was very hard for the family to accept the news.

Transport department inspectors have investigated the scorched, twisted wreckage of the aircraft which is said

to have plunged to earth in a roaring mass of flames near Maxwell, Ontario. Maxwell is 40 miles east of Ottawa. The family were on the last leg of their journey from Crumlin airport when the light-single-engine plane is said to have exploded in mid-air and plummeted to the ground shortly after seven o'clock. Mr. Siple was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Siple, was born in North Norwich and was in his 33rd year. He spent his early life at Newark and attended Norwich High School from September 1929 to April 1930. After that he farmed for five years when he left to begin a study of aeronautics. In 1934 he attended the H. B. Beal Technical school at London to learn the combustion engine completely. When he had completed these studies he obtained a job in Detroit part time. Mr. Siple later became a student pilot at the Lambeth Airport and later worked as a mechanic in a garage and invented a balancing machine, for truing car wheels. A friend loaned him money to buy a plane, with which he toured western Ontario finding men willing to take instructions in flying. The late Harvey Hayes, and Vernon (Dutch) Wilcox, were among his enthusiastic pupils. With the money thus earned he paid for his machine and won his commercial licence. During the war he volunteered to ferry planes across the Atlantic for war use and he flew the first 21 bombers to Britain in the test which brought the formation of British Air Commission Ferry Service, the fore-runner of the R. A. F. Ferry Command. At the age of 23, he was the youngest pilot to fly the Atlantic and he demonstrated such skill as a flyer and such driving and executive ability that he was soon placed in virtual control of the Ferry Command and firmly established its enviable record of public service. Among the firsts credited to Mr. Siple are, he flew the initial flight to the Dutch East Indies in a B-25 bomber by way of South America, Africa, Arabia and India over the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. He delivered bombers to Australia by San Francisco, Honolulu, Christmas Islands, Canton, New Caledonia and Brisbane.

Later he was in Toronto where he organized the test department of the National Steel Car manufacturers of the giant four-motored Lancaster bomber. After testing the first plane, the "Ruhr Express," he returned to the Montreal office of Ferry Command where he remained until 1944, when he obtained release to operate his own business. When the war ended, Wallace and his cousin, Douglas Siple, formed the Siple Aircraft Company in Montreal, and he also founded the Auto-plane Co., inc.

Mrs. Siple was the former Annie Irene Wilson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilson. She was educated in Norwich and she and Mr. Siple were married in Holy Trinity church during the summer of 1936. In all his outstanding ventures Mr. Siple had the unswerving loyalty and warm encouragement of his wife.

Their children were: Graham, 11; Gordon 10; Wallace, 9; Sharon, 5, and Sheila, 3.

They are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Siple and Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilson. Mr. Siple leaves also a brother, Carl at Newark. Mrs. Wilson leaves four sisters, Mrs. Vernon Corwell, Chalk River; Mrs. A. Smith, Thorndale; Mrs. Walter Watts, Brantford; and Mrs. Doug Kirkpatrick, Burgessville. There are also several nieces and nephews. The funeral is being held at the United Church, Norwich this afternoon and interment is being made in the local cemetery.

CRASH VICTIMS BURIED TODAY

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Wallace C. Siple, formerly of Norwich, and their five children, killed on Sunday night near Maxville, Ont., when their light plane crashed in flames, will be held this afternoon (Thursday) in Norwich.

The services will be conducted at the Arn and Son Funeral Home at 2 p.m. and burial will be in the Norwich Cemetery.

The officiating ministers will be Rev. L. H. Crawford, rector of Holy Trinity Church in Norwich, of which Mr. Siple was a former member, and Rev. George Dunlop, minister of Newark United Church, where he formerly worshipped.

Two investigators from the Department of Transport on Monday completed a one-day investigation into the plane crash and said that a report would be issued within the next few days.

The inspectors, P. S. Walker and H. W. Finkle, spent the day probing the twisted and burned wreckage of the single-engine monoplane.

Siple, a prominent aircraft executive, had been flying his family home to Montreal from London after visiting relatives in Norwich.

The plane took off from the airport at London on Sunday afternoon and stopped to refuel at the Ottawa airport. Fifteen minutes after the Ottawa take-off the plane apparently developed engine trouble and with its fuselage in flames, it plummeted to the ground just 300-yards from the farmhouse of Alexander Stewart.

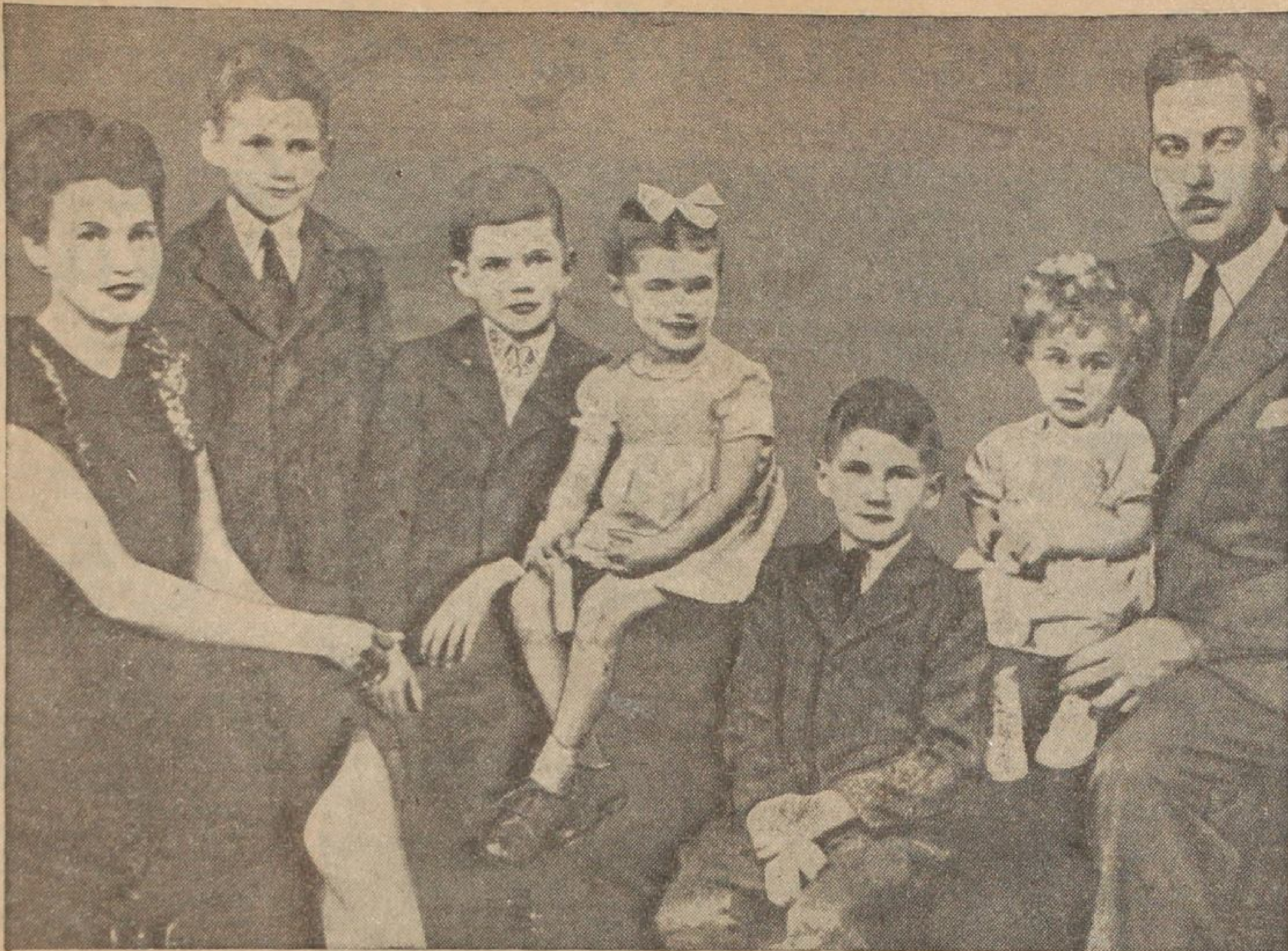
Stewart said that the wreckage was being hauled to a dump near Alexandria, 10 miles west of Maxville. The engine is being taken to Montreal for a further check.

The investigation was undertaken to determine whether there had been a breach of flying regulations and to find out the "technical cause" of the accident.

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DIES IN CRASH — Wallace Siple, formerly of Norwich and London, who, with his wife and five children, was killed yesterday when his plane crashed near Maxville, enroute from Ottawa to Montreal.



AIR CRASH FATAL TO FAMILY OF SEVEN — Crash and explosion of a private airplane near Maxville, north of Cornwall, Sunday, killed Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Siple, formerly of Norwich, and their entire family of five chil-

dren. Siple was an experienced Ferry Command pilot. He rose from a farm boy to executive of his own air firm. Above are shown, left to right, Mrs. Siple; Graham, 11; Gordon, 10; Sharon, five; Wallace, nine; and Mr. Siple holding Sheila, three.



BEREAVED IN AIR CRASH — Crash and explosion of a private airplane near Maxville Sunday night brought loss of daughter, son-in-law, and five grandchildren to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilson, of Norwich, above. Mrs. Wilson's daughter, the former Annie Wilson, was killed with her husband, Wallace C. Siple, formerly of Norwich. The crash was bitter climax to a reunion of the family after Mrs. Siple's recent illness.

NORWICH, Feb. 17 — Nearly every home and business in this community of 1,500 was represented today as residents paid final tribute to Wallace C. Siple and his family, all seven of whom perished in an air crash near Maxville, Ont., last Sunday.

Seven coffins formed a semi-circle at the front of Norwich United Church, where a public service was held.

Seats were arranged in the church basement where those who could not be accommodated in the auditorium heard the service from loudspeakers.

"Although taken in the full flush of an early life, most of us will recognize that his life was a full one and in that sense a long one," Rev. G. H. Dunlop, minister of Burgessville United Church, said.

Rev. L. H. Crawford, of Holy Trinity Church, Norwich, and Rev. Walter Kiteley, Norwich United Church, also took part in the service. George Lowe sang two hymns, and Mrs. Charles Boughner presided at the organ.

Pallbearers for Mr. and Mrs. Siple were Douglas Siple, George Doyle, William Ross, Jack Dundas, all of Montreal; Hunter Moody, Decatur, Ill.; Jack Pitman, Port Rowan; Darwin Scott, John Moore, Jack Lester, Walter Cayley, Sr., all of Norwich; Reginald Wilson and Leonard Wilson, of Brantford.

Pallbearers for the five children, Graham, Gordon, Wallace, Sharon and Sheila, were: Carl Millard, Toronto; Tom Williams, Jack Ross, of Woodstock; Edward Coates, Charles Lockett, Wally Bickham, Paul Gordon, Doris Dumoulin, all of Montreal; Milton Shelton, Bill Mitchell, of Ingersoll; Archie Jull, Robert Fletcher, Keith Dymont, Alex Jackson, William McMillan, Walter Hastings, Maurice McLaughlin, Wendell Hobbs, Walter Cayley, Jr., all of Norwich; Watson Kennedy, Newark; Howard Brown, Brantford; Robert Masters, Jack Masters, Kenneth Masters, all of Royal Oak, Mich.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1949

Scenes at Siple Family Rites As Hundreds Pay Final Tribute

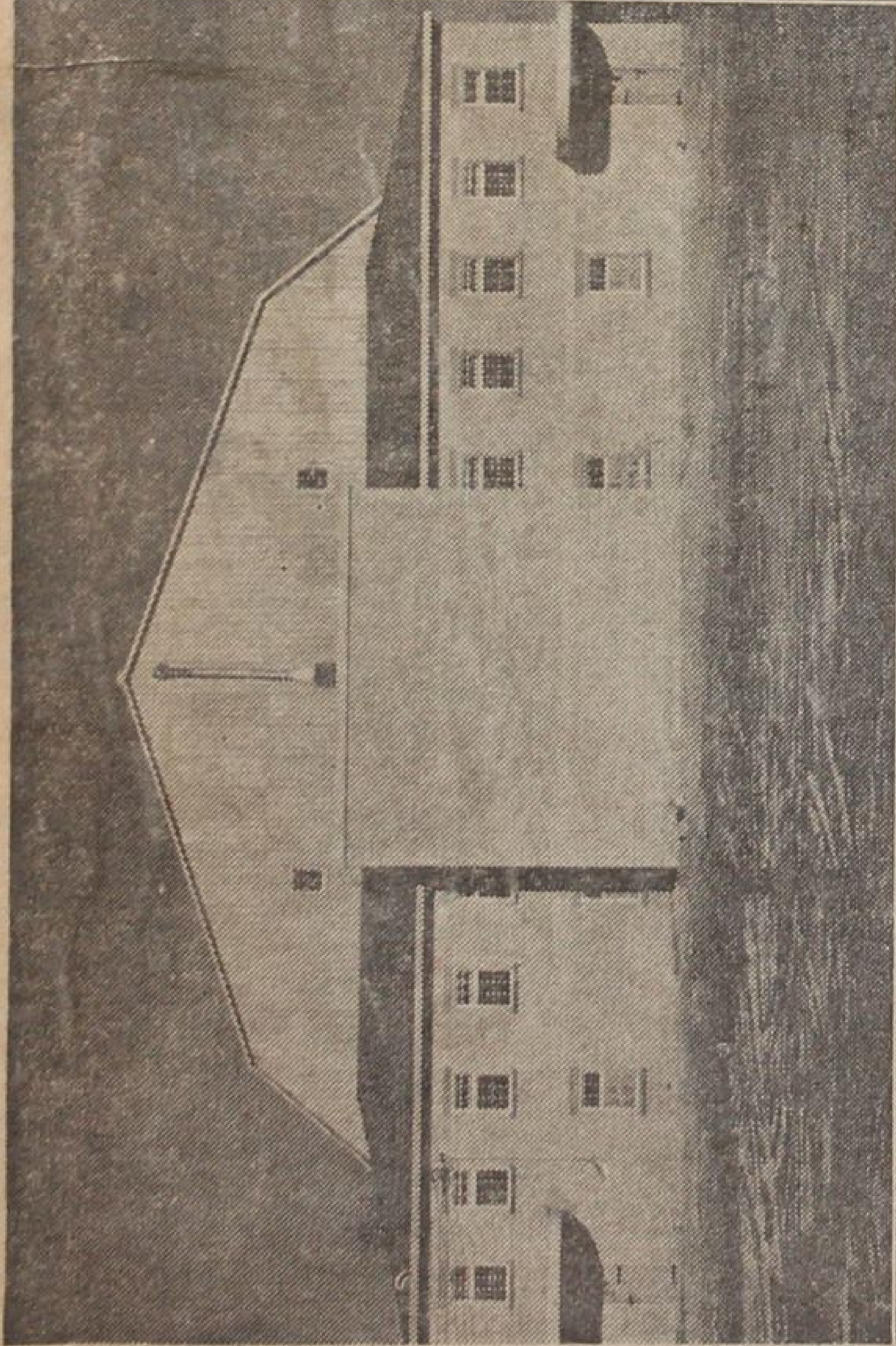


Seven caskets were placed side by side in one grave at Norwich Cemetery yesterday as relatives and friends attended the funeral for Wallace Clayton Siple, his wife, Annie Irene (Wilson) Siple, and their five children, who died together when their plane crashed Sunday. The upper photo shows part of the assembly at the cemetery. In the lower photo members of the immediate families arrive (at the right) for the committal service.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1949

\$20,000 Arena New Home of Sport in Norwich District



Arena Tribute to Effort Of Norwich Community

Special To The Free Press

NORWICH, Feb. 18 — Barbara Jean Jaques, Dunnville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Jaques, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Weaver, Norwich, was feature attraction when the Norwich Community Arena was opened before a crowd of approximately 1,000 persons tonight. Miss Jaques is a member of the Hamilton Skating Club and has won silver medals for skating and is also a silver dance medalist. Her thrilling exhibition on poor ice was much enjoyed. Mrs. Ronald Pearson, Zenda, and Mrs. M. Vanhorne, Norwich, gave another demonstration of figure skating and teamed in duet numbers.

Broom Ball

A second feature which gave many a thrill was a broom ball game between a team of Woodstock police, under Provincial Constable Charlie Worrall, another former Norwichite, and a team of Norwich and North Norwich men. They really splashed their way along. A third feature was a fairly fast hockey game between the Woodstock Lions and the Norwich Legionnaires. The opening concluded with a dance in the new community hall at the arena.

Reeve Arthur P. Maedel officiated at the opening and was assisted by Warden George Fewster, reeve of North Norwich Township. Mr. Maedel commended the committee in charge: Ross Carroll, Elgin Lossing, W. L. Bishop, Albert Cornwell, Howard Stensson, Warden Fewster and Mr. Maedel. He spoke of the thousands of hours of free work which had been given to make the arena possible and commended those who are purchasing, by dollar donations, lumber to make the ice surface fence.

The Norwich Community Arena is brainchild of the North Norwich Agricultural Society, conceived, about two years ago. The organization realized it must be a community venture and successfully petitioned the councils of Norwich and North Norwich to submit the matter to the electors in the fall of 1947.

The issuing of debentures for \$20,000 was approved by voters. Then it was found that the money could not be voted to the Agricultural Society and an arena committee was named. With one exception, W. L. Bishop substituting for J. C. St. John, the committee has carried on as originally formed. Later it was found that in order to qualify for provincial grants in support of a community centre, the arena must be owned by a single municipality and North Norwich took over.

Ground Deeded

The Agricultural Society deeded a portion of the Society's grounds, that containing the arena, the race track and the infield inside the track, to North Norwich for the nominal sum of \$1. To date \$5,000 has been received in provincial grants and another \$5,000 will be forthcoming when a community playgrounds can be proceeded with.

Arrangements have been made with the Norwich District High School and the new community centre is already being used for school basket ball games and bringing a steady revenue.

Though the official opening has been delayed, many hockey games have already been played and one Norwich team, The Norwich Lions, have won the Midget "C" Group Championship. More games are to be nightly features.

Mrs. Norman C. Hern's Funeral at Norwich

NORWICH, March 15 — Funeral services for Mrs. Norman C. Hern, 64, conducted at Arn and Son's funeral home by Rev. J. Clarke Hood, Knox Church, assisted by Rev. George L. Douglas, Knox Church, Woodstock, were largely attended. During the service, Mrs. C. F. Snell, Thamesford, a former member of Knox choir, and George Lowe, sang. Mrs. C. F. Stubbs was pianist.

Pallbearers were Harry H. McKee and George Lowe, representing the session and choir of Knox Church; J. S. Leitch and Percy Longworth, past patrons, representing the Norwich Chapter, O.E.S.; Wilfred Alexander and Ross Carroll, representing the Buckwheat Social Times Club, and flower bearers were members of the Order Eastern Star: Mrs. C. F. Bishop, Mrs. L. H. Walters, Miss E. Poldon, Mrs. W. H. Poldon, Mrs. A. McConachie, Mrs. A. Brown, Miss Marion Priddle, Mrs. Reg. Jull, Mrs. J. S. Leitch and Mrs. D. W. Kinsey.

O.E.S. services at the graveside were led by Mrs. F. Church, W.M., and Kenneth Wardell, W.P., Mrs. D. Carroll, Mrs. W. L. Addison, Mrs. W. Kennedy and Mrs. H. Stringer filling in for absent officers. Interment was made in Norwich Cemetery.

Mrs. Hern, who was a life-long resident of this district, had been a member of Knox Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years and was organist and choir leader 31 years. For 26 years she assisted her husband as church treasurer. She was a past president of the Ladies' Aid and W.M.S. For years she was an officer in Paris Presbyterian of the Presbyterian Church.

She was a charter member and past matron of Norwich Chapter, O.E.S., and president of the local W.C.T.U. at the time of her death. She was a former president of the Norwich Horticultural Society and was active in many other community projects.

She is survived by her husband, a sister, Miss Florence Akins; two brothers, Albert Akins, Scotland, and Joseph Akins, St. Thomas.

for the opening. They are, left to right, Mary Connolly, Dorothy Patterson, Barbara Hoyt, Ruby Slaght, Ruth Winegardner, Annette McLaren and Shirley Broad. Lower right shows a toss up at a girls' basketball game with Miss Alma Green, of N. H. S. staff looking on.

right shows the arena committee: Front row, left to right, Albert Cornwell, Ross Carroll, Reeve Maedel and G. W. Marshall; back row, left to right, Elgin Lossing, Fred Penny, W. A. Adams, Wilfred Bishop and H. H. Stensson. Lower left photo pictures girls buying tickets

About 1,000 persons last night attended the formal opening of the new \$20,000 Norwich Community Arena by Reeve Arthur P. Maedel, assisted by Oxford Warden George Fewster, North Norwich Township reeve. Upper left is an exterior view of the arena. Upper

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Graduate At Western



Marshall Hagerman

OTTERVILLE, May 19—Funeral service for Marshall Hagerman, of Bookton, who died suddenly Sunday, was held at the Addison funeral home yesterday. Among the mourners was Mr. Hagerman's brother, Wilfred Hagerman, who came from Winnipeg. Rev. J. C. Hood, of Norwich, minister of the Bookton Presbyterian Church, conducted the service, and a number of hymns were played by Mrs. Nate McMullen. The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were neighbors, Lorne Day, A. R. Kennedy, Orton Kyes, Charles McElhone, Harold Schooley, and Charles Schooley. Interment was in Bookton Cemetery.

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Pauline McConkey

William Mannell

Included among the 870 students who graduated this year from the University of Western Ontario, London, were the two from this district pictured above. Left, Miss Pauline McConkey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McConkey of Corinth, who received the degree of Bachelor of Science of Nursing. She attended the Aylmer High School, and graduated from the Victoria Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She is now on the nursing staff of Victoria Hospital, London. Right, William Arnold Mannell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mannell of Otterville, who graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He is a graduate of the Norwich High School, and studied honor chemistry at the university. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force for four years. Mr. Mannell will continue his studies in bio-chemistry in a course leading to his Master of Science degree.

Otterville Home For Bridal Couple

OTTERVILLE—At the United Church parsonage, Rev. W. G. Wylie united in marriage Freda Marjorie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lawrence, Otterville, and Charles H. Hopkins, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hopkins.

The bride was attired in a cherry gabardine suit with navy accessories, and wore a corsage of Johanna Hill roses, carnations and hyacinths. Mrs. Frank Irwin of Toronto, attended her sister, and wore a loganberry wine gabardine suit, white accessories and corsage of white carnations. Donald Hopkins of Tillsonburg was his brother's groomsman.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the United Church parlors. The couple left for a trip to Toronto and north. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins will reside in Otterville.

APRIL

OTTERVILLE OFFICERS ELECTED

District officers of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows and Rebekah Assembly of Ontario were elected here this week as 1,000 delegates from all sections of the province gathered at the Royal York Hotel for the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment, and Department Council of Patriarchs Militant.

Elected for the Otter district as Deputy Grand Master of the I.O.O.F. was Mr. Maxwell Avey of Otterville. He has jurisdiction over lodges at Tillsonburg, Norwich, Simcoe, Otterville, Delhi, Port Rowan.

For the East St. Thomas district, Mrs. Emma Strudwick of Otterville was elected District Deputy President of the Rebekah Assembly.

June 1949

OVER THIRTY YEARS AGO

The Gazette, May 21st, 1914

A baseball association was organized at Otterville with the following officers: Pres. Dr. H. Downing; vice-pres., R.A. Thompson; sec'y-treas, G.

B. Hooker, team manager, Wilson Young; captain, E. Oatman.

Otterville Students Graduate



Joyce Batson

William Slaght

Two Otterville students graduated recently from Canadian universities. Pictured at left is Joyce Adams Batson, eldest daughter of Dr. Harold H. Batson and Dr. Lois Adams Batson of Otterville, who graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She received her early education at the Otterville Public School and the Simcoe and Tillsonburg High Schools. At right is William H. Slaght, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Slaght of Otterville, who graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He received his early education at the Otterville Public and Continuation School and the Norwich High School. He served two years in the R.C.N.V.R. and upon his discharge he resumed his studies at Sir George Williams College in Montreal, and entered McGill University in 1946. (Photos courtesy of Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)

Dedication and Unveiling of the South
Norwich Memorial Swimming Pool
erected in memory of our Boys
who paid the supreme sacrifice
and those who served in
World War II.



Community Park, Otterville
July 1st, 1949

Order of Service

"O CANADA"

O Canada, our home and native land,
True patriot love in all our sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise
The true north strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! O Canada!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Rev. Lyle Crawford

PRAYER..... Rev. Bruce Hisey

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS..... J. K. Wardell

DEDICATION..... T. R. Dent, M. L. A.

ACCEPTANCE..... Reeve Theodore Cooper

HYMN..... "Unto The Hills Around"

Unto the hills around do I lift up
My longing eyes:
O whence for me shall my salvation come,
From whence arise?
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,
From God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.
He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:
Safe shalt thou be.
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close,
Who keepeth thee.
Behold, He sleepeth not, He slumbereth ne'er,
Who keepeth Israel in His holy care.
Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true,
Thy changeless shade;
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand
Himself hath made.
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;
No moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

From every evil shall He keep thy soul,
From every sin:
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,
Thy coming in.
Above thee watching, He whom we adore
Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.

MILITARY CEREMONY AND READING
OF ROLL OF HONOUR..... Lieut.-Col. Norman Wilkins,
of Oxford Rifles

UNVEILING..... by Mrs. Andrew Childs

HYMN..... "O God, our help in ages past"

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

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

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

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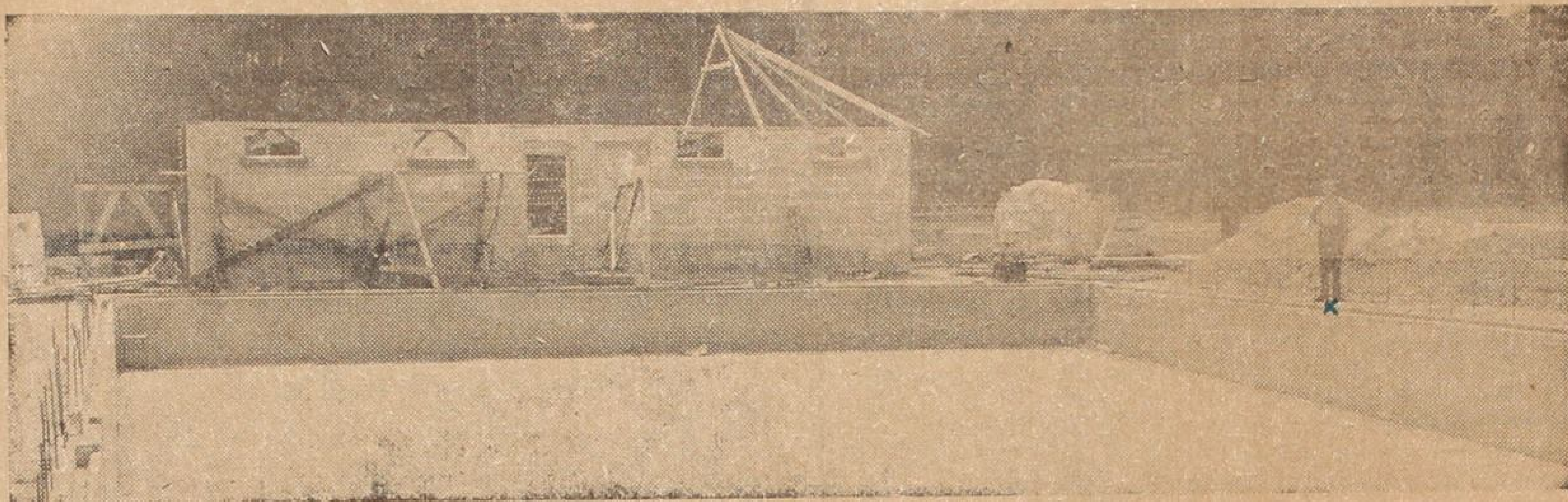
GOD SAVE THE KING.

OTTERVILLE BAND will provide musical accompaniment for
the hymns and other selections.

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MEMORIAL CONSTRUCTED BY
SLAGHT BROTHERS
OTTERVILLE



A swimming pool which will be a memorial to those from South Norwich Township who served in the armed forces during the Second World War is being built in the Community Park at Otterville. A plaque, bearing the names of those to whom the memorial pool is dedicated will be placed on the bathhouse, which is seen here under construc-

tion. Jim Burch, caretaker of the park, is standing on the right beside the new pool. Current plans are for an official opening on July 1st. Water for the pool will be pumped from a spring on the far side of the park. (Woodstock Sentinel-Review photo.)

S. Norwich Dedicates Memorial Swim Pool

By Staff Reporter

OTTERVILLE, July 1 — Citizens gathered under the trees here today to dedicate a new swimming pool to the memory of 13 boys who used to swim in "the ole' mud hole," but who will never swim there again, and 133 others who served with them in World War II.

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Unveiled By Mother

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Look to Future

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And no ordinary river or well water will the folks of South Norwich be swimming in. The pool is supplied with water from a natural spring near by. The stream from the spring was dammed at a cost of about \$1,300, and an inexhaustible reservoir of water was formed.

The pool is regulation size, three to nine and a half feet deep, has excellent washroom facilities and a chlorinating plant. It cost an estimated \$17,000 to \$18,000, as compared with \$40,000 to \$60,000 pools built in other towns recently, said J. K. Wardell, chairman of the war memorial committee.

Plan Wading Pool

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Names of the 13 dead, framed in the centre of the plaque, are: Douglas Addison, Kenneth Childs, Paul Childs, Alex Daiken, Sigford Englund, John Fox, Ralph Kellner, Tony Kellner, Dorion Kerr, Marcel LeSage, Wilfred Obediah, Robert Rice and Vincent Wagner.

The Woodstock boys, age 10 to 14, who gave the swimming demonstration were: Andrew MacKenzie, Wayne Milburn, Olin Tucker, David Thompson, Bill MacKenzie, Bob Murray, Bob Pow, Raymond Allan and Bill Sanders.

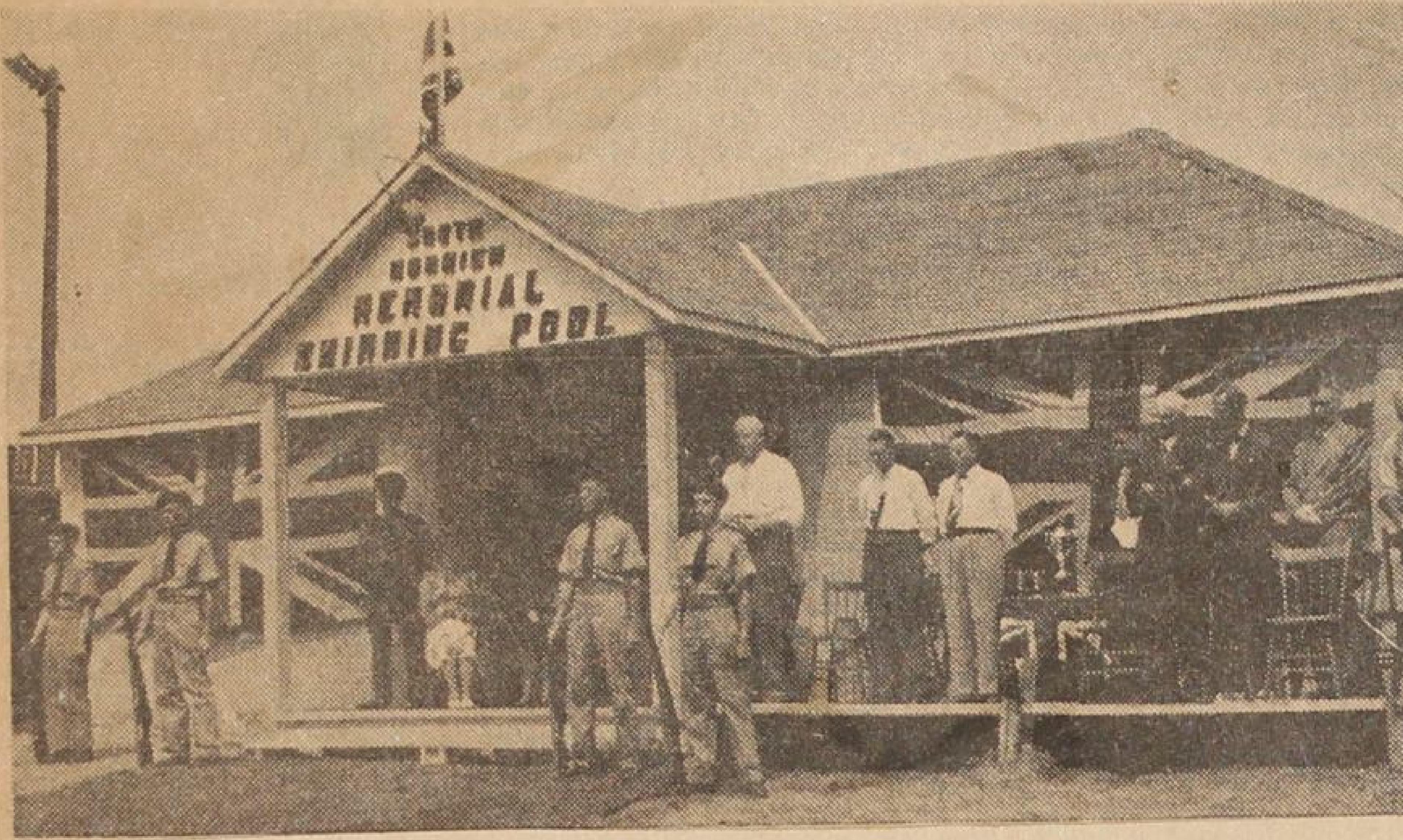
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July 1, 1949

S. Norwich Memorial Pool Opened

LINES ON OTTER PARK

Ho! Otterville takes off its cap
 Broadcasts the news, it's on the map.
 Come one, come all, from far and
 near
 And you will find it pleasant here.
 To those on quiet pleasure bent
 Mid sylvan glades and leafy bowers,
 To hear's content some quiet hours.
 While children swing and romp and
 lark
 Amid the pines of Otter Park.
 The nymphs in true artistic Greek,
 Besport themselves in Otter Creek,
 And when the evening shades pre-
 vail
 The moon takes up the wondrous
 tale
 Of lovers lute and happy chance
 To trip the light fantastic dance.
 Across the creek, along the shore
 In numbers ever more and more
 The pleasure cars are parked along
 With laughter, honks and joyous
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 The welkin rings both loud and
 strong,
 So if you want your pleasures' fill
 Just board your car for Otterville.



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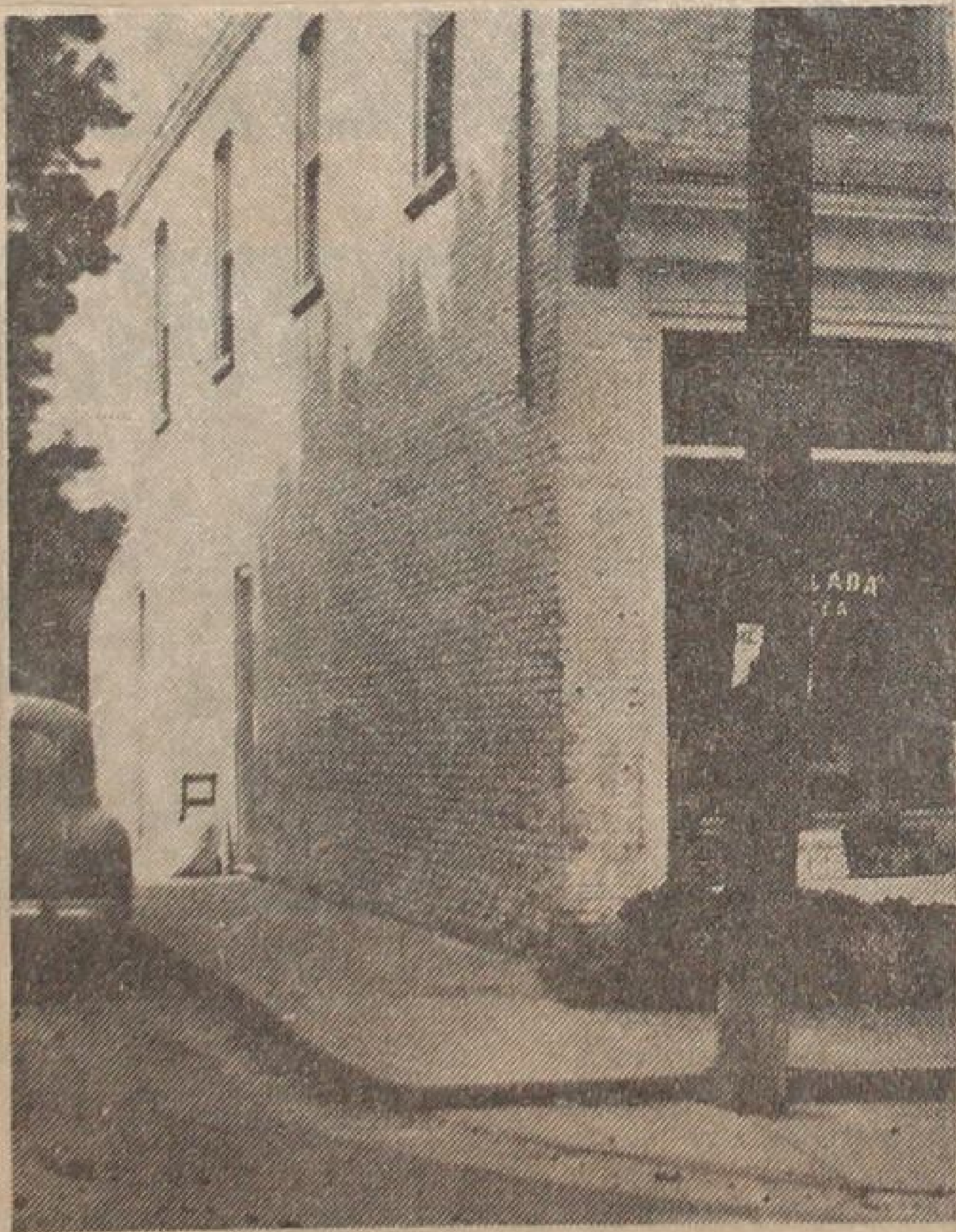
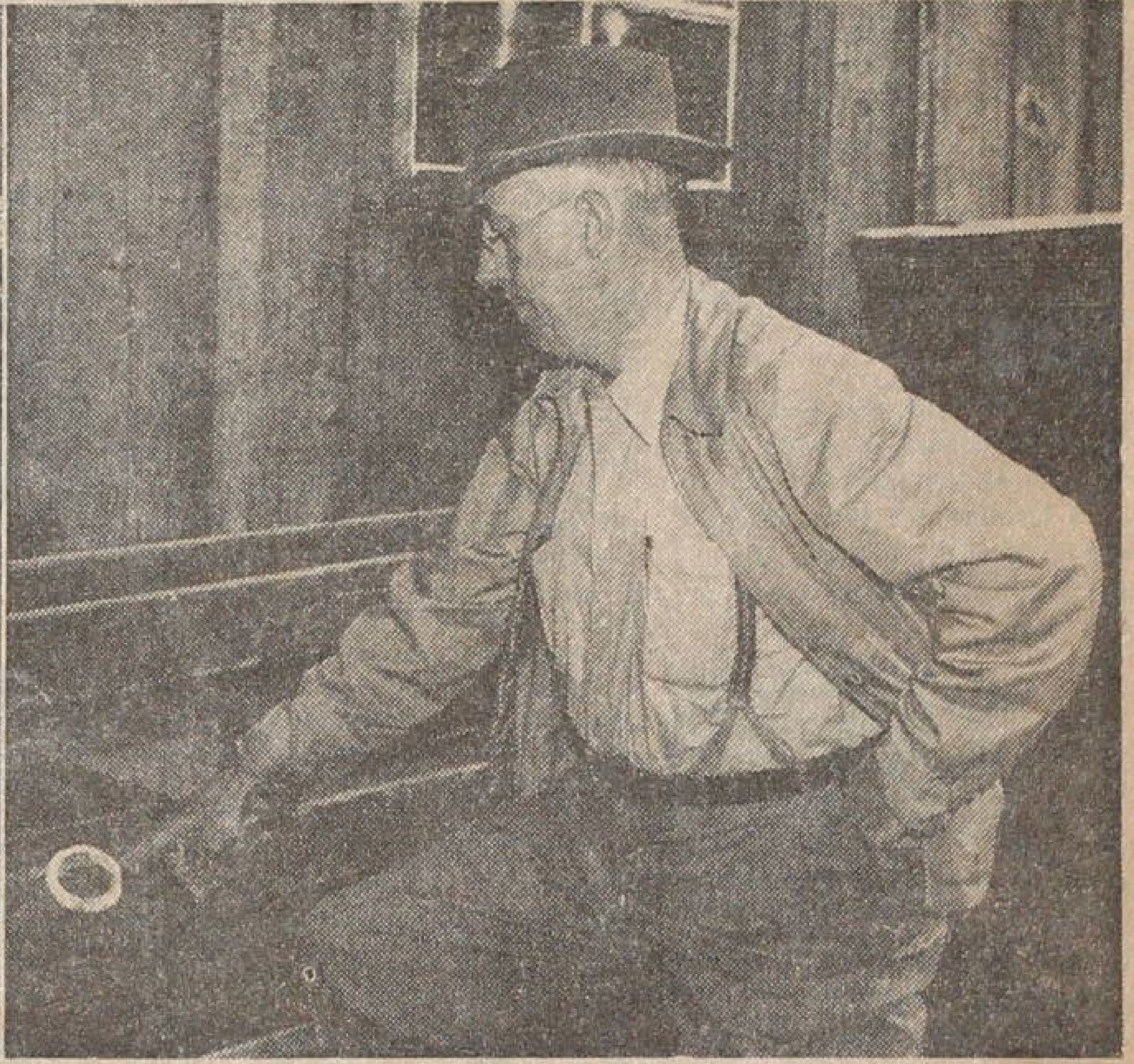
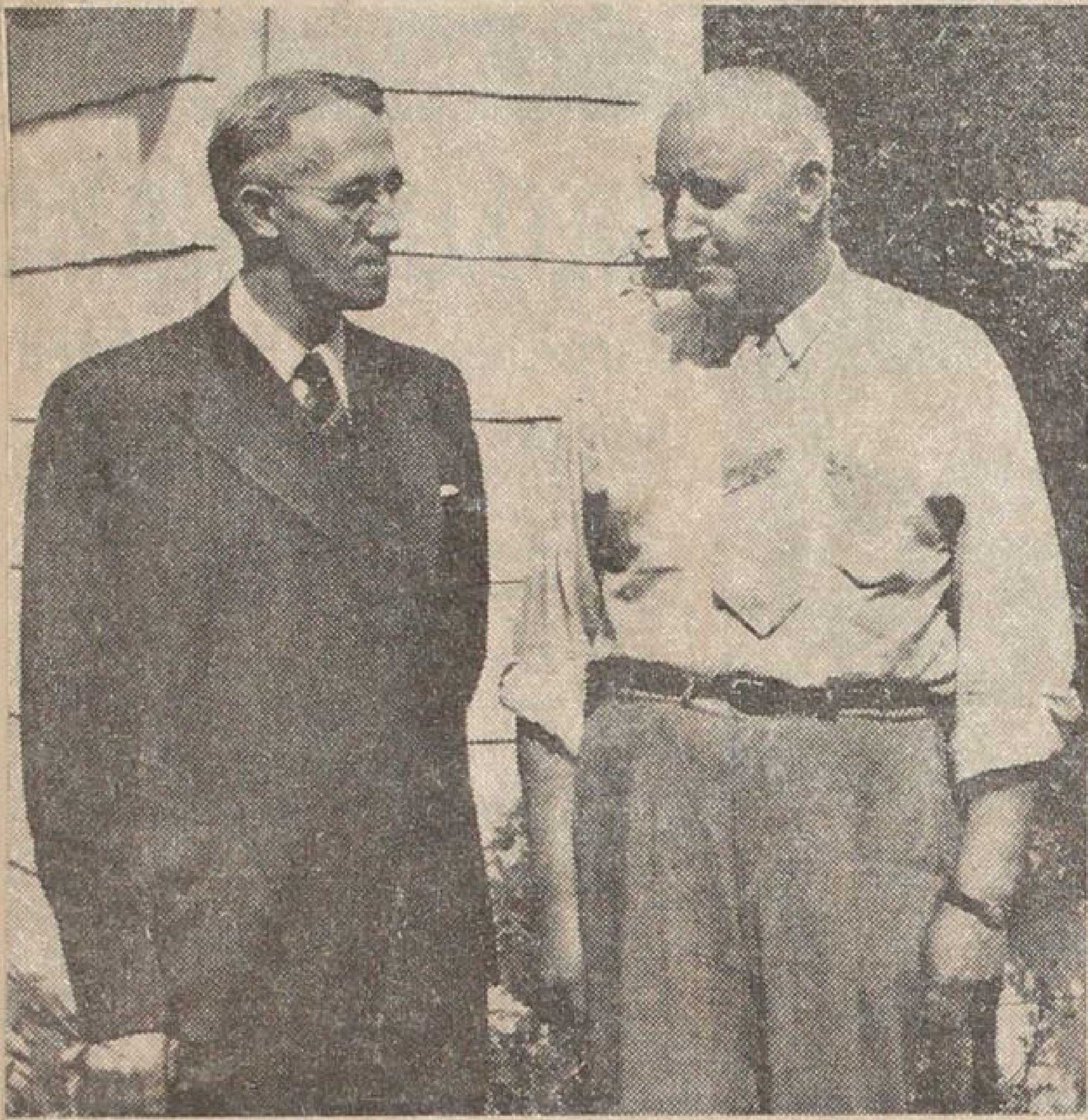
Names of the 13 dead, framed in the centre of the plaque are: Douglas Addison, Kenneth Childs, Paul Childs, Alex Daiken, Sigfurd Englund, John Fox, Ralph Kellner, Tony Kellner, Dorian Kerr, Marcel LeSage, Wilfred Obediah, Robert Rice and Vincent Wagner.

The Woodstock boys, age 10 to 14, who gave the swimming demonstration were: Andrew MacKenzie, Wayne Milburn, Olin Tucker, David Thompson, Bill MacKenzie, Bob Murray, Bob

Robbers Flee

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From Otterville Store Under Fire



As bullets from a policeman's revolver thudded into their speeding automobile, three bandits escaped after looting Ken Wardell's general store at Otterville early yesterday. The trio, riding in a car stolen from Hamilton, eluded a

police dragnet and escaped with about \$100 in merchandise. Police believe they were frightened off during the looting. Left picture shows the general store. Centre photo shows Dr. Harold Batson, left, who heard the shat-

tering of a plate glass window and called police, talking to Mr. Wardell. Right picture shows South Norwich Township Constable Arthur Kilpatrick pointing to where a stray bullet embedded itself in the wreck of a car parked near the scene.

OTTER PARK A LOVELY PICNIC AREA

To those who cannot get away to picnic in the summer places highlighted by modern advertising it may come as welcome information that right in the southern part of Oxford county—at Otterville, to be exact—there is one of the loveliest picnic grounds that could ever be imagined.

In the first place no vehicles are allowed on the grounds for the very good reason that the approach to this little "bit of heaven" is over a picturesque foot bridge spanning the Otter river. At the immediate entrance to the park is a delightful grove of pines which makes for coolness in the hottest weather.

On a rise of ground directly north is a well equipped baseball diamond, complete with bleachers and floodlights—all against an arresting background of stately evergreen and maple trees. Along the river bank, to the south, is a boat house where canoes and boats may be rented. On a knoll above the boat house is an attractive pavilion.

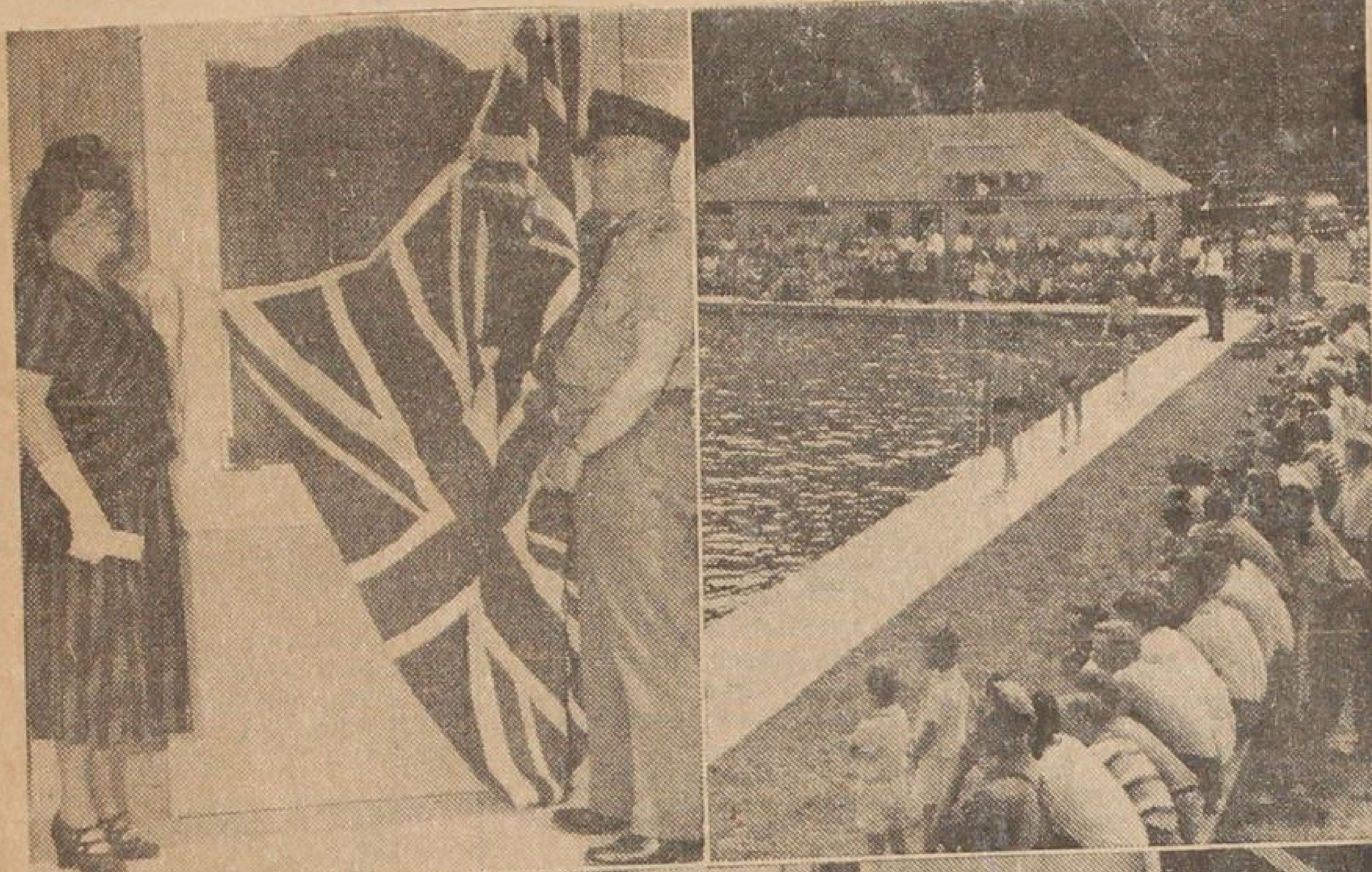
As a crowning attraction to the east of the pavilion, is a brand new up-to-the-minute swimming pool, with life guard in charge. Down in the pine grove there are picnic tables and in the booth there is always a good supply of summer refreshments popular with young and old.

A tireless and efficient caretaker sees that the grounds are well kept and is most courteous to picnic parties seeking information.

All this reflects favorably on the fine community service being given by the Lions clubs of Otterville and Norwich. These men are responsible for the park and its activities. They are carrying on work that was started years and years ago by the late J.R. Johnson, Springford, former warden of Oxford County. It was he who saw the possibilities of this bit of land as a park and, until his death a few years ago, his greatest interest was seeing that this park was made one of the best of its kind.

Mrs. Murray Holmes, Otterville is a daughter of the late Mr. Johnson and in discussing the beauty of the park she said she could well remember when the lovely trees banking the north of the park were tiny seedlings in boxes at her father's home.

Recounting her father's intense interest in improving the park she recalled how happy he had been when the flood lights had been installed. She said he had always wanted a swimming pool, and she was happy to think that part of his dream had come true through the recently opened Memorial Pool.



Residents of South Norwich realized an ambition yesterday when they attended the opening and dedication of their Memorial Swimming Pool. The pool is situated in Otterville Community Park and was erected in memory of those who served in the last war. The top picture was taken during the service which was held at the front of the pool. The photo at centre left shows Mrs. Andrew Childs unveiling the Roll of Honor while Lieut.-Col. Norman Wilkins, of the Oxford Rifles, looks on. A partial view of the pool and the crowd that watched the swimming exhibition is seen at centre right. Some of the war memorial committee are shown in the lower photo talking to Tom R. Dent, M.L.A. for Oxford, who was guest speaker. From left to right they are: Dr. G. M. Downing, J. K. Wardell, Mrs. W. L. Addison, Mr. Dent and R. E. Pettigrew. (Free Press Staff Photos)

Booth Entered

The booth at the Otterville Community park was entered Friday night following a ball game which drew a large crowd. Entrance was gained by ripping off the drop side of the booth facing the ball diamond. At least \$10 worth of cigarettes, chocolate bars and gum were stolen from the concession operated by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, who also operate the park. Township Constable Arthur Kilpatrick of South Norwich is investigating.

The Community Park at Otterville has been a busy place during the past week, and especially during the weekends, when hundreds of persons have gathered to enjoy a picnic supper where there are cool breezes. The Memorial Swimming Pool which was opened on July 1st, has exceeded all expectations, and has proved to be a most popular spot. Extra preparations are being made to accommodate the large crowd expected at the ball game Friday night, July 15th, when the coloured fastball artists will play an all-star team.

July 15

C. W. Ottewell, Passes

Cecil William Ottewell, township clerk of South Norwich, died at his home in Springford early Saturday in his 51st year. He suffered a heart attack about a month ago.

Mr. Ottewell in addition to his duties as township clerk, was also librarian of the Otterville Public Library (a notary public and justice of the peace. He was secretary-treasurer of the South Norwich Township Area School Board. For several years he had been an active member of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club. He was a member of the Springford United Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Elizabeth Slaght and three daughters. They are Mrs. William Mowat (Eleanor) of Springford, Mrs. Richard Neale, (Margaret) of Simcoe and Miss Georgina Ottewell, nurse in training at St. Catherines. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. A. M. Grandy and Mrs. Fred Hillier both of Otterville.

Funeral Services for Cecil Ottewell

Otterville, July 16—Funeral services for Cecil Williams Ottewell, South Norwich township clerk, was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, and were attended by relatives and friends from all walks of life, from many part of Ontario. Rev. W. George Wylie, minister of the Springford United Church, conducted the service and a number of favorite hymns were played by Mrs. Nate McMullen, before and after the service. Scores of beautiful floral tributes filled the room, and these from organizations included baskets, sprays, wreaths from the Springford Friends and Neighbours, the South Norwich, Tecumseh Lodge, I.O. O.F., South Norwich Township School

Area Board, the Municipality of North Norwich, the South Norwich Township employees, Norwich chapter O.E. S., the Springford United Sunday School, the Village of Otterville, the Young Adult Fellowship Group of Springford, the South Norwich Township Park Board, the Association of Clerks, Treasurers, Assessors and collectors of the County of Oxford the Primary Class, Students of St. Catherines General Hospital, the Jones Motors, and many others. These were carried by some of the representatives of the organizations of which Mr. Ottewell has been actively associated, Ronald Cullver, William McMullen, Edward Arthur, Alfred Moore, William Harford and Robert Lee.

Mr. Ottewell was born at Allenford, in Bruce County 50 years ago, the son of the late Rev. Wm. Ottewell and Sarah Ann Johnston, and spent his early life at Caisterville, Otterville, Arkwright, Alma, Springford, Stratford, Barntford, Hamilton, Toronto, Tillsonburg, returning to Springford about 18 years ago and had a host of friends in this community where he has been active in the municipal life of the township, and his place will be hard to fill.

Interment was made in the Springford cemetery, the bearers being Grant Haley, Clarence Stover, Theodore Cooper, Ira Pearce, Kenneth Wardell and Harold Pearce.

William Sinden

William Sinden died at the home of his sister, Mrs. James Johnston early Saturday morning in his 90th year.

Born at Cornell, Mr. Sinden went to Manitoba as a young man and later to California. About 20 years ago he returned from California and had lived with his sister ever since.

He is survived by one brother, Harvey Sinden of Otterville and two sisters, Mrs. John Barnard of Scotland Ont., and Mrs. Johnston.

July

Funeral of Wm. Sinden

Funeral services for William Sinden, who died at the home of his sister Mrs. Jas. Johnston on Saturday, were held at the Addison Funeral Home on Tuesday and were conducted by Rev. L.W. Mino of the Norwich Free Methodist Church assisted by Rev. Mr. Cowherd of Tillsonburg. Among the many lovely floral tributes were those from the Norwich Free Methodist Church and a basket from the Otterville Neighbours. Interment was made in the family plot in the Rosanna Cemetery, and the casket bearers were Cecil Hussey, R. M. Holmes, Wesley Lees, George Lees Charles Mannell and Alfred Moore. They also acted as flower bearers and were assisted by J. K. Wardell.



THE REV. J. C. CALEY, rector of St. Stephens Anglican Church, Gorrie, has been chosen by Melvin Jones, founder of Lions' International, to open with invocation July 19, session of the International Convention at the Chicago Stadium. Mr. Caley has served for a term as deputy district governor of Zone 16 District A.1. Lion's International. He has been rector at Gorrie, Fordwich, and Wroxeter, for almost five years.

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OTTERVILLE

Sunday School Picnic

The St. John's Sunday school picnic was held at Rest Acres recently and swimming was enjoyed by young and old throughout the afternoon. Games were played after supper. Winners of the races were as follows: Two years old, M. Howse, B. Wavell, Kenney Williams; three years old, Tony DeMeester, David Walters; four years old, Murray Walters; five years old, Norma DeMeester, Dianna Wavell, Percy Walters; six and seven years old, Judith Rachar, Barbara Briggs, Billy Walters; balloon blowing race, five, six and seven years old, Doreen Howse, Barbara Briggs, Judith Rachar; balloon blowing race for all eight to 16 years of age, Marie DeVoogdt, Catharine McMullen, Arlene Godby; dropping clothespins in bottle, Dianne Wavell; grandfathers' and grandmothers' race, Mrs. Wavell, Mr. Wavell.

July 15

Fastball Artists

A Negro team of Fastball artists, the Detroit Sportsmen, gave a fine exhibition of fastball in the Community Park at Otterville Friday evening. Playing against the Otterville team, who were assisted by pitcher Fibber McGee of Stratford, with Carter catching, the visitors easily won the game with a ten to one score. It was a good clean game, and hundreds of fans enjoyed the game. After the fifth innings, the Negro team entertained the crowd with a shadow ball game, also slow motion shadow ball. The catcher, Red Scruggs, played the last four innings of the game, seated in a rocking chair, rocking vigorously between pitches, rarely missing a ball. Pitcher E. Hall, of Detroit had eleven strikeouts and gave one walk, while McGee and Pasinek for the local team had ten strikeouts and gave five walks. The game was arranged by the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club with Geo. Davis manager of the ball games.

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Lineup:
Sportsmen—Williams c.f., Mack 1b, Scruggs c, Davidson lf, B. Hall ss, Stanford 2b, Brooks cf, Crooks 3b, E. Hall p.

Otterville—Hudson rf, J. Betts 3b, H. Kozuch ss, R. Rachar 1b, Carter c, Furlong 2b, C. Rachar cf, A. Rachar lf, McGee p, Pasinek p
Umpires—Pennington and Johnston.

Thursday, July 7, 1949

All-White Wedding In Otterville Church

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—An all-white wedding took place in Otterville United Church on Saturday when Mary Alice Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Norwich, became the bride of Donald Fletcher McKee, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McKee of Springford. The double-ring ceremony, in a setting of roses and delphiniums arranged with ferns, was performed by Rev. George Wylie.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was gowned in white slipper satin, fashioned with nylon yoke and fitted bodice. The full length skirt extended in a train. Tiny bouquets of lily of the valley caught up the front of the skirt to reveal Swiss lace ruffles on the petticoat. Her embroidered veil was caught with a headdress of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of white gardenias and stephanotis. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, the gift of the groom.

The maid of honor, Miss Herma McKee, sister of the groom, was gowned in nylon marquisette with fitted bodice and a French lace peplum over the full skirt. Her headdress was of stephanotis and she carried pink gardenias and stephanotis.

Bridesmaids were Miss Elsie Galbraith and Miss Marguerite Cockburn of Delhi. They were gowned in nylon marquisette with matching headdresses of stephanotis and carried bouquets of blue gardenias and stephanotis. The winsome flower girl, Beverley McCurdy, cousin of the bride, wore taffeta and carried multicolored sweet peas.

William Stroud of Springford was best man and the ushers were Jack Medd of Brantford and Wilfred Pollard of Delhi. Douglas Galbraith of Delhi sang "Because" and "Through the Years," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. James Cunningham, also of Delhi.

The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sommers in Tillsonburg. The bride's mother received in a gray dress with white accessories and wore a corsage of salmon pink roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother who wore a rose dress with black accessories and a corsage of salmon pink roses.

For the wedding trip to Washington, D.C., the bride wore a powder blue sharkskin suit with white accessories. Upon their return the couple will reside at 50 Poplar St., Simcoe. The groom is a chartered accountant with the firm of Millard, Rouse and Roseburgh.

Bride-Elect Honored

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Miss Muriel Barrett, who is being married in Brantford on July 16th, was honored at several events before she left Otterville where she has taught school for the past four years.

Last Monday evening the teachers of South Norwich Township met at the home of Mrs. Paul Fish for supper. During the evening Mrs. Fish presented the bride-elect with an umbrella on which were attached clues as to the various hiding places in the house where gifts were located. The remainder of the evening was spent in making a bride's book.

After school last Tuesday the Otterville lady teachers were guests of Mrs. A. DeWatcher at her home.

Last Wednesday morning after the pupils gathered at the Otterville Public School, an address was read by Carolyn Davis and three of the children from Miss Scidmore's room presented Miss Barrett with a pair of boudoir lamps and a cup and saucer from the senior pupils. A casserole was also given her by Marilyn Gehring and Carol Broad.

On Wednesday afternoon a group of Miss Barrett's friends were entertained at the home of Miss Dorothy Edmonds of Simcoe, a former Otterville teacher. During the afternoon a contest was enjoyed after which the 17 guests formed a rhythm band to lead the guest of honor to the sun porch where streamers poured out from a teakettle revealing the hidden places of numerous red and white gifts for the kitchen. A delicious buffet supper was served by Miss Edmonds and her sister, Mrs. McKnight.



Mann - Barrett

BRANTFORD — In Central Presbyterian Church, Muriel Victoria Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Barrett, of Brantford, became the bride of Ivor Charles Mann, son of C. T. Mann, of Otterville, and the late Mrs. Mann. Rev. G. Deane Johnston officiated, assisted by Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, of Otterville. Joseph B. Blow played the wedding music and Miss Dorothea Edmonds, of Simcoe, sang.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was gowned in white satin with fitted bodice and full side peplums, and an embroidered finger-tip veil. She carried a white prayer book and her flowers were gardenias and stephanotis.

Miss Mildred Barrett, her sister's only attendant, was wearing deep rose taffeta with white mohair picture hat and carried a nosegay of Joanna Hill roses, centred with a gardenia.

Robert Mann, of London, was best man for his brother and ushers were Kenneth Mann and Carl Howse, of Otterville.

After a reception at the Y.W.C.A., the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay area, the bride wearing a turquoise flowered mesh dress with black mohair picture hat and corsage of Rubrum lilies. They will live in Tillsonburg.

Honor Couple

A miscellaneous shower was held in the St. John's Parish Hall on Friday evening in honor of the recent marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Mann (nee Muriel Barrett). The evening was spent in playing cards and prior to the gifts being opened a mock wedding took place in which the following took part: Bride, Nate McMullen; groom, Catharine McMullen; bridesmaid, Carl Howse; best man, Mrs. Carl Howse; bride's father, Max Avey; minister, Edward Arthur; organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen. After the mock wedding the gifts were opened and Mr. and Mrs. Mann thanked their many friends for the lovely gifts. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Miscellaneous Shower

A miscellaneous shower in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Avey, Otterville, was held in the pavillion of the Community Park, and was attended by about 100 of their friends. The bride and groom received many lovely gifts for which they both thanked their friends, also thanking Mrs. Clifford Rachar, Mrs. J. K. Wardell, Mrs. Derwood Spicer and others who assisted in arranging the shower for them. During the evening there was a mock wedding which created entertainment, the principles were Murray Wardell as Bride, Barbara Morrison as groom, Nate McMullen as bridesmaid, Mrs. Carl Howse as best man, and Mrs. Derwood Spicer as the bride's father. Ken Wardell acted as parson, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. W. Butler. All were appropriately attired for the occasion, and the bouquets were of weeds. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing, and the ladies served lunch.

Among the couples who chose July as the month for their weddings are the four shown above. (1) Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Mann are pictured after their marriage in Central Presbyterian Church. Formerly Miss Muriel Victoria Barrett, the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Barrett, 99 Chestnut Avenue and her husband is the son of Mr. Charles Mann, Otterville, and the late Mrs. Mann.

Awarded Scholarship—

It will be of interest to his many friends in Norwich and Otterville that the Rev. Clarkson Smith, Zion Evangelical church, Wallace Township, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Interdenominational School for Rural Leaders at Evanston, Illinois in August. Garrett Bible Institute offers scholarships to ministers of various denominations, engaged in town and country work. Eight of these were assisted to ministers of Evangelical Brethren Church. Rev. Mr. Smith, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Otterville, is a graduate of the Otterville Continuation School and the Norwich High School. The Evangelical church is soon to enter the United Church of Canada.

"MILLDALE"

The Miller smiled and doffed his cap
I earn my bread quoth he.
I love my wife, I love my friends
I love my children three.
I owe no pennny I cannot pay
I thank the river Dee,
That turns the mill and grinds the
grain
To feed my babes and me.

—Chas S. Kingsley

The old Mill Road which was built as a spur off the main road between Norwich and Otterville gave this once beautiful and flourishing little hamlet its name of Milldale. Turning into it as you leave the main highway from Otterville you are suddenly transferred to a leafy bower with the noise of traffic only a memory.

You come to the old historic Thos. Wright home of "Wood-Lawn" (this is fifty years ago) and in memory I see the wide gate-way with a beautiful maple at each gatepost and the eight sided cottage framed in a bower of trees. At the foot of the hill is a wonderful spring and here we cross our first Mill dam and come to the first Mill which was then operated by Frederick Watkins. He did a lot of things in that one little mill—custom sawing, cooperage, (there were piles of lumber and barrels and kegs flanking oth sides of the road). He was also an experienced well driller. But what his best job (in my childhood dreams) was when the loads of rosy apples started to go by and my father would say, "well, Freddy has started up his cider mill". So we children ran "pell-mell" from every direction to sample the cider from his shiny tin dipper, most of all we liked the "sweet cider" made from the old Tallman Sweets. In the winter the pond above his mill was the scene of great activity for a large gang of men were busy cutting ice and teams with merry sleigh bells streamed by taking out loads of good spring-water ice, (clear as crystal), to Otterville and Norwich.

The road leads over another little rise of hill and down in another "dale" we come to the Old Red Mill—it was really something in my childhood memory. First it seemed to loom so tall and then it was all painted a nice dark red and at its friendly entrance stood the good dusty Miller, Duncan McNaughton, with a ready smile for all comers—even children like my sister and I who had come along with our dad) to see the grist ground and get the thrill of climbing every flight of stairs till we reached the top and could see over a vast countryside, with the mill-stream winding through, the cowbells tinkling as the cows grazed in the deep sweet grass along its banks or stood knee deep in the water, whisking the flies away. Then down the stairs again we ran to the ground floor, where we gave each other rides on the "bag carrier". No ride in car, train or ship (I have never tried a plane ride) can compare to the thrill of being rushed 'helter-skelter' on that bag carrier over the little tracks where the grist car travelled and then let down with a sudden bump, which meant that it was my turn to push the

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cart. And so we leave the Old Red Mill and travel on beside the pond's edge till we come to the foot of our last hill below the farm of Edwin McMullen. Here are two wonderful springs with his springhouse on the right and to the left a spring which fed into the Otter Creek and was a veritable paradise of flowers, water cress, bees and birds. Often after school we came here to make water cress sandwiches on a hoarded two slices of bread and to fish or catch frogs to take home for a tasty supper of fried fish and frogs legs. This pond too yielded a splendid crop of ice in winter, being fed by springs and very clear and deep. We could paddle or swim in the creek below, but the pond was taboo only for boating to us.

At the top of this hill set back of a bower of liliac bushes was the friendly McMullen home. Once a prosperous dairy and poultry farm it was one of the first to convert to tobacco growing—just around the corner was the cottage of Ephriam C. Stover, who grew the tallest corn and the largest squash and 'punkins' in that district. I know for I had to get down on my knees and weed them as he wielded the hoe—early and late.

"Haply some hoary headed swain will say
Oft have we seen him at the break
of dawn
Brushing with eager steps the dews
away
To meet the sun upon the upland
lawn".

—Thos. Gray

This is then the end of the old Mill road and at this corner stood the "Friends Church", which was a large plain, white frame building with an uncovered verandah facing towards the Norwich, Otterville main road. This church I find (see age 6 of the book by Llewellys F. Barker, called "Time and the Physician") was given by his grandfather, William Potter Barker to the "Friend's Society" in 1877 and his son James Frederick Barker was the first minister. There was a large rambling church shed to house all the teams and family phaetons and the Quakers (as some called this sect.) brought all their family to the House of God. Llewellys Barker, who was a son of this James Barker later was to make history in the medical world and as head of the Department of Medicine at John Hopkins University, Baltimore Physician-in-chief to the John Hopkins Hospital. His son Dr. William Halsey Barker succeeded him as Assistant Dean of Medicine—his death occurring last March 27th. Dr. Llewellys Barker attended the humble Milldale Public School. I too attended

that school but many years later. However his ancestors and my own, with many other pioneers of Milldale, rest in the quiet little Milldale cemetery and who shall say which played the greater part—The humble tillers of the soil, the Millers in their chosen work of feeding the people or the world renowned physician who studied in many lands until he attained the most honored Medical position in America. Last year when the Highway No. 59 was being built, this section of the road was made wider and the old cemetery fence was torn down and a new one erected. By collaboration with A.E. Moore, (a new member on the cemetery board) it was decided to build a Memorial Gateway to the Milldale Cemetery. This was no new work to him as he had erected many such and also War Memorials for two World Wars.

In this gateway are two marble plaques, the one on the left was placed there by A.E. Moore and is inscribed "Erected by Alfred E. Moore for the Pioneers of Milldale, 1948", on the right of the gateway another plaque bears this inscription, "In honour of Wm. Barker and family, donors of the friends church and cemetery", also to our dear parents, Ephriam C. Stover and Annie Gowan by their seven daughters". This plaque was placed by George McVittie Jr., youngest grandson of E.C. Stover, who assisted Mr. Moore in erecting the gateway.

Well do I remember this old Quaker Church in my childhood days. We had as our minister, then, Henry Sutton, (his two daughters Ethel and Bessie Sutton attended Milldale school with me). I remember him as a small man with dynamic speech, but mostly I recall his love of singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name". The church walls resounded to the excellent bass voice of Wendelen King and his daughter Annie's splendid alto voice. Most of all I love to dwell on my Sunday School teacher, Marianna Treffrey, whose bright smile and understanding teaching helped me over many of the problems I met in after life. At the Milldale School, Walter

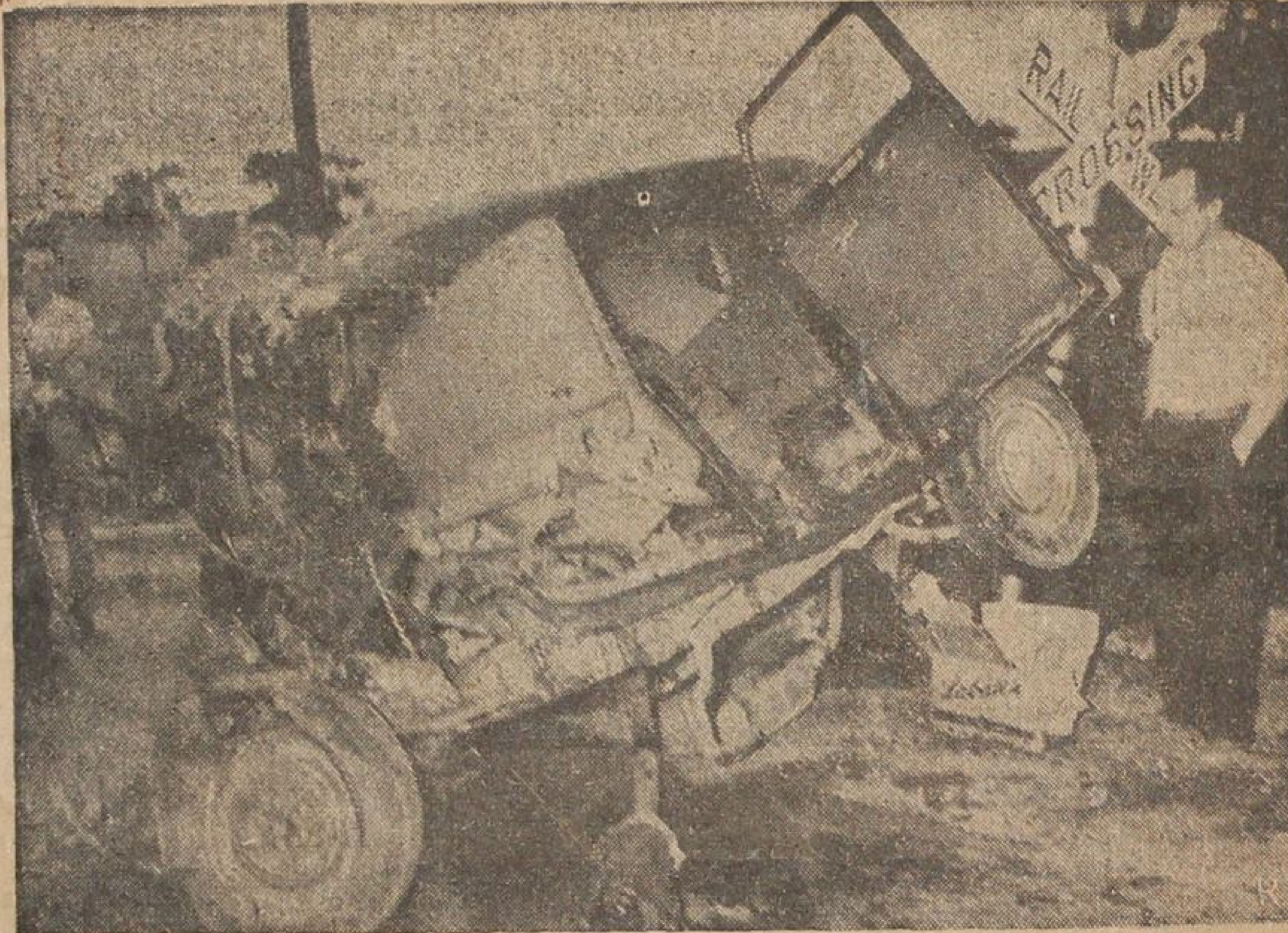
Campbell was my favorite early teacher and E. Ethel Mauthe of Norwich gave me most valuable help in the higher grade work of my last school years with her.

And now fifty years later little remains of the Milldale of olden days. The Mill Dams are gone, the Mills and the houses where the millers lived are torn down as is also the historic Friends Church and its long roomy church shed. Even the road is closed where the mill dams were and it is symbolic of their life, long, happy, friendship, that these pioneers rest in the peaceful Milldale cemetery within speaking distance of each other, while just beyond the highway traffic rushes on.

Contributed by Mrs. G. E. McVittie

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Otterville Farmer Killed In Crash



Julius Kondas, 47-year-old Otterville tobacco grower, was instantly killed on Monday evening when the car he was driving was struck by the locomotive of an eastbound New York Central freight train, at the No. 59 Highway level crossing near Delhi. Eye-witnesses said that parts of the wreckage flew in all directions, and the right cylinder of the locomotive was torn off. The above photo shows the wreckage of the car. Delhi News-Record photo. (Courtesy of London Free Press.) AUG

Mrs. Bridget Merritt

OTTERVILLE, August 12—Requiem mass for Mrs. Bridget Merritt, 92, will be sung Saturday morning in the Church of Our Lady, LaSalette, and interment will be made in LaSalette Cemetery.

Mrs. Merritt was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to Canada when 22 years old.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Ellen Strode, in Florida; and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Highland Park, Michigan.

YOUNG—HAWES

Mrs. Katharine Hawes and Frank Young, of Port Stanley, were united in marriage at a quiet, but lovely ceremony, Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 7, by Rev. A. E. Lloyd, at the residence of the latter in St. Thomas. The bride wore a grey crepe afternoon dress, with wine accessories. The couple were attended by the bride's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hetherington. The bride's three daughters, Mrs. Reg Young, Mrs. D. T. Hetherington, St. Thomas, and Mrs. J. F. McCarthy, Detroit, entertained at a small dinner in the Trophy Room at the Talbot Hotel in the evening. Mrs. Hetherington had a reception in her home on Myrtle street for the wedding party. The couple left for a 10 day trip to Stokes Bay.

All Happy When Lodger Skips

Skunk Visits Otterville, Takes Bed For Night

OTTERVILLE, Sept. 4—Heedless of the fact he was as welcome as a tax collector, the lodger who pranced into the home of Mrs. William H. Law here and commandeered a room, has vacated the premises without paying his lodging. The entire household isn't the least bit concerned however over the loss.

While the lodger was in the house, he ruled with an iron hand and everybody tip-toed silently past the bedroom in which he was sleeping, fearful of disturbing his 40 winks.

The unwelcome guest was a white-striped kitten—commonly known as a skunk. It calmly walked into a second storey bed-

room, neglecting to ask the price of the room or whether it was vacant. At or about the same time, every member of the household adjourned to remote sections of the house, rather than gamble on chances of disturbing the peace.

Sauntering past Mrs. Law in a most nonchalant manner, the kitten completely ignored her "cold shoulder" and calmly walked into the bedroom. A few seconds later, it pulled a cover from the bed and rolled it neatly into a bundle, curled up and went to sleep.

Terrified at what might happen and somewhat nettled at the lack of etiquette, Mrs. Law immediately notified Township

Constable Arthur Kilpatrick, who in turn had a number of suggestions to offer regarding eviction proceedings.

One of the suggestions was the use of cyanide, but it, with a number of others, was rejected on the grounds it wouldn't be helpful to other members of the household.

Neighbors advanced some ideas on the matter but these, like the others, were considered too hazardous.

If the lodger was the least bit perturbed over the commotion it was causing, it didn't show it.

While plans ranging from homicide to temptation were being formulated, it slept peacefully in its quarters.

Hoping the kitten would leave the same way it entered, Mrs. Law opened the door to the bedroom but the best the skunk would do was throw her a most disparaging look.

While Mrs. Law worked outside as the day wore on, the kitten woke up and walked to the top of the landing. Once she looked up to find it peering down at her and before she could gather her wits, it seemed to toss her a coy wink; then glided back into the room before anything could be done.

The family retired and early next morning, the animal walked out the open door, down the steps and out into the dawn. He didn't leave a scent.

Sept 17/49

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis of Otterville announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Jean, to Mr. Leonard Clare Neale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Neale of Tillsonburg. The marriage will take place on Saturday, September 17th, at the home of the bride, in Otterville.

Bride-Elect Honored

Miss Patricia Davis of Otterville was the guest of honor at a delightfully arranged linen shower at the home of Mrs. William Butler last week, when 30 of her friends gathered for the evening. Several interesting contests were conducted by Mrs. Carl Howse, and the prizes were won by Miss Joyce Batson and Miss Frances Childs. Each of the guests signed the bride's book, and a prettily decorated basket of gifts was carried into the living room by Elaine Butler and Carolyn Davis. The bride-elect thanked her friends and invited them to come to her future home in Tillsonburg. The hostess was assisted by Miss Leona Swartz, Mrs. Clayton Rachar, and Mrs. Joseph Ash in serving a dainty lunch.

Trousseau Tea Held For Patricia Davis

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mrs. George H. Davis of Otterville entertained last week at a trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Patricia Jean Davis, whose marriage to Leonard Clare Neale of Tillsonburg will take place on Saturday, September 17th.

Miss Elaine Butler was the door attendant. The guests were received by Mrs. Davis and the bride-elect, assisted by the groom's mother, Mrs. Burt Neale, of Tillsonburg. The trousseau and gifts were shown by Miss Dorothy Davis, Mrs. William Butler and Miss June Treffry. Mrs. Wilfred Albright had charge of the register. The guests were shown to the dining room by Mrs. Wilfrid Addison. Tea was poured by Mrs. William Steinhoff, and the assistants were Misses Carolyn Davis, Janet Leitch, Leona Swartz, Mrs. Clifford Rachar, and Mrs. C. E. Harrison.

The dining room table was attractive with snapdragons and asters in pastel shades, and pink tapers in crystal holders. Baskets of autumn flowers were used to decorate the living rooms. Guests were present from Woodstock, Tillsonburg, Burlington, Hamilton, Toronto, Springford, and Otterville.

Neale-Davis Rites At Otterville Home

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The home of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday when their eldest daughter, Patricia Joan, was united in marriage to Leonard Clare Neale, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Neale of Tillsonburg. Rev. W. G. Wylie performed the ceremony before a setting of white asters, gladioli and chrysanthemums, and white tapers.

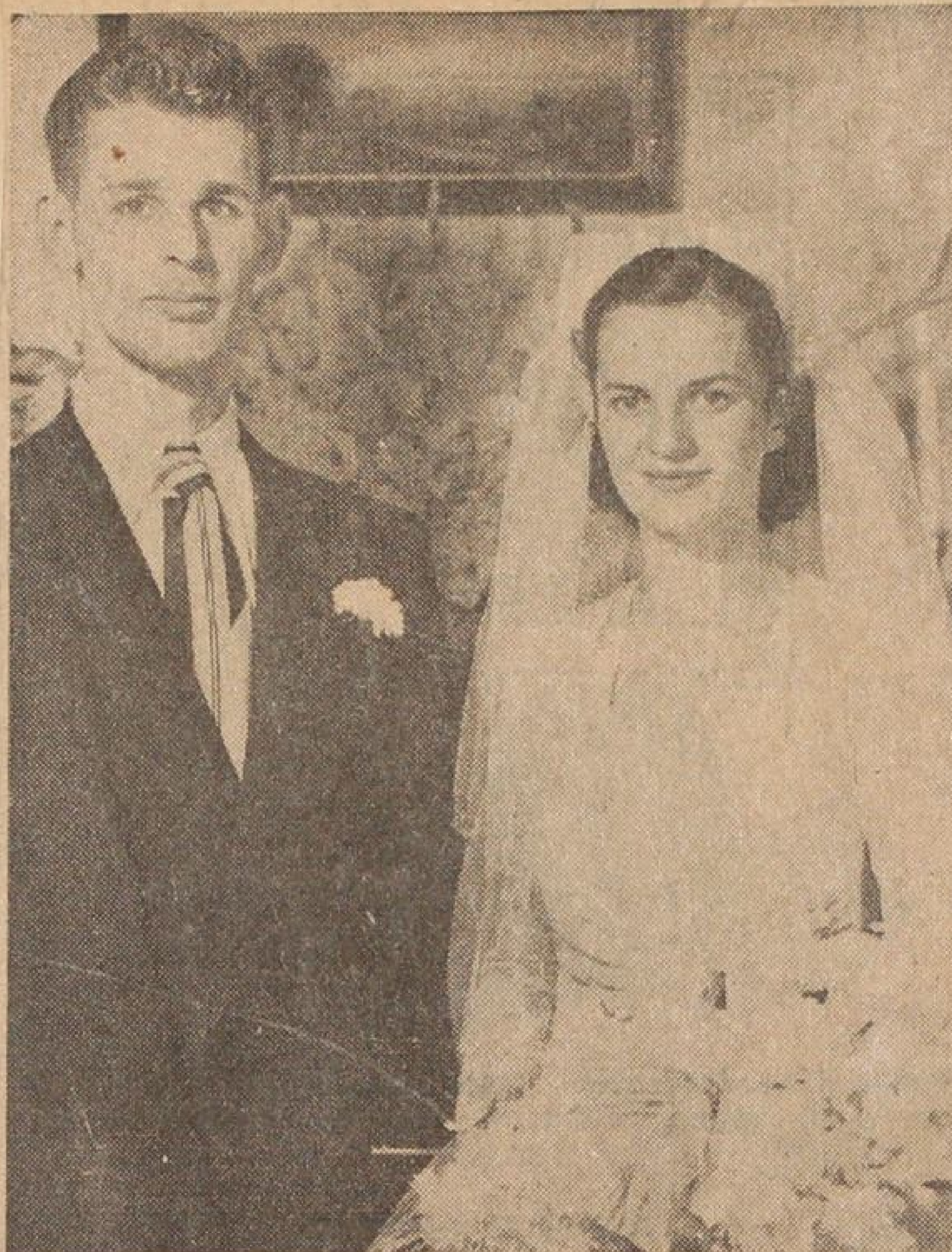
Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a gown of white Italian lace, fashioned with long fitted basque, sweetheart neckline and full gathered skirt over white taffeta. The sleeves extended into lily points, and she carried a shower bouquet of all white gladioli and baby chrysanthemums. Her veil of embroidered net had a slight train, and white flowers outlined the Dutch style cap.

The bride's sister, Miss Dorothy Davis, was maid of honor and her gown was of sky blue brocade with net overskirt and short sleeves, and she carried a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. The bridesmaid was the bride's youngest sister, Miss Carolyn Davis, wearing pink net gown trimmed with blue ruffles and carrying a bouquet of pink chrysanthemums. Both attendants wore matching headdresses.

Blake Coyle of Tillsonburg was the best man, and the wedding music was played by Miss Elinore Leitch of Otterville. During the ceremony, Mrs. Wilfred Albright of Tillsonburg sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "Because."

At the reception which followed, the bride's mother wore a gown of black crepe with lace yoke and a corsage of pale pink chrysanthemums, and the groom's mother wore a dark gray silk faille gown and a corsage of pink chrysanthemums. Forty guests were present from Tillsonburg, Burlington, Hamilton, Norwich, Simcoe, and Otterville, and the wedding luncheon was served by Mrs. Kirby Kerr, Miss Junne Treffry, Miss Leona Swartz, and Miss Joyce Elliott.

Later, the bride and groom left for Ottawa, where they will spend their honeymoon at the Chateau Laurier. For travelling the bride wore navy chiffon, with matching hat, shoes, and accessories, and a flamingo topcoat. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Neale will reside on North Broadway St., Tillsonburg.



Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis, Otterville, were Leonard Clare Neale and Patricia Jean Davis, above. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Neale of Tillsonburg. The couple will live in Tillsonburg on returning from a trip to Ottawa. Photo by W. Bruce Polden, Norwich.

Otterville Couple Mark Anniversary

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ash were pleasantly surprised at their home on Tuesday evening when a number of their friends gathered to honor them on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent in playing progressive euchre.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Allison of Mount Clemens, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Zeigler of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gray of Delhi, Mrs. James McMullen of Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCready of Burgessville, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Pleasant Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ash of Otterville, and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Chambers of Milldale.

Mrs. Ash is the former Daisy McMullen of Delhi. Mr. and Mrs. Ash were married in Simcoe by Rev. H. C. Newcombe, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Many lovely gifts were presented to the couple on the occasion of their silver anniversary. Sept 13/49

Former Tillsonburg Man Dies In West

The death of John Richard Tomblin of Kamloops, B.C., occurred on Friday, September 30th. He was a former resident of Tillsonburg and Otterville, and moved to Kamloops about 25 years ago.

Surviving to mourn their loss are his wife, the former Grace Middleton, one son, Raymond, and one granddaughter, all of Kamloops; also five sisters and one brother, Mrs. Otto Winegardner of Norwich, Mrs. Rose Kecher of California, Mrs. Steve Church of Detroit, Mrs. Merritt Johnson of London, George Tomblin of Brantford, Mrs. George Quible of Cresswell. Two uncles, Joseph Dair and Thomas Dair, reside in Tillsonburg.

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Pretty Autumn Bridal At La Salette Church

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—A lovely autumn wedding was solemnized at the Church of Our Lady, La Salette, last Thursday morning at 10 o'clock when Margaret June, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hooker of Otterville, was united in marriage to Charles William Alward, the only son of Mrs. Achielle Boom of Delhi. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Fr. Veitenheimer.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of ivory satin, with a net yoke and bodice, and sleeves of lace. The skirt had lace insertions and a bustle back which fell into a long train. Her long veil of embroidered silk net was caught to a head-dress of orange blossoms, and she carried a cascade bouquet of red roses and white carnations. She wore the gift of the groom, a diamond-set wrist watch.

Miss Joan Brown of Otterville was the maid of honor, and the groom's sister, Miss Darlene Boom of Delhi, was the bridesmaid. They wore identically-designed gowns of embroidered Swiss organdy, with full net flounces. Their fingertip veils were caught to natural floral headdresses, matching their bouquets. Miss Brown wore a sky-blue gown and carried a cascade bouquet of pink carnations and roses, and Miss Boom wore a pink gown and carried pink roses and baby blue chrysanthemums.

The bride's sister, Miss Dolores Hooker, was the junior bridesmaid, wearing a green organdy gown with a hooped skirt. Her shoulder-length veil was caught to a floral headdress which matched her bouquet of yellow roses and chrysanthemums. Rosemary Utter of Kelvin, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl. She wore a yellow organdy gown with a hooped skirt and a matching open-crown bonnet, and carried a nosegay of yellow chrysanthemums and roses with blue streamers. Each of the attendants wore mitts matching their gowns. Charles VanParys, cousin of the groom, was the ringbearer and carried the rings on a satin cushion.

The best man was Wilfred Denys of Tillsonburg and the ushers were Richard VanParys of Lynedoch and Robert VanParys of Otterville.

The wedding music was played by Cecelia Saclens of Delhi and the soloist was Mrs. Glen Cracknell of Delhi, who sang "Ave Maria."

Wed At La Salette



Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Alward, who were married recently at the Church of Our Lady, La Salette. The bride is the former Margaret June Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hooker of Otterville, and the groom is the only son of Mrs. Achielle Boom of Delhi. The couple will reside in Delhi following a honeymoon trip to the United States.—Photo by Leonard Studio, Simcoe. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

A reception was held at the Belgian Club, Delhi, following the ceremony. The wedding breakfast, and later the wedding dinner was served to 125 guests. The bride's mother received, wearing a brown crepe and lace dress with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. She was assisted by the groom's mother, attired in a green taffeta gown with matching accessories and a corsage of Talisman roses. The bride's table was centred with a four-tier wedding cake. Bouquets of roses and chrysanthemums were used for floral decorations.

An evening reception was attended by about 500 friends from Otterville, Delhi, Chatham, Detroit, Toronto, Woodstock, Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Norwich, Kelvin, Langton, Simcoe and other centres.

For a honeymoon trip to the United States the bride chose a Bergundy gabardine suit, matching shoes and accessories, a gray hat and gray gabardine topcoat. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Alward will reside in Delhi.

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Sarah Segner

OTTERVILLE, Oct. 10 — Sarah Segner, a resident of the Otterville district all her life, died at her home on Dover street early Sunday morning. Miss Segner who was in her 77th year, has been in poor health for the past few years.

Before coming to Otterville, more than 30 years ago, she resided with her parents, the late John Segner and Sarah Garvey, on the 7th concession of South Norwich Township.

After coming to Otterville, she and her sister worked at dress-making.

She is survived by two sisters who resided with her, Mary Segner and Mrs. Margaret Kirwin, and one brother, John Segner, on the homestead.

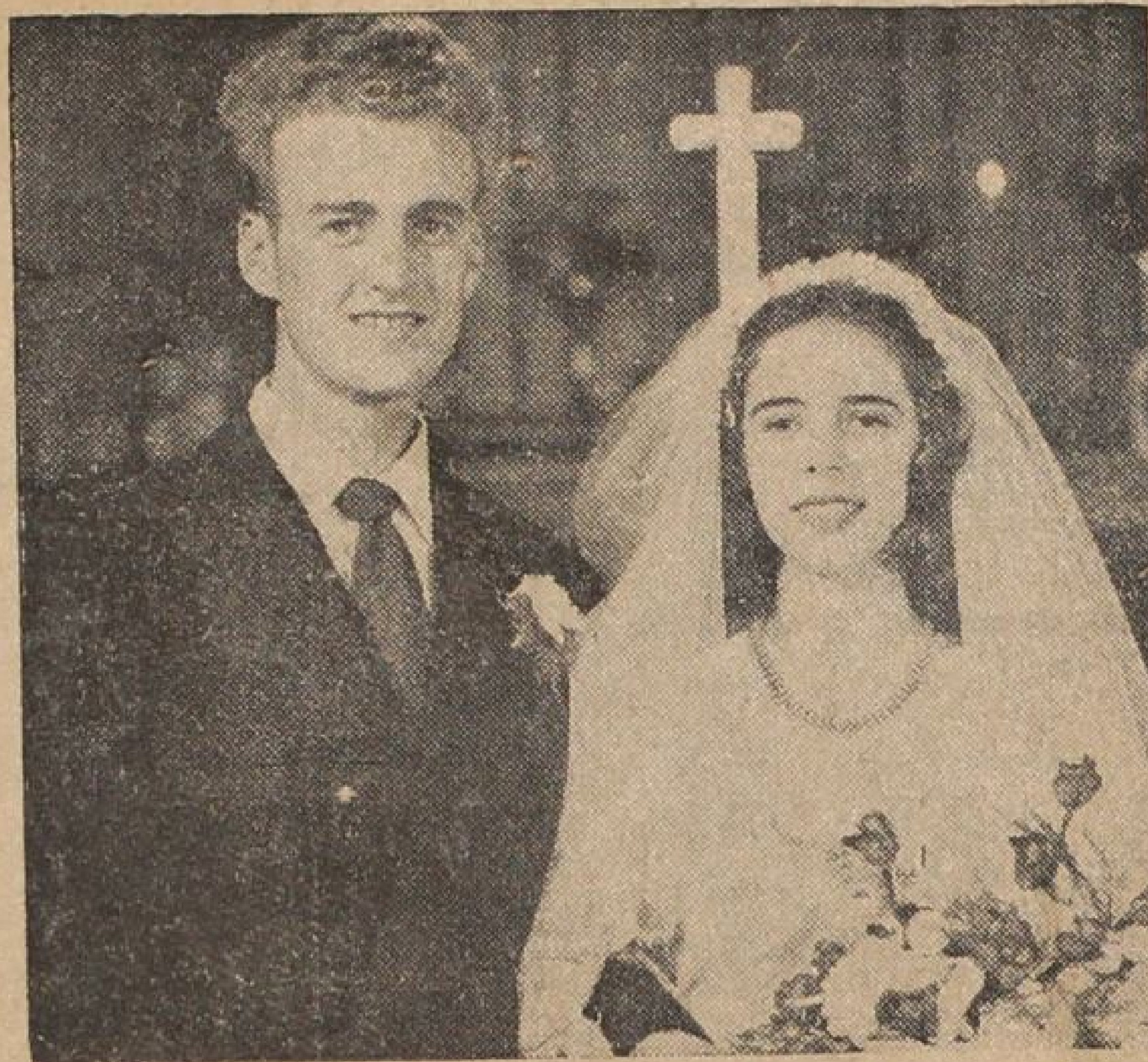
Miss Segner was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Newark, and also a member of the League of the Sacred Heart. She was a member of the Otterville Women's Institute, and was active in this organization as long as health permitted.

Funeral services will be held from the Addison funeral home, Tuesday, to St. Peter's Church at Newark, for requiem mass at 10 a.m.

Interment will be in St. Peter's Cemetery. Oct 11 1949

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Married At Otterville



Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaVerne Jones are pictured following their marriage at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. The bride is the former Wanda Victoria Furlong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Furlong of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of Tillsonburg. Following a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls and New York State, the couple are making their home in Tillsonburg. —Photo by Polden of Norwich. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

Betrothal Announced



Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Furlong, of Greensville, of the engagement of their daughter, Lorraine Patricia, to Harry Hugh Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hilliard Allen, of Mitchell's Bay. The bride-to-be, pictured above with her fiance, was graduated from the Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing in 1947 and Mr. Allen is now studying at Western Medical School following graduation from the University here last year.

Jones-Furlong Vows Spoken At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—In a lovely autumn setting of chrysanthemums, gladioli and ferns at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, Rev. Lyall Crawford, in a double-ring ceremony, united in marriage Wanda Victoria Furlong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Furlong of Otterville, to Harry LaVerne Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones of Tillsonburg.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of white duchess satin with a fitted bodice featuring a chantilly lace yoke. The full skirt extended into a short train and had a lace-edged peplum. Her full-length embroidered marquisette veil was held by a coronet of white velvet forget-me-nots. Her only ornament was an heirloom necklace. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses and white baby chrysanthemums.

The maid of honor was Miss Jean Griffin of Otterville, who wore a Nile green taffeta gown with an off-the-shoulder bodice and bertha and full skirt with double bustle. She carried a bouquet of bronze and white chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids, Miss Alice Andrews of Tillsonburg and Miss Barbara Furlong, sister of the bride, wore identical gowns of mauve and gold taffeta. They carried matching bouquets of gold and mauve chrysanthemums, and the three attendants wore shoulder-length veils held by coronets of flowers matching their bouquets.

Walter Hill of Tillsonburg was best man, and William Furlong, brother of the bride, and F. A. Church of Otterville were ushers.

The soloist was Mrs. Ronald Collver of Otterville who sang "I Love You Truly" before the ceremony and "Because" during the signing of the register. She was accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen, who also played the wedding music.

A reception, for 100 guests, was held following the ceremony in the I.O.O.F. lodgerooms. The bride's table was centred with a three-tier wedding cake in a bed of pink and white tulle flanked by burning tapers in silver candelabra. The bride's mother received wearing a navy blue crepe ensemble with a corsage of white carnations. The groom's mother assisted wearing a black crepe gown with gray accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

For travelling the bride chose a midnight blue dress with a gray coat and wine accessories and wore a corsage of red roses and white baby chrysanthemums. On their return from a honeymoon to Niagara Falls and through New York State, Mr. and Mrs. Jones will reside on North Broadway St., Tillsonburg.

Out-of-town guests were present from Detroit, Windsor, St. Thomas, Greensville, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll and Norwich.

Blush Satin Gown Worn by Bride

Patricia Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Furlong, Greensville, and Harry Hugh Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Allen, London, were united in marriage by Rev. Calum Thompson at St. Paul's United Church, Dundas. Howard Jerome, of Hamilton, played the wedding music.

The bride, wearing a gown of blush satin, was given in marriage by her father. Her dress was styled with tucked bertha collar, and lilypoint sleeves, the gathered skirt extending into a slight train. Her veil of Chantilly lace was caught with a coronet of lace and orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and stephanotis in a cascade.

Maid of honor, Miss Doris Armour R.N., wore a bronze gown of satin, similar in style to that of the bride. She carried a bouquet of Talisman roses, and wore a headdress of the same flowers. Bridesmaids Mrs. Earl Boyd, R.N., and Mrs. Douglas Vanham, R.N., wore gowns of seagreen satin, with bertha necklines and gathered skirts. They carried bouquets of yellow 'mums and wore matching floral head-dresses.

Best man was D. William J. Walsh, London, and ushers were Earl Boyd, Hamilton; Dr. John Coles, London; Gordon Pritchard, Chatham, and David Bradley, Paincourt.

Receiving guests at the Collins Hotel, Dundas, the bride's mother wore an ensemble of gray faille, with pink and black accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. The mother of the groom wore a dress of midnight blue with winterpink accessories, and a similar corsage.

The bride's choice for traveling south was a navy suit with matching accessories, with a gray topcoat and gardenia corsage. On their return the couple will live in London. The bride is a graduate of Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing, and the groom is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, and will resume post-graduate studies there.

October 27, 1949

Pettigrew - Batson

OTTERVILLE — Standards of bronze and yellow chrysanthemums, palms, ferns, deep red gladioli and candelabra with white candles, formed the setting at the Otterville United Church, for the marriage of Joyce Adams Batson, elder daughter of Dr. Harold and Dr. Lois Batson, to Donald Arthur Pettigrew, third son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Ernest Pettigrew, all of Otterville. Rev. W. George Wylie was the officiating minister.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, entered the church to nuptial music, played by Mrs. Claude Pond, Simcoe. The soloist, was William Harper, Toronto.

The bride was lovely in an ivory faille period gown, made with full skirt, circular train, and leg o'mutton sleeves. Bands of French lace met in points on bodice and sleeves. Her ivory finger-tip veil of tulle was held by a pearl-trimmed cap, and she carried an ivory covered Bible with a mauve orchid and yellow Varicocsiam orchids on ivory streamers.

The bride's sister, Miss Frances Batson, was maid of honor in gold taffeta, with full skirt, pointed bodice, and puffed sleeves. Shirred bands met at a point on the low neckline, with similar bands forming peplum from the bustle, meeting in front in a point. Her headdress was of brown velvet band with gold feathers. The bridesmaids, Miss Thora Pond, Simcoe, Miss Frances Childs and Mrs. F. A. Church, Otterville, were dressed similarly in royal blue taffeta, and each of the attendants carried bronze mums and Talisman roses on a maline heart with garlands of yellow roses and poms. Linda Gay Adams, Winona, was the flower girl, and her dress was of very pale blue taffeta with puffed sleeves, tiered full skirt and a bow in the back, and she carried a pale blue basket of pink Pinnochio roses and poms.

Hubert Pettigrew, brother of the groom, was best man, and the ushers were John Davis, John Brennan, and F. A. Church, of Otterville, and Peter Hare, Chapleau.

For the honeymoon trip to New England, the bride donned a brown English wool suit with striped skirt and matching brown accessories, cocoa colored hat and topcoat, and wore a corsage of orchids. On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew will reside in Otterville.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arthur Pettigrew, who were married recently at the Otterville United Church. The bride is the former Joyce Adams Batson, elder daughter of Dr. Harold and Dr. Lois Batson of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew of Otterville.—Photo by Harold B. Stewart of Simcoe. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

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Tea at Otterville For Bride-To-Be

OTTERVILLE—Dr. Lois Batson, Otterville, entertained at a trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Miss Joyce Adams Batson, who will marry Donald Arthur Pettigrew, Saturday. The guests were received by the bride-to-be and her mother. Miss Frances Batson and Miss Frances Childs displayed the gifts and trousseau. Mrs. R. B. Hare of Simcoe, and Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew poured tea, and the assistants were Mrs. F. A. Church, Miss Margaret Anne Hillier, Miss Thora Pond and Mrs. Claude Morrison.

The St. John's Church Club held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Catherine McMullen. The evening was spent in marking goods and also marking plans for the annual Christmas concert. Miss Leona Swartz presided over the business meeting. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Nate McMullen assisted by members of the club.

Grand Master Visits Otterville Lodge

More than 200 Odd Fellows gathered at the Community Hall here to hear Reginald Thrush of Chapleau, grand master of the I.O.O.F. of Ontario, who outlined four points which he suggested should be carried out by members of the Odd-Fellows organization.

Mr. Thrush pointed out that education of the orphan, visiting the sick, burying the dead and keeping in touch with spiritual leaders of the community were four important points in the program.

Mr. Thrush was introduced by Maxwell L. Avey, Otterville, deputy district grand master of District 17. Members were present from Tillsonburg, Delhi, Simcoe, Port Rowan, Norwich and Otterville, and Rebekahs from St. Thomas, Belmont, Springfield, Aylmer, Tillsonburg, Delhi, and Otterville.

Mr. Thrush was presented with a travelling alarm clock by the noble grand of the Otterville Lodge, and a musical program was enjoyed. Those taking part in the program were Miss M. Rock, who rendered a piano-accordion solo, and Mrs. J. M. Climie, who rendered several vocal solos. Mrs. Climie was accompanied at the piano by Miss Beth Watts.

Died in Bancroft

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and A. E. Moore received word last week of the death of their nephew, Gordon McAlpine of Maynooth, who passed away in the Bancroft Hospital earlier in the week. Gordon, who was in his 24th year, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAlpine of Maynooth. He had been in poor health for the past three years. Prior to his illness he was a student of the Kempville Agricultural College. Surviving are his parents and two brothers Francis and George. Mrs. Alpine was the former Bell MacLean of Otterville.

T. H. Phillips Passes, Buried At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral service for Thomas Henry Phillips of Windham Township, who died in the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, last Tuesday, was held at the Addison Funeral Home last Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended by relatives and friends.

Rev. J. C. Hood of Norwich, minister of the Bookton Presbyterian Church, which the deceased attended, had charge of the service and was assisted by Rev. L. H. Crawford of Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville.

During the service, George Davis sang "Rock of Ages" and "In the Garden." He was accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, of which the deceased's wife and daughter are members, attended the service in a body, and formed a guard of honor outside the chapel. Many lovely floral tributes surrounded the casket.

Relatives and friends were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Dutton, Aylmer, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, London, Norwich, Brownsville, Bookton, Teeterville, Springfield, Corinth and other places.

Interment was in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville. The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were B. Galloway of Brownsville, Fred Smith of Vanessa, Norman Bowlsby of Cornell, E. S. Moore of Otterville, Omer Hagerman of Vanessa, and Archie Moore of Bookton.

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OTTERVILLE IS PROUD OF ITS COMMUNITY BAND which was organized six years ago. Last week they organized a junior band of boys and girls from 10 to 15 years of age, and instruments have been purchased. The senior band which was started by donations from the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club and the village, now has 20 members. They are now self maintaining, and have purchased equipment valued at more than \$1,200, including their uniforms. Most of the players own their own instruments. H. W. "Cap" Watts of Tillsonburg has been their capable leader throughout. The first president was

Lyle Cassidy, a position now held by George Slaght. Art Moore has been the secretary since organization, and Miss Lila Jull is the treasurer. Pictured are, back row, left to right, Russ Pembleton, Murray Wardell, Lyle Cassidy, Fred Stover, George Slaght, Reg Wavell, Gordon Gehring, Ab Byers, Frank Savill. Middle row, Jack Byers, Don Petch, Lila Jull, William McMullen, Jim White, Alex White, Reg Saunders, Ed White, Floyd Thomas. Seated. Gordon Pennington, Art Moore, William McMullen, Jr., Esther Stover, "Cap" Watts, Dorothy Wardell, Jean McMullen, Audrey Cassidy, G. Phillipps.

South Norwich Band Popularized By Youth

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Among the many organizations of the Village of Otterville is the South Norwich Band, which is being made popular by the young talented people of the village.

In 1934 Lyle Cassidy and Arthur Moore interested themselves with the thought that Otterville should have a band and immediately following a 12-piece band was organized, with William McMullen and Albert Byers as directors. Soon it was found necessary to have a director and H. M. Watts of Tillsonburg was appointed and has been of great assistance to the band to the present time in this capacity.

As time passed many other young people grew interested in this line of music and three years ago the band was reorganized and William McMullen was named president. Other presidents who took office were Frank Savill, Alex White, Russell Pembleton, and last year, George Slaght was elected. Other officers named at the reorganization last year were: Vice-president, Murray Wardell; secretary, Arthur Moore; treasurer, Miss Lila Jull; librarian, William McMullen.

The members hold weekly practices in the Community Hall and greatly appreciate any help they get from the community. Their means of raising funds have been a donation from South Norwich Township, a grant from the Village of Otterville, the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club gave a generous donation of \$200, and after a canvass had been made in the village from the business men and other interested parties, the uniforms for the members were purchased. The band is self sustaining and enjoys giving of their time and talent to any organization wishing their services.

In connection with this group Mr. Watts has a junior group of 20 members who are eager to be as popular musicians as the senior band of today. Capt. Watts has been interested in band work for the past 30 years and both he and the band are very much indebted to the village and township and all others who have given them help in any way.

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TOWNSHIP of SOUTH NORWICH

TAX BILL FOR 1949

No. 1575

Date of demand, October 1st, 1949

Name, John Riste,

Address, Otterville.

Concession, 8

V. Lot, N. Main.

	\$
Total Assessment	650.00
TAXES	
TOWNSHIP	
County Tax, \$15,877.78,..... levy 8.5 mills	} 22.1 mills
Park and Hall levy 1, mill	
Township General levy 12.6 mills	
Municipal School Tax..... levy 2.5 mills	} 10. mills
School Bus Debenture..... levy 1.5 mills	
South Norwich School Area..... levy 6. mills	
North Norwich School Area:	
Municipal Grant....., levy 3.3 mills	} 8.2 mills
Trustee Levy,....., levy 4.9 mills	
School Section 15 (Award)..... levy 4.3 mills	
Union School Section 12:	
Municipal Grant, levy 4.1 mills	} 7.9 mills
Trustee Levy, levy 3.8 mills	
Tillsonburg Separate School,..... levy 10. mills	
Delhi Separate School, levy 6. mills	
LaSalette Separate School, levy 7. mills	
High School Areas:	
Tillsonburg Area..... levy, 5.5 mills	} 1.63
Norwich Area..... levy, 2.5 mills	
Delhi Area..... levr, 4.5 mills	
Drain:	
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Drain:	
P. V. OTTERVILLE	
County Tax, levy 8.5 mills	} 24.1 mills
Park and Hall, levy 1. mill	
Village General, (including library tax or 1.5 mills)..... levy 14.6 mills	
Street Lighting, levy 5.6 mills	} 9.2 mills
Fire Hall Debenture,..... levy 1.6 mills	
Water Works Debenture..... levy 2. mills	
Special Levies	
Total amount of Taxes for 1949, \$	29.78
Tax arrears	
Penalties and Interest.....	
Advance payment (if any).....	
Balance due,	29.78

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 OTTERVILLE, ONT.
 TOWNSHIP OF S. NORWICH
 H. K. PARSON
 Treasurer

H. K. PARSON Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Otterville

The Collector will be at his office, in Otterville, where taxes will be received every afternoon, except Sunday, and on December 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 all day.

Taxes will be received at the ROYAL BANK, TILLSONBURG, at an extra charge of 10 cents.

N. B.—Tax payers are hereby notified that if taxes are not paid in fourteen days after demand, the collector has power to levy the same with costs.—Sec. 114, Chap. 272, R. S. O., 1937.

An additional penalty of one-half of one per cent. on all unpaid taxes, shall be added after the Sixteenth day of December, 1949, and interest at one-half of one per cent. per month for each and every month after the 31st day of December, 1949.

If receipt is required by mail, please enclose stamped envelope.

IT PAYS TO PAY TAXES ON TIME.

ALL CHEQUES MUST BE PAYABLE AT PAR AT THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, OTTERVILLE BRANCH.

Corporation of The Township of South Norwich

Collector's Office;- Otterville, Ont.

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RECEIVED from Mr. John Riste \$ _____

Address Otterville

The Amount shown below, on account of Taxes on

Lot No. W Conc. _____ Plan _____ Roll No. 1575
for the Year 19 _____

TAXES - \$ 29.78

Discount Allowed
or Penalty Added \$ _____

Amount Received \$ _____

Balance \$ 29.78

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A. Parson

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J. W. RISTE, PROP.

TELEPHONE 27.

Mrs. W. Pavely Passes In Memorial Hospital

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The death occurred in the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Maude Pavely, the wife of Wenceslas Pavely of Otterville.

Mrs. Pavely had been a resident of Otterville for the past 22 years and had a large circle of friends in the village. Born in London, England, 60 years ago, she came to Canada in 1923 and spent a year in Montreal before moving to New Durham where she spent two years. The remainder of her life had been spent in Otterville. Last January, she was seriously ill, following a stroke, but recovered and was around until six weeks ago when she was again stricken and she had been a patient in the hospital since that time. She was a member of St. John's Anglican Church, also a member of the choir and the Ladies' Guild.

Mrs. Pavely is survived by her husband, Wenceslas Pavely of Otterville; one daughter, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, and two grandchildren, all of Otterville; also two sisters, Mrs. W. J. Windsor (Kitty) and Mrs. Tracy Collver (Georgina) of Buffalo, N.Y. Four other sisters reside in England, and she was predeceased by two sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was conducted in St. John's Anglican Church by Rev. Lyall H. Crawford of Norwich, rector of the church, who also conducted family prayers at the Addison Funeral Home previous to the service, and a short service at the cemetery. Two favorite hymns of Mrs. Pavely were sung at the church, "Breathe On Me Breath of God" and "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." A solo, "The Old Rugged Cross," was sung by J. W. Riste. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist.

The pallbearers were Max Avey, Nate McMullen, Ken Wardell, Fred Howse, Harold Pearce and William McMullen. Members of Tecumseh Lodge were the flower bearers, Ernest Pettigrew, Art Moore, Jack Gatecliffe, A. J. Byers, Ken Griffin, Ken Maloney, Charles Mann, S. Honsberger and T. Cooper. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket. Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. Pavely's sisters, Mrs. W. J. Windsor and Mrs. Tracy Collver of Buffalo, and Mrs. N. Pickersgill of Delhi.

Culloden Church Doors Dedicated



The new doors and entrance steps of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Culloden, were dedicated last Friday evening by Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, Lord Bishop of Huron. The doors were presented by the congregation in appreciation of the many years of faithful service rendered

by 81-year-old John Fisherr, the oldest member of the congregation. Pictured above in front of the church, are, left to right: Bishop Luxton, Rev. J. N. Doidge, the rector, and Mr. Fisher.—Les Langford photo. (Courtesy of London Free Press.) *NOV*

Died

HUMPHREY—In Tillsonburg, on Wednesday, December 28, 1949, Eliza Humphrey, following a lengthy illness.

Resting at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home, where the funeral service will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery, Otterville.

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Tillsonburg, Ontario, Thursday, December 15, 1949

Officers Elected 1949

The St. John's Church Evening Club held its meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Finch. The meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer led by Mrs. Crawford. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Jean Harrington. Mrs. Crawford presided for the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Catharine McMullen; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Howse; secretary, Mrs. Frank Finch; treasurer, Miss Vera Briggs; press reporter, Jean Harrington. Mrs. Crawford read "The Littlest Angel," and closed the meeting with a prayer. Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Howse.

Font Dedicated At Otterville

OTTERVILLE, Dec. 14 — Right Rev. G. N. Luxton, B.A., D.D., Bishop of Huron, preaching at St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, Sunday, dedicated a new font, the gift of the Ladies Guild, Sunday School and other organizations of the church.

Two infants, Larry Charles Howse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Howse, and Heather Marlene Finch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Finch, all of Otterville, were baptised.

The bishop related the story of St. Boniface, and the origin of the Christmas tree in his sermon. Urging the example of upright living, he said Christians should be as zealous for Christ's cause, as the Nazis, and Communists, are for theirs.

J. W. Riste was soloist and Mrs. Nate McMullen organist. A reception followed the service in the parish hall. **DEC 11**

The members of the St. John's Anglican Guild held a very successful bazaar in the Parish Hall and a substantial cash sum was realized. The sewing and knitting display table was convened by Mrs. Law and Mrs. Ker and the home baking table was in charge of Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Lena Young. The afternoon tea was also patronized and the waiters were Mrs. Charles Otton, Mrs. H. Pickersgill, Mrs. Briggs and Miss Jane Furlong. Assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Howse, Mrs. Jack Furlong, and Mrs. Roy Rachar. The St. John's Church Club sponsored a variety table and all the departments were sold out. Mrs. Al Jardine and Miss Catharine McMullen had charge of the variety table. Rev. Lyle Crawford, rector of the Church officially opened the afternoon's activities.

Anglican S.S. Concert

The Christmas concert for St. John's Anglican Sunday school was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening. Rev. L. H. Crawford presided over a splendid program. Christmas carols were sung. Recitations were given by Doreen Howse, Wayne Spicer, Gary Thompson, Donna DeMeester, Fernie Picknell, Gladys Pickersgill, Norma DeMeester, Lois Durkee, Mrs. Leon DeMeester, David Furlong, and Madelon Ash. Duets were sung by Judith Rachar and Gladys Pickersgill, Doreen Howse and Judith Rachar, Yvonne Collver and Madelon Ash, Doreen Howse and Sharon Furlong. Solos were sung by Karen Ash, Fern Picknell, Donna DeMeester, and Margaret Walter. A play, "In the Nick of Time" was presented by Jane Furlong, Mrs. C. Otton, Vera Briggs, Catharine McMullen, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, and Mrs. Roy Rachar. Another play, "Call the Next Case," was presented by Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Frank Finch, Jean Harrington, Barbara Furlong, Eva Deveney, Jean King and Marie DeVoogdt. Accompanists for the musical numbers were Mrs. Nate McMullen, Audrey Cassidy, Catharine McMullen. The superintendent of the school, Carl Howse, and Mrs. Howse assisted with the preparations for the concert, and at the close of the program gifts were presented to the following pupils who had the highest attendance records for the year. Doreen Howse, Marie DeVoogdt, Judith Rachar, and Catharine McMullen. Santa distributed gifts and candy bags from the tree. Before the program a delicious supper was served to over 80 present by the members of the Ladies' Guild. **DEC 14**

Mrs. A. Pirie Passes At Otterville Home

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—The death occurred on Tuesday morning of Mrs. Annie Lovica Pirie, following a long illness.

Mrs. Pirie was born near Campbellford nearly 60 years ago, and spent most of her life in that district, coming to Otterville about 10 years ago to reside with her son, the late Carman Kerr and family. Her first husband, John Kerr, died in 1907, and she later married John Pirie, who died about 20 years ago.

She is survived by one son and two daughters, Garnet Kerr of Campbellford, Mrs. C. P. Shapter of Mount Albert, Ont., and Mrs. Robert Read of Wooler, Ont. She was predeceased by two sons, Carman Kerr of Otterville and Thomas Kerr of Campbellford. Three brothers and one sister also survive, John Dorie and Louis Dorie of Peterborough, George Dorie of Rochester, N.Y., and Mrs. Wilbert Dorie of Campbellford. She also leaves a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral will be held this afternoon (Thursday), after which the body will be taken to Campbellford for interment in the Burnbrae Cemetery, Campbellford, on Friday. **DEC 12**

Life Certificate For Two W.I. Members

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Two framed life certificates were presented to two members of the Women's Missionary Society at the December meeting, held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Pettigrew recently. Mrs. A. J. Collver made the presentation to Mrs. H. G. Downing and Mrs. R. M. Holmes.

In the tributes given by Miss Marion Fish, she spoke of the various offices which Mrs. R. M. Holmes had held in the society, being president, secretary, and corresponding secretary and having been a member since 1914, four years after the society was organized. Mrs. Downing had joined the society in 1915 and since that time had been president and pianist and this year had accepted the office as temperance and citizenship superintendent.

The president, Mrs. Thomas Pearce, presided for the meeting and the secretary, Miss Ivy Pennington, reported that \$50.30 had been received at the thankoffering meeting last month. Forty-six sick calls were reported for the past two months. Mrs. W. G. Wylie presided over the election of the following officers: Honorary president, Mrs. A. J. Collver; past president, Mrs. Earle Petch; president, Mrs. Thomas Pearce; first vice-president, Mrs. Ernest Treffry; second vice-president, Mrs. Edward Arthur; secretary-treasurer, Miss Ivy Pennington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. Petch; christian stewardship, Mrs. W. L. Addison; temperance and citizenship, Mrs. H. G. Downing; community friendship, Mrs. R. M. Holmes; literature secretary, Mrs. Edward Arthur; Missionary Monthly, Mrs. Fred Walthers; supply secretary, Mrs. Dee Scott; pianist, Mrs. Edward Arthur; Associate Helpers, Miss Marion Fish; finance committee, Mesdames W. L. Addison, J. Ryder, and E. Treffry; Mission Band leader, Miss Beatrice Lees, assistants, Mesdames M. Beecroft, Jack Walther, and C. Chrysler; press correspondent, Mrs. H. A. Waring.

The worship service was conducted by the convener of the program, Mrs. M. Beecroft. The Christmas story given through the Scripture passages was given by Mrs. George Daiken, Mrs. H. A. Waring, and Mrs. W. L. Addison, these being interspersed by a Christmas carol. Mrs. Wylie offered prayer.

The story of Christian education in the home, the church school and the church was given by Miss Ivy Pennington, Mrs. Edward Arthur and Miss Beatrice Lees. Miss Lees spoke on her work through the Mission Band and gave interesting highlights of the work in this organization. Mrs. Pettigrew served lunch.

Norwich Woman Dies Suddenly

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 14 — Services for Mrs. John McMillan, 67, of R.R. 1, Norwich, who died suddenly yesterday afternoon from a heart attack, while doing her Christmas shopping here, will be conducted Thursday, 2 p.m., in Arn's funeral home Norwich. This was the third bereavement in the family in recent weeks, her only brother having died in Norwich, and her husband's brother, Dr. McMillan, passing in Sarnia.

Her only sister, Miss Bertha Hastings returned to North Norwich a short time ago, to live in retirement after having been away from home 39 years. She recently resigned as registered medical technologist of Security Laboratories, Burlington, Iowa.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two sons, Jack, at home; William, Burgessville, and a daughter, Mrs. R. Demontmorency, Norwich. **DEC 13/49**

Store Cutted

Otterville—Fire of undetermined origin caused about \$2,000 damage to the Addison Furniture Store on Main St., Otterville, about noon on Saturday. The blaze was first discovered by the owner, Wilford Addison. He was waiting on a customer in the store at the time, and when he opened a door into the rear portion of the building, he saw flames licking the ceiling.

The Otterville Fire Brigade was immediately summoned to the scene, and the Tillsonburg Fire Department was called because it was feared that nearby buildings might become ignited. Furniture and other merchandise were quickly carried from the burning building and placed on the other side of the street. The blaze was quickly brought under control as the roof was cut away by firemen to extinguish the blaze.

After the furniture was removed from the store, scores of persons equipped themselves with rags and wiped dry the woodwork before the water could spoil the finish. Offers were received from many individuals to store the merchandise until the store can be rebuilt. On Saturday the merchandise was moved into the hotel building across the street where it will be stored until the damage can be repaired.

The brick walls of the building and the metal roof are credited with confining the blaze to the one building, and the quick and effective work of the Otterville Fire Brigade also helped save the adjacent business section of the village. **1949**

DEC 17

Samuel Leach Passes, Is Interred At Eden

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The death of Samuel Samford Leach occurred at his home at Milldale on Sunday evening, in his 65th year.

Mr. Leach was born at Hemlock in Elgin County, but spent the greater part of his life in the Courtland district. He also spent a short time at Langton, and lived at Little Lake for three years before moving to Milldale three years ago.

He is survived by his widow and five children, Stanley Leach, George Leach, and Harvey Leach of Otterville, Mrs. B. McKierman (Iva) of Norwich, and Larry Leach at home. One daughter, Lucille, predeceased him 27 years ago. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Bert Fitch of Courtland, and one brother, Otto Leach of Brownsville, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Wednesday, conducted by Rev. L. H. Crawford of Norwich, rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville. Interment was in the family plot at Eden.

Funeral Service Held For Samuel S. Leach

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The funeral service for Samuel S. Leach of Milldale was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, last Wednesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. L. H. Crawford of Norwich rector of St. John's Anglican Church, Otterville, conducted the service. J. W. Riste sang a solo, "Peace Perfect Peace," and at the close of the service Mrs. Glenn Cracknell of Delhi, a niece of the deceased, sang "No Night There." Mrs. Nate McMullen was the accompanist.

Many beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends surrounded the casket. Relatives and friends were present from Flint, Mich., Ayr, St. Thomas, Windsor, Courtland, Tillsonburg, Straffordville, Brownsville, Little Lake, Paris, Mabee's Corners and other places.

Interment was in the Eden Cemetery. The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were R. M. Holmes, Sam Schofield and Edward Arthur of Otterville, Gordon Schott of Langton, Owen Staley of Frogmore and Monte Fewster of Burgessville. Jan 4/50.

Vestry Meeting Held

The annual vestry meeting of St. John's Anglican Church was held in the parish hall with Rev. L. H. Crawford presiding. In the absence of the vestry clerk, Mrs. Nate McMullen, the duties were performed by Charles Otton. The church treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Law, reported that the missionary budget had been paid in full, and also gave the financial statement and organ fund report. W. J. Harford gave the cemetery report, and Carl Howse the Sunday school report. Mrs. Wilson Young reported for the Ladies' Guild and Mrs. Carl Howse for the St. John's Church Club. In his report the rector said he had made 580 visits in the three parishes and held 147 church services, apart from the funerals and marriages conducted. Rev. Mr. Crawford warmly thanked the various organizations, officials and the congregation in general for their support. He appointed Carl Howse as rector's warden for 1950. J. W. Riste was re-elected people's warden, and Mrs. Law was re-appointed church treasurer. Other officers will be: Vestry clerk and organist, Mrs. Nate McMullen; Sunday school superintendent, Carl Howse; lay delegate to synod, Carl Howse; substitute, Charles Otton; auditors, Charles Otton and Mrs. Nate McMullen; president of the chancel guild, Mrs. Leith Howse; board of management, the rector, wardens and congregation.

A letter was read from the bishop expressing thanks to all who had co-operated in making the past year so successful. All organizations reported substantial balances.

CHURCH CLUB 200/50

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OTTERVILLE — St. John's Church Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Spicer. President Miss Catherine McMullen presided. A story was told by Mrs. Harry Pickersgill. Contests were conducted by Mrs. Pickersgill and Miss McMullen.

Married At Otterville



Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Prouse, who were married recently at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is the former Frances Irene Childs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Childs of Otterville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Prouse of Tillsonburg. The couple will make their home in Tillsonburg.—Photo by Pettifer. (Courtesy of London Free Press.) FEB 2 1950

Clergymen Attend Dedication At Goderich Church



Anglican clergymen from many Western Ontario centres were present at the dedication of a new \$22,000 organ at St. George's Anglican Church, Goderich. Dedication was made by the Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, D.D., Bishop of Huron. Shown above are, front row, left to right: the Rev. L. Morgan, Bayfield; the Rev. Lyall Crawford, Norwich;

Bishop Luxton; the Very Rev. R. C. Brown, Dean of Huron; and the Rev. T. D. Jones, Seaforth. Back row: Hon. Flt. Lieut. L. Harding, R.C.A.F., Clinton; the Rev. M. H. H. Farr, London; Archdeacon J. N. H. Mills, London; the Rev. Beverly H. Farr, rector; the Rev. R. M. P. Bulteel, Clinton; and the Rev. J. Kerr, Brussels.

OTTERVILLE THEFT

OTTERVILLE, March 12—Police tonight were investigating a break-in at the Charles Mannell grocery store earlier today in which thieves escaped with about \$60 in merchandise and cash.

According to police, entrance was gained by smashing a window at the rear of the store, moving a piece of lumber and raising a steel bar. The burglars next smashed a second window in another room and when a third door blocked their way, they broke a panel out and released the lock.

The stolen goods consisted mostly of canned goods, tobacco, cigarettes, chocolate bars and gum along with about \$7 or \$8 in cash.

Investigation is being conducted by Township Constable Arthur Kilpatrick, assisted by Provincial Constables Gervin Stoener and Douglas Washburn, of Tillsonburg.

FOUR ARRESTED

TILLSONBURG, March 12 — Chief Constable T. L. Corbett reported today that the Tillsonburg police department had experienced the busiest week-end since Christmas, with four arrests.

The town clerk is now advertising for another constable to bring the staff up to eight members.

At 1.20 a.m. today, Sergeant Earl Lewis and Police Constable Clair Dalby arrested Ross Merrifield and Wilfred Pearce, of Tillsonburg, and charged them with doing wilful damage.

Police allege that the pair deliberately kicked head lights out of parked cars owned by Mrs. Harry Young, Broadway, and Albert Behari, King street.

The officers also charged Pearce with having beer in a place other than his residence. Both will appear in local police court on March 17.

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OTTERVILLE

Successful Euchre

The Happy Bluebird Club held a very successful euchre in the I.O. O.F. hall last week. There were 10 tables in play. The prizes, all of which were donated by members of the club, were won by Mrs. Samuel McSpadden, Mrs. B. Kendrick Joseph DePaw and Henry Ash. Birthday prizes were awarded to Mrs. Frank Swanton for the lady's prize and to Henry Ash for the men. The mystery prize was given to Mrs. Frank Swanton and Mrs. Nate McMullen held the lucky ticket for the lovely lace centrepiece. The president, Mrs. Henry Ash, expressed appreciation to all those present who made the evening an enjoyable one. The ladies served refreshments at the close of the games.

Fred Hill presided for the weekly meeting at the Baptist Church on Friday evening. After the singing of several hymns, prayer was offered by Fred Hill, and Elaine Butler read the Scripture lesson. The convener conducted a Scripture hunt and Paul Hisey led a Bible quiz, the prize for which was won by Helen Boomer. Bobby Butler and David Hisey received the offering. Mrs. Bruce Stover gave the topic, "A Life of Joy, Love and Truth." Announcement was made of the meeting next week when the missionary, Roy Hrions of the Sudan mission, will be present. Meeting closed with a prayer by Rev. H. B. Hisey.

Club Formed

A group of ladies of the village met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Ash last week for the purpose of forming a new branch club as a branch of the Mary Hastings' Column. After much discussion it was decided that the new club be called "Pals." Mrs. Wray Courtney, president of the Ivy club of Tillsonburg, was a guest of the evening and presided for the organization. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. Joseph Ash; vice-president, Mrs. Elmer Almost; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rachar. The hostess was assisted in serving dainty refreshments. The club plans to hold regular meetings the fourth Monday of the month, and the next meeting will be held March 27th, and an invitation was accepted to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. Harry Pickersgill.

Rebekahs Entertained

The members of the installing team of the Violet Rebekah Lodge were entertained at the home of Mrs. Dee Scott on Wednesday evening. An enjoyable time was spent in playing euchre, with players at three tables. Prizes were won by Mrs. Albert Lawrence and Mrs. Stanley Arthur. The hostess served dainty refreshments at the close of the evening.

Farewell Party

Mrs. Gordon McMullen and Mrs. C. Brown entertained a number of neighbors at the home of Mrs. McMullen in honor of Mrs. Lyle Cassidy and daughter Audrey. Euchre was played throughout the afternoon. On behalf of the ladies, Mrs. George Daiken expressed with regret the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy and daughter Audrey to their new home near Woodstock. Mrs. Brown and Mrs. McMullen presented Mrs. Cassidy with an end table and Juanita McMullen presented Audrey with a bedroom lamp, for which they expressed their appreciation.

Heart Attack Fatal To Otterville Man

OTTERVILLE, March 12—Ronald Avey, 26, who died suddenly at Grand Bend yesterday, where he had been working with a telephone company, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell L. Avey, Otterville.

He farmed for a short time at Newark, but returned again to work as a telephone employee a couple of years ago. Last fall he moved his family to Millbrook, while he has been working in Exeter district.

He is survived by his parents, his wife, three young daughters, Bonnie Jean, 3, Edith Marlene, 2, and Sandra, two months old; two brothers, Howard and Ross, Otterville; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Losee, Woodstock; and Fred Avey, Norwich.

The remains are being brought to Addison's funeral home here and arrangements are incomplete.

Ronald M. Avey Passes, Interred At Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — The funeral service for Ronald Maxwell Avey, age 26, held on Monday, was the most largely attended service held in the district for some time. He died suddenly on Friday evening at Grand Bend. Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the service at the Addison Funeral Home. Brian Rice of the Otterville school staff was the pianist.

About 75 members of the Odd Fellows in District 17, of which deceased's father, Maxwell L. Avey, is the D.D.G.M., attended the service in a body, and formed a guard of honor at the cemetery. A graveside service was conducted by members of Tecumseh Lodge, Otterville, of which deceased was a member. Members of Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, of which deceased's wife and mother are members, also attended the service in a body. The deputy grand master of Ontario, Charles A. Hutcheson of London, was also present.

The Otterville School was closed for the day, and the teachers attended the service. Public School Inspector L. B. Hyde of Ingersoll was present, as the young man's father is the superintendent of school buildings and supplies for the township.

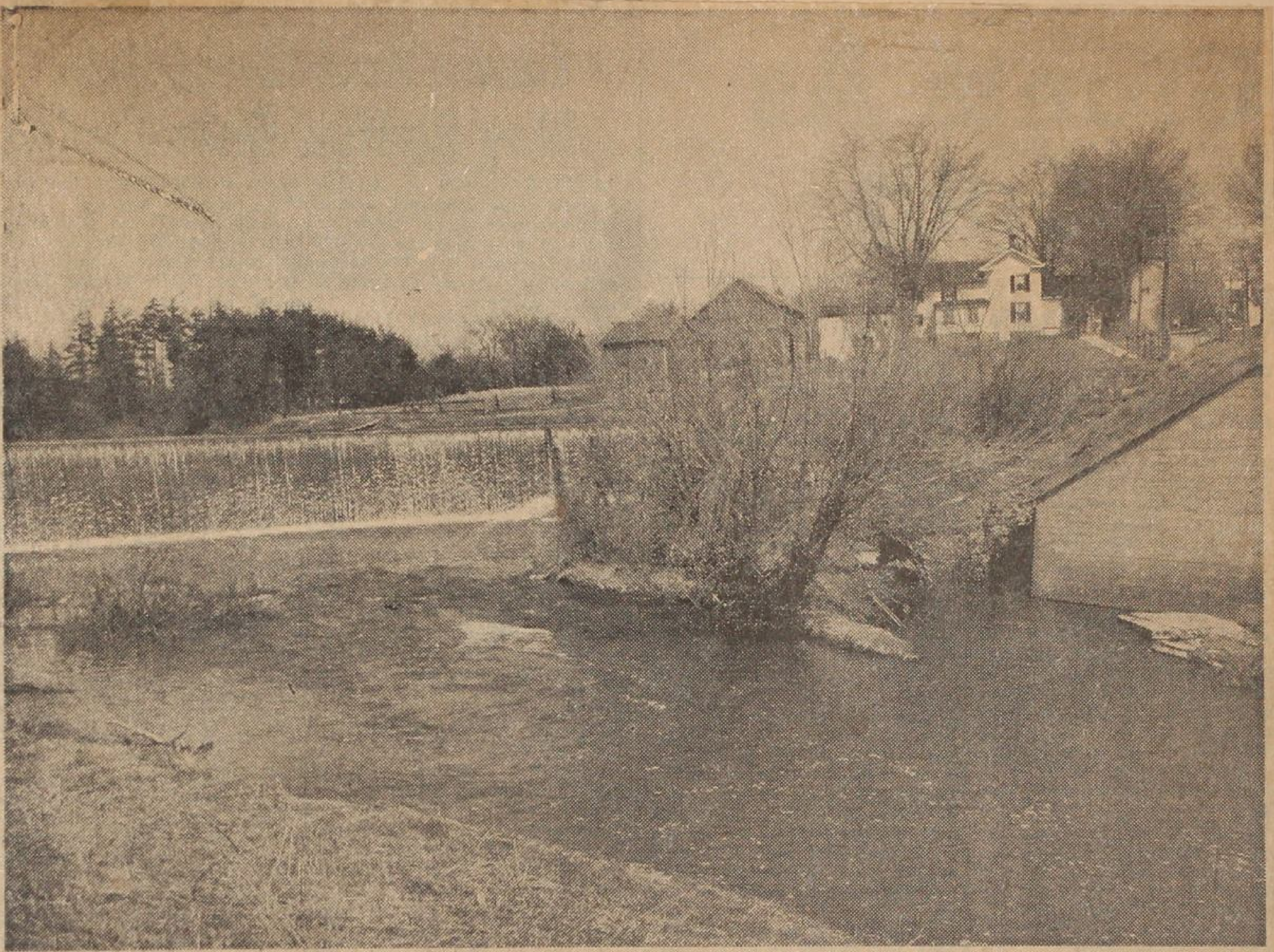
Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket. The flower bearers and pallbearers were members of the lodge. The flower bearers were Harold Arthur, Stanley Arthur, Stewart Godby, John Cattel, Reginald Kerr, Arthur Moore, Fred Walther, and Russell Pembleton. The pallbearers had also been schoolmates of deceased, and were Robert and Milton Pettigrew, Charles and Keith Howse, Irvin Gehring and Jack Walther. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

Among the relatives present were all of Mrs. Ronald Avey's family, including her mother, Mrs. Dunk, and her six brothers from Brighton, also her sisters from Windsor and Oshawa. Other relatives were present from Toronto, Woodstock, Burgessville, Brantford, Norwich, and many other places. Mr. McKay, Mr. Gibbs, and Mr. Farr, representing the Ontario Telephone Service, of Millbrook, attended the service.



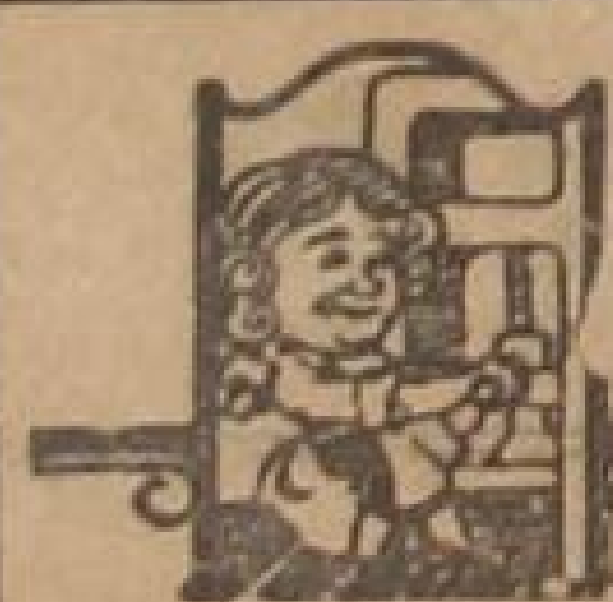
PREMIER FROST MEETS OXFORD P.C.'s—Shown at the top is a portion of the head table at the annual meeting of the Oxford County Progressive Conservative Association held last night in Grey Memorial Hall. Pictured from left to right are Mrs. Harry Bailey, president of the Woodstock Women's P.C.A.; K. R. Daniel, former Oxford M.P.; Mrs. E. A. Arthur; Mrs. T. R. Dent; T. R. Dent, M.L.A. for Oxford; Hon. Leslie Frost, premier of Ontario and guest speaker at the meeting; E. A. Arthur, retiring

president of the Oxford P.C.A.; R. F. Brady, secretary-treasurer of the association; and Mrs. E. J. Canfield, past president, Western Ontario Women's P.C.A. Below is the reception for Premier Frost at Springbank Farm. Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Dent were hosts yesterday for the reception honoring Mr. Frost. From left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Dent, Premier Frost, Mrs. Harry Bailey and Mrs. Kenneth R. Daniel of Ingersoll. Members of the Oxford County executive attended the reception.



SPRING ON THE OTTER—Water pouring over the dam at Otterville and gurgling on down Otter Creek provides music for the picture of spring unfolding in this beautiful spot just at the edge of the village. Back of the lake behind the dam lies the park kept up by Otterville

and South Norwich. Before long this park will be unable to contain the shouts of children and holiday crowds as they picnic among the trees, play ball or frolic in the new swimming pool which was opened last summer. —(Staff Photo).



From Our Early Files

FIFTY YEARS AGO
(April 19, 1900)

Mr. Wilson Young, who has been bartender in the Arlington Hotel for several years, has bought the hotel at Otterville.

Work has commenced on the Port Burwell harbor.

On Saturday, Thos. Gustin and Geo. Fournier got into altercation on Broadway in front of Messrs. Graves, Bean & Co's. Store. Gustin struck Fournier and was summoned before Magistrate Hare for the offence.

Women

President Welcomed By District Rebekahs

OTTERVILLE — A special meeting was held in the Community Hall, Otterville, by Rebekah Lodges in the district, to welcome the president of the Rebekah Assembly, Sister Isabel Carr of Toronto. Seven lodges in the district took part.

Monta Rebekah Lodge, Belmont, opened lodge; Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, had charge of introducing and welcoming the president, and general order of business; Fidelity Rebekah Lodge, Delhi, exemplified draping the charter; Arkess Lodge, Springfield, balloting; Myrtle Rebekah Lodge, Tillsonburg, conferred the degree on three candidates from Delhi; Aylmer lodge closed.

Addresses were given by Sister Carr, and Bro. Maxwell Avey, D.D.G.M. of Otter District 17. Sister Josephine Howse, N.G. of Violet Rebekah Lodge, presented the president with a gift on behalf of the lodges in the district. There were 241 officers and members present from St. Thomas, Belmont, Aylmer, Springfield, Tillsonburg, Delhi, Otterville, Port Stanley and Norwich. The lunch committee served a pot luck supper to those who came in the afternoon and stayed for the evening session, and served refreshments after the meeting.

The occasion also marked the fourth birthday of Violet Rebekah Lodge. A birthday cake was cut by the president and Sister Josephine Howse. Sister Myrtle King of Otterville held the lucky ticket for pillowcases.

The regular meeting of Violet Rebekah Lodge was held in the I.O.O.F. hall with N. G. Josephine Howse presiding. Sister Alice Arthur, P.N.G. was elected Grand Lodge representative, and Sister Ruth Colver, Jr., P.N.G. and Sister Daisy Mannell, P.N.G. were appointed district representatives.

DIED
HONSBERGER—Suddenly at his home in Otterville on Saturday, April 29, Sylvester Enos Honsberger, in his 67th year.
Friends will be received at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be held on Tuesday, May 2 at 2.30 p.m. (D.S.T.) under Masonic auspices. Interment will be in Otter cemetery.

S. Honsberger, Otterville Dies

OTTERVILLE — The death occurred early this morning following a heart attack, of Sylvester Enos Honsberger in his 67th year.

Mr. Honsberger had been in his usual health and had been preparing to move to Centralia next month. On Wednesday, he had purchased with his son Ralph of St. Marys, a general store in Centralia and was to have taken possession on May 17. On Thursday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Honsberger had sold their home on John street to Mrs. Jack Rist.

Born at Walsingham Centre, he was the second son of the late Enos Honsberger and Mary Jane Steen.

Surviving besides his wife, the former Edna Bell Treffry are one son Ralph of St. Marys and three grandchildren. There are also three sisters and one brother, Mrs. Thomas Scott (Edna) of Tillsonburg; Mrs. Allen Milligan (Elma) of Pibrook, Alta., and Miss Minnie and Elias Honsberger, both of Halfway Lake, Alta.

Mr. Honsberger was a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge, Norwich, and of Tecumseh Lodge, I. O.O.F., Otterville.

He is resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, where the funeral service will be conducted under Masonic auspices on Tuesday, May 2 at 2.30 p.m. (D.S.T.) by Rev. W. G. Wylie. Interment will be in Otter cemetery.

Otterville Woman 1950 Marks 91st Birthday

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mrs. Charles Garthwaite celebrated her 91st birthday on Saturday, when many of her friends called to extend best wishes.

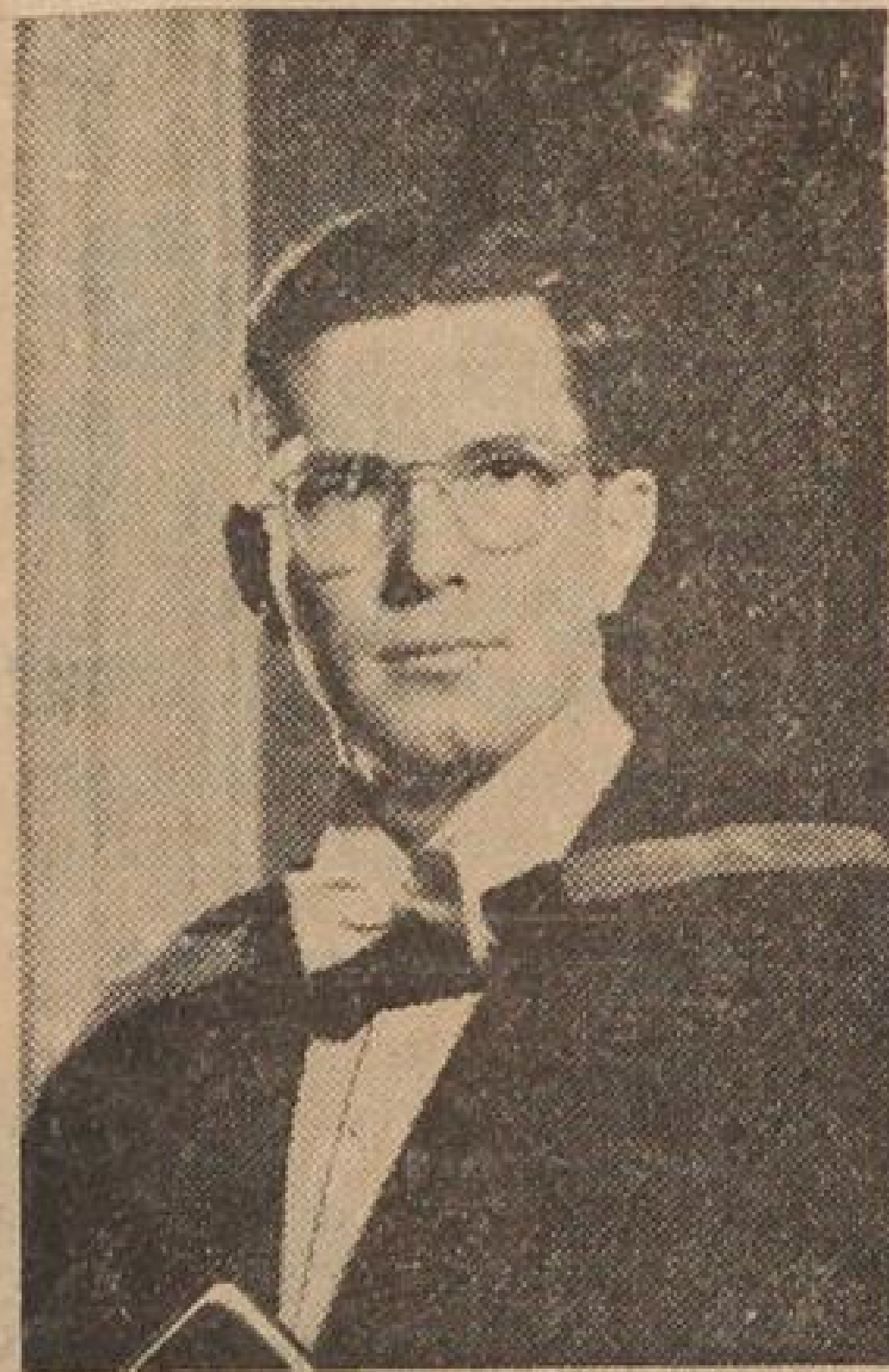
A prettily-decorated birthday cake was served to the guests. Mrs. Garthwaite received many cards as well as candy, flowers and personal gifts.

On Sunday she was a guest of Mrs. L. D. Hussey and daughter Maude.

She spends much of her time in reading the daily newspapers and keeps up with the doings of the day at home and out-of-town.

Will Preach First Sermon—

John Swan, son of Mrs. Bessie Swan, who received the degree of L.th at special services in Bishop Cronyn Memorial Hall, London, on Tuesday evening and who will be ordained a deacon in St. John the Evangelist church, London, Sunday morning, will preach his first sermon after ordination in Holy Trinity church next Sunday evening. Many friends of Mr. Swan will welcome this opportunity of hearing him and of offering him their congratulations. *May 1950*



REV. J. T. M. SWAN of Norwich who was ordained a deacon of the Anglican church at an ordination service in St. John the Evangelist church, London, last Sunday morning. Mr. Swan preached his first sermon after ordination in Holy Trinity church, Norwich, last Sunday evening. A native of Cornwall where he was born 27 years ago, he has spent all his life in North Norwich township. His mother, Mrs. Bessie Swan, and his grandmother, Mrs. John Priddle, are both of North Norwich. Mr. Swan, who received his secondary education at the Norwich High School, has been appointed curate of Trinity church in Galt.

OTTERVILLE

Church Club Meets

The St. John's Church Club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Howse last Thursday, with 11 members present. The meeting was opened with the president, Catharine McMullen, leading in prayer. A hymn was sung, with Mrs. Howse as pianist. An interesting program was enjoyed. Prizes were won by Mrs. Pickersgill, Catharine McMullen, Jean King and Vera Briggs. A lovely lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Frank Finch. Conveners for the meeting were Vera Briggs and Mrs. Roy Rachar. A vote of thanks to the hostess was expressed by all.

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Percy Longworth, Auctioneer

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Otterville Scouts, Cubs Hold Charter Night

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Charter Night for the Otterville Boy Scouts and Cubs was held in the Community Hall, attended by Scout leaders, parents and Lions Club members. Left to right are: Ken Klinck, Otterville Cubmaster; Brian Rice, Otterville Scoutmaster; Robin Sharp, Hamilton, field commissioner; Dick Norman, Tillsonburg, district commissioner; W. H. Gibson, Tillsonburg, regional commissioner, who presented

the charter; Jack Vance, Tillsonburg, assistant district commissioner; Dr. G. M. Downing, of the Otterville Lions Club, who received the charter; Jack Sergeant, Tillsonburg, district Scoutmaster. Cub Alec Graham, junior leader, stands between Mr. Gibson and Dr. Downing, carrying the Cub totem pole. (Photo by Langford.)

Tuesday, May 23, 1950

Regional Scout Commissioner Gibson Gives Charter to Otterville Scouts

OTTERVILLE — "Charter Night" for the Otterville Boy Scouts and Cubs was held in the Community Hall following the regular Lions' Club meeting Monday night, and was attended by about 50 boys, and as many adults including parents, Lion members and Scout leaders.

The charter was presented by the Regional Commissioner, Walter H. Gibson of Tillsonburg, and was given to Lion Dr. G. Murray Downing, president of the Group Committee of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club. Lion Downing explained the Lions part in sponsoring the Scout and Cub organization, and introduced the Deputy District Governor, Lion Harold Pond of Simcoe. Outlining the work the Lions are doing in playgrounds, swimming pools, hospitals and other activities, Lion Pond said "I'm proud to be a Lion, and I'm doubly proud tonight to see you building for Scouts and Cubs, for the buildings we erect may crumble and decay but you're building something here for eternity." He congratulated the club in sponsoring this fine activity.

District Commissioner Dick Norman of Tillsonburg introduced Robin Sharp of Hamilton, Field Commissioner for the South Central Ontario Region, who led a lively sing-song. The Cub leaders, Ken Klinck, Bill Butler and Charles Otton then led a regular opening service with the jungle lore which appeals to the young boys. Scout leaders Brian Rice and Donald Pettigrew then demonstrated a Scout opening, the same as is done at each meeting.

In presenting the charter No. 889 Commissioner Gibson commented on the recent meeting of Rover Scouts in Norway where the Canadians were recognized as an authority, and displayed exceptional appearance, alertness and keenness, maintaining that our country's greatest asset is our young people.

In accepting the charter Dr. Downing urged those present to help the Scouts and Cubs work for a permanent meeting place.

District Commissioner Norman invested the Scout troop leaders, and District Scout Master Jim Sargent presented the badges and neckerchiefs. These were also presented to the three Cub leaders, who in turn invested the three young leaders of the cub pack, Alex Graham, David Furlong and Ellis Scott. Afterward Robert Morrison, Leonard Clifford, Clayton Obediah and Bobby Slaght, who had each passed the bronze arrowhead course recently at Tillsonburg, gave their pledges, and were invested.

Afterward the Lions Club entertained the gathering at lunch.

JONES—In Tillsonburg, on Friday, May 19, 1950, Harry Garrett Jones of Cornell, in his 57th year.

The funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Monday afternoon, and interment was in the Anglican Cemetery, Otterville.

Harry Jones Passes In Local Hospital

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The death occurred in the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Friday of Harry Garrett Jones of Cornell, in his 57th year. Mr. Jones spent most of his life at Cornell, where he resided with his mother, Mrs. Wellington Jones, until her death three years ago. Since then he has resided with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pearce at Cornell. A week ago he suffered a heart attack and was taken to hospital.

He was a member of the Anglican Church at Otterville. He was also a member of King Hiram Lodge, No. 78, A.F. & A.M. of Tillsonburg.

Surviving are two brothers, Hugh Jones of London and Fred Jones of Port Stanley.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home by Rev. L. H. Crawford, assisted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, and was largely attended. Mrs. Edgar Pearce sang "God Hath Promised" and played a number of favorite hymns of the deceased before and after the service. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The pallbearers were Edgar Pearce, Ira Pearce, Fred Scott, John Scott, Stanley Scott and Levi Garrett. Relatives were present from London, Port Stanley, Royal Oak, Mich., Detroit, Mich., Toronto, Tillsonburg and the district. Interment was in the Anglican Cemetery at Otterville.



I.O.D.E. FOURTH BIRTHDAY—On Monday evening the Lt.-Col. John McRae Junior I.O.D.E. Chapter at Otterville marked its fourth birthday with a tea in the United Church school room. Officers of the chapter are shown from left to right: Barbara Furlong, secretary; Earbara Morrison, treasurer; Elaine Marshall, standard

bearer; Eleanor Myers, regent; Mrs. Ivor Mann, honorary regent; Lenora Slaght, vice-regent; Jean Daiken, Empire study convenor; Carol Broad, counsellor; Marilyn Gehring, Empire correspondent; Dolores Hooker, counsellor. —(Staff Photo).



OTTERVILLE SCOUTS GIVEN CHARTER—W. H. Gibson, Tillsonburg Regional Scout Commissioner, is shown presenting the charter to Dr. G. M. Downing in Otterville Monday evening for the Scout and Cub organizations which have been formed under the guidance of the Lions Club. From left to right are: Robin Sharp,

Hamilton, fieldman; Dick Norman, Tillsonburg, district commissioner; Jack Vance, Tillsonburg, assistant district commissioner; James Sergeant, Tillsonburg, district Scoutmaster; Commissioner Gibson; Brian Rice, Otterville Scoutmaster; Dr. G. M. Downing; Ken Klinck, Otterville Cubmaster. —(Staff Photo).



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ST. JOHN'S CONFIRMATION CLASS—On Friday evening a class of eleven candidates were confirmed by the Right Reverend G. N. Luxton, D.D., Lord Bishop of Huron, at an impressive ceremony at St. John's Church. The candidates are shown with Bishop Luxton and their parish priest, Rev. John Doidge. Seated from left to right are: Juanita Dodge, Margaret Lee, Bishop Luxton, Mr.

Doidge and Connie Rankin. Back row, left to right: Robert London, server, with the Bishop's staff; Winnifred Sergeant, Mrs. Jean Moore, Mrs. Helen Warwick, Mrs. Mildred Giroldi, Muriel Mann, Miles Blackhurst and Adam Dodge. Absent from the photo is Clara Doreen Crudge, who was confirmed by the Bishop earlier in the evening. —(Staff Photo).

I.O.D.E. CHAPTER MARKS BIRTHDAY

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The Lt.-Col. John McCrae Chapter, I.O.D.E., observed its fourth birthday in the auditorium of the United Church on Monday evening with a candlelight service. Lighted candles were used at the windows and at the pulpit. Spring flowers and ferns added to the beauty of the setting.

Miss Elinore Leitch was the organist and accompanist. Regent Miss Eleanore Myers presided, and Miss Elaine Marshall was the standard bearer. Rev. J. C. Hood, minister of Knox Presbyterian Church, read the prayer of the chapter.

The speaker was Clark Murray of Woodstock, Member of Parliament for Oxford County, who was introduced by J. K. Wardell. Mr. Murray expressed birthday greetings to the members and congratulated them on their achievements. Mr. Murray stressed the subject of "Good Canadian Citizenship" to his listeners. In his timely message he said "After the last war a million people have come to our land and they deserve to learn our language, economic security, and be accepted socially. We ourselves must have a clear conception of good citizenship. Canada is not a country of one race of people but, in fact, a country of minorities. Whoever we may be, wherever we come from, our parents, our ancestors—one thing we have in common with our neighbors, and that is Canadian citizenship."

"We should be proud of our diversities, different racial origins, different traditions and cultures." Maxwell Avey thanked the speaker.

The regent, in her opening remarks, expressed the appreciation of the members to all who had come to share in the service, and gave a special "thank you" to the Tillsonburg chapters for their standards. The regent said that this year was an outstanding milestone in the life of the order, it being founded 50 years ago, on February 13th, in Montreal. Mrs. I. Mann (formerly Miss Muriel Barrett) a former member of the local chapter, received a card of introduction from the national headquarters to Victoria League, London, when she and her sister visited Great Britain. The members considered it a high honor that one of their officers should have received this coveted privilege. The regent gave many of the chapter's endeavors and achievements, and concluded with several announcements.

The last meeting of the Spring season will be held at Mrs. Mann's home in Tillsonburg next Wednesday evening. Transportation will be provided. The members are asked to meet at the corner of the bank.

The next paper collection will be sometime in June, it was announced.

Birthday greetings were received from Mrs. J. A. Gillett, regent of James H. Wilson Chapter, Tillsonburg and Mrs. I. Mann, regent of H.M.S. Courageous Chapter, Tillsonburg.

On behalf of the chapter, the first vice-regent, Miss Lenora Slaght, thanked the speaker, Mr. Murray, and the parents, friends and visitors for being present. She also welcomed Colin McArthur of Winnipeg, who is a concert pianist and artist, and who has come to make temporary residence with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meyers, because of the flood conditions in Winnipeg. He gave many musical numbers during tea time.

Appreciation was also expressed to Rev. J. C. Hood of Knox Presbyterian Church, Norwich, to the church board for the use of the church and schoolroom, to Mrs. Jack Walthers, who sang a solo, "I Would Be True," to Miss Elinore Leitch, the organist, and to the decorating committee and social workers.

The regent welcomed all of the guests who assembled in the schoolroom for the social hour. Mrs. Clarke Murray and Mrs. Ivor Mann, presided over the tea table, each wearing a corsage of spring flowers. The table was centred with a birthday cake and four lighted candles. Baskets of spring flowers with colored streamers were used, making the room a lovely setting for the birthday party.

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GRADE ONE PUPILS of South Norwich Central school are shown here with their teacher, Miss Irene Scidmore. There are 39 pupils in the class. Principal of the school,

usually called the Otterville Public Sschool is Boyd Little.

—(Staff Photo)

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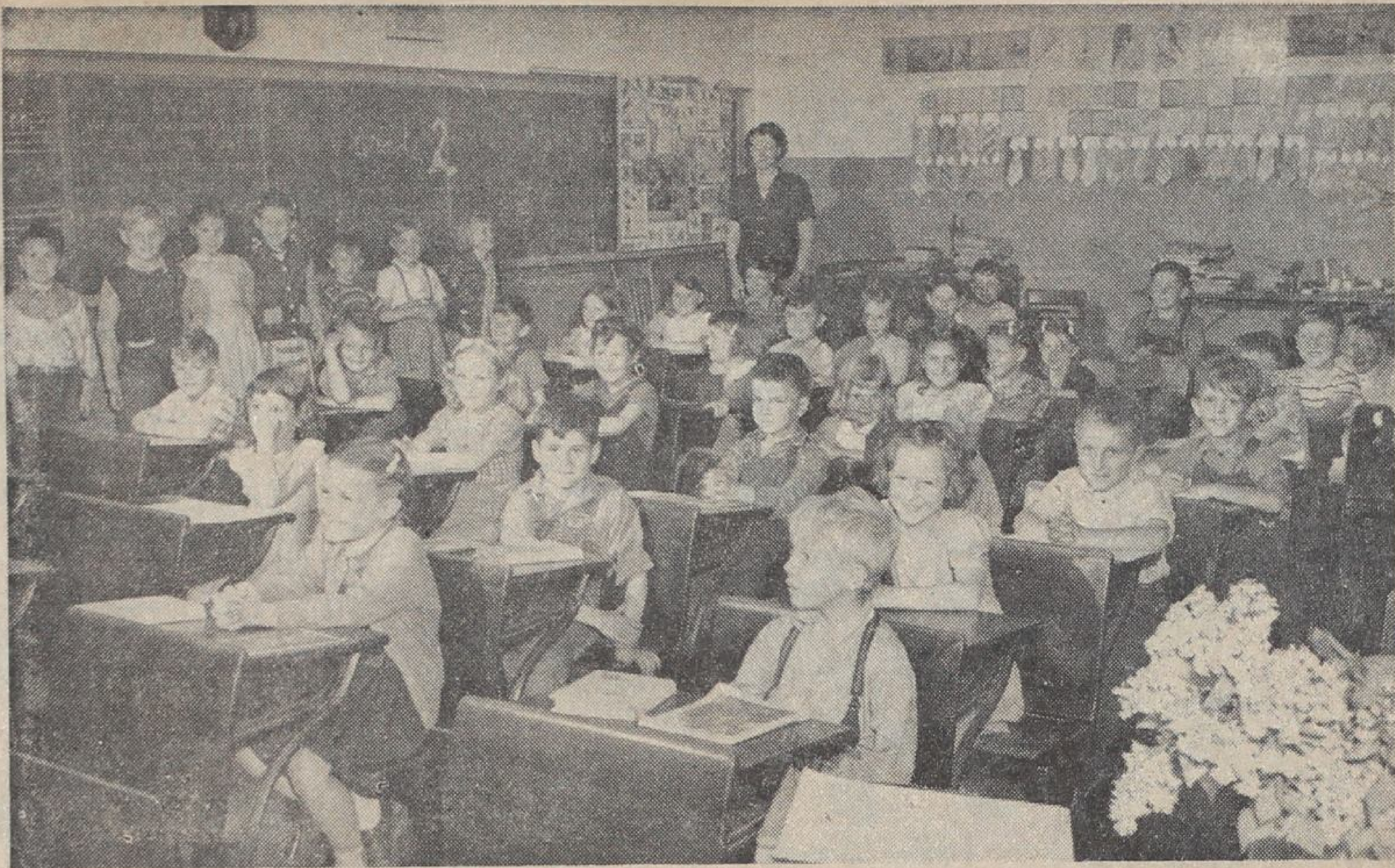
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MRS. D. FISH IS SHOWN with members of her grade two class, in this photo taken at the Otterville Public School. Mrs. Fish has taught eight years at the school,

formerly the Otterville Public and Continuation school. Now, four school buses bring public school students from a wide surrounding area. —(Staff Photo)



FORMER STUDENT AT OTTERVILLE public school and now a member of the teaching staff is Mrs. D. A. Pettigrew. She is shown here with members of her

grade three class. There are 29 pupils enrolled in her room.

JUNE 3, 1950

—(Staff Photo)

TILKSONBURG

New First Baptist Church Dedicated



Large congregations were in attendance at First Baptist Church on Sunday morning and evening, for the dedication services of the new \$86,000 edifice. The beautiful new church replaces the building which was destroyed by fire in June, 1946. The above picture shows the congregation leaving the church following the morning service.—Photo by Seldon.

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Commemorate 131st Anniversary

Commemorating the 131st anniversary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Divine service was held in St. John's Anglican church, Otterville, Sunday evening with Rev. B.A. Silcox B.A., Lth. of Windsor as the guest speaker. Oddfellows numbering more than 100 from this district, together with almost as many Rebekahs, thirty of the Cantons, and members of the I.O.D.E. led by the Otterville Community Band, marched into the church

which was filled to overflowing, extra chairs being brought in, and for the overflow crowd in the adjoining Parish Hall. Ushers were W. Butler and J.H. Smoke, and the colours were presented by W. Pavely. The rector, Rev. L.H. Crawford, B.A., Lth. warmly welcomed the congregation and visitors, and a special welcome to Rev. Silcox, a former rector in this Parish.

In his opening remarks Mr. Silcox said it had been worth every effort to come back to the church, if only to see it filled with people, as he well remembered the first service he attended there when there were only eight persons in the congregation. Recalling his first days there, before he left College, and it was to Otterville where he first brought his bride. He gave a timely message based on the story of the Good Samaritan. Speaking of the laws as found in the book of Deuteronomy, and the people that knew the laws, yet did not always keep them, he reminded the lodge members present that they too knew their lodge laws, and the necessity of keeping them. "The story of the Good Samaritan is well worth thinking about in this day and age", he said "we are on a spiritual journey from Jerusalem to Jericho, and as we go along the way, we may have our downfall, and we see many people stripped of their spiritual garments". Speaking of much unnecessary work being done on the Sabbath it means that man has no time left for God, and will not only lose spiritual garments, but in danger of losing life eternal. He said his office is flooded with people who come with troubles when their boy or girls has gone astray, finding themselves as the Publican "unable to help himself", adding that "in this highly organized society of ours, we let people do as they wish. You know who your neighbour is, and you know your task. Too much is left to the clergy and his office". He urged the members to have faith in the workers in their organizations, and each one do his part, even as the Samaritan did.

A duet, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", was sung by Mrs. Roy Rachar and J.W. Riste. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist.

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Bayfield Anglican Church Marks 100th Anniversary

BAYFIELD, June 25 — Trinity Anglican Church parish, founded in 1849 by the first Anglican clergy in what is now Huron Diocese yesterday celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Many Outside

The Rt. Rev. Bishop G. N. Luxton, Bishop of Huron, conducted the service and received 23 confirmations. More than 200 people filled the tiny brick church and many had to sit in chairs on the lawn and in cars, and hear the service through a public address system.

Celebration of the 100th anniversary was delayed from last year when the rector, the Rev. LaVerne Morgan was ill.

First Church Log House

Services in 1849 were held in a log schoolhouse on the banks of Bayfield River, now part of the home of Miss Lucy Woods. The present building was believed built in 1855 or 1856.

The Rev. Robert Francis Campbell started the parish. He had been sent in 1834 to Goderich, and then to Bayfield. The parish was in Toronto Diocese until Huron Diocese was formed in 1857.

The bishop congratulated the congregation on their recent redecoration of the church.

The harbor and industry marked Bayfield for development ahead of Goderich, at that time. And Mr. Campbell stayed in this parish until he died in November, 1860. The church was built on land donated

by Dr. N. M. Woods, grandfather of Mrs. J. E. Howard, Bayfield.

Celebrations actually began last Tuesday when a banquet was held in Albion Hotel, and will continue with a garden party soon.

Children at the garden party will be pulled in several carriages that were in use when the parish was formed.

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Bayfield Church Marks Centennial



Trinity Anglican Church, Bayfield held its centennial service yesterday, with the Right Rev. G. N. Luxton, Bishop of Huron officiating. Above, after the service, the bishop meets two of the oldest parishoners, Mrs. F.W. Baker (left), and Mrs. George King. The Rev. Laverne Morgan (extreme left), rector of Trinity Church, is making the introductions.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Milldale Cemetery Board will be held at the home of Mr. A. E. Moore, Otterville, on Wednesday, June 7th at 8 p.m.—Mrs. Nate McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer.
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Harold Bishop of Norwich Passes Suddenly at Home

NORWICH, Former Reeve Harold A. Bishop died suddenly at his home shortly past 4-30 o'clock Friday afternoon. He had been down town shopping and was sitting fixing a door lock. Mrs. Bishop left the room to get him a screw driver and she heard him fall and he was dead before she reached him.

Mr. Bishop suffered his first heart seizure about two years ago and he had been falling gradually since. Despite his illness he carried on many duties and was optimistic that he would some day be well again.

Born in the home where he died, 58 years ago this month, he was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bishop. His ancestor were of United Empire Loyalist stock and Mr. Bishop possessed that same fervent loyalty. Norwich to him was the best place on earth and he was interested in every phase of its progress. To the youngsters in town he was a veritable Santa Claus and he actively supported every move to improve facilities for their welfare in town.

He served for several years as a councillor and as a member of the Public Utilities Commission. In November, 1944 he was elected reeve and he served for three years. Those were three years of progress for Norwich for he pushed several projects with all the abundant vigor he possessed. When on the council he supported the establishment of the present community playgrounds and the building of the band shell. He later took an active part in having the ball diamond flood lighted and he assisted in the Playgrounds Association, which sponsors various kinds of sport among the youth of the village.

For many years he was a director of the North Norwich Agricultural Society was a leader in the purchase of the present Dillon Park and gave many weeks of work in getting it into the present good condition. A lover of horse racing, he assisted greatly in building the race track at Dillon Park. For many years he was at the public address system on Fair Days and kept the crowds well informed of what was going.

Mr. Bishop was largely responsible for the organizing of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club, was one of its early presidents and later served as District Deputy Governor. He was keenly interested in the club's welfare work and saw to it that a well filled basket went into needy homes at Christmas time. Rarely had he missed a Lions Club meeting and was active to the end.

When on the County Council he was on the Oxford County Health Unit from its inception and continued to serve on that board, as a representative of the Provincial Government, after he had quit the reeveship of Norwich.



HAROLD A. BISHOP

In politics Mr. Bishop was a Progressive-Conservative. He was chairman of the Norwich organization for some time and gave active support at all times. One of Mr. Bishop's latest interests was the L. and L. Club, an organization composed of members of the Lions and the Legion. He had great hopes for this group and was planning concerts and schemes to raise money for community betterment.

As a young man he travelled successfully for the Woodstock Wagon Company and Purina Company. For a while he was with a manufacturing firm in Chicago. More than 20 years ago he joined his brother at the Witts' Fertilizer and had become widely known as their salesman. He was particularly successful among the New Canadians in the tobacco area and they trusted him to a man.

Mr. Bishop is survived by his wife, the former Laura Sumner of Ingersoll; three sons and two daughters: Alfred Bishop, Sheriff of Oxford County; LAC Gerald Bishop, Edmont; Robert Bishop, Norwich; Mrs. M. Farrell, Norwich; Mrs. William Kennedy, Woodstock. Two granddaughters, a brother, F. C. Bishop, and a sister, Mrs. J. Cornwell, Norwich, also survive.

Funeral arrangements were not complete this morning.

Scenes From Langton

June 29, 1950

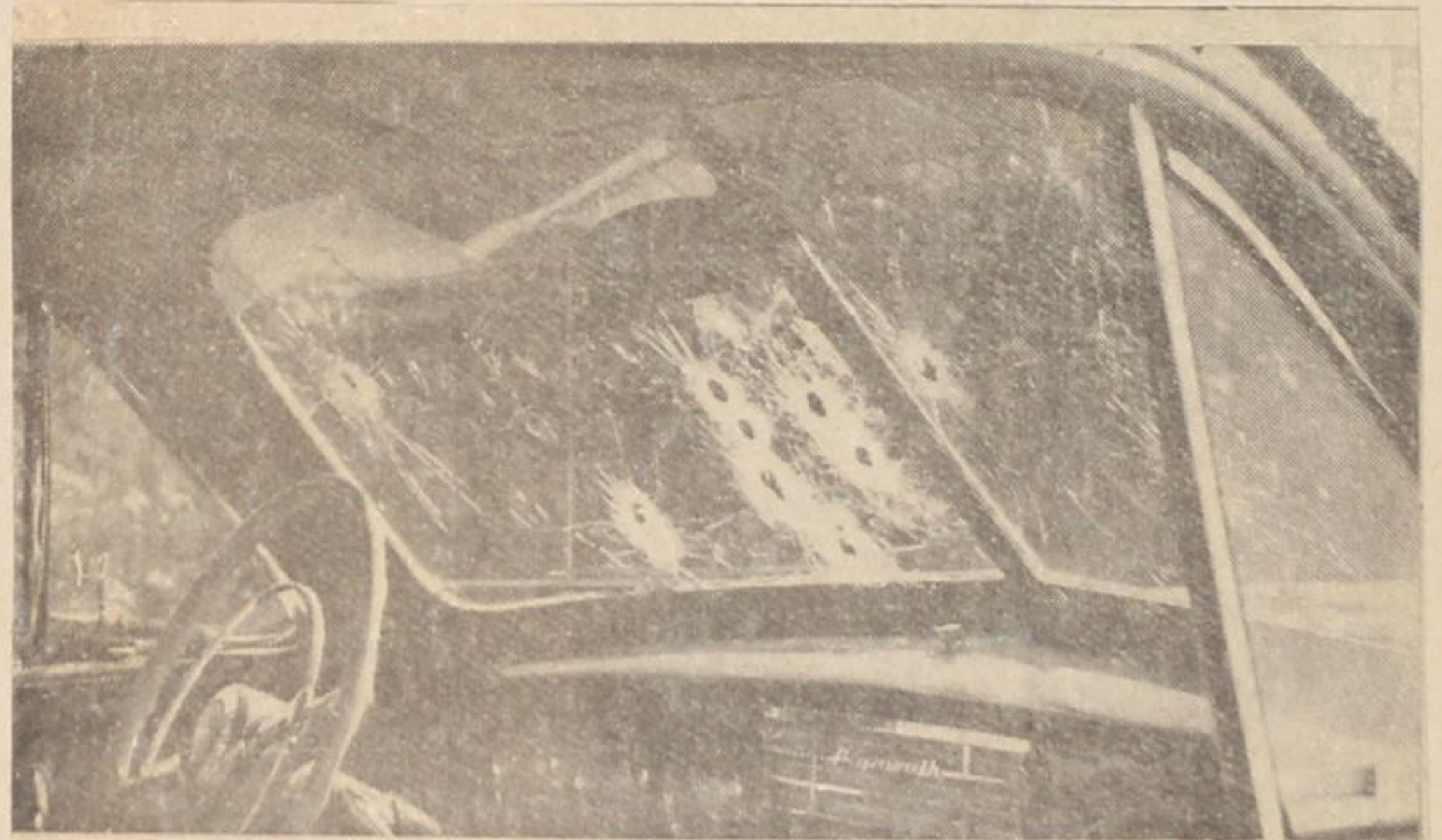
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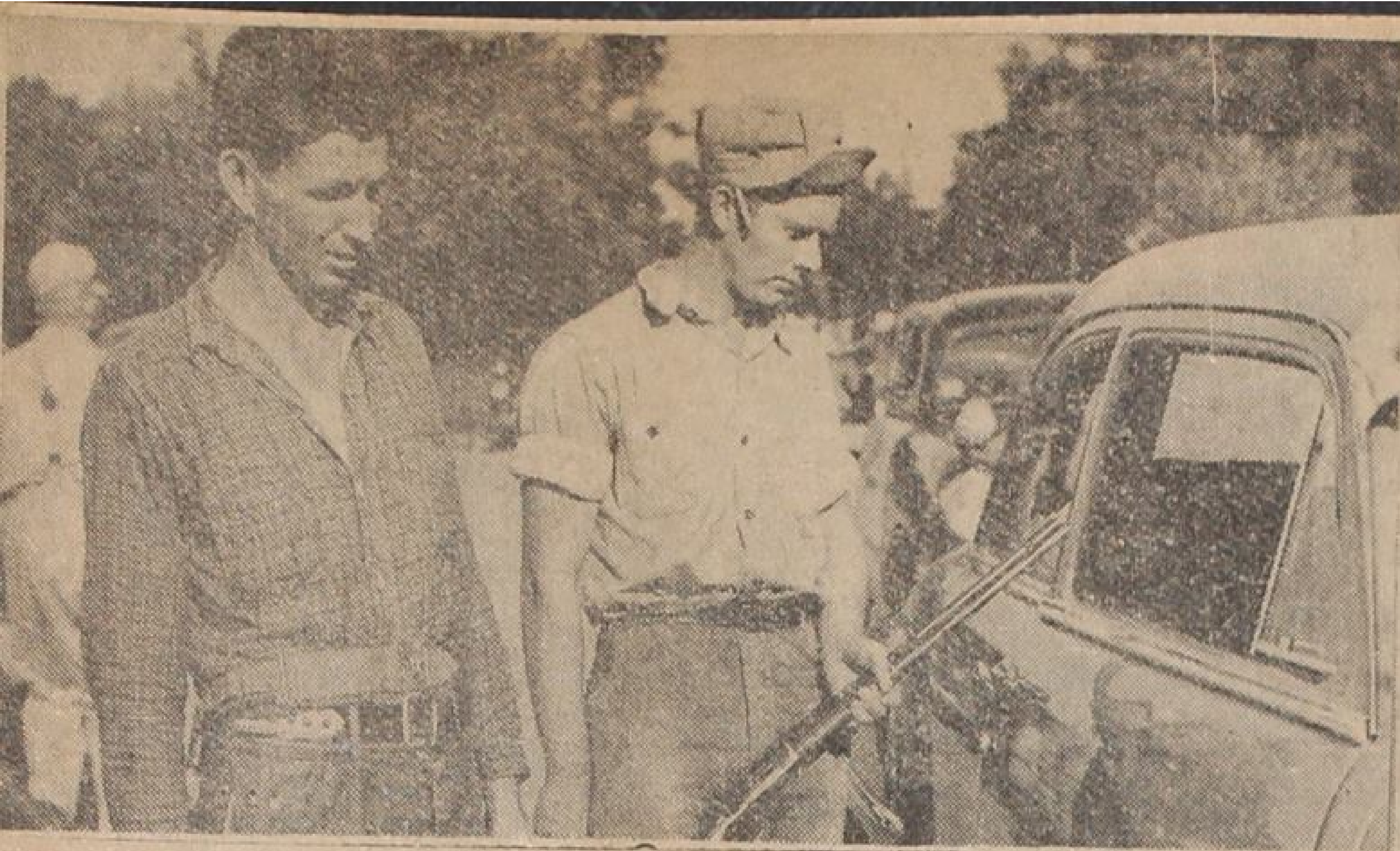
Robbery and Murders



Scene of double murder. Getaway car in foreground, death car in the rear.



Bullets from bandit's guns crashed windshield, killing two pursuers.



Armed district residents joined Provincial Police to hunt bandit-killer in bush and swamp.



The Langton branch of the Imperial Bank of Canada, which was robbed of more than \$23,000 by an armed bandit last Wednesday afternoon.



Police get last minute instructions before starting to beat through the dense bush and swamp.

MANHUNT BECOMES CANADA'S BIGGEST

Capture on Saturday afternoon of the alleged killer in the Langton hold-up came as an exciting climax to three tense days and nights during which the entire countryside lived in a constant state of expectancy, says B.M.P. in the Simcoe Reformer.

While it remains to prove the identity of the bandit conclusively, which can only be done through due processes of the law, it is clear that police are confident that they have succeeded in rounding up the right man.

From the time the desperado held up the Langton bank on Wednesday afternoon, quickly followed by the grim tragedy on a Houghton sideroad, until the culprit was captured near Straffordville on Saturday, the affair snowballed into one of the greatest manhunts in Canadian crime history.

Participating in the manhunt was one of the largest posses of police in the history of Norfolk County and probably of all Ontario. Aiding them was another great army of men and boys, many of them friends of the victims, all armed and determined to capture the murderer.

Newspaper reporters and photographers from every big daily in Western Ontario and a few from American papers converged on the Houghton countryside, while several radio stations were on hand with portable recordmakers to reproduce eye-witness accounts of the stirring drama.

Certainly the three-day manhunt had all the elements of drama and suspense that one could find in the most stirring novel. Always the element of danger hung over the scene, with the expectation that the killer would open fire with a Sten machine-gun when he was cornered. There was also the incident when police opened fire on one of the farmer-searchers, whom they mistook for the fleeing bandit.

For their almost sleepless vigil and patient surveillance during a harrowing three days and nights, the provincial police deserve utmost credit. Ranking right next to them were scores of farmers and their sons, who participated in the manhunt right to the end. Without the ceaseless vigilance of all residents of the countryside, the hunted man might well still be at large.

Flushed from a haymow by one farmer, the criminal's trail became hot and eventually resulted in the capture. Reports from the actual scene of the capture also give credit to a young man who materially aided police in bringing the bandit to bay. Scores of other civilians are equally deserving of credit for their part in the hunt.

Thus ended one of the most dramatic episodes in the crime annals of Norfolk County, as well as of Ontario. It is gratifying that no further lives were lost nor wounds inflicted in the three-day chase. As it was, the price of two lives as a result of the bank robbery is very high.



William Goddyn (left), age 25, and Arthur Lierman, age 31, who were killed in the latter's car near Kinglake after chasing the bandit's car.

Believe Killer Was In Langton Three Days

Langton—The bank robber who murdered two heroic citizens may have lived three days right here.

Some residents formed this opinion on the week-end as they recalled the mysterious job-seeker who blew into town, watched, and vanished two days before the \$23,000 holdup of Langton's only bank.

He distinguished himself locally by always wearing sun-glasses, no matter what the hour or the weather; staying steadily on a main street bench, early as 6:30 a.m.; talking fast and acting cocky.

They looked at a newspaper picture of the suspect called Frank West.

And they feel every item in the suspect's description confirms their belief that the murderer lived three days in their midst as one of the first of hundreds of migratory farm laborers arriving here each summer.

A tinsmith by trade, Clement (French) Forgues, age 36, was standing his week-end stint behind the counter of the Langton Cafe on Saturday, June 17, when the mystery man first walked in, wearing gray suit coat and blue trousers.

"Know anybody wants a guy to swing a hoe?" the man barked at Forgues. Frenchy said no, "and the guy turned right around and walked out just like that. He went straight to that bench in front of the store next door and sat down."

From the few brief, clipped words overheard from the mystery man in the next three days, Frenchy formed a firm impression. "He talked awful fast. And fresh and cocky. Like a city slicker."

Forgues' every word is corroborated by his friend Noel and other employees of the Langton Cafe. The mystery man also applied for a job to cafe proprietor William Deporter. And he was witnessed by general store operator C. Plancke.

R.C.M.P. fingerprint files at Ottawa revealed on Monday that the real name of the killer suspect being held at Simcoe is George Walker and not Frank West.

Provincial Police officials said

Lierman's Assistance To Matthy's Recalled

The manner in which Arthur Lierman helped Arthur Matthys was typical of his many benefactions which never were publicized but which won him the hearts of his compatriots through the Belgian communities in Norfolk and Elgin counties.

Lierman, a successful businessman at 31 and with an even greater future before him, was killed outright by machine gun fire as he pursued the bandit who held up the Imperial Bank at Langton last Wednesday.

Readers will remember Arthur Matthys, for they too helped him in his fight against extradition to Belgium to face a charge of murder. They did so through the medium of the Arthur Matthys Fund.

Matthys was charged with murder by Belgian authorities over the death of a man who was shot in the turmoil which followed the liberation of Belgium.

Matthys declared his innocence but at first lacked any financial means of preparing a defence. A fund was launched to ensure that this new Canadian of little more than a year's residence would not lose for want of means to prepare a fair and proper defence.

Lierman interested himself in the case, as he did with the problems confronting many new Canadians from Belgium. He personally paid the hotel bills necessary when Matthys and his family were required to stay in Toronto in connection with court appearances. He also helped to raise money for the fund and was a heavy subscriber to it.

He cancelled a trip to Florida in order that he could be with Matthys when the case went to trial, and stood by Matthys during the hearing.

Matthys was freed from extradition in a case which was declared unique in Canadian jurisprudence. He was defended by Victor H. Tillson, K.C., Tillsonburg lawyer.

Today hundreds recall with gratitude the help they received from Mr. Lierman.

R.C.M.P. FILES REVEAL NAME

Ottawa—If you want to conceal your real name, don't leave your fingerprints around.

Fingerprints have their own way of telling the truth, especially if they have the R.C.M.P. Identification Bureau to help them.

The R.C.M.P.'s identification set-up has an almost fool-proof system for checking fingerprints and finding out their owners. And the R.C.M.P. work fast.

A current example is the way they worked in tracing down the true identity of Frank West charged with murder in the machine-gun slaying of two men who pursued a bank robber at Langton.

When captured in a shack near Straffordville, the alleged killer had his fingerprints taken. They tallied with those taken from the getaway car used in the bank robbery. Speeded to Ottawa, they showed, too, that the man they belonged to was not known as Frank West, but George Walker, convicted three times of committing crime.

Walker's capture came after a four-day search for the thug who escaped with \$23,500 from the Langton bank. Toronto police took fingerprints from the windshield of the car he is alleged to have been driving when the shooting took place. Copies were rushed to the R.C.M.P.'s Identification Bureau and in a matter of minutes they were compared and their true identity disclosed.

There are 500,000 prints on file at the bureau, all indexed under names and types. The names file turned up no one by the name of "Frank West." So the fingerprints were compared with various shapes and sizes and they were found to be those of George Walker.

Though no two fingerprints in the world are identical, there are 10 outstanding types, such as the "composite," the "accidental" and the "lateral pocket loops"—three of the commonest types used.

In addition to the 10 main classifications, there are more than 1,000 minor classifications enabling the search to be narrowed down until an identical print is found.

that this is the fourth time since 1938 that Walker has used the name of West when arrested.

Investigators have been unable to locate the home address of Walker or any of his family. He has been known as a drifter in various Western Ontario cities.

Police said that Walker is known as George West and Frank West in Woodstock, Niagara Falls and Brantford, where he was arrested in 1938 and 1939 for minor offenses.

Ottawa officials said there is no record of his home address nor the city in which he was born. He admits being born in Ontario.

Investigators were suspicious that Walker was giving an alias when he insisted that his name was West. His fingerprints were sent to Ottawa and compared with the R.C.M.P. files.

Houghton Township Man Shot In Fight Over Posse Methods

An argument over the method used by posses hunting the Langton bank bandit killer led to another shooting in the Langton area on Sunday afternoon.

Minor shotgun wounds were suffered by John W. Fick, age 71, Houghton Township old age pensioner in a fracas at the home of a friend, George Parker.

Parker, 70-year-old woodcutter who lives on the 11th concession of North Walsingham, was disarmed by a Toronto reporter and turned over to provincial police a short time after he allegedly shot Fick.

Fick was wounded in his right arm, left leg and back. After treatment in the office of Dr. J. W. Nicolson he was returned to his home on the town line between Houghton and North Walsingham and about five miles southwest of Langton.

Parker was lodged in Simcoe jail. Fast talking efforts by Reporter Russell Cooper, age 23, of The Toronto Telegram, led to Parker's capture.

With Photographer Madison Sale and three district youths, Cooper went to Parker's one-room shack when he heard of the shooting.

A voice from inside shouted "Don't come closer." But Cooper persisted.

Once inside he took the gun from the elderly man, later turning him over to Provincial Constables Gerald Yeomans and Ray Schisler.

Fick said he had gone to call on Parker with whom he had been friends for years and when the argument began, Parker hit him on the head with a club.

"I went at him with my bare hands and turned him over with a rolling hip-lock," said Fick, who was a wrestler in Niagara Falls in his younger days.

"His head hit the bed, his feet went up and his head went down and he went round and round," said Fick.

Parker then ordered him off the property and seized the shotgun.

Fick quoted Parker as saying, "If

you don't start running I'll shoot."

Fick didn't run and Parker pulled the trigger, according to his friend. Fick said two men came part way up the lane after the blast and he believes that is why Parker didn't fire the second shot.

Fick made his way to the home of Gerrard Romal, 11th concession, and Romal's son took him to the doctor.

JARDINE — At the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, on Tuesday, July 12, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jardine of Otterville, a daughter.

KROHE—At the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital, on Thursday, July 6, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. John Krohe of Otterville, a daughter.

Harford McMillen

ST. THOMAS, July 28 — Harford McMillen, 80, of Crystal Beach, a former resident of Talbotville, died today in Fort Erie Hospital after a short illness.

Born at Ivehowe, Hastings County, he resided in Fort Erie district 50 years. He was a retired New York Central System boiler-maker, and a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMillen.

Surviving besides his wife, are one son, Lavern, Hamilton; two daughters, Mrs. William (Hazel) Near, Fort Erie; Mrs. Albert (Thelma) Byers, Norwich; one sister, Mrs. Lavina Blakley, St. Thomas; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. His first wife, Mrs. Charlotte (Meadows) McMillen, died in 1937.

The body is resting in Sifton's funeral home pending completion of funeral arrangements. Interment will be made in Glanworth Cemetery.

Met at Home

Members of St. John's church Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Howse, Otterville, to honour Mr. and Mrs. Ron Sage who were recently married. There were a number of contests conducted by Miss Eva Deveney, and the winners were Mrs. Sage, Miss Leona Swartz, Miss Barbara Furlong, Miss Jean Harrington, Mrs. Jack Riste and Mrs. Fred Howse. An address was read by Miss Leona Swartz and a floor lamp and matching smoker were presented to the bride and groom by Miss Catherine McMullen and Miss Jane Furlong. The hostess was assisted by other members of the club in serving cake and ice cream. *July 1950*

Miss Gladys Drake of Toronto was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Max Avey and other friends in the village. During her stay she was entertained in the Community Park in company with three of her former associates, Mrs. Norman Swift, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Max Avey. This was the first time in a period of 30 years these ladies had met together. *July 16-1950*

Accidental Rifle Discharges Endanger Two After Manhunt

A Tillsonburg boy was injured, and another resident badly frightened on Saturday evening in the Market Square, when rifles being used by the Provincial Police in the hunt for the Langton bank bandit accidentally discharged while being unloaded. Some 25 police cruisers and 80 officers had converged near the town hall after the capture of the double-murder suspect in connection with the bank robbery in the final chapter of the hunt.

Robert Porter, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Porter, Delavan Crescent, suffered superficial wounds to the side of his face and neck from pieces of pavement which flew into the air when a constable's rifle discharged into the road as he was unloading it. Bleeding profusely, the boy was immediately rushed in a police cruiser to the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital where he remained overnight.

Minutes following this first mishap, a second rifle discharged. The bullet from this rifle buried itself in

a flower bed surrounding the town hall. Angus Scott, Fourth St., was within inches of this second missile but escaped injury. Hundreds of spectators had crowded about the square and were watching police unload their weapons when the two guns discharged.

Chief Constable T. L. Corbett investigated both incidents.

7 weeks
Mrs. Wellington Armstrong has returned home after spending seven weeks in the west visiting her father, Fred Cotton and other relatives at Alberta, also visiting her sister at Port Albernie, Vancouver Island. *July 1950*

HONSE ENTERED

Miss Pauline Johnson, 15 Wolf street, who is a Victorian Order nurse, sold her house and on Friday, July 28, a moving van took all her furniture and belongings away with the exception of her clothing and some lamps. Miss Johnson went to Mount Pleasant where she is going to live and came back Monday to pick up the remainder of her things. She found that between the time she left Friday and Monday someone had used a skeleton key and entered the house and took the lamps and all her clothing with the exception of one of her hats and an evening gown. She was supposed to start work Tuesday but had to wait for new uniforms to take the place of those stolen. The Tillsonburg police are investigating. *July 1950*

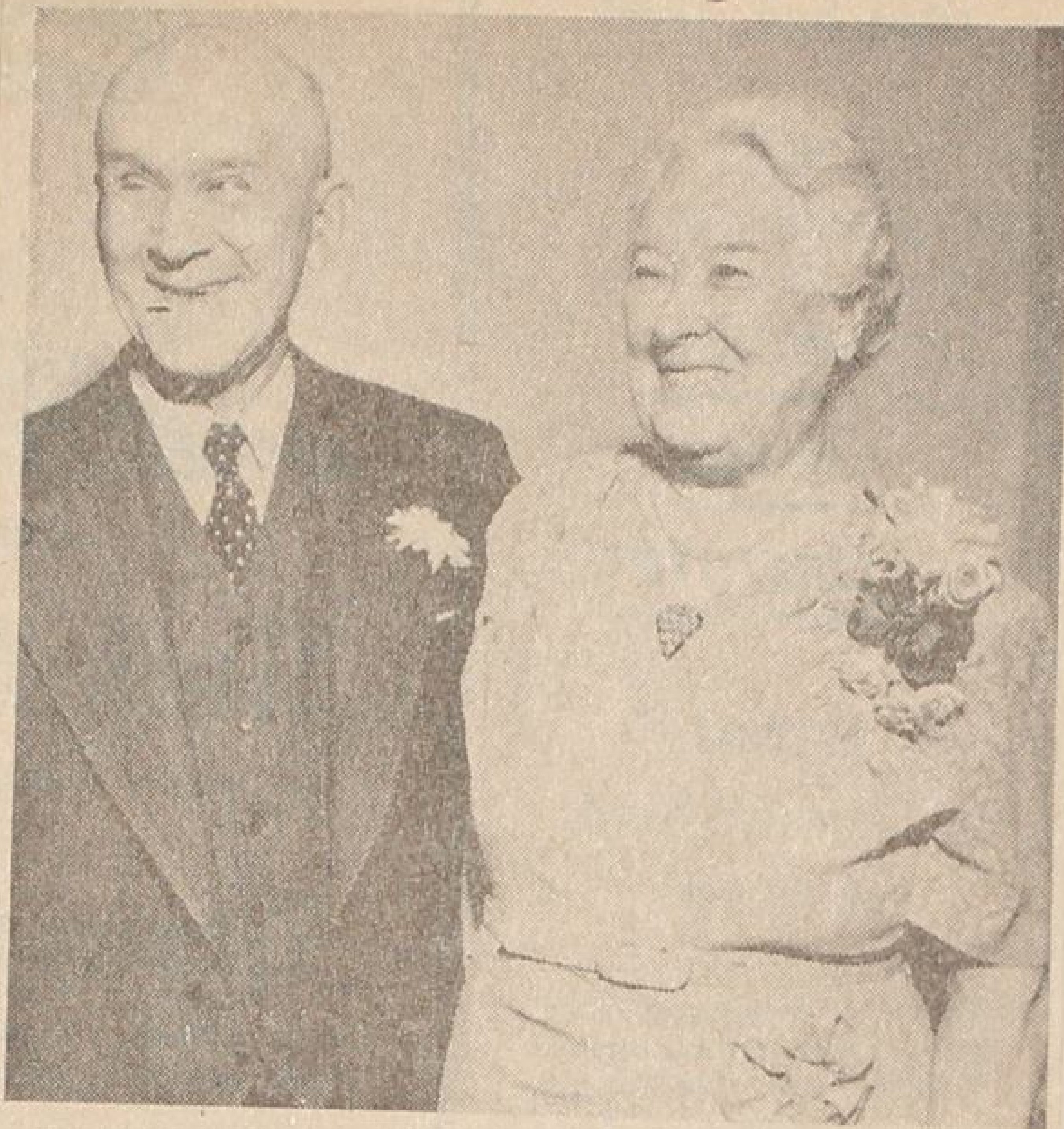
FOUR PARTIES IN ONE

July
OTTERVILLE — A party marking four birthdays on the same day was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Wardell to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Charles Addison, Alfred E. Moore, Will Kennedy and Miss Dorothy Wardell, all of Otterville. Mrs. Addison, who is the oldest of the group, was 84, and she and Mr. Moore have celebrated their birthdays together for more than 30 years. Mr. Kennedy joined with them about 20 years ago in the celebration. Following the birthday dinner, the evening was spent socially.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hillier and Paul Seegert have returned to their home at Racine, Wisconsin, after spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and other relatives. Their son, Floyd Hillier, of Washington, also accompanied them home for a week after spending a week here with relatives. *July 31/50*

1950

Golden Wedding Event



On their golden wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton, Grosvenor street (above) were surrounded by all their family. Present at a reception at their parents' home were Delmer Clinton, of Norwich; Mrs. Dennis (Myrtle) Groat, Highbury avenue, and Morley, Lorne avenue. Eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild also attended. Wed 50 years ago at Courtland, the couple has lived at Otterville and Woodstock. 1950

JULY

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Clinton of 346 Grosvenor St., London and formerly of Otterville, Ont., will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, July 2nd, 1950. A family dinner will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis L. Groat 658 Highbury Ave. Friends will be welcomed at Mr. and Mrs. Groat's home in the afternoon and in the evening at Mr. and Mrs. Clinton's home.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. King, Nelson street, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mabel Jean, to Harry Raymond Woollatt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woollatt, of London; the wedding to take place Saturday, July 15, at Wellington Street United Church at 2.30 o'clock.

Woollatt - King

Mabel Jean King was a charming bride when her marriage to Harry Raymond Woollatt was solemnized Saturday afternoon at Wellington Street United Church. Rev. J. W. Hunt, assisted by Rev. J. D. Woollatt, Essex, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony which united in marriage the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. King, Nelson street, to the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Woollatt, Grey street. Pastel gladioli and lighted cathedral tapers created the bridal setting and J. Ewart Mapletoft played the wedding music. Miss Lillie Buck, soloist, sang "O Perfect Love."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was costumed in a gown of white satin fashioned with fitted bodice crowned with Nylon yoke and long sleeves tapering to points over the hands. Her full skirt, lace-trimmed, was caught with satin bows and her long veil was of French illusion. She carried a cascade of red roses and Stephanotis.

Maid of honor for her sister, Miss Marjorie King, wore cascade green taffeta and carried Talisman roses and sweet peas. Bridesmaids were Miss Jean Brown, in orchid taffeta, and carrying a cascade of yellow roses, and Miss Lillie Buck, in lemon taffeta and carrying a cascade of pink roses. Attendants' gowns were styled alike with fitted bodices and Nylon sheer peplums accenting the full skirts.

Robert A. Cater attended the groom and Fred V. Smith and Frank J. King ushered.

Guests were received later in the church parlors by the mother of the bride, gowned in powder blue crepe with navy accessories and wearing a corsage of roses. The groom's mother chose navy blue crepe with navy and white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Leaving for a wedding trip the bride was wearing an afternoon dress of soft mist blue with white accessories and corsage of pink roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Woollatt will reside in London.

July 15/50

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Harrison - Bruce

NORWICH — St. James Anglican Church, Ingersoll, was the scene of a wedding when Miss Betty Doreen Bruce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Bruce, became the bride of Richard Sydney Harrison, son of Mrs. Alice Harrison and the late Roland Harrison, all of Norwich. Rev. Carman J. Queen officiated in the presence of the immediate families of the young couple.

The bride wore a street-length dress of sky blue needlepoint, enhanced with embroidered flowers and scroll. She wore white accessories and a corsage of pink roses.

Miss Helen Mitchell was her cousin's bridesmaid, wearing a street-length dress of yellow flowered sheer, with white hat and gloves and corsage of roses.

The groom was attended by his brother, Douglas Harrison, Burgessville. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Later Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Harrison left for Niagara Falls and points in the United States where they will spend their honeymoon. The bride traveled in a navy blue dressmaker suit with navy accessories and a corsage of roses. They will take up residence in Woodstock.

July 27 1950

Largely Attended Picnic

The Mary Hastings "Bluebirds" held a largely attended picnic in the Community Park, Friday with 90 persons enjoying the picnic supper. The swimming pool and the wading pool proved a favorite spot for the younger members of the group. The members responded generously with donations for the Auction Sale which was conducted by Mr. I.J. Odenback of Delhi as a capable auctioneer, and the proceeds of the auction resulted in more than \$40.00 which will go toward the fund for the bereaved Goddyn family. Included among the donations was a hand decorated Irish linen handkerchief which had been designed by a 72 year old Wallaceburg resident. There was a splendid sports program and the winners of the races were Linda Cartier, Bobby Hansford and Nancy Polard; shoe scrambles, Mrs. Courtney and the team led by Bobby Tedesco of Detroit. Mrs. Marion Chambers and Mrs. Doreen Hansford were the youngest mothers present and Linda Hall was the youngest person, and Mrs. Emily McMullen was the oldest. The mysterious Miss Otterville was identified as Miss Helen Tedesco of Detroit by Donald Gorman of Detroit. Mrs. Doreen Hansford won the cake draw.

Members registered from London, Ingersoll, Tillsonburg, Springford, Otterville. The table committee was Windham Centre, Delhi, Norwich and the president, Mrs. Daisy Ash, the vice president, Mrs. Annie Smith and the secretary treasurer Mrs. Dorothy Durkee.

Representatives of the London Free Press were also present and appreciation was expressed to them for the ice cream which they donated. The visitors also expressed appreciation to the local club for the fine picnic, and there were many complimentary remarks regarding the facilities in the Park.

At the United church Sunday, Rev. W.G. Wylie based his message from the theme "Conversion". A duet "In the Garden" was sung by Mrs. H. A.

Waring and Miss Lila Jull accompanied by Miss Naureen Petch at the organ. Basket of flowers and ferns were used to decorate the church.

Following the Sunday School a brief meeting was held by the teachers and officers of the United Sunday School in regard to the annual picnic which will be held Friday July 28th, in the Park at Otterville, with dinner at 12.30 noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clarke of Danville, Virginia spent most of last week with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Brown, and also visited relatives at Teeterville. Mrs. Clark had been attending the Baptist Worlds Alliance at Cleveland Ohio where she was a delegate of the Women's Missionary Union.

Two quilts have been quilted by the Women's Association of the Otterville United church during the month, and members were assisted by other ladies, the work being done in the schoolroom of the church.

Picnics registered for this week in the Otterville Park are the Newark Women's Association, the Foldens United Sunday School, the Bilger family picnic, the Dennis picnic the Norwich Rebekahs, the Springford United Sunday School, the Burford United Sunday School, the Lynedock United and Anglican, the Walsh Baptist Sunday School, the Pleasant Valley W.I., the Otterville United Sunday School, and the Northfield Young People.

Mrs. W. E. James of Dorchester spent part of Wednesday and Thursday with her mother, Mrs. C. E. Addison and also visited Mrs. Norman Swift who has been visiting with J. Wesley Fish and family.

Rev. Norman K. Savage and Mrs. Savage and three children and Mrs. Charles Boone of East Stroudsburg, Pa., have returned home after spending two weeks at the homes of Mrs. Thomas Church and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Church.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Batson and daughter Miss Francis Batson have returned home after a motor trip through the Capleau district in Northern Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and daughter, Miss Catherine McMullen, and Mrs. Emily McMullen and Mrs. J. W. Riste spent Sunday with relatives at Port Burwell and Kingslake.

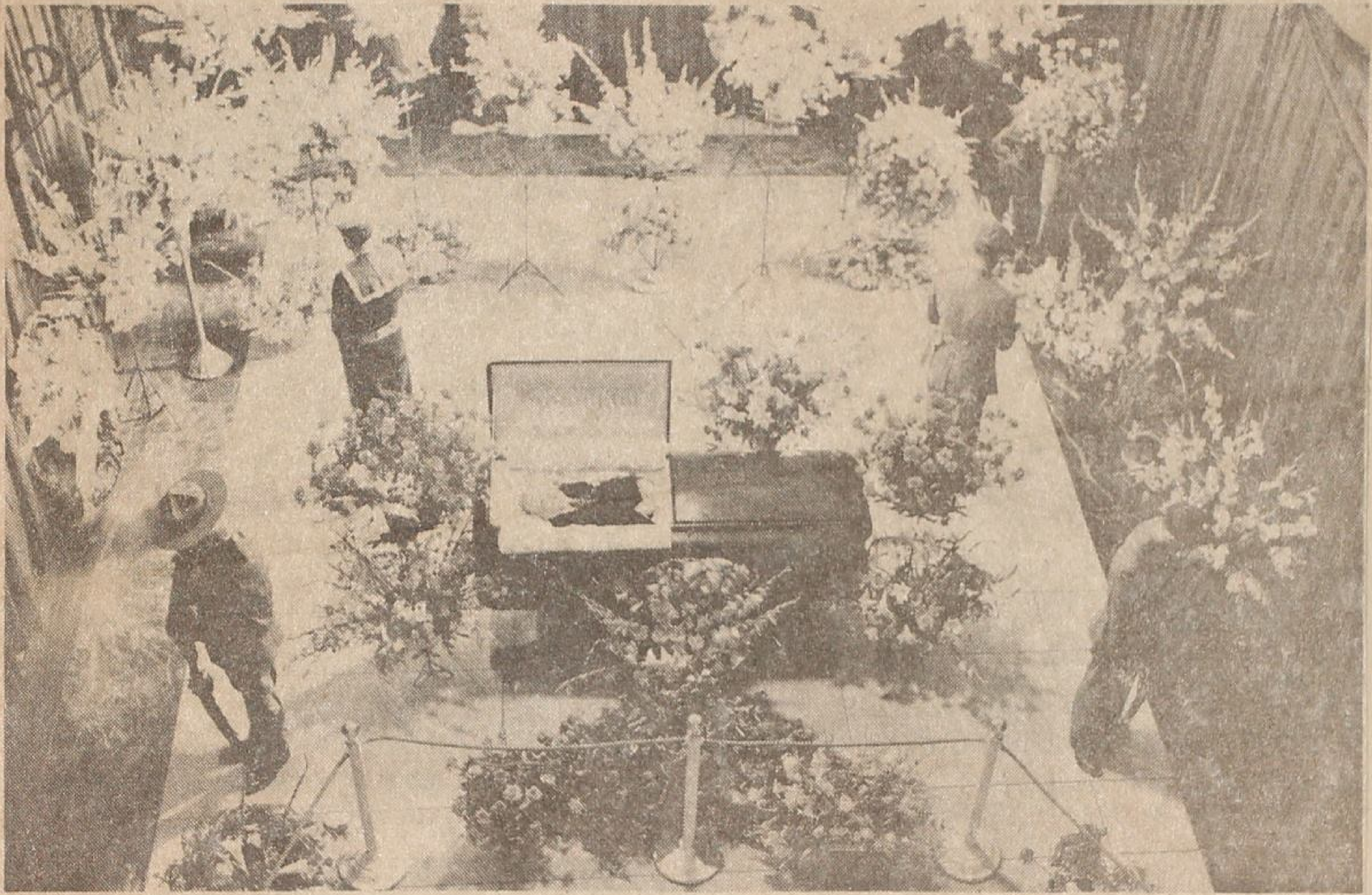
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kennedy returned to Hamilton Sunday after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. David Kennedy and family. Jeanne Kennedy accompanied them to her home after spending a week in Hamilton.

Lea Searancke of Coburg and Mrs. Frank Searancke of Simcoe called on Mrs. T.G. Forman and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J.K. Wardell and family spent Sunday at St. Thomas with relatives.

Miss Effie Nelson of Tillsonburg spent Wednesday at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Nate McMullen and family.

Servicemen Guard Ex-Premier Lying in State



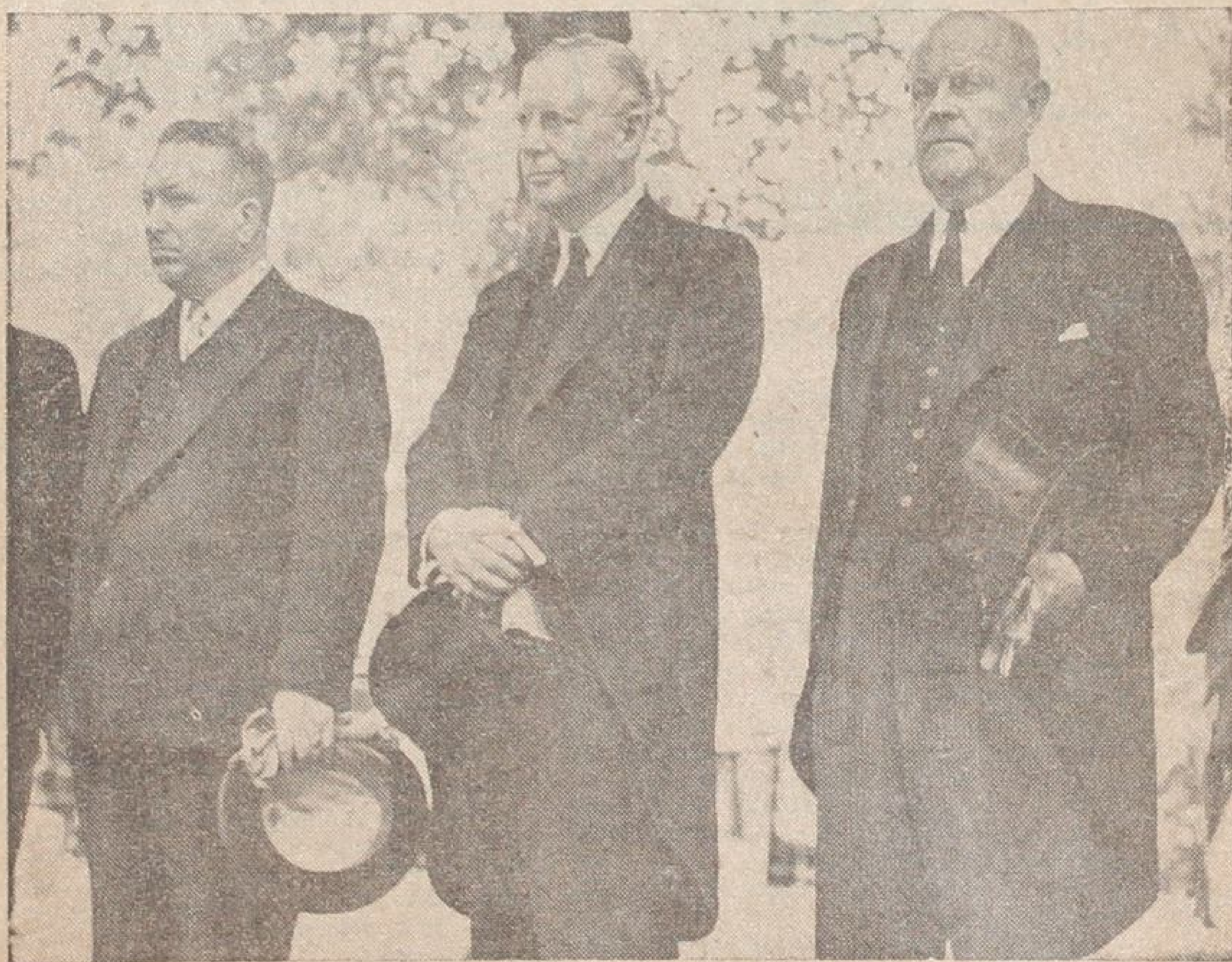
Guarded by members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the body of the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is seen lying in state in Canada's

Hall of Fame, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. Funeral services for the former prime minister will be conducted today.

Relatives, Officials at King Rites



The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King was laid to rest in Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday, as thousands mourned his loss. Here, Mr. King's sister and her son and two daughters arrive at Union Station to attend burial services. Left to right, are: Harry M. Lay, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario; Miss Rosabel Lay, Mrs. H. M. Lay (in wheelchair) and Mrs. G. Dunlop.



Thousands of Torontonians lined the streets as the funeral cortege of the man who led this country for more than 20 years, proceeded to the cemetery. Many dignitaries attended the graveside service. Seen here, left to right, are: Toronto Mayor Hiram McCallum, Ontario Premier Leslie Frost and Lieut.-Gov. Ray Lawson.

Beside the grave was a 12-foot monument of grey granite which said Mr. King's father, John, and his mother, Isabel Grace — the youngest daughter of the Rebel William Lyon Mackenzie — were buried here too, along with his sister and his brother.

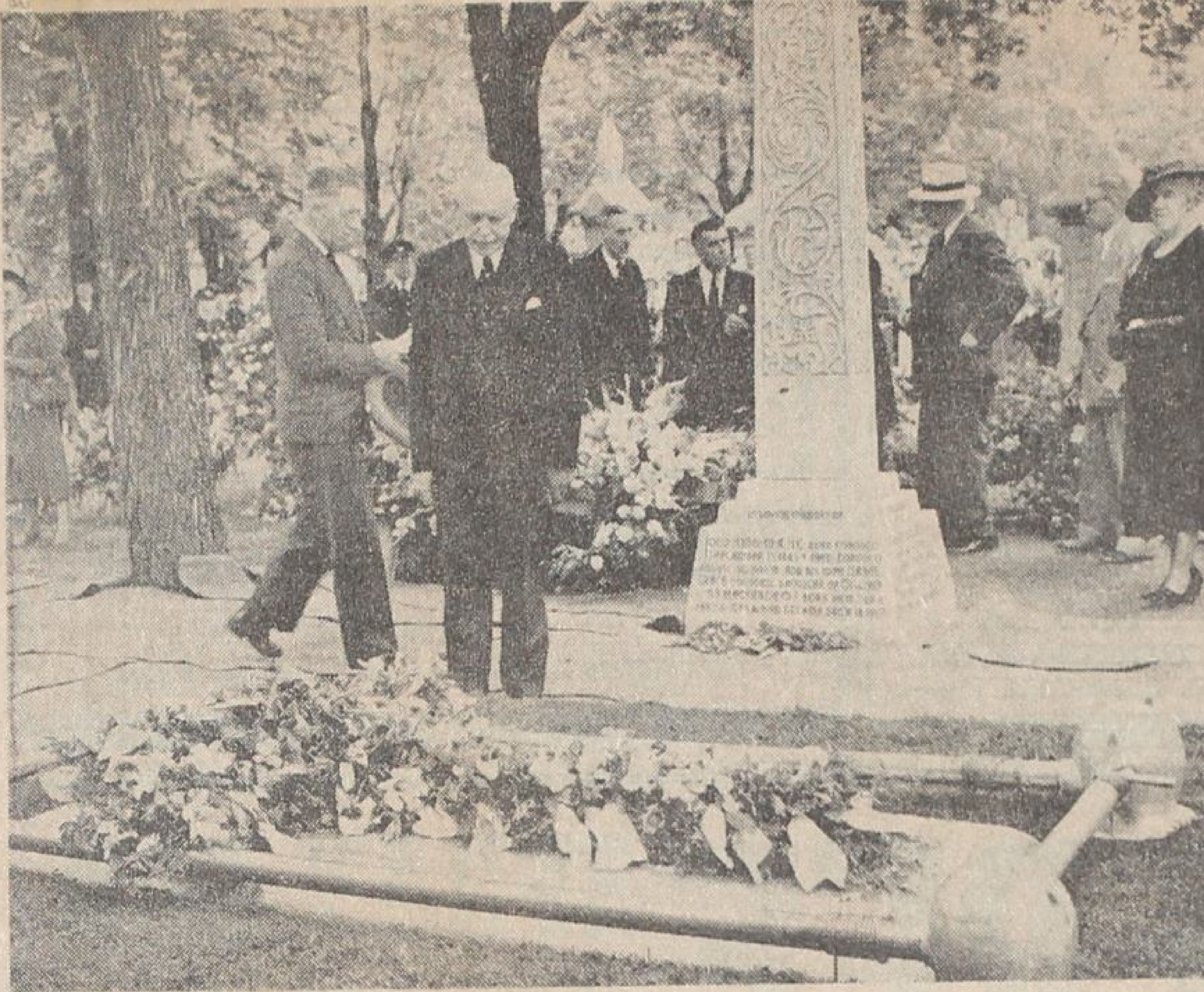
A few yards from the small maple tree, some boys climbed into another to see over the crowds. A branch broke.

The noise broke into the words of Rev. A. I. Burnett of Mr. King's Ottawa St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. When Rt. Rev. F. Scott MacKenzie, moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, spoke the Lord's Prayer, the words were taken up and spoken by men of several faiths.

The keynote of the service were these words by Mr. Burnett:

"For as much as it has pleased God to take unto himself the soul of our dear beloved brother, William Lyon Mackenzie King, we therefore commit his body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of his resurrection to eternal life."

That was pretty much a statement of Mr. King's own simple faith in God.



With bowed head, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent pays final tribute to William Lyon Mackenzie King, former prime minister of Canada and world statesman, who was buried yesterday in the family plot at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

Ex-P.M. Buried Beside Parents

Toronto Pays Final Tribute

BY DOUGLAS HOW

TORONTO, July 27—(CP)—William Lyon Mackenzie King was buried beside his mother and his father today, under the shade of a maple tree.

It was exactly where he would have wanted to be.

A tremendous tribute by two of the country's larger cities bore him to the quiet family plot in Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

In Ottawa for two days and in Toronto today, tens of thousands of persons came into the streets to say farewell in silence, some in tears, to the former prime minister. In all, there undoubtedly were hundreds of thousands.

Entire Route Lined

They lined the streets of Toronto today for blocks, for many blocks. In front of Union Station, they were massed five, six and more deep, all in a great silence, when eight mounties emerged with the mahogany casket that had come from Ottawa aboard a special overnight train.

Eight kilted pipers played their

sad, Scottish laments. Two files of servicemen stood between the people and the dignitaries who followed the coffin. Behind the Mounties came the Cabinet ministers, headed by Prime Minister St. Laurent, representatives of the province, the city, the Federal Government, members of Parliament and of the Senate, envoys of foreign lands.

They got into a procession of long black cars and it rolled slowly away from the station. There were no bands, no pomp, no pageantry, no color save the red jackets of the few Mounties.

Six-Mile Route

The procession moved six miles to the cemetery. Flags hung at half mast en route. Virtually every block was solid with people standing, watching; some in shirt sleeves, in sports clothes, some occasionally touching their eyes as though tears were there. Some of them had come two hours early so they could see.

The procession rolled on through all this, men in black hats and black coats sitting in the long black cars.

They moved by Osgoode Hall where Mr. King's father taught law, past the University of Toronto where the former prime minister got his first degrees, past Provincial Legislature where the colors were dipped for the first time in a half century.

The Toronto that had long been the bastion of his political foes could hardly have exceeded its demonstration of silent homage.

Hundreds at Graveside

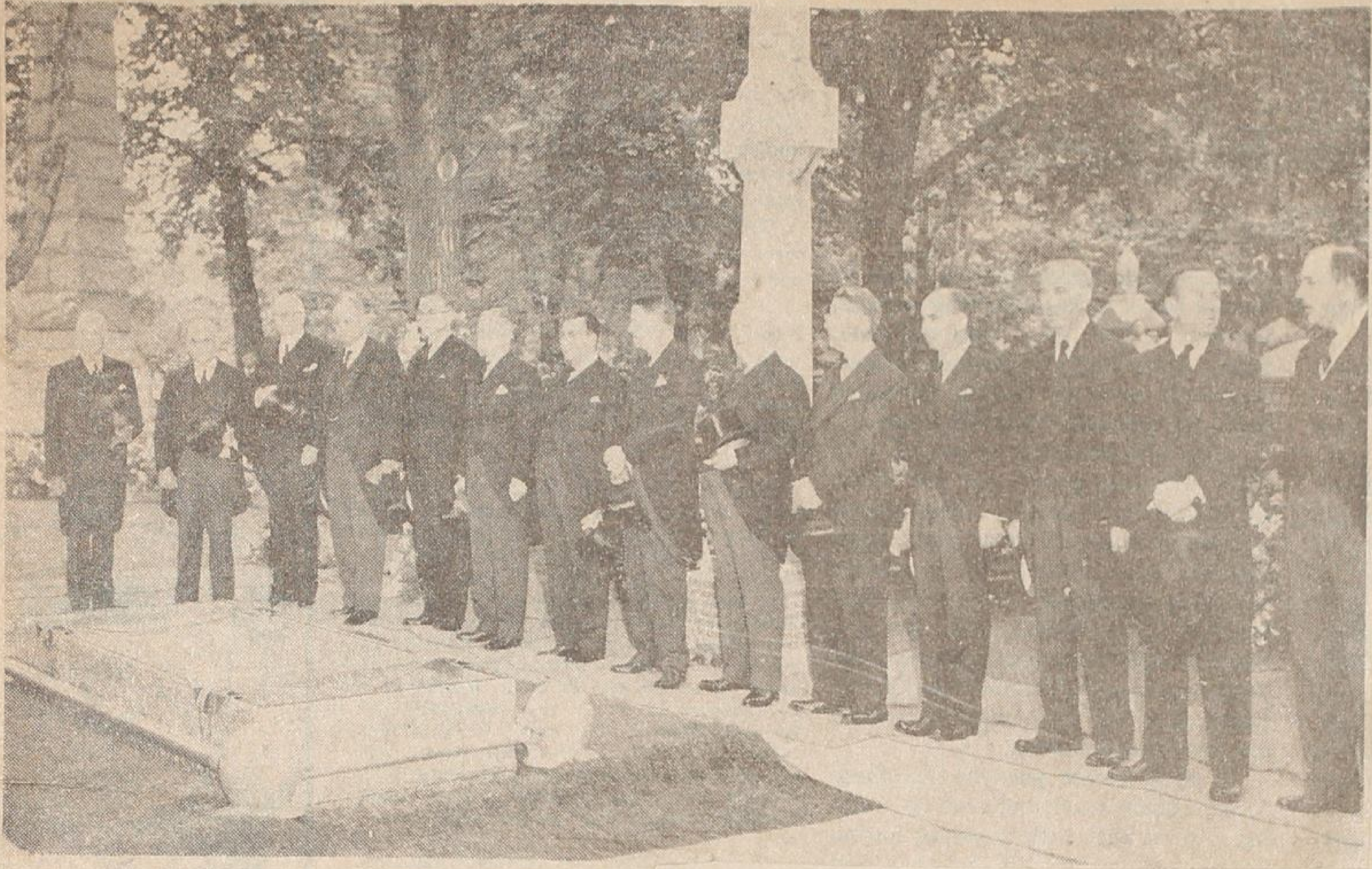
In the cemetery there were hundreds of people waiting. Some of them had been there a long time. As the cars drew near a tall solemn man came to place a bouquet of roses on the plot. He said he had worked with Mr. King, then he faded into the crowd. Other bouquets accumulated.

The procession neared the cemetery gates. Behind it a church bell tolled, an Anglican bell tolling for this Presbyterian bachelor who had led a nation of religious liberties for record years.

At the head of the procession, Mr. King's Roman Catholic successor got out when the first cars stopped. He led the Cabinet ministers and the others to the side of the grave. They lined up beside it.

The Mounties lowered the casket into a vault of cement, gilded with bronze. On its top was the name, William Lyon Mackenzie King, and the year, 1950.

Federal Officials Stand at Grave



Honorary pallbearers stand beside grave at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Toronto as Rt. Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King is laid to rest. Left to right are: Prime Minister St. Laurent, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Senator James A. MacKinnon, Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Hon. Brooke Claxton, Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Hon. Paul Martin, Hon. Douglas Abbott, Hon. J. J. McCann, Senator W. McL. Robertson, Hon. Milton F. Gregg, Hon. R. N. Mayhew, Hon. Lester B. Pearson and Hon. Hughes Lapointe.



SEMI-AERIAL VIEW—This photo taken from the roof of a building on Broadway Avenue during the height of the July 12th parade shows "King Billy" Edwin Shearing of the Tillsonburg L.O.L. 254 leading the marchers north as the Ingersoll Pipe Band passes going south. The

Ingersoll Lodge Banner can be seen in the lower right corner of the photo at the front of their unit. The pipe band was given a great hand by the crowd of thousands of spectators as they went by.

—(Staff Photo)



REV. G. T. SHIELDS DIES IN MONTREAL

News was received this week of the passing of Rev. George T. Shields of Montreal, who for 17 years was pastor of the United Churches of Otterville, Springford and New Road.

Residents of the community recall many instances of his visits to the sick and his comforting words at times of bereavement.

Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Shields moved from Otterville to St. Laurent, Montreal, two years ago, to be with their daughter, Miss Priscilla Shields, music supervisor in Montreal schools. Before his long pastorate at Otterville he had served on the Innerkip charge for 11 years. He was a veteran of the First World War and suffered from shellshock as well as being gassed while overseas. Both he and Mrs. Shields were missionaries in India and China during the early years of the century. Rev. Mr. Shields, who was nearing his 76th birthday, had been in poor health for some time and had been confined to his room most of the time for the past five months.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Miss Priscilla Shields of Montreal, and two sons, Rev. George A. Shields of Innerkip and William Shields of St. Laurent.

FORMER PASTOR — Rev. George T. Shields, retired United Church minister, former pastor of Innerkip and later Otterville United churches, whose death occurred at Montreal Sunday.

Former Innerkip Minister Dies

INNERKIP—News of the death of Rev. Geo. T. Shields was received here from Montreal, Sunday morning, with a sense of loss and sorrow by many in this community.

Rev. Shields was the pastor of the Innerkip United Church for twelve years, immediately following the first world war. During his pastorate he made many lasting friendships in his own congregation and the entire community.

The sympathy of the community is extended to Rev. George A. Shields, the present pastor of the United Church here, who is the eldest son of the deceased, and his family.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Shields, George and Miss Janet left Sunday afternoon for Montreal to attend the funeral.

Rev. George Shields

OTTERVILLE, August 9 — Funeral services for the Rev. George T. Shields, 75, who died suddenly at his home, in St. Laurent, Quebec, were conducted yesterday in Montreal.

Before moving to Quebec two years ago, to be with his daughter, Priscilla, music supervisor in Montreal school, he had resided here 18 years, and was pastor of Otterville, Springford and New Road United churches. Before that he had served on the Innerkip charge 11 years, and was a veteran of World War I, suffering shellshock and being gassed while overseas. He and Mrs. Shields were missionaries in India and China during the early years of this century.

Besides his wife and daughter, he leaves two sons, the Rev. Alfred Shields, Innerkip, and Will, St. Laurent.

REV. G. T. SHIELDS

OTTERVILLE—Funeral services were held at Montreal on Tuesday for the late Rev. George T. Shields who died suddenly at his home at 681 Leduc Street in St. Laurent, Quebec, Saturday evening. Mr. Shields moved with wife to St. Laurent two years ago to be with their daughter, Miss Priscilla Shields, music supervisor in Montreal schools. Prior to that they had resided at Otterville for 18 years where Mr. Shields ministered faithfully in the Otterville, Springford and New Road United churches. Before that he had served on the Innerkip charge for 11 years, and was a veteran of the first World War suffering shellshock and also being gassed while overseas. Both he and Mrs. Shields were missionaries in India and China during the early years of this century. Mr. Shields, who was

nearing his 76th birthday, had been in poor health for some time, and had been confined to his room most of the time since last Easter. Besides his wife and daughter, he also leaves two sons, Rev. Alfred Shields of Innerkip and Will Shields of St. Laurent, Que.

Mrs. Nellie Carswell of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Florence Enos of Royal Oak, Mich., Mrs. Florence Fraser and Mrs. Florence Smith of Ferdale, Mich., and Mrs. Doris Thompson of Detroit, Mich., members of the Rebekah Lodge who have been attending a convention of the Ladies of the Orient at Worcester, Mass., spent part of Sunday and Monday at the homes of Mrs. Wilson Young, Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. J. W. Riste. Mrs. Carswell remained here with her nieces for a week. *Aug 6/50*

Two Otterville Youngsters Injured in Fathers' Barns

OTTERVILLE — Suffering from painful burns, Stuart, aged two and a half years, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arthur, Otterville, was rushed to the Brantford General Hospital Sunday after he had accidentally slipped and fell backwards in a pail of hot water while his parents were milking.

The water was to be used for the milking utensils, and the little lad had been tugging at a rope which suddenly gave way, and he struck the pail and was scalded in the

ing rushed the child to the hospital where his condition has remained critical, and he suffered convulsions on Monday.

Bruce Leach, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leach, Norwich, fractured a vertebrae in his spine when he fell from a ladder in a barn at his father's home, Saturday afternoon. He was taken to Dr. H. G. Downing's office at Otterville where X-rays revealed the fracture and he was taken to the Brantford General Hospital by ambulance.

JULY 1950

Otterville Tot Dies of Scalds

Special to The Free Press

OTTERVILLE, August 4—Scalded when he fell backwards into a pail of hot water five days ago, while his parents were milking, Stuart Arthur, two-and-a-half-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arthur, Otterville, died in Brantford General Hospital tonight.

Surviving besides his parents are two brothers, David and Douglas, and a sister, Donna, at home; also a grandfather, James Arthur Sr., Otterville; and grandmother, Mrs. Rendall, of Arthur.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home until Saturday afternoon, when it will be taken to the home of his parents on No. 59 Highway. Funeral service will be held from Otterville United Church Monday at 2.30 p.m. Interment will be in Bookton Cemetery.

Aug 9 STUART E. ARTHUR 7/50

OTTERVILLE—Funeral services for Stuart Ellwyn Arthur, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Arthur, Otterville, were conducted at the Otterville United church Monday afternoon and were largely attended by relatives and friends. Rev. W. G. Wylle, minister of the church, conducted the private service at the home, also the church and graveside service. Miss Elnore Leitch was the organist. Many beautiful floral tributes with their message of sympathy, surrounded the casket, among them being tributes from the Summerville Women's Institute, Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., the Otterville United church, the bowling team, the adult fellowship group and many others. Relatives were present from Kenilworth, Arthur, St. Catharines, Hamilton, St. Thomas and other places.

The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were four uncles, Hugh, George and Robert Rendall and Edward Arthur, and two cousins, Nelles Arthur and James Arthur Jr. Interment was made in the Bookton cemetery.

BYERS — McKAY

Surrounded by the immediate families and a circle of intimate friends, Miss Eleanor Isobel McKay, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McKay, became the bride of Elmer Norman Byers, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Byers, at high noon Saturday, August 5th. This lovely mid-summer wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents and was conducted by the Rev. Walter M. Kiteley.

To the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bride, given in marriage by her father, took her place before a very lovely bank of pink and white gladioli, potted ferns and palms. Over the floral bank hung several large, white bells which were chained together with dainty interchained pink and white streamers.

The tall, pretty bride was a charming figure in her gown of white bridal satin and Chantilly type lace with long petal sleeves and sweetheart neckline. The moulded bodice was offset by shirred satin and sprays of Lily-of-the-Valley. The skirt, with its lengthwise panels of satin and lace extended gracefully into a short train. She wore a finger-tip, embroidered tulle veil that was held with a halo of seed pearls and sequins. Her only ornament was a double string of matched pearls, the gift of the groom and she carried a front cascade of Bettertime roses and white gladioli and fleur-de-lis. It was tied with streamers of white ribbon.

Miss Elaine Richmond, Simcoe, as bridesmaid, wore a floor-length dress of pale green embossed organza with Peter Pan collar and matching mittens. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow roses and gladioli and wore a head bandeau of yellow roses and baby's breath.

Wee Miss Marilyn Pellow, Woodstock, cousin of the bride, was the winsome flower girl and wore a floor-length dress of yellow nylon, made with a prettily ruffled collar. She carried a nosegay of Sweetheart roses. Donald Pellow, the bride's cousin, smartly attired in a page boy costume was ring bearer. He carried this all important accessory on a silver plate which was decorated with blue and white bows and sprays of sweet peas.

Elgin Byers was his brother's groomsman.

The wedding music was played by Miss Norma Potter, Woodstock, cousin of the bride and, during the ceremony, Miss Marjorie Noack sang "The Wedding Prayer".

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Following the wedding ceremony a reception was held for the sixty guests. For the reception Mrs. McKay had chosen a navy mesh redingote style dress with a shoulder piece of gardenias. The buffet luncheon was served by the Misses Juanitta and Juanna Lazenby, Wilma Penny and Yvonne Lampman, who were directed by Mrs. H.C. Cayley and Mrs. Alva Lampman. The bridal table contained the four storied, especially decorated wedding cake, and was set with bouquets of sweet peas and blue tapers in silver holders. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Byers left for their honeymoon trip to points in Northern Ontario. For travelling the bride had chosen a grey gabardine suit with green accessoires. Upon their return they will live in Norwich. Out of town guests were present from Ann Arbor, Mich., Hickson, Simcoe, Woodstock and Burlington. Aug. 5/50

Otterville Band Has Successful Tattoo

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The Otterville Band held its first Band Tattoo in the Community Park on Friday evening, with five bands taking part. Owing to the rainy evening, the attendance was not as large as it would have been otherwise, but those present enjoyed the splendid music and the drills.

A feature attraction was the Georgetown Girls' Pipe Band which contributed much to the program with their music and excellent marching and made a big hit. Other outside groups included the Brantford Sea Cadet Bugle Band, The Norwich Musical Society Junior Band, The Norwich Musical Society Senior Band, both under the leadership of Wilford S. Manning, and the Otterville Band with "Cap" Watts as leader. A popular feature was Jerry Slaughter (Mojo the clown) and his little daughter Tojo of St. Thomas.

Max Avey was the capable master of ceremonies and kept the program running smoothly. Clarence Stover, reeve of South Norwich Township, addressed the crowd briefly. Bristol Roswell of Norwich provided the public address system which enabled many more kept home by the weather to hear the program.

Following the Tattoo, the bands were served refreshments by the Otterville Band. The dance in the pavilion which followed was well attended. Aug. 18/50

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 15, 1940)

William Holmes, postmaster at Otterville and former warden of the County of Oxford, passed away at his home in Otterville on Saturday morning.

Kitchen-Hanson Vows Spoken At Otterville

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Miss Margaret Isabelle Hanson, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson of R.R. 2, Otterville, became the bride of James Leslie Kitchen, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Kitchen of R.R. 4, Woodstock, in a pretty ceremony in Otterville United Church at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday. Rev. C. C. Strachan, pastor of Richmond United Church, officiated. Bouquets of white, mauve and yellow gladioli adorned the church.

The bride was lovely in a gown of white brocaded taffeta with a winged collar, short sleeves, and a full skirt which ended in a train. Her French silk illusion veil was caught to a pearl headdress. She carried a crescent bouquet of white carnations and gardenias.

Her matron of honor was Mrs. Douglas Koloson, her sister, wearing a yellow brocaded taffeta gown with a tiered skirt, matching mitts, and braided headdress. She carried a nosegay of mauve gladioli and yellow roses. Her bridesmaid was her sister, Marianna Hanson, wearing a green brocaded taffeta gown styled like that of the matron of honor, with a matching pleated headdress. Her nosegay was of Talisman roses and gladioli. Bonnie Lynne Hanson, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl, wearing a pink taffeta gown with a matching pleated headdress and carrying a nosegay of pink roses and gladioli.

The groom was attended by Beverly Wallace of Lakeside as best man, and the ushers were Glen Kitchen of R.R. 4, Woodstock, brother of the groom, and Bruce Hanson of R.R. 2, Otterville, brother of the bride. The organist was Elinore Leitch of Otterville, and the soloist, Mrs. Lant Hardie of Granton, cousin of the bride, sang "At Dawning" and "Because."

Baskets of white gladioli and pink roses formed the decorations at the reception held at four o'clock. The bride's mother received, wearing a gown of navy sheer with navy accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses. The groom's mother wore a gown of navy mesh with navy accessories and a corsage of Johanna Hill roses. The bride's table was decorated with Pinocchio roses and centred with a three-tier wedding cake. About 80 guests attended the wedding. Aug. 27/50

For travelling, the bride wore a dress of navy sheer with white embossed flowers on the skirt, navy accessories, a gray whipcord shortie coat, with a corsage of American Beauty roses. On their return from a honeymoon spent in the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen will reside at R.R. 4, Woodstock.

Decoration Day Observed At Otterville Cemetery

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — The annual Decoration Day service at Otter Cemetery, here, was largely attended on Sunday afternoon. Rev. W. E. Aldworth, minister of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, was the speaker.

The service was arranged by Tecumseh Lodge, I.O.O.F., and Violet Rebekah Lodge, with other organizations and the churches of South Norwich Township co-operating. Flags were placed at each Odd Fellow's grave, and just before the service, flowers were also placed there. Other graves in the cemetery were beautifully decorated, and the well-kept grounds presented an appearance worthy of the ones for whom it has been maintained.

Led by the Otterville Band, which provided splendid music throughout the service, Noble Grand Harold Pearce presided and thanked all those who had assisted in the service. Prayers were offered by Rev. Lyle Crawford and Rev. W. B. Walker who also gave the Scripture lesson, and two minutes' silence was observed for the honored dead of both World Wars. Reeve Clarence Stover introduced the speaker, who gave an inspiring message.

Rev. Mr. Aldworth commended the efforts of the organizations and individuals in maintaining the memorials, and emphasized the need of strengthening faith. "As we keep close to God and serve Him, so can we better serve our fellow man," he said.

The offering was given to the band who have generously provided music for all occasions in the community. Aug. 27-1950

Zenda Garden Party Again Big Success



Packed tightly on the rough benches that face the bandshell at the Zenda Garden Party grounds, part of the crowd of 10,000 gathered for the 39th annual party is shown above. Entertainment followed a ball game and an hour-long band concert. The party is held at the Oxford County hamlet of Zenda, where fewer than a dozen persons normally live.

SEGNER—In Otterville, on Tuesday, August 29, 1950, Miss Mary (Minnie) Segner, in her 82nd year.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where prayers will be offered this evening (Thursday) at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem Mass will be sung at St. Peter's R.C. church, Norwich, on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and interment will be in St. Peter's Cemetery.

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Miss M. Segner Passes; Was In Her 82nd Year

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—Miss Mary (Minnie) Segner, a lifelong resident of South Norwich Township, died at her home in Otterville on Tuesday evening. She had been in poor health for the past year, but had been confined to bed since Saturday. She had lived in her present home on Dover St. for the past 34 years.

A lifelong member of St. Peter's R.C. Church, Norwich, she was also a member of the League of the Sacred Heart, and the Catholic Women's League. She had been a member of the Otterville Women's Institute for more than 30 years and attended the meetings regularly until a few months ago.

Miss Segner was in her 82nd year and is survived by one sister, Mrs. Margaret Kirwin, who resided with her, and one brother, John E. Segner, who left his farm home several months ago to assist in caring for his sister. Another sister, Miss Sarah Segner, died last October.

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Mrs. George Briggs

OTTERVILLE, Sept. 3 — Mrs. George Briggs, of Otterville, died suddenly today in Soldier's Memorial Hospital, Tillsonburg.

Taken to hospital Friday on her 44th birthday, her condition became worse following the birth of a still-born daughter Saturday.

Born Bertha Mae Sallowfield, at Beachville, she resided at Iona following her marriage but for the last 12 years she lived here.

She attended St. John's Anglican Church here and was a member of the Ladies' Guild.

Survivors include her husband, one son, William, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Edward S. (Marie) Moore, Otterville; Mrs. Ronald (Vera) Sage, Delhi, and Barbara, at home; four sisters, Mrs. George Gee, Norwich; Mrs. Charles Wilson, Newark; Mrs. William Workman, Woodstock; Mrs. Lorne Coventry, Zenda, and two brothers, Joseph, of Woodstock, and James, of Sweaburg, also survive.

The body is resting at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, where funeral service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. L. A. Crawford, of Norwich.

Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. G. Briggs Passes In Memorial Hospital

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville — The death occurred suddenly early Sunday morning of Mrs. George Briggs of Otterville. Mrs. Briggs was taken to the Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on Friday, her 44th birthday. Her condition became serious on Saturday, following the birth of a stillborn daughter.

Mrs. Briggs, the former Bertha Mae Fallowfield, was born at Beachville. Following her marriage she lived at Iona, and for the past 12 years at Otterville. She attended St. John's Anglican Church and was a member of St. John's Guild.

She is survived by her father, Joseph Fallowfield; her husband, George Briggs; one son, William George, at home; three daughters, Mrs. Edward S. Moore (Marie) of Otterville, Mrs. Ronald Sage (Vera) of Delhi, and Barbara at home; one granddaughter, Diane Moore; also four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. George Gee of Norwich, Mrs. Charles Wilson of Newark, Mrs. Lorne Coventry of Zenda, Mrs. William Workman of Woodstock, Joseph Fallowfield of Woodstock and James Fallowfield of Sweaburg.

The funeral service was conducted at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. L. H. Crawford, rector of St. John's Church, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. During the service, George Davis sang a solo, "Gently, Lord, O Gently Lead Us." Mrs. Nate McMullen accompanied him and played a number of favorite hymns before and after the service.

The pallbearers were four nephews, Aubrey Gee, Russell Gee, Robert Coventry, and Lyle Wilson, also Rouville Alix and Cecil Hooker. Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mrs. Briggs was held. Interment was in Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. G. Jull Passes, Interred At Bookton

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—The funeral service for Mrs. George Jull of Bookton was held at the Addison Funeral Home on Monday afternoon and was one of the largest attended in the community for some time. The building was filled to capacity and many listened to the service outside over the sound system.

Rev. C. C. MacDonald of Kelvin, minister of the Little Lake United Church, conducted the service. A solo, "Gently Lord O Gently Lead Us," was sung by George Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. Many beautiful floral tributes filled the room.

Relatives and friends were present from Brantford, Simcoe, Woodstock, Norwich, Hamilton, Port Dover, Ingersoll, Delhi, Tilbury, Otterville, Waterford, Bookton district and many other places.

Mrs. Jull, before her marriage, was Hazel Irene Briggs. She was born in Delhi where she attended public school, and Norwich High school. She spent her married life in Norwich and Bookton. She was a member of Norwich United Church, Violet Rebekah Lodge, Otterville, Teeterville Women's Institute and Little Lake Ladies' Aid. She was taken ill on Saturday morning, on her 39th birthday, and died within an hour from a cerebral hemorrhage.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, George Jull, and six children, Carl, Lois, Keith, Mary May and Larry, who all attend the Bookton Public School, and Donna at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Briggs of North Norwich, and one sister, Mrs. Jack Lichtenberger of Delhi.

On Sunday evening about 40 members of Violet Rebekah Lodge held a memorial service at the funeral home, with Noble Grand Sister Josephine Howse in charge. Sister Alice Arthur acted as marshal; Sister Betty Slaght as vice-grand; Sister Emma Strudwick as chaplain. Sister Ruth Colver, as soloist, sang "Sometime We'll Understand" and "Nearer My God to Thee," with Sister Winnifred McMullen as pianist.

At the funeral service on Monday members of the Rebekah Lodge acted as flower bearers, including Sisters Emma Strudwick, Ethel Arthur, Betty Slaght, Ruth Colver, Josephine Mountain and Josephine Howse. They were assisted by the pallbearers, Mac Malcolm, John Malcolm, Ken Attlebury, Nelson Willett, Laverne Rush and Don Palmer. Interment was in the Bookton Cemetery.

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Deaths and Funerals

MRS MAUDE SCOTT

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Maude Ethel Scott of Brantford, widow of Alfred Scott, was held at the Addison funeral home, Otterville, Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended. Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the Otterville United Church of which Mrs. Scott was a member, conducted the service. Favorite hymns were played before and after the service by Mrs. William Butler. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket and filled the room. Relatives and friends were present from Brantford, Toronto, London, Delhi, Tillsonburg, Ingersoll, Woodstock, Norwich, Hawtrey, Bookton and many other places.

Interment was made in the family plot in the Otter cemetery. The casket bearers who also acted as flower bearers were R. M. Holmes, William Deer, S. A. Innis, J. M. Ryder, Wilfred Mason and James Huntley.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Scott and Mrs. Doris Smith have returned to their homes at Brantford after spending most of the week with their brother Carman Scott and Mrs. Scott following their mother's death. Their sister Lt (N. S.) Evelyn Scott who has been stationed at Rivers, Manitoba, accompanied them to Brantford, having arrived at Otterville last Monday to be at the bedside of her mother, and remaining here until after the funeral on Saturday.

Mrs. W. Williams Passes At Home Near Otterville

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Otterville—The death occurred at her home, one mile east of Otterville, on Friday, of Mrs. Walter Williams, following several months' illness. She had been confined to her bed for the past six weeks.

Mrs. Williams, who before her marriage was Edith Matilda Gray, was born at Woodbridge 73 years ago. After marriage she lived at Burke's Falls for a time, moving to Otterville with her family 22 years ago. For the past 20 years she has lived at their present home east of Otterville.

She is survived by her husband and three children, Mrs. John Ellington (Maudie) of Teeterville, Mrs. Gordon McMullen (Viola) of Otterville, and Leonard Williams of Bookton. She also leaves five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Addison Funeral Home on Monday afternoon by Rev. W. G. Wylie of Otterville, and were attended by many of the neighbors and friends. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket. The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were J. K. Wardell, Nate McMullen, William McMullen, John Davis, C. McNamara and Andrew Childs.

Interment was made in the Otter Cemetery.

Mrs. J. B. Hanmer Hostess to Tea Honoring Bride

The home of Councillor and Mrs. J. B. Hanmer, Norwich, was a popular spot when Mrs. Hanmer entertained relatives, neighbours and friends at a trousseau tea in honor of her youngest daughter, Jean, a bride-elect of today. Baskets of gladioli and other summer flowers were used to decorate the spacious home.

More than 200 called during the afternoon and evening and were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Hanmer, Miss Hanmer, Mrs. A. J. Byers and Mrs. Lewis Stienstra, London. In charge of displaying the trousseau was Mrs. John Lister, Toronto. Miss Barbara Hoyt escorted the guests as they admired the array of linens and household effects, and Mrs. Stienstra drew attention to the many personal gifts.

Miss Hanmer had given the honor of pouring tea in the afternoon to her aged grandmother, Mrs. J. H. Frain, and to her aunt, Mrs. P. L. Howell, Toronto. In the evening she chose Mrs. Arden Cameron and Mrs. Reuban Olmstead. In the afternoon the guests were served by Miss Betty Lou Russling, Boston, and Mrs. Robert Bishop; in the evening by the Misses Audrey Arn and Marjorie Noack and Mrs. E. N. Byers.

The tea table was nicely set with a lace cloth, a table centre of mauve and fushia colored gladioli, and white tapers in silver holders. The members of the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church, under the convensorship of Mrs. Douglas J. Avey, catered for the occasion and Mrs. C. H. Hoyt, a close neighbour, filled in, in many spots to keep things going smoothly.

Out of town friends were present from London, Toronto, Brantford, Boston and Burgessville.

Shower Given Bride-Elect

NORWICH—Miss Barbara Hoyt and Mrs. C. H. Hoyt entertained 27 friends of Miss Jean Hanmer at a miscellaneous shower. A pleasant social time was spent making a scrap book of recipes and household hints. The assembled lot were presented to the guest of honor.

During the evening Miss Hoyt and Miss Anette McLaren presented the bride-elect with a large basket filled with useful gifts. These she opened with the assistance of Miss Betty Lou Russling of Boston. Many of the friends present are members of the choir of the Baptist church and, for that group, Mrs. C. Walpole and Mrs. Douglas J. Avey made the presentation of a blue crystal swan. For all these kindnesses Miss Hanmer gave gracious thanks.

Miss Donna Warren, Toronto, and Mrs. Ross Russling, Boston, assisted the hostesses to serve dainty refreshments.



SEPT 9 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Byers

WEDDINGS

BYERS—HANMER

NORWICH — Before a lovely bank of ferns and gladioli in pastel shades, Miss Jean Margaret Hanmer, youngest daughter of

Councillor J. B. and Mrs. Hanmer, and John Edward Byers, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Byers, pledged their wedding vows in the Baptist church on Saturday, August 9.

The ceremony was performed by the minister of the church, Rev. Herbert W. Piercy, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. Douglas J. Avey. Thomas Turton sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a floor-length gown of white Chantilly lace over satin, fashioned with an off-shoulder neckline inset with nylon net, trimmed with seed pearls and had long petal point sleeves. The bouffant skirt fell to a long cathedral train. She wore a French tulle, finger-tip veil that was fastened to a Juliette, lace covered cap that had rolled satin edges. The bridal bouquet was a small cascade of white roses, gardenias and stephanotis.

The matron of honor was Mrs. John Lister, Toronto, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Lewis Stienstra, London, sister of the bride, and Miss Barbara Hoyt. The maid of honor wore

blush beige satin, the bridesmaids copper satin floor-length dresses. The three gowns were fashioned alike with round necklines and full skirts with a slight train. They had matching mittens and hats of matching satin material. Their flowers were small cascade bouquets of Talisman gladioli florettes and cream roses.

John Lister, Toronto, was groomsman; Allan Reid, Fort Erie, and Lewis Stienstra, London, were ushers.

The reception was held at "Altadore," Woodstock. The bride's mother received wearing a floor-length gown of grey faille with insets of grey lace and a plumb colored hat and bag. She had a corsage of orchids. Mrs. Byers mother of the groom, assisted and she wore a floor-length gown of black French lace over orchid taffeta. Her accessories were black and she had a corsage of orchids.

Girl friends of the young couple who assisted at the reception were: Misses Marjorie Noack, Isabel Robinson, Ora McQuiggan, Mary Manore and Betty Lou Russling.

Following the reception Mr. and Mrs. Byers left for a honeymoon to be spent in Virginia and the southern states. For travelling the bride had chosen a grey suit with navy accessories and a corsage of rubrum lilies. Upon their return they will reside in Norwich.

Out of town guests were present from: Big Rapids, Michigan; Windsor, London, Fort Erie and Toronto.



Zimmer - Arn

NORWICH — In Knox Presbyterian Church before a bank of chrysanthemums Miss Betty Marian Arn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Arn, and Leonard Clarence Zimmer, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Zimmer, South Norwich, pledged their wedding vows on Saturday, September 30. The Rev. J. Clarke Hood conducted the ceremony, and the wedding music was played by Mrs. W. A. Stubbs. The soloist was Miss Nina Hughes, Burgessville.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of eggshell, imported slipper satin. It was made with a full skirt and shirred bodice with petal band and topped with a jacket made with long sleeves that came to a point over the hand, and a Queen Anne collar. Her fingertip veil was of French illusion and was caught to a shirred headdress. She carried a cascade bouquet of Better Times roses.

The maid of honor was Miss Audrey Arn, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Jane Zimmer, sister of the groom, and Miss Alice Gilbert, Woodstock. Miss Arn wore sage green, Miss Zimmer burnt copper, and Miss Gilbert, old gold. Their gowns were fashioned like that worn by the bride and they wore braided coronets with ostrich feathers in shades to match their dress. Each carried a colonial bouquet of roses and 'mums and wore elbow-length mitts.

The groom was attended by his cousin, David Leeming, of Hamilton. Ushers were Roy Arn, brother of the bride, and Billy Zimmer, brother of the groom.

The reception was held at Altadore, in Woodstock.

Later, the bride and groom left for a trip to Pennsylvania and other points in the United States. For traveling the bride wore a cinnamon gabardine suit with brown accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

On their return, they will live on the groom's farm in South Norwich Township.

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Oxford Quartet Tops at Harmony



Members of the Oxford barber shop quartet, winners of the County Councils' Trophy at the Galt Fair, gave credit for their championship performance to Dave Richards, of Woodstock, their coach. Richards is at the left. Others, left to right, are: Art Maedel, Roly Fry and Clarence Stover. Alister Clarke is fourth member of the quartet.



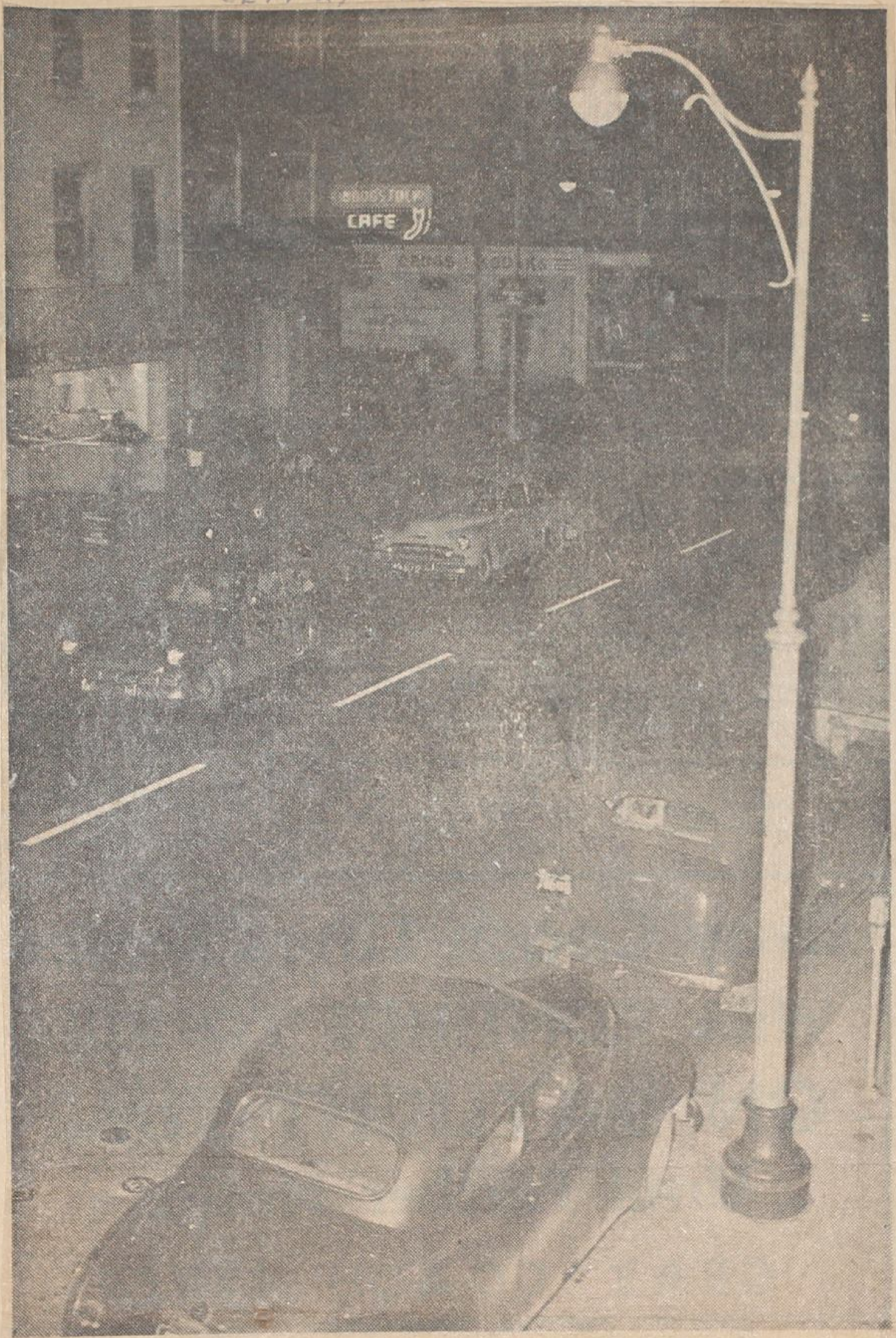
THE REV. JAMES C. CALEY, rector of the Anglican parish of Gorrie, Fordwich and Wroxeter, has been appointed rector of the Church of the Atonement, Augusta, Georgia, effective October 10. Before going to Gorrie five years ago he was rector of Lion's Head, Norwich and Wallaceburg.

Rector Leaving For U.S. Church

WROXETER, Sept. 25 — The Rev. J. C. Caley and Mrs. Caley who have been in the parish of Fordwich, Gorrie and Wroxeter for the past five years, were guests of honor at two social evenings last week. Trinity Church, Fordwich, presented a check. The Guild of St. James Church, Gorrie, presented personal gifts to the rector, Mrs. Caley and David.

Hartwell Strong on behalf of Gorrie presented a traveling case. Mrs. George Griffith read an address on behalf of the guild. The Rev. H. H. Jennings, of Brantford, spoke and Mrs. Earnest, of Gorrie, sang a solo. The rector and Mrs. Caley leave this week for their new parish in Augusta, Ga.

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MIDDAY SCENE ON WOODSTOCK'S STREETS—Night, or a reasonable substitute, fell early on the city Sunday as a huge "smoke" cloud coming from Alberta bush fires eclipsed the sun over Southern Ontario and a large section of the United States. Preceded by an eerie yellowish-orange light, Woodstock was blacked out by the thick cloud formations for over an hour, from 1.15 to 2.30 yesterday afternoon. The view above, taken at 2.00 p.m. shows the darkened intersection of Dundas and Light streets. —(Staff Photo)

Bush Blazes Cut Service To Edmonton

EDMONTON, (CP) — Telegraph lines linking the Yukon and Alaska with Edmonton were cut during the week-end as forest fires in Northern Alberta and British Columbia spread to six new areas and encircled the settlement of Fort Nelson, B.C.

Two of the new fires were eating into marketable timber stands. One old fire, in the veterans' land settlement project near Wanham in northern Alberta, was brought under control after it had destroyed three farms, some livestock and crops and hundreds of trees.

The fires sent a pall of smoke drifting as far east as Ontario. Some milttered down to American border points.

In Edmonton, 60 to 340 miles from the fire fronts, the sky remained clear most of yesterday, but towards evening a blanket of smoke up to 4,000-feet thick brought early dusk to the city.

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Strange Clouds Scare Citizens and Animals, Caused By Bush Fires

Citizens of Woodstock will remember Sunday, September 24, 1950, as a day when the weird pattern of light and ominous cloud formations seemed to forecast that anything was liable to happen.

Preceded by an eerie yellowish-orange light, darkness blotted out the usual afternoon daylight in the city just after 1.15 p.m. Street lights had to be turned on and motorists switched on the headlights of their vehicles.

Weather bureau officials said est fires in the bushland of northern Alberta. A thick pall of smoke the blackout was caused by forwarded to the stratosphere by freakish air currents, moved south-eastward and descended to throw darkness over southern Ontario and the eastern United States, some 2,000 miles away.

Main effect of the strange light conditions was the speculation, and in some cases uneasiness, it roused among residents of the blacked out areas.

Switch-boards at the local Bell Telephone office were jammed with calls of enquiry. Phones at the Sen-

tinel-Review and the Police Station was constantly ringing.

Theories as to the cause of the phenomenon ranged from Atom-bomb explosions and the end of the world to a celestial upheaval brought on mysteriously by the switch-over from daylight to standard time.

Older citizens of Oxford County evidenced a certain uneasiness as they recolled similar weather conditions which occurred in the district over 35 years ago. At that time, they said, a destructive tornado had ripped across the northern section of the county in the wake of unusual lighting effects and heavy clouds.

Farmers in the district were harried as cows demanded to be milked ahead of schedule. Chickens took one look at the leaden skies and headed for their roosts.

Dozens of people woke confused by the darkness, many reporting they at first thought they had slept the clock around, and were late for work.

Power-short Ontario took a jolt as lights were turned on throughout the affected area. Consumption skyrocketed 180,000 hours above normal.

Airline pilots felt their way cautiously through the thick clouds and reported that they extended from 7,000 to 20,000 feet.

Major-league baseball parks turned on their floodlights. At Cleveland, where the blackout hit early, an entire afternoon game was played under lights for the first time in American history.

In the east, weather officials said the last of the smoke clouds had vanished over the Atlantic at dawn.

Struck by Car, George Parsons Dies in Hospital

TILLSONBURG — George Parsons, 87, of Bidwell street, struck by a car on Broadway Saturday morning, died this morning in hospital.

Mr. Parsons was struck by a car which police said was driven by Carl Earl of Tillsonburg at the market square intersection. He was rushed by ambulance to the Soldier's Memorial hospital, suffering from severe concussion and abrasions to the head and hands.

Dr. Alexander said that the abrasions were of a minor nature, but he felt that the shock and concussion were extremely serious to a man of Mr. Parson's age.

Mr. Parsons was a member of St. John's Anglican church.

Sgt. Earl Lewis and Constable Ray Nunn investigated the accident.

Native Of Hawtrey Passes In Detroit

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Mrs. T. G. Forman received word last week of the death of her son, John Forman, in Detroit.

Mr. Forman had been in poor health for a number of years, and was confined to a nursing home for the past two years.

Born at Hawtrey 67 years ago, he spent his early life in Otterville, leaving here as a young man.

He is survived by his mother, who is 92 years old and has been confined to her home for the past year; two brothers, Charles Forman of Otterville, who attended the funeral, and Maurice Forman of Windsor; one daughter, Mrs. Robert Patterson of Detroit, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Birmingham, Mich., on Monday.

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Visits Brother's Grave

Leading Seaman Richard Addison, whose wife and son are spending a year with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Broad at Otterville, while he is stationed on the aircraft carrier "Magnificent" as a medical assistant, recently visited ports at Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Scotland, England, Holland, France and Portugal. While at Rotterdam, Holland, he obtained leave to visit the grave of his brother, Sgt. Douglas Addison, who was shot down in Germany in 1943. With the six other members of his aircrew, he is buried in Rheinberg, Germany. L/S Addison went alone to the cemetery, going by train, by way of Utrecht, Arnheim, Nijmegen, Kraumberg and Klave. It was necessary to change trains six times, and he met only a few persons who could speak English. At the cemetery, he took pictures of the grave. He also took pictures of the others and sent them to the families of the other six, in Australia, England, Wales, Alberta and Saskatchewan. He described the cemetery as beautifully kept, with flowers at every grave in full bloom the latter part of October.

Otterville Groups Hallowe'en Parties

OTTERVILLE — The St. John's Church Club held a Hallowe'en party for the Sunday school children the Parish Hall. Mrs. L. H. Crawford provided piano music for the march. Those in costume were judged by Mrs. Wilson Young, Mrs. DeVoogdt and Mrs. C. Finch. The prize winners were Mrs. Roy Rachar, Charles Otton, Jean King, Mrs. N. McMullen, Sharon Furlong, Gladys Pickersgill, Lois Wavell and Donna DeMeester. The remainder of the evening was spent by ducking for apples and other games. Lunch was served by Mrs. Fred Howse, Mrs. Frank Finch and Jean Harrington.

Members of the Norwich-Otterville Lions Club held a Hallowe'en party for the Otterville children which was well attended. A bonfire was built on the bowling green, and the children were treated to hot dogs, candy bags and apples.

Prizes were awarded for the best costumes, and these were won by Rosemary Arthur for best girl under 10 years, and by Robert Arthur for best boy under 10; by Donna Cole for best girl over 10 and by Norbert Jakubowski for best boy over 10. Dr. G. M. Downing and Charles Otton arranged the party and were assisted during the evening by Lions William Butler, Ivan Leitch and Ken Klinck.

INJURIES FATAL

TILLSONBURG, Oct. 10—George W. Parson, 85, of Bidwell street, died in Soldier's Memorial Hospital today from injuries received Saturday when he was knocked down on Broadway by a car driven by Carl Earl, Tillsonburg.

Earl has been charged with careless and reckless driving.

Retired Farmer

Mr. Parson was born at Otterville and farmed there until retiring in 1938. He moved to Tillsonburg two years ago. He was a member of St. John's Church, Otterville, and also a warden and life member of Teeterville Church.

Surviving besides his wife are three sons, Herbert, Otterville; the Rev. G. P. Parson, who went to Toronto, recently from St. Marys; the Rev. W. Ridley Parson, Freeport, Illinois; and one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) J. R. Ford, Gloversville, N.Y.

The remains are resting in the Ostrander funeral home until Thursday noon, thence to St. John's Church, Otterville, where services will be conducted at 2.30 p.m. by the Rev. C. H. James, Tillsonburg, and the Rev. Lyle Crawford, Otterville. Interment will be made in Otterville Cemetery.



Shirley Broad Wed At Otterville Parsonage

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Springford — Miss Alice Shirley Broad, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Broad of Springford, became the bride of Ross Scott Carroll, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Carroll of Norwich, in a pretty ceremony at Otterville United Church parsonage, on Wednesday, October 4th. Rev. W. G. Wylie officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in a pink taffeta dress with an overskirt of embroidered net. She wore a matching shoulder-length veil and carried a bouquet of white Starlite roses.

Her younger sister, Doris, acted as bridesmaid. She was gowned in an embroidered blue taffeta dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses. The groom was attended by Bruce Mitchell of Norwich.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Sommers, North Broadway St., Tillsonburg, where the bride's mother received, wearing a gown of navy blue sheer with a corsage of red Better Times roses. The groom's mother assisted, wearing a black gabardine suit with a corsage of red roses.

The bride's table was prettily decorated with some of the choicest of autumn flowers, and was centred with a three-tier wedding cake. The groom's gift to his bride was a string of pearls. The bride's gift to her bridesmaid was a pair of cameo earrings.

For travelling, the bride wore a suit of pink gabardine with black accessories. On their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll will visit Washington, D.C., an other interesting points in the United States. On their return they will reside in Burgessville.

Officers Elected By Otterville Rebekahs

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Sister Betty Slaght was elected as noble grand of Violet Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., at the second regular meeting of the fall season, in the I.O.O.F. Hall this week.

Other officers elected were as follows: Vice grand, Sister Ethel Arthur; recording secretary, Sister Anna Treffry; financial secretary, Sister Winnifred McMullen; treasurer, Sister Jean Baguley; trustee for three years, Sister Daisy Mannell. All officers were elected by acclamation.

Noble Grand Josephine Howse presided for the meeting, and there were about 50 members present. Plans were made for the installation ceremony on October 2nd, when the volunteer lunch committee will be comprised of Sisters Edith Avey, Violet Cole, Laura Pettigrew, Etta Collver, and Daisy Mannell.

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TEA AND BAZAAR

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* OTTERVILLE — A special meeting of the Ladies Guild of St. John's Anglican Church was held at the home of Mrs. Nate McMullen to make final preparations for their tea and bazaar which they will hold in the community hall on November 23. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. George Wavell the committees were chosen with Mrs. W. H. Law, Mrs. D. A. Collver and Mrs. Himmelsbach for the work table; Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. A. Deveney for the bake table; and Mrs. Charles Otton, Mrs. Frank Finch, Mrs. Harry Pickersgill and Miss Jean King as tea table conveners. The president, Mrs. Roy Rachar, presided over the meeting. Rev. L. H. Crawford conducted the devotional exercises, and Mrs. Wavell served afternoon tea.

5 CARS LOOTED SATURDAY NIGHT

In a wave of thefts from parked cars on Saturday night, thieves escaped with goods and groceries valued at \$220.

In all, five parked cars were entered, three of them by smashing ventilator windows. Chief T. L. Corbett said the thefts looked like the work of an organized gang. He said police found important clues at two of the cars.

Clothing valued at \$150 was stolen from a car driven by Miss Margaret Marshall of Otterville, parked outside the Tillsonburg Memorial Arena. The clothing was owned by Miss Marshall, her sister, ~~Eleanor~~ Eleanor Slaughter and Jean McMullen. The ventilator window was smashed and three winter coats, blouses, a navy blazer, a pair of shoes and Miss Marshall's driver's licence stolen. Miss Marshall had worn her coat into the arena.

Newly-purchased boy's and girl's snow suits, valued at \$29.95, were taken from a car owned by Julius DeWalle of R.R. 1, Corinth, while it was parked on Rolph St. A rear door of the car had been left unlocked.

A window was forced on a car owned by Harold Herman of R.R. 3, Delhi, and three gallons of Prestone, a new hat and groceries taken. Police were called to the car, parked on Fox Alley, at 9:45 p.m.

Two hours later, police were called to Hale St., where a car owned by George Armstrong of R.R. 1, Langton, had been forcibly entered and new cooking utensils, hardware and Christmas decorations, valued at \$10, were stolen.

Maurice de Hove of R.R. 4, Tillsonburg, had the windshield wipers stolen from his car parked on Ridout St. west.

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Sunshine Club Names Officers

OTTERVILLE — The annual election of officers for the Sunshine Club was held at the home of Miss Marion Fish and officers elected for the new year were: Honorary president, Mrs. H. G. Downing; past president, Mrs. Jack Walther; president, Mrs. Everett Mountain; first vice-president, Mrs. David Kennedy; second vice-president, Mrs. M. Beecroft; secretary treasurer, Mrs. Ken Klinck; social committee, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Murray Downing, Miss Beatrice Lees and Mrs. Donald Addison; Christmas cheer committee, Mrs. Ivan Leitch (convener), Mrs. Claude Morrison, Mrs. S. Riches and Mrs. Ken Maloney; work committee, Mrs. Dee Scott and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew; good cheer convener, Mrs. Bert Hill.

Mrs. George Daiken, convener of the Christmas cheer committee, presided over plans for remembering the sick and shut-ins at Christmas. Boxes will be packed at the home of Mrs. E. Mountain, Friday, December 22. Mrs. Dee Scott invited the members to meet at her home for the Christmas party and there will be the usual exchange of Christmas gifts, and secret pals will be revealed. Members assisting the hostess will be Mrs. William Butler, Mrs. C. Rachar, Mrs. Charles Otton, Mrs. Bert Hill and Mrs. H. A. Waring.

At the close of the meeting Miss Fish was assisted by Mrs. H. Huggins and Miss Beatrice Lees in serving refreshments. Mrs. George Daiken expressed appreciation to the hostess and her assistants.

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Dionne Quintuplets See New York Sights



The Dionne quintuplets, Emilie, Annette, Cecile, Yvonne and Marie (left to right) smile as they pose at the Cathedral High School Convent here after their arrival Wednesday night to attend the annual Al Smith dinner

last night. Behind them are (left to right): Sister Marie Reine Descoeuere, Oliva Dionne, father of the quintuplets, and Sister Lucille des Anges. The sisters teach the girls at Corbeil, Ont.

Quints, Poised, Smiling Have 'Wonderful Time' in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 — (CP) — "Yes, we are having a wonderful time."

This was repeated five times in identical voices by five identically-dressed girls being interviewed on the radio for the first time.

The Dionne quintuplets, poised, smiling — and silent—were guests of Mary Margaret McBride on an ABC network program. And that was the only talking they did. But with their classmates they repeated the repertoire of songs that brought down the house Thursday night at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial dinner.

Minutes before the scheduled interview was to take place, Oliva Dionne, father of the children, requested that no questions be asked. They were shy and embarrassed, he said, and their English — they speak French at home in Callander, Ont. — is poor.

Stop Traffic

But the quints, dressed smartly in gray flannel suits with bright green scarfs and cocky little gray hats with a feather, stopped traffic in busy Radio City when they arrived and left the broadcasting studio.

If the excitement surrounding them wherever they appeared was a change from the quiet life in Ontario, the girls showed none of it.

Before the broadcast started, however, Miss McBride wormed out of them the information they were tired, had been up past midnight and woke this morning at 6.30 "and then prayed." Also, that they like games, mostly baseball and football.

Tour City

With 11 schoolmates they went in a big bus from the east side to the west side and all around the town today. One of their stops was at St. Vincent's Clinic where premature babies are treated.

The quints, who weighed less than two pounds each at birth 16 years ago, appeared amazed at the small size of the infants, some of them weighing less than three pounds.

But Papa Dionne was the only one who had any comment:

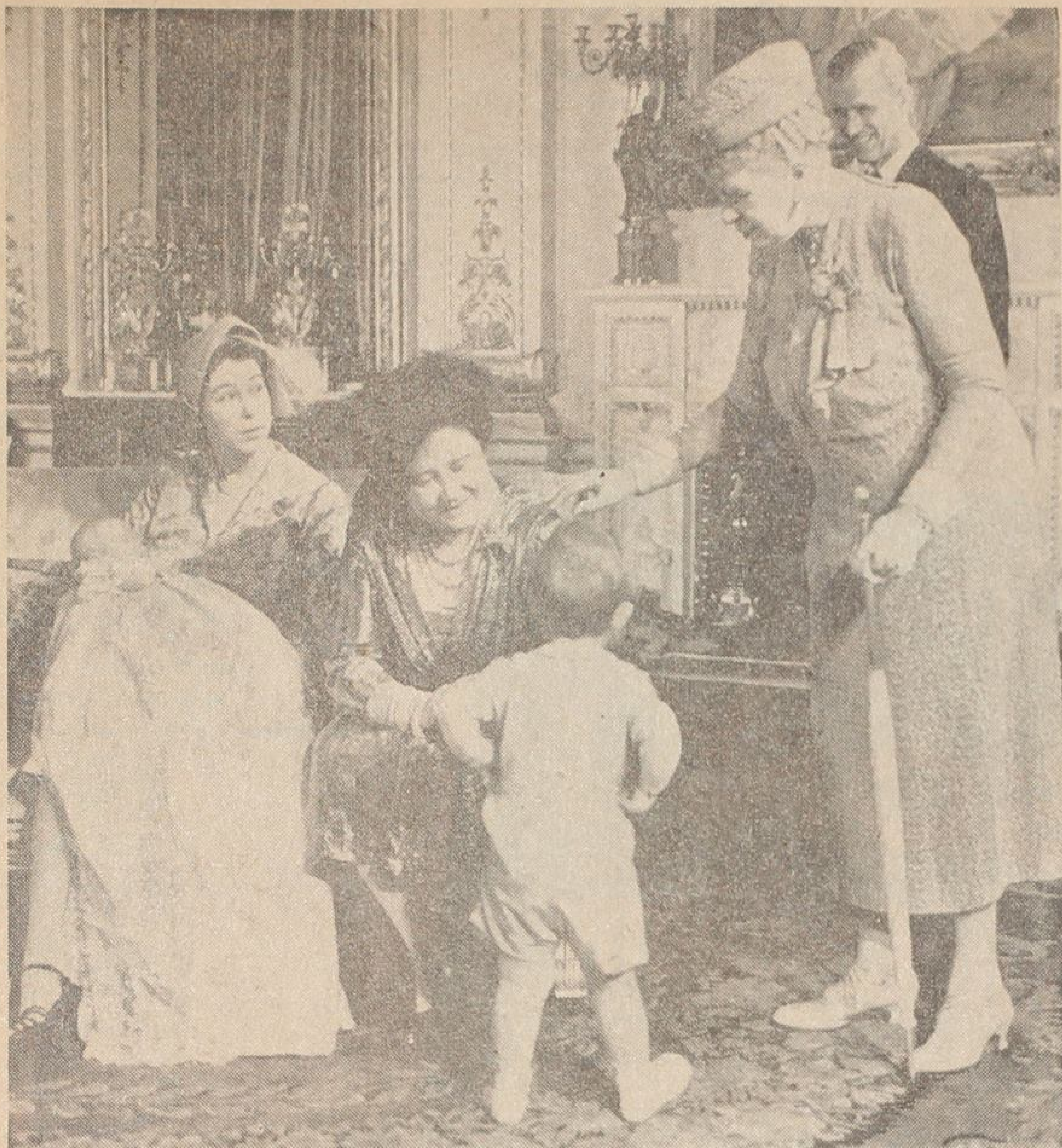
"You think they're small?" he said to a friend. "Why the quints, when they were born, were only half that size."

The day began with mass in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic cathedral.

They watched the skating on artificial ice in Radio Centre and had lunch in the R.C.A. tower, 70 storeys above mid-town Manhattan.

The day ended with attendance at the holy hour in St. Patrick's where they sat in the sanctuary while Francis Cardinal Spellman, their host in New York, pronounced the benediction.

Young Prince Holds Spotlight



Prince Charles, two-year-old son of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, seems to be the centre of attraction at Buckingham Palace in London, Saturday, when his two-month-old sister, Princess Anne, was christened. Here the young Prince walks to his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth (seated right) and his great-grandmother, Queen Mary (right). Princess Elizabeth holds the infant Princess Anne while the Duke of Edinburgh watches proceedings from the rear.

Old Melodeon Played Again At Rededication of Church

By Jean H. Waldie

The Little Lake United Church serving the small farming community in the northwest corner of Windham Township in Norfolk County has in recent weeks been undergoing a complete renovation and now presents an attractive and well-cared-for appearance. The church, which is 63 years old, was rededicated with special services June 25.

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Through the co-operation of the whole community in money-raising activities, plus generous gifts, the Little Lake Church was given a new vestibule, a new basement for community activities, a shiny metal roof, insul-bric siding, replacing the fallen-off stucco, white exterior trimming and pale green interior trim.

A centre of interest at the rededication was an old-time melodeon, loaned by Mrs. S. Decker, of Norwich. This small and quaint century-old instrument was played at the original dedication services in February, 1868, by her father, Peter McIntosh. For many years he carried this instrument across the road from his home to the church for Sunday services.

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At the recent services, Miss Hazel Winskel, pianist, played a number of selections on the old melodeon, the beauty of its tone still being evident.

Miss Winskel has provided an interesting sketch of the history of this church, dating back to its founding in 1867. Prior to that time, the community boasted two Methodist churches. One, a branch of the New Connection Methodist, stood on the farm then owned by Prosper Winskel and at present owned by his son.

The other, a Wesleyan Methodist Church, stood on the farm of Robert Tufford, now a part of the Bookton Cemetery. This building, which is now the Little Lake United Church, was erected in 1867.

The building committee was composed of Peter McIntosh, Robert Tufford, Robert Kelly, Henry Sweet and Philander Elliott.

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In 1875, the various branches of the Methodist Church were united and the two churches were on the same circuit with Otterville, New Road, Summer-ville and Town Line. The circuit was served by two ministers, one in charge and a student assistant.

The minister, the Rev. J. Odery, received \$600 per year, divided as follows: Salary, \$300; board, \$200; horse keep, \$60; fuel, \$30; and incidentals \$10. His assistant received \$350, this being made up of salary, \$200, and board and horse keep, \$150.

It was soon felt that two Methodist churches situated so closely together were unnecessary. In 1887, a piece of land lying mid-way between the two churches was purchased from Henry Middaugh for one dollar with the provision that, if the land ceased to be used for church purposes, it would revert back to his farm, now owned by George McCurdy.

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The former New Connexion Church was closed and later sold for \$50. The Wesleyan Church was moved to the present location and became the Little Lake Methodist Church until 1925, when it became United. Those who were trustees when the land was purchased in 1887 were Wesley Kelly, John Jull, James Hoggard, William Mingle, James Lawrence, David Randall, and Peter McIntosh. The last-mentioned was recording steward on the circuit for many years.

The seats in the church were purchased 50 years ago. A subscription to pay for them was requested at a Sunday service and 10 members agreed to donate \$30 each.

Through the years, the Little Lake Church belonged to various pastoral charges. For the past quarter century, this church, with Kelvin and Norwich Gore, has formed the Kelvin pastoral charge. Until 1941, ordained ministers had charge. Since then, the work has been carried on by students.

In the past year, these churches were served by two students on alternate Sundays. Tom Lanceley is now on a mission field in Saskatchewan. The Rev. M. Taylor, recently ordained, will minister at Hornepayne.

The new minister at Little Lake is the Rev. C. C. McDonald, from Lynedoch. Guest speakers at the rededication services were the Rev. W. G. Wylie, of Otterville, and the Rev. Cecil Brenn, of Old Windham.

Trustees who supervised the work of renovating the church are Bruce Jull, Clarence Winskel, Orval Hyndman, George McCurdy and William Evans, with Russell Winskel, chairman, and Mrs. Ella Hoggard, secretary-treasurer.



MRS. MELISSA COWAN
--- active around home

Housekeeper For Son, North Norwich Woman Marks 100th Birthday

NORWICH, Oct. 10 — Mrs. Melissa Cowan, the oldest woman in North Norwich Township, today celebrated her 100th birthday. Quite hale and hearty, Mrs. Cowan was guest of honor at a family party at the home of her grandson, Earl Cowan, on Sunday. Neighbors gathered to congratulate her at the same place today.

On Sunday Mrs. Cowan was delighted to cut the large decorated birthday cake while the company sang a birthday song. She enjoyed the visits with her grandchildren and other relatives.

Born At Eden

Mrs. Cowan is a native of Eden in Norfolk County. She has been a resident of this district for 15 years. She keeps house for her son, Austin and has just completed canning a large quantity of tomatoes.

"Don't tell anyone that," she suggested to the reporter, "after all, canning tomatoes is nothing.

"She knows her home well and gets about in it smartly. She has learned to take things easily and

keeps ahead of her work, day by day. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Howey, pioneer residents of Norfolk County.

Present Sunday, in addition to the guest of honor, her son and Mrs. Earl Cowan and their family, were: Miss Ila Cowan, Mrs. Nora Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols, Martin and Ann, Tillsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hough, Lee, Ruth, Velma and Mary, St. Catharines; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cowan, Carol, Jimmy and Dorothy, Brampton; Martin Cowan, Tillsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cowan, Eden; Ed Hughes, Otterville; Miss Edna Cowan, Tillsonburg.

AN ALBUM HOLDS HIDDEN TREASURE

Mabel (Stover) McVittie, Norwich.

When visiting at the quaint old home of Martha and Isaac Williams (the last two remaining of a fine old coloured family), I discovered at the back of an old family album an antique music box. The key was lost, but with a gentle shake it would strike up a tinkling melody like a bird's voice piping at sunset on a little water fall in springtime. This brought to my mind stories my father, Ephriam Cook Stover, had told me of his boyhood. It was at a Quaker Yearly Meeting held in New York State that Wm. Barker (donor of the Friends' Church at Milldale) and Jesse Stover met and became so engaged with the coloured retainer, Robert Williams, that they offered to bring him home with them to South Norwich. Driving all the way with horses and wagon, fording swollen streams and hiding from hidden dangers of wild beasts and Indian bands, they reached home safely at Milldale in South Norwich. Here Robert Williams was met by other pioneers who got him cheered up and established on a little farm in their midst about a mile from where my father, Ephriam Stover, lived in later years.

When Robert Williams had enough money he sent for his wife and children buying them out of slavery. They had other children born on their little Milldale farm. Those I can remember my dad speak of were Annie, (who I think, was their oldest girl), Eliza, Fanny, Harriet and Martha (the youngest) and several sons, young Robert, "Bobby Williams", Isaac, Charlie and John. Charlie was nearly white and was a great school pal of my dad's. He wanted so much to be white, and one day said to my father "Ephriam, if you would take a little piece of skin off my face or hands each day would it grow back white?" Dad said, to begin with I couldn't bear to do it and it would grow back the same colour it was." So, as he grew older

the Williams gave this boy the cash they could spare to go away to a distant town and start on his own. He was not heard of again by the family.

One daughter, Harriet, married Ben Gray of Otterville and after she died their only daughter, Ida, gave music lesson and cared for her aged father. After his death she came to live with her aunt and uncle Miss Martha and Mr. Isaac Williams (only survivors of this fine old coloured family of Robert Williams). In Norwich, Ida linked up with the United Church and was a soloist for several years till she left to be with another Aunt married and living at Windsor, Ontario.

My mother and I often visited them in their old home at Milldale. We would drive over in our old buggy and Martha would play the organ and Issac and John would sing with her. In the early days they sang at many garden parties and church socials and had a quartet of their own, with Martha as organist. Always active and helpful in church work they attended Milldale Quaker Church founded by William Barker and were all buried in the Milldale cemetery.

When I first came to Norwich I bought a house next door to them hoping my father could (some times) come and visit them with us and talk over school days with them, but in that year, 1935, my father died in his 90th year. My mother then came to be with me in Norwich and we often had a pleasant chat with Martha in her quaint old sitting room with rag carpet, high back rockers and coal oil lamps and wood fire crackling merrily. On one visit she gave me this old family album hoping I could get a key made for the music box. However, Martha, John and Isaac passed away at their little home here and left a lasting memory of their kindly upright lives and their appreciation of kindness shown them. They could number among their friends many of Norwich's old pioneer families.

This album and many other little keepsakes they gave me from time to time which I greatly prize. Most of all I feel that knowing them and their simple kindly lives was an inspiration to carry on, giving of our best in a spirit of true worth and hospitality.

In the early days there were many coloured families in Otterville vicinity. These included the Wainers, Eliza Jane Taylor, Eli Chase and his wife and one son Herbert who lived on their farm opposite the well-known home (now) of the Scidmores', famous for their pickling plant and market garden produce. They had their own coloured church which the Williams family attended lending their splendid voices in praise to the God who had truly delivered them out of slavery and bondage.

— From Gray's Elegy —

"Nor you, ye proud, impute to these their faults,

If memory o'er their tomb no trophies raise,

Where thro' the long drawn aisle and fretted vault,

The pealing anthem swells the notes of praise.

"Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear,

Full many a flower is born to blush unseen

And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Milldale Cemetery Board will be held at the home of Mr. A. E. Moore, Otterville, on Wednesday, June 7th at 8 p.m.—Mrs. Nate McMullen, Secretary-Treasurer. 1950 t Julc

MRS. GEORGE JULL

Mrs. George Jull, the former Hazel Irene Briggs died suddenly at her home in Bookton this morning. She was in her 39th year. Surviving are her husband three sons and three daughters at home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Briggs of North Norwich; a brother Donald of Norwich and a sister Gertrude in Delhi. The funeral will be held from the Addison Funeral Home in Otterville on Monday, October 2, at 2.30 p.m. 1950

Hallowe'en Parties

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Special Service At Otterville

OTTERVILLE: The World Day of Prayer service was held in the Parish Hall of the St. John's Anglican Church. Owing to the extreme cold and sickness there was not as large a crowd as usual.

Those present represented the Anglican, Baptist and United Churches. Mrs. Wilson Young presided, and was assisted by Mrs. Ernest Treffry and Mrs. Stanley Davis. Miss Ivy Pennington was pianist. Mrs. Jack Walther sang a solo "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer." Special prayers were offered by Mesdames Derwood Spicer, Edward Arthur, Elmer Graham, Douglas Collver, Thomas Pearce and George Singer. The offering was received by Mrs. George Wavell and Miss Jane Furlong.

Mr. Ernest Addison left last week for St. Petersburg, Florida, where he will spend the winter. Mrs. Herbert Avey is spending the winter months with Miss Lillian Wilson at Springford. 7/20/50

Prices Set For Tobacco Grades

The following prices for the various grades of flue-cured tobacco have been set by the board of directors of the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Association:

B-1	83.29
B-2	66.64
B-2L	58.31
B-3	49.98
B-3L	42.48
B-4	34.98
B-5	28.32
B-6	20.82
C-2	83.29
C-3	66.64
C-4	58.31
C-5	49.98
M-1	41.65
M-2	33.32
X-2	41.65
X-3	33.32
X-4	24.99
ND	4.17
Minimum average	44.00

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Funeral Service Held For Miss Mary Nobbs

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Funeral service for Miss Mary Alice Nobbs of St. Thomas was held at the Otterville United Church on Tuesday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. W. G. Wylie, minister of the church. Mrs. Nate McMullen was the organist.

Miss Nobbs was born in this district 80 years ago but has spent the past 30 years in St. Thomas, and died at the Craigview Hospital there.

Relatives were present from St. Thomas, Tillsonburg, Newark, Pleasant Valley, Norwich, Windham Centre, Beaconsfield and other places. The pallbearers were six nephews, Leslie and Clarence Nobbs of Tillsonburg, Harold and Carl Nobbs and Mervin Wade of Pleasant Valley and George Ryder of Newark.

Interment was made in the Milldale Cemetery.

Many Attend Funeral Of Mrs. Augusta Graham

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral service was held at the Addison Funeral Home on Friday afternoon for Mrs. Augusta Graham, who died at her home at Otterville last Wednesday. The service was conducted by Rev. W. B. Walker, pastor of Springford Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of Otterville Baptist Church.

Durring the service Mrs. Edgar Pearce of Cornell sang "No Night There," playing her own accompaniment. There were many lovely floral tributes.

The pallbearers, who also acted as flower bearers were Alex Slaght, William Kennedy, Andrew Childs, Arthur Moore, Arnoli Hill and Frank Avey. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

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Careless Driver To Pay \$50 Fine

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 1—Magistrate R. G. Groom today found Carl Earl not guilty of reckless driving, but of careless driving, and imposed a fine of \$50 and \$32 costs, or 30 days in jail. He ruled the operators permit be not suspended.

Earl was charged following an accident on Broadway October 7, when George Parson, 87, of Tillsonburg, was knocked down by accused's car, and died in Soldiers Memorial Hospital October 10.



Fred Zaharachuk is shown at left with his bride, the former Jean Annabelle Exelby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Exelby, Otterville, following their wedding at Courtland United Church. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zaharachuk R.R. 3 Delhi. Mr. and Mrs. Paul

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Annual Concert Held

The St. John's annual Sunday school concert was held in the parish hall on Friday evening and was preceded by a supper served by the members of the Ladies' Guild.

The concert opened with the singing of Christmas carols and the recitation of welcome was given by June Curtis and Judith Rachar. Other numbers on the program were a recitation by David Walters, "A First Piece;" a trio, Margaret Walters, Donna DeMeester and Fernie Picknell, "Frosty the Snowman;" a recitation, "It's Christmas in Otterville," Fernie Picknell; recitation, Wayne Spicer; Christmas song by Mrs. Roy Rachar and chorus of nine children; "A Timely Wish," Patsy Durkee; recitation, Lois Durkee; trio by Bobby Furlong, David Furlong and Clayton Obediah, "Silent Night;" "A Duck's Wish," by Murray and David Walters. "Frosty the Snowman" was sung by Doreen Howse and Judith Rachar. A duet was sung by Susan Jardine and Gary Thompson, and a closing recitation given by David Furlong.

Owing to the fact that Rev. and Mrs. Crawford will be leaving for their new charge at Parkhill, a presentation from all the organizations of St. John's Church was made to them of a floor lamp.

Santa appeared and made all the little folk happy.

Anglicans Name Parkhill Minister

Appointment of the Rev. Lyall H. Crawford, B.A., L.Th., to the Anglican parish of Parkhill and Greenway, has been announced by the Rt. Rev. G. N. Luxton, bishop of Huron. Mr. Crawford will commence new duties January 1, 1951.

At present incumbent of the parish of Norwich, Otterville and Dereham, Mr. Crawford is a native of Woodstock, and a graduate of University of Western Ontario and Huron College.

He was ordained in June, 1936, and appointed assistant to the Rev. G. G. Stone, rector of Otterville, Dereham and Culloden. Following two years in England, Mr. Crawford was appointed assistant curate at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1940.

Later he was rector of Hanover and Allan Park, served for two years as chaplain in the army, and went to his present parish in 1944.

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THE REV. LYALL H. CRAWFORD has been transferred to the parish of Parkhill and Greenway from his present charge in Norwich, Otterville and Dereham by the Anglican Church.

Gift Presented Rector and Wife

OTTERVILLE — Members of St. John's Church Club held a surprise party at the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Crawford at Norwich and presented them with a gold teapot. On behalf of the club the presentation was made by the president, Mrs. Fred Howse who expressed the regret of the members at the approaching removal of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford from the parish. During the evening, contests were conducted by Miss Jean Harrington and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill, after which the members served refreshments.

Rebekah Lodge At Otterville

OTTERVILLE — Violet Rebekah Lodge held their regular meeting with 37 members present and the Noble Grand Mrs. George Slaght presiding. During the evening a solo "Evening Prayer" was sung by Mrs. Cowie, accompanied by Mrs. Nate McMullen at the piano. At the close of lodge, Santa appeared and provided treats. Lunch was served afterward with Mrs. Nate McMullen and Mrs. Wilson Young in charge.

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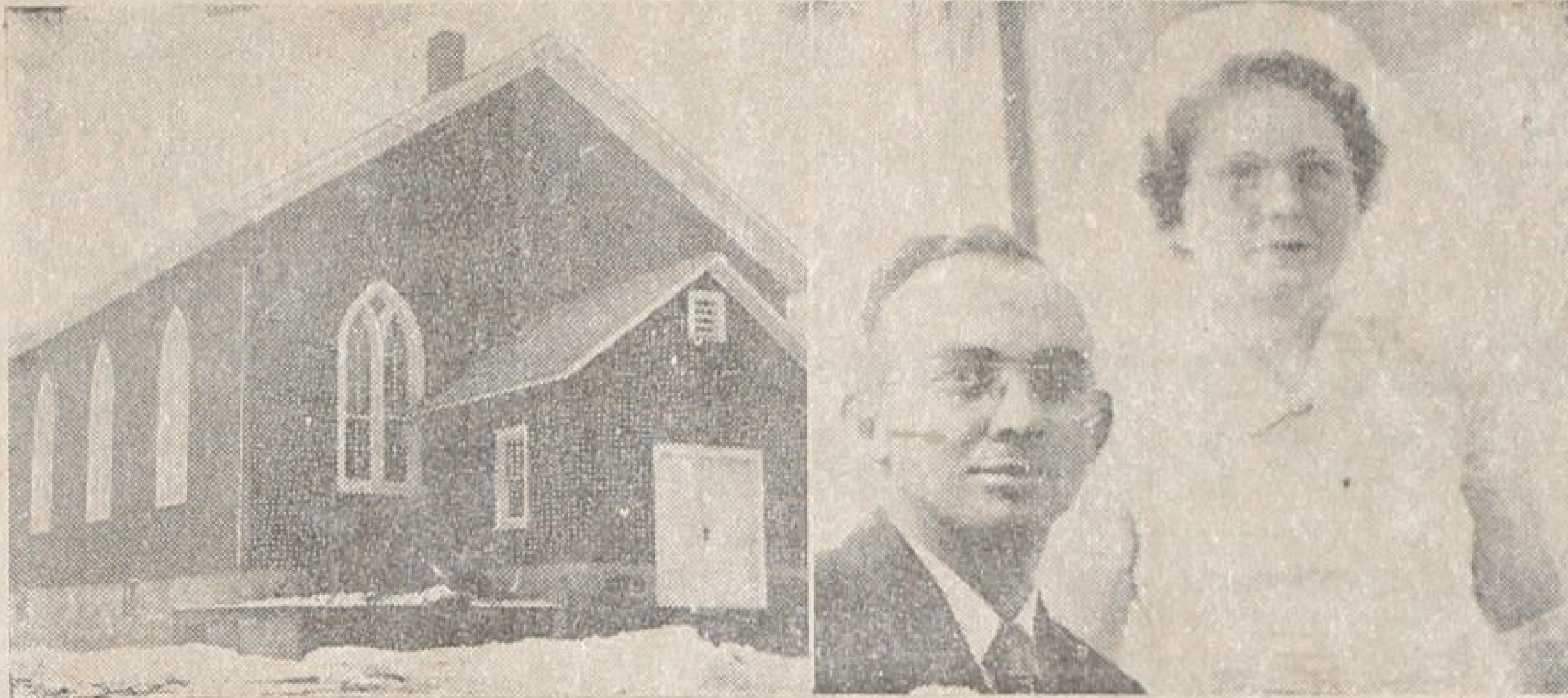
Christmas Day dinner and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Riste were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Graves of Norwich, and daughter, Shirley of Woodstock, Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Kendrick of Norwich, Mrs. Emily McMullen, Mr. and Mrs. Nean McMullen and Ann and Ross of Newark, Miss Effie Nelson of Tillsonburg, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Nate McMullen and Catharine, Mrs. Wilson Young and Emil Smith.

William Slaght has returned to Montreal after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Slaght.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Kerr and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Kerr of Hamilton spent the week-end with Mrs. Carman Kerr. Others who spent Sunday with them were Mr. and Mrs. William Stevenson and children, Shirley Watling and Robert Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McKay and Donnie, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wilson and three children and a friend of London, Mrs. Sarah Kerr of Campbellford, Reginald Kerr and John Kent of Tillsonburg, Mrs. Sitzer and daughter, Evelyn, and a friend of Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morrison of Wyandotte, Mich.

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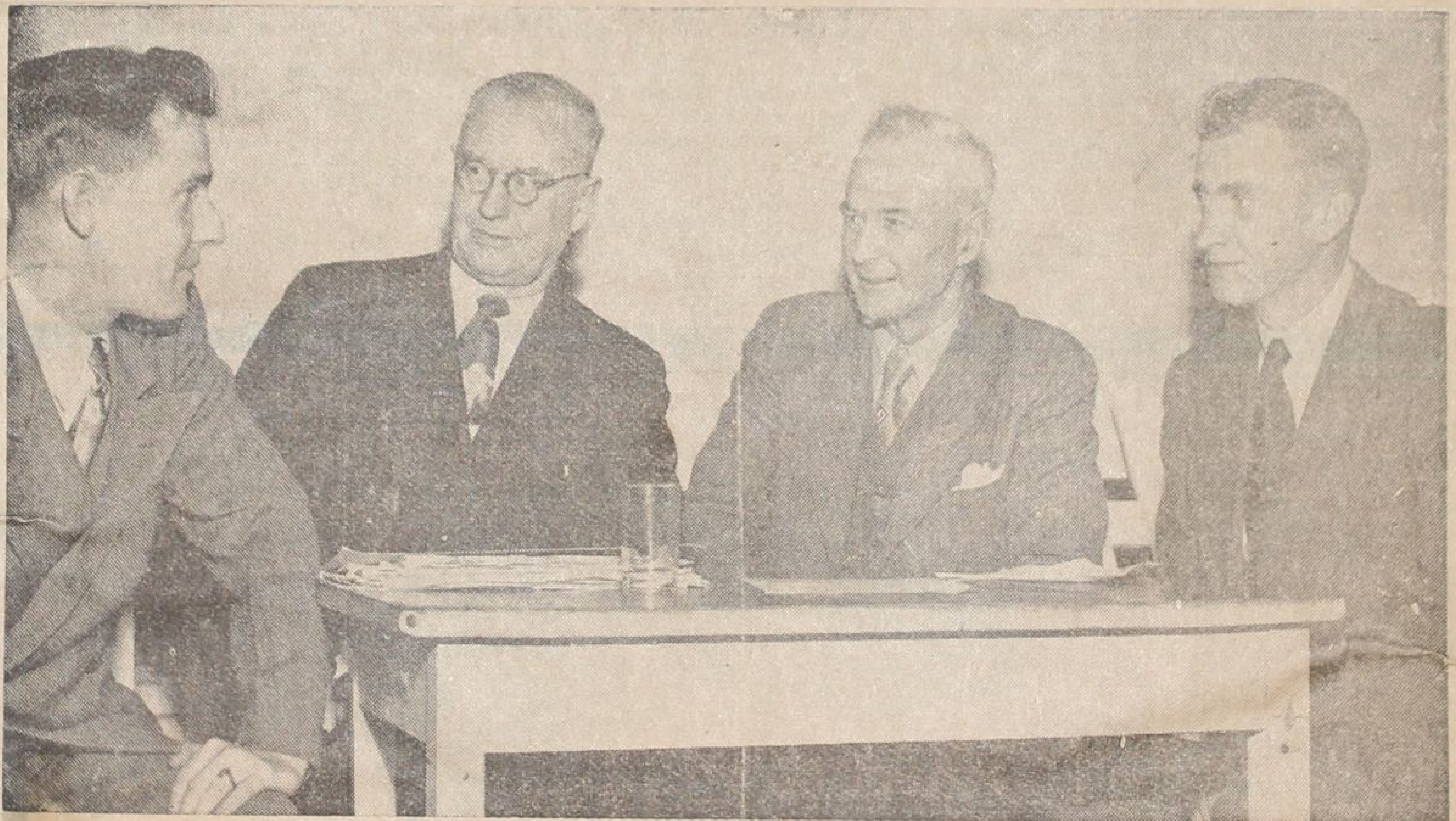
First Wedding In Century-Old Church



Not in the 100 years of its existence had the Little Lake United Church had a wedding, until Saturday, December 2nd, when Margaret Florence Walker of Brantford became the bride of George Lee Haley of Springford. The ceremony of the century, as far as the little church was concerned, aroused considerable interest in the village and the church was well filled. The Little Lake Church is pictured at left, and at right is shown the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Haley. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Potter of Brantford, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Haley of Springford. (Photos courtesy of London Free Press.)

Mr. and Mrs. Madison Wilson and son Gary spent Sunday with the former's father Jack Wilson and also visited Mrs. Jack Wilson who has been a patient in the Tillsonburg Hospital for the past week. Their baby son Michael John and daughter Leta Belle remained at Aylmer with Mrs. Wilson's mother Mrs. Smith.

Hugh Harford who has lived for many years at Kenmore, N.Y. spent a few days recently with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Harford before leaving for St. Petersburg, Florida to join his wife and son, where they have purchased a home. *Dec/50*



The Oxford Liberal Association elected its 1951 executive at their annual meeting, held in Woodstock on Saturday. Members of the new executive are, left to right: Alexander Forbes of Woodstock and Embro, second vice-president; Murray Holmes of Otterville, first vice-president; Gordon Smith of Innerkip, president; Cecil Richardson of Woodstock, treasurer. (Courtesy of London Free Press.)

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HAROLD W. NOBBS

OTTERVILLE: Harold W. Nobbs, 57, one of best known farmers of this district, was found dead in the barn at his farm in North Norwich Township early Thursday night.

Dr. Lossing, of Norwich, who was called found that death had resulted from a heart attack.

Mr. Nobbs, apparently in his usual good health, had been busy making repairs to some machinery all afternoon. When no lights came on in the barn as it was growing dark, his son, Allen and his son-in-law, Freeman Weber, went to investigate and found the body. Mr. Nobbs had lived in this district all his life.

Surviving besides his wife, are three sons, Louis, Otterville, Maxwell and Allen, at home; three daughters, Mrs. F. Webber, Norwich; Barbara and Mary Ann, at home; three brothers, Clarence, Tillsonburg; Reginald, Toronto; Arnold, and two sisters, Gladys and Beatrice, all of North Norwich Township.

Services were conducted Saturday, 2 p.m. by the Rev. W. G. Wylie, in the Addison funeral home here, and interment made in Otterville Cemetery. *Dec. 1/50*

HAROLD W. NOBBS

Funeral services for Harold W. Nobbs, of North Norwich township, who died suddenly Thursday, were held Saturday afternoon at the Addison Funeral Home, and were very largely attended. Rev. W. G. Wylie conducted the services, and a solo "Fear Not Little Flock" was sung by George Davis. Mhs. Nate McMullen was the pianist, and played many favorite hymns before and after the service. Relatives and friends were present from St. Thomas, Windham Centre, Toronto, London, Woodstock, Norwich, Tillsonburg and many other places. Many beautiful floral tributes were in evidence. The casket bearers, who also acted as flower bearers, were Harvey Trowhill, Leslie Nobbs, George Ryder, Earl Cowan, John Young and Howard Jackson. Interment was in the Otter cemetery. *Dec. 7-9/50*

G. P. Jones Stricken While Entering Car

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Stricken with a heart attack just as he entered his car to go to town, George Pryce Jones of Maple Dell was rushed to Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital last Thursday evening, but he died immediately following his admittance.

Mr. Jones was born in England 49 years ago, and came to Canada 26 years ago. He lived in Toronto for a short time before coming to South Norwich Township, and had resided at his late home, two miles north of Springford across from the Maple Dell school, for the past 25 years.

Besides his wife and daughter, Mrs. Harry (May) Manning, he also leaves five brothers and two sisters, Joseph, Richard, Sam, Tom, and Bill Jones, Miss Mary Ann Jones, and Mrs. Nellie Collins, all of England.

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. L. H. Crawford, rector of St. Charles' Anglican Church, Dereham, of which deceased was a member, conducted a brief private service at the Addison Funeral Home and a public service at St. Charles' Church. During the service, Mrs. Maurice Haley and Mrs. Lloyd Brough sang a duet, "Some Golden Daybreak", with Mrs. Floyd Smith as organist. Many lovely floral tributes expressed the sympathy of a large circle of friends and neighbors. Interment was in St. Charles' Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Mervin Wade, Lorne Wade, William Hill, Lloyd Peat, Earl Atkinson, and Fred Broad.

S. L. Gehring Passes**At Age Of 64 Years**

Following about eight years of failing health, Stanley LeRoy Gehring, 39 Baldwin St., Tillsonburg, passed away at his home on Friday, December 22, at the age of 64 years.

Born at Delhi on September 15, 1886, he was the son of George Henry Gehring and Julia Ann Gehring of Delhi. He was married at Lynedoch on February 16, 1910, to Minnie Isabell Charlton, the daughter of Joseph and Emma Charlton of Lynedoch. He had farmed at Otterville and Delhi before moving to Tillsonburg.

He was a member of St. Paul's United Church, Tillsonburg, and had formerly been a steward of Otterville United Church. He was a member of Tillsonburg Lions Club, McDonald Chapter, No. 167, O.E.S., Tillsonburg, and St. John's Lodge, No. 104, A.F. & A.M., Norwich. He was also a past president of the Tillsonburg District Milk Producers Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, Stanley of Otterville, Harry of Vancouver, B.C., and Irvin of Otterville; one daughter, Mrs. George Zimmer (Iva) of Delhi; one sister, Mrs. Kenneth Wardell of Otterville; one brother, Garfield of Delhi, and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted at the G. A. Barrie Funeral Home on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. W. E. Aldworth and Rev. L. E. Mason. Miss Marilyn Hiepleh of St. Thomas sang "The Old Rugged Cross," accompanied by Mrs. Clifford Hiepleh of St. Thomas.

The pallbearers were Ernest Trefrey, Ernest Pettigrew, Fred Walther, Murt Graham, Cecil Hooker and Murray Holmes. The flower bearers were D. L. Finch, H. Reagh, M. T. Alabastine, W. McLennan, W. W. Davis, Oscar Richardson, Alfonse George, Dan Murray, Leroy Wilson, Otto Ronson and John Hanselman.

Many beautiful floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mr. Gehring was held. Interment was in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Mrs. A. Graham Passes At Otterville Home

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—The death occurred at Otterville early Wednesday morning, of Mrs. Augusta Graham, widow of A. A. Graham, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Graham was born at Boston, Ont., nearly 89 years ago, and spent her early life at Bookton. Following her marriage 66 years ago, she and Mr. Graham spent most of their life in the Norwich and Otterville district.

She was a member of the Springford Baptist Church. She had been confined to her home for most of the time during the past six years. Her husband predeceased her by 15 years, and their only son, Elmer, died 17 years ago. Six years ago her daughter-in-law moved in with her and has cared for her ever since.

Mrs. Graham was the youngest and last surviving member of a family of seven. She is survived by three grandchildren, Mrs. Stanley Gehring, Murl Graham and Jack Graham, all of Otterville; and four great-grandchildren.

Resting at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, where funeral service will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. W. B. Walker of Springford, officiating. Interment will be in the Otter Cemetery. *Dec 20/50*

Leslie Tait Passes In Memorial Hospital

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville—Leslie Tate, who had spent practically all his life in the house in which he was born on the eastern outskirts of the village, died in Tillsonburg Soldiers' Memorial Hospital on New Year's Eve. He would have been 79 next month.

Most of his life was spent at photography, at which he worked until last summer. He had been in poor health for some time but was around as usual. On Friday he suffered a stroke while visiting at the home of his sister where he had gone to spend the New Year's week-end. He was taken to the hospital but never regained consciousness.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Arnoli Hill (Lazelle); one niece and one nephew, Mrs. Delmer Clinton and Fred Hill, all of South Norwich Township.

The funeral service was conducted at the Addison Funeral Home, Otterville, on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of Otterville Baptist Church, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery.

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Funeral Service Held

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Otterville — Funeral service for Leslie Tate, life-long resident of Otterville, was held at the Addison Funeral Home last Wednesday afternoon, and was conducted by Rev. Bruce Hisey, pastor of the Otterville Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member. Many of the neighbors attended the service, as well as friends of deceased's only sister, Mrs. Arnold Hill, and relatives from Simeoe.

The pallbearers were R. M. Holmes, William Kennedy, J. K. Wardell, A. Batchelder, George Daiken and Fred Church. Interment was in the Otter Cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Application For Membership

I hereby make application for a membership in NORWICH DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE and herewith pay One Dollar as my life membership fee.

I agree to comply with the By-laws of the said Co-operative.

DATE May 23/50

Nate M. Muller
Signature of Applicant

Otterville Boy R.R. 53
Address

Normandale Saw Thriving Iron Industry From 1820-1852; Nearby Swamp Yielded Raw Material to Keep 300 Men Employed

By Charles S. Buck

A short time ago the writer drove to the southern part of Norfolk County along the lake-shore from Turkey Point to Normandale and stopped by a stream off the road not far from Lake Erie. Here and there in the soil at Normandale black lumps were visible.

When they were unearthed they were found to be glassy masses as big as one's fist. They were the only relics left of a famous industry that flourished here over 30 years, from 1820 to 1852. The vitreous chunks were pieces of slag that had been pulled more than a century ago from an early smelter, called the Normandale Furnace.

Standing on that quiet road by the little stream which supplied fresh water to a fish hatchery below the hill, it was difficult to imagine an active scene played here. Yet, as a chronicler of the region has said, "Port Normandale was busy when London, the later capital town, knew only wind blowing through its forests."

Elijah Leonard has said that 300 men worked for the furnace when he was employed there in the early 1830's.

Their teams brought in wagon-fuls of bog ore to the smelter from the neighbouring swamps; others unloaded bushels of charcoal at the top-house. Moulders and patternmakers and blacksmiths were busy at their trades in the foundry.

A pair of piston-bellows cranked by a flow of water from the dammed up stream throbbed like foghorns as they sent a blast of air into the furnace.

Twice in 24 hours the 30-foot-high brick chimney belched out a column of smoke and fire while the blast was on.

One who saw the works in 1830 said that it was a place "of noise and smoke and glare and heat." This was the Normandale or Long Point furnace in its heyday.

Early settlers of the region had recognized that iron was present in the mud of many boggy places about the lake-shore. A Norfolk pioneer, Noah Fairchild, is credited with having made the first discovery. An English ironmaster heard of the marshy deposits and came to Long Point to investigate.

Satisfied that good pig-iron could be manufactured there, he obtained a government permit to work the mineral. He looked about for a site which would supply him with water power to pump a pair of bellows and he found a good place on Potter's Creek. The creek had got its name from a man called Long, the Potter, who had built a small pottery at its mouth eight years before.

The ironmaster bought out the the potter's land and buildings. He did a great deal of work on the project, changing the course of the creek and building a new sluiceway from the dam. Then his funds ran short and he had to sell out to Joseph Van Norman and George Tillson. In 1825 Tillson moved to Dereham Township in the southern end of Oxford County and set up another furnace on the Otter Creek called "Dereham Forge," the beginning of Tillsonburg, and Benjamin Van Norman took Tillson's place

in the partnership. Appropriately people began to call the place Van Norman's and later Port Normandale.

As Capron, Van Norman's manager of the works, gave up his job in 1829 the proprietors had sent for Samuel Leonard, an ironworker from New York State, to take charge of the furnace. He came with his son Lewis remaining away from his Syracuse home for a year; then he went back to bring his family with him to Long Point. The Leonards made the journey by canal boat along the Erie Canal from Syracuse to Buffalo and from the end of the lake by schooner to Port Normandale.

The family of the new manager moved into a frame house on the east bluff and soon other sons, Lyman and Elijah, began to learn the trade of their father.

The way that iron was made in this early smelter is quite simple to understand. The stack or chimney was built against the hillside. Beside its upper opening stood a "top-house" where Samuel Leonard mixed the brown iron-filled dirt from the bogs with charcoal. Workers loaded up wheelbarrows with the mixture and dumped it into the chimney where it fell to the bottom.

The overshot waterwheel, fourteen feet in diameter, was driving two piston-bellows that were operated like bicycle pumps to send a blast of air into the furnace fire when needed. An air pipe from the bellows led this forced draught of air into the chimney base which caused the charcoal when set afire to melt the ore mixed with it.

Normandale. Later, Elijah Leonard began his well-known foundry in London. For twelve more years Romaine Van Norman operated the Long Point furnace but, although the ore was plentiful and rich, yielding about 60 pounds of metal to 100 pounds of ore, it was no longer profitable for Van Norman to compete with smelters that manufactured pig-iron by other processes. The furnace was abandoned in 1852 and gardens and orchards grew where the vitrified slag had been thrown out after "a heat was taken off." The murmur of the little stream is almost the only noise heard now where the Old Furnace stood against the bluff.

The molten metal fell to the bottom and ran out into a hearth pit about two feet wide and five feet long below the forge. Ironworkers dipped their ladles into the liquid metal and filled the moulds, or, as moulders called them, "flasks," with the melted iron.

When the flasks were opened, castings of kettles, stoves, pots, kettles, plowpoints, pails, sleigh shoes and smoothing irons were taken out and stacked up for sale.

The furnace was not only a manufactory; it was also a store. Many settlers came here to get the ironware they needed in the fields and in the house. All the early cooking utensils were iron. Van Norman stoves, at first a luxury, went everywhere in the province; one of them used to heat a big room of the Mechanics Institute on the Court House Square of London. Some of the products were part of the cargoes that were picked up by ships at the wharf near the mouth of Potter's Creek.

The Van Norman store did not sell only ironware, however; it sold almost everything from flour to thread that a settler needed. In fact the wages of all the people who worked the furnace and indirectly for the furnace were paid in goods. When work was finished in the fields near-by settlers cut down their trees, piled them into mounds, covered them with dirt and sod and made charcoal for the furnace.

Twenty-five cords of four-foot wood made 1,000 bushels of charcoal; the farmers sold it for five cents a bushel and were paid "in trade" at the store. Other settlers dug ore out of the swamp seven miles to the west and hauled it to the works for three dollars a ton delivered at the top-house. Their pay was given in flour and tea and pots and calico. To some settlers that means of payment was a cause for grievance; they preferred cash. Lewis Leonard was employed to manage the store.

Judged by the standards of 110 years ago in Upper Canada, the Van Norman brothers were wealthy men in 1840. Their fortune stood at \$100,000. But they opened up another ironworks at Marmora in Hastings County and because of their inexperience with a different kind of ore lost everything. Before these misadventures the Leonards had left

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Birchall Murder Trial at Woodstock Stirred Interest on Two Continents; Old Boots Recall 'Cultured Criminal'

By Mary Mark

With weathered toes turned up, a pair of high-laced leather boots stand stiffly apart from other relics in the county museum at Woodstock, Ontario. These are no ordinary boots. They played a part in the dark deed that rocked two continents sixty years ago — murder in the dismal Blenheim Swamp some miles east of the town.

These are the boots that carried Reginald Birchall into the swamp that February day in 1890, when he lured his fellow countryman, Fred Benwell, to a death which had been planned for him a year beforehand.

Told and retold numberless times, this tale of treachery has a perennial fascination. For it symbolizes the ultimate in betrayal, by a man whose charm and good humor cloaked cold-blooded calculation that reached out across an ocean and half a continent to select a spot where dead men could not be found.

Yet Birchall's careful plans miscarried. The body that he deemed hidden forever was found by chance within four days. The chain of evidence closed in swiftly to arrest the murderer.

But in the county jail where he awaited trial during the summer of 1890, far from languishing, he was his genial, carefree self, entertaining many visitors and carrying on a stream of correspondence. The publicity which

poured in on him was much to his liking.

The trial was held in the auditorium of the town hall in September, 1890, within the very walls which now enclose the peaceful museum. Owing to the nature of the crime and the prominence of the families of both murderer and victim, world attention was focused on the little county town. Representatives of the press came from distant centres. Special wires connected the court room with Toronto and New York. The Commercial Cable Company of England had a private hookup.

Yet the verdict was a foregone conclusion, as the evidence was overwhelming. Birchall, however, kept his perfect poise and maintained his innocence throughout. Five minutes after sentence was pronounced he was laughing and joking with reporters.

While awaiting execution he wrote his autobiography which was later published in serial form by a Toronto newspaper. A moral tone pervaded the outline of his life, his downfall attributed to the bad company he kept at college. But never did he admit the crime that led him to the gallows.

Despite a pathetic petition circulated by his faithful wife, justice took its course and Reginald Birchall was hanged on November 14, 1890. Today only a slight hollow in one corner of the jail yard indicates the burial place of one of the world's sensational murderers.

He has been termed "The Cultured Criminal" by a writer who included this crime in a work singling out but eleven world-famous rogues. It is felt that Birchall would have been gratified by the inclusion as well as by the reference.

Son of a respected clergyman, and descended from a long line of clerics, he himself was sent to Oxford to study for holy orders. But from the outset he was the leader of the wildest spirits at the university, all with plenty of money and with the sole aim of spending it as extravagantly as possible.

When family funds failed, Birchall borrowed recklessly. Within three years he left college and became the centre of another fast stepping circle in London's West End. After his father's death, he raced through his inheritance, and was forced for short periods to turn actor, theatrical manager and bookmaker, but always with a distinct distaste for work.

He relieved financial pressure for a time by eloping with the daughter of a railway official in a quite romantic manner. He even talked of reforming. But soon, in order to evade creditors, he and his wife emigrated to Canada. They descended upon the Town of Woodstock, Ontario, in 1888, and took up their residence as Lord and Lady Somerset.

They were an immediate social success. Lord Somerset, with his usual flair for the limelight, organized theatrical productions and staged charity concerts. His sporting tastes ran to hunting or driving flashy equipages through the countryside. But inevitably financial problems crowded him closely, and his fertile brain was taxed to keep creditors at bay and to dream up

fresh sources of revenue. Money he must have, and in quantity, if life were to be worth living.

It was at this period that he was introduced to Pine Pond in the heart of the almost impenetrable Blenheim Swamp. Its utter desolation seemed to attract him, and it is believed that here was born the inspiration for his long range plan that must culminate in bloodshed. Lord and Lady Somerset returned to England, and Birchall started to work seriously on a role he had not yet played, that of professional murderer. He was twenty-four years of age, without conscience or mercy — or money.

It was young Benwell's ill luck to respond to the advertisement in a London paper which described so glowingly the wonderful farm in Canada where a "gentleman's son" could learn farming in partnership with the owner for an investment of five hundred pounds. He fell under Birchall's persuasive charm and accompanied him to Canada. But the way to that Utopian farm led through the deadly swamp. And Birchall walked back alone.

The final scene of the tragedy was reconstructed readily. As the two friends forced their way through the undergrowth toward Pine Pond, Benwell must have tramped ahead. Birchall dropped behind and shot him through the back of the head — twice. Then coolly and methodically he removed all traces of identification from the clothing with scissors bought in Bond street for the purpose, tossed Benwell's initialed cigar case into the bushes, and partially covered the body with brush. These were the facts borne out by evidence.

Yet imagination probes still deeper in musing on Birchall's own reaction as he stood in the bleak and wintry swamp with the deed accomplished. Did he pause for a moment, perhaps in compassion, by the side of his victim, remembering pleasant associations? Did he feel a sudden overwhelming horror at the thing he had done? Or did he go his exultant way with never a thought but that he was now richer by five hundred pounds? The rigid old boots in the county museum alone hold this secret. They were there.

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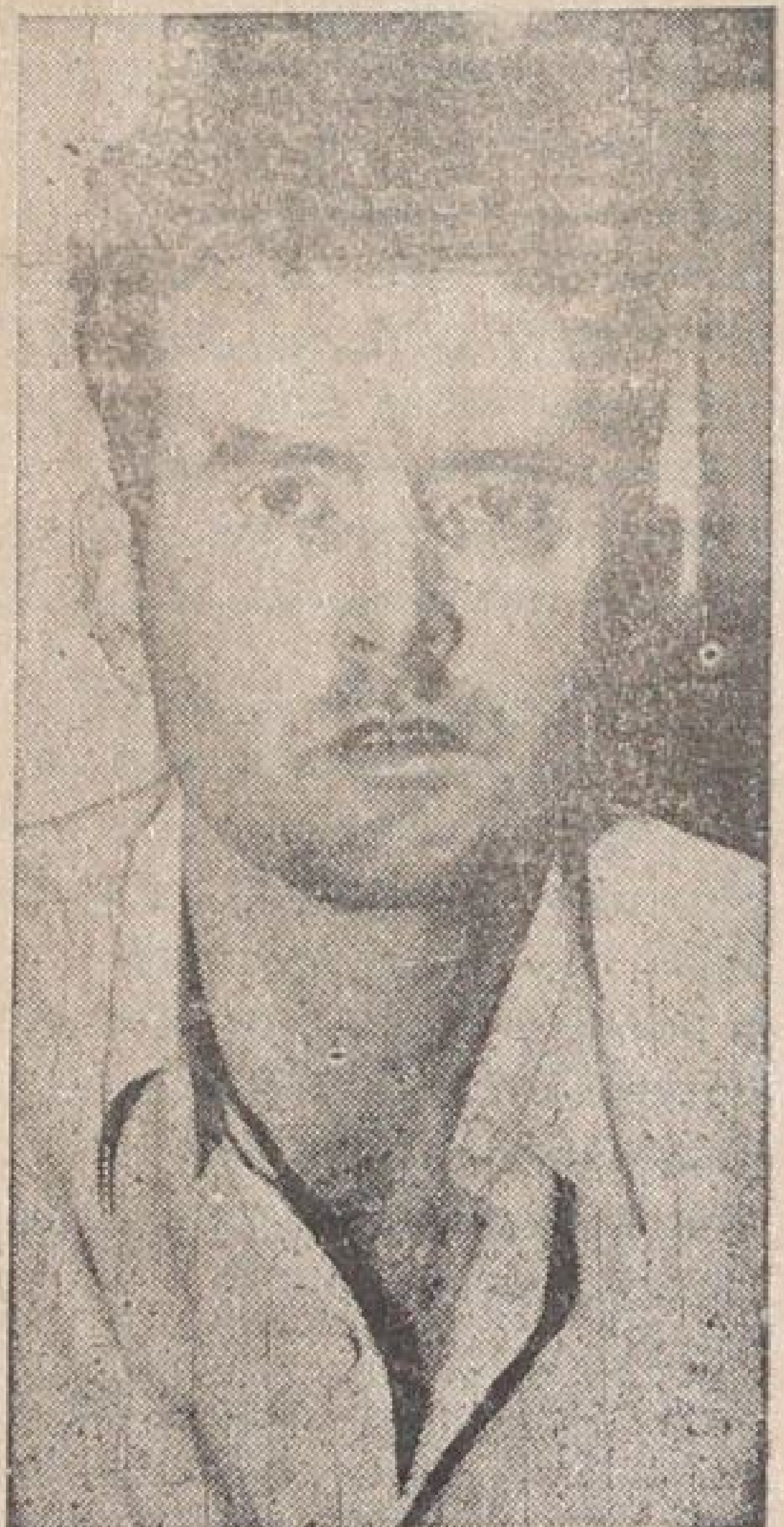
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McAuliffe To Pay Penalty Tuesday Unless Clemency Appeal Proves Successful

According to W. E. Ross, Simcoe, defence counsel for Joseph Herbert McAuliffe, 32, who is scheduled to walk to the gallows at Norfolk County Jail shortly after midnight on Monday, an appeal for clemency has been made to Justice Minister Garson. The appeal was made yesterday morning by Arthur Maloney of Toronto and James Maloney of Pembroke. However, it is not expected that a decision will be reached before Monday.

Official Executioner

The official executioner for Quebec has been engaged to hang the condemned man, Mr. Porter said. Mr. Porter also said that the old "trap" which was used for the execution of Emer-



Joseph Herbert McAuliffe

son Shelly, December 18, 1914, was found to be still intact, and that even the "bolt" was located in a joist under the floor. Only the "lever" and the fencing which surrounded the gallows was missing, Mr. Porter said. After the last execution, Mr. Porter said that the carpenter folded the trap doors and closed them in, and they were covered with wood and a coating of mastic tile. The floor has now been cut and everything is in readiness for the execution.

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If the appeal is disallowed, McAuliffe will pay with his life for the slaying of Arthur Lierman, South Middleton, following the armed robbery of the Imperial Bank at Langton. Also killed at the time was William Goddyn, South Middleton.

Trial Cost \$6,000

Cost of the trial of McAuliffe, and additional fees for expert witnesses, and the "death watch" imposed after he was sentenced to hang will amount to approximately \$6,000, County Clerk and Treasurer Douglas C. Porter told Norfolk County Council.

Mr. Porter said that the total to date amounted to \$4,277.19 and that this included \$1,588.80 for the petit jury, \$176.80 for the grand jury, \$413.90 for meals and hotel accomodation for the jury during the eight-day trial, \$1,200 for the special "death watch" and \$150 for the hangman and \$75 for his travelling expenses. Mr. Porter estimated that the total would be close to \$6,000 by the time McAuliffe was executed.

Monthly Pay In Armed Forces

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 — (CP) — The following table shows the new monthly rate of pay for members of the army with old rates in brackets (the scale applies to equivalent ranks in the navy and air force):

	Single	Married
Pte (on entry)	\$ 79 (68)	\$166 (152)
Pte. (trained)	83 (72)	170 (156)
Pte. (1 class)	90 (79)	177 (163)
Cpl.	103 (88)	190 (172)
Sgt.	119 (101)	216 (191)
S. Sgt.	139 (116)	244 (211)
WO. 2	161 (131)	266 (226)
WO.	180 (146)	295 (246)
2nd Lieut.	162 (153)	263 (248)
Lieut.	195 (181)	314 (294)
Capt.	234 (213)	353 (326)
Maj.	312 (278)	450 (401)
Lt.-Col.	367 (323)	515 (451)
Col.	517 (434)	676 (568)
Brig.	689 (578)	857 (716)
Maj.-Gen.	786 (666)	961 (806)



Facts and Fables

By Fred S. Arnott

It is with genuine pleasure we announce the impending return to this column of our old friend and free-lance philosopher, Mr. Hiatus Gapp.

The more durable customers of "Facts and Fables" whose memories go back five years or so, may remember Mr. Gapp for his sapient soliloquies on doings and events of the day. Then, quite unaccountably, Mr. Gapp vanished from the scene, and hasn't been heard from since.

Now he's coming back, and it is in honor of the welcome event that we reprint one of the compositions in which Mr. Gapp took considerable pride. First printed just four years ago today, it marked Mr. Gapp's first excursion into the field of verse, and was modestly entitled: "Me and Christmas - - - A Yuletide Poem by H. Gapp."



It goes:



"Twas the night before Christmas, and Hiatus Gapp,
Sorta sprawled by the Christmas tree takin' a nap,
The lights in the parlor was turned down and dim,
But the Star on the treetop kept blinkin' at him.



Then all of a sudden way up on the roof,
Was the loudest danged clatter of sleighbell and hoof;
Then down through the chimley with rumbles and crashes,
There fell an old geezer all whiskers and ashes.



"Ho! Ho! Friend Hiatus!" he chuckled and roared,
"My sleigh's up above with a full load aboard,
But before I start out on my trip coast to coast,
What's the one gift you think this old world needs the most?"



"It don't need no present," snapped Hiatus Gapp;
"It's had the best gift of all laid in its lap!
'Tain't never been opened; the strings ain't untied;
We ain't really looked at the present inside!



Oh, we all know what's in it; we've shook it about;
We admire the box, but we don't take it out.
It's friendship and brotherly love, sorta fused
In a gift good as new cause it's never been used!



No, we don't need no new gift this Christmas, my friend,
'Cause there ain't nothin' new in the world you could send.
But what you might give (and it's only a thought)
Is directions for usin' the gift that we got!"

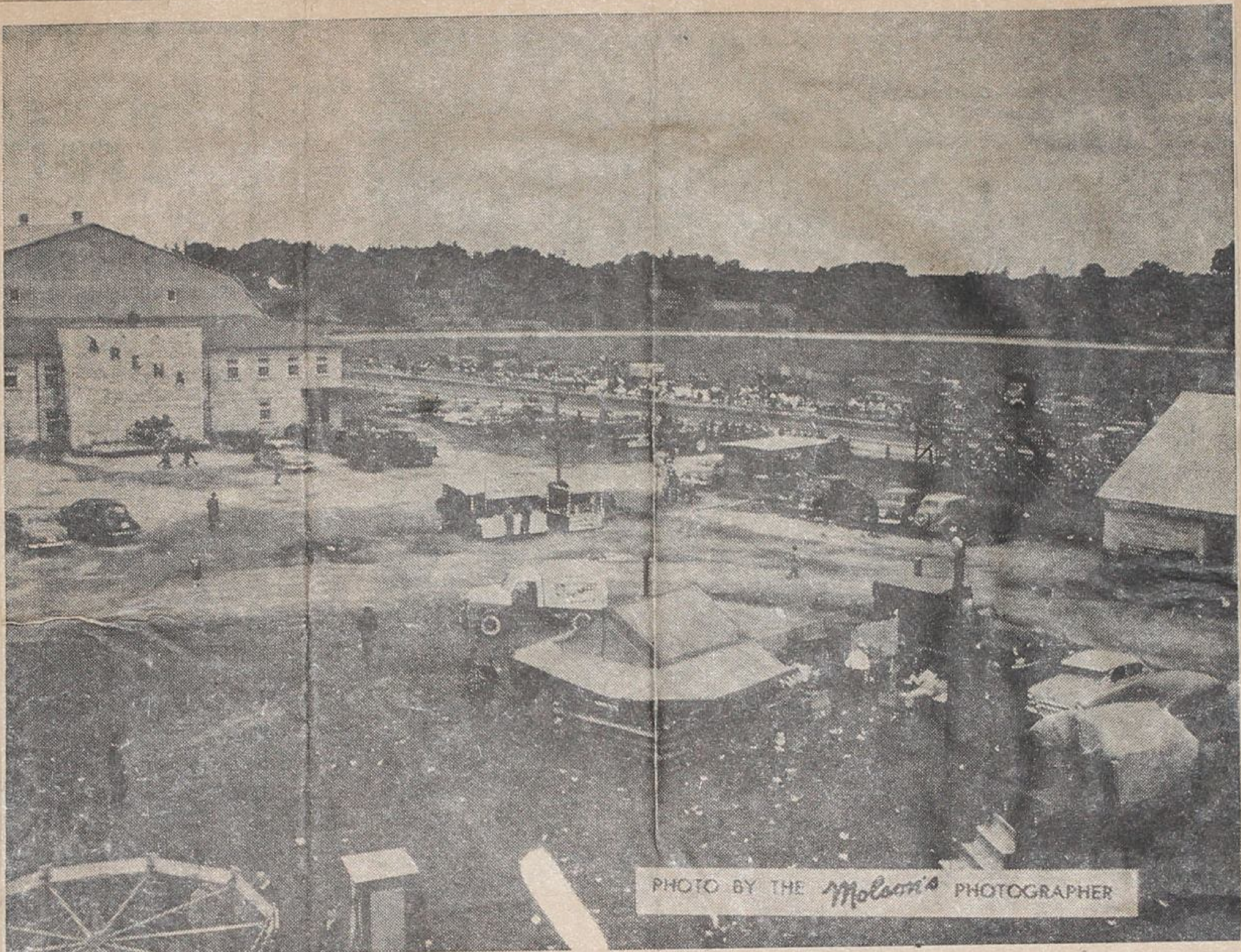


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The day was damp and cold at Norwich Fair, but the New Arena was warm and dry. Folks ventured out as can be seen in the Photo taken from the Ferris Wheel.

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St. John's Club Officers Named

OTTERVILLE: The St. John's Church Club held their election of officers at the home of Mrs. Carl Howse.

Rev. L. H. Crawford opened the meeting and conducted the election of officers as follows: president, Mrs. Fred Howse; vice-president, Miss Jane Furlong; secretary, Miss Irene Jackson; treasurer, Miss Jean Harrington; auditors, Miss Catharine McMullen and Mrs. Harry Pickersgill; press reporter, Mrs. Frank Finch.

Announcement was made of the annual Christmas party for the Anglican Sunday School in mid-December. The next meeting will be held in January at the home of Mrs. Derwood Spicer. Mrs. Fred Howse had charge of the program. The hostess served refreshments.

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Officers Named By Sunshine Club

OTTERVILLE: The members of the Sunshine Club were entertained at the home of Miss Marion Fish on Tuesday evening. The evening was spent sewing and knitting.

Mrs. E. Mount, convener of the nominating committee, presented the slate of officers as follows: honorary president, Mrs. H.G. Downing; past president, Mrs. Jack Walther; president, Mrs. E. Mountain; first vice-president, Mrs. David Kennedy; second vice-president, Mrs. M. Beecroft; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Ken Klinck; social committee, Mrs. Max Avey, Mrs. Murray Downing, Miss Beatrice Lees and Mrs. Donald Addison; Christmas cheer committee, convener, Mrs. Ivan Leitch; committee, Mrs. C. Morrison, Mrs. S. Riches, Mrs. K. Maloney; work committee, Mrs. Dee Scott and Mrs. Robert Pettigrew; good cheer convener, Mrs. Bert Hill.